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Annual Meeting and 75th Anniversary Celebration

This year's Annual Meeting is an event that has been 75 years in the making! Join us at the Preble County Historical Society on the afternoon of August 17th as we celebrate our 75th Anniversary in conjunction with the Year of Conservation at the Historical Society. The Preble County Chamber of Commerce is also partnering with us as we look back on 75 years of conservation work in Preble County.

Beginning at 3:00 p.m., the Historical Society will have their exhibits and buildings open and will offer wagon rides. Election for the Board of Supervisors will take place from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. A delicious meal will be served by Shoelaces Catering beginning at 5:30 p.m., followed by recognition of former supervisors and past employees. Our keynote speaker will be land surveyor and local historian Brad Kramer who will share an entertaining and educational talk on The Original Land Surveys: Preble County's First Resource Inventory. Our Conservation Hall of Fame and Outstanding Cooperator award winners will be announced followed by the ever popular Conservation Trivia. The banquet portion of the meeting will end with door prizes and the announcement of the results of the supervisor election. But that's not all! Following the meeting, the Price Brothers and the Blue Jacket Boys will perform at the amphitheater. An outstanding fireworks display at dusk will close the event. Best of all, the entire event is free of charge!

This celebration would not be possible without support from our presenting sponsors including Eaton Hometown Furniture, Somerville Bank, and Reid Health. Additional supporters include Brubaker Grain and Chemical, Preble County Farm Bureau, John's Tire Service, Quality Tile and Drainage Systems LLC, and the Jim Arnett Family. We look forward to celebrating with you!

What: Preble SWCD Annual Meeting and 75th Anniversary Celebration

Where: Preble County Historical Society Farm, 7693 Swartsel Rd, Eaton, OH 45320

When: Saturday, August 17th, 3:00 p.m. until dark
Buildings and exhibits will be open and wagon rides will be available from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
The banquet and catered meal will get underway at 5:30 p.m.
The Price Brothers and The Blue Jacket Boys will perform starting around 8:00 p.m.
A fireworks display will begin at 9:00 p.m.

How to RSVP: Call Preble SWCD at 937-456-5159 **no later than** Monday, August 5th.

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2024 Forestry Workshop

The Year of Conservation at the Preble County Historical Society Farm continues! The Preble Soil and Water Conservation District invites you to a Forestry Workshop of historic proportions. Wagon rides will take participants over the creek and through the woods to explore the diverse woodlands, prairies, and historic features at the Historical Society Farm.

Justin Law, our Service Forester covering Preble County, will be on hand to guide you through what services the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) - Division of Forestry has to offer landowners. Mike Saylor from the ODNR - Division of Wildlife will speak on early successional wildlife habitat as participants tour bottom land that has transitioned from row crops to a young forest complete with Black walnut trees and some less desirable species. For the history enthusiasts out there, there will be a tour of the site of a former water-powered sawmill complete with the mill race that diverted water from Aukerman Creek to power the mill.

When: Thursday, September 10 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A free meal will be served.

Where: Preble County Historical Society Farm
7693 Swartsel Rd, Eaton, OH 45320 - watch for signs

Who: Anyone is welcome to attend whether or not you own or manage woodlands.

RSVP: Please call Preble SWCD at 937-456-5159 by Friday, September 6.

2024 Supervisor Candidates

Brian Deaton

Brian Deaton and his wife, Kristi, live in Jackson Township and have 5 children. He is the owner and operator of Deaton Grain Farms, LLC, where he and his family raise corn, soybeans, and wheat in both Ohio and Indiana. He bales and sells several thousand bales of straw each year. Brian also offers custom harvesting and planting services. He has installed grassed waterways on his land.

Brian is a member of Eaton Community Church, where he has served on various leadership teams. He has served one term as Preble SWCD supervisor and currently serves as Chairman.

Jim Leedy

Jim Leedy and his wife, Amy, live in Twin Township and have three children. Jim and his son, Scott, farm 1,000 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay in several townships. Jim also finishes 800 head of beef cattle each year. He has installed two settling basins with filter strips, a compost facility, a livestock waste storage facility, and waterway practices on his property.

He graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Agriculture. He is a member of Farm Bureau, the Ohio Cattleman's Association, and has been a Preble SWCD Supervisor since 1983, where he currently serves as Vice-Chairman.

Josh Ruebush

Josh and his wife, Julie, live in Jackson Township and have three children: daughters Sterling and Atley, and son Emery.

He is a self-employed farmer and uses minimum tillage practices growing corn, soybeans, and wheat in Wayne County, Indiana and here in Preble County. Josh also raises cattle.

He graduated with an Associate of Applied Science from Nashville Auto-Diesel in Tennessee. They attend Community of Faith Church in Eaton. Their family has been a recent sponsor of Preble County Conservation Day Camp.

BJ's Philosophy Box

Blaming your faults on nature doesn't change the nature of your faults. -Unknown

ELECTION NOTICE

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Preble Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within the Preble Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor.

There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. At the SWCD office, 2789 US RT 35 E., from 7/19/2024 until 8/17/2024 during normal business hours; or

2. At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at the Preble County Historical Society at 7693 Swartsel Rd, Eaton OH 45320 on 8/17/2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.; or

3. Voting absentee from 7/19/2024 until 8/16/2024, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address: 2789 US RT 35 E, West Alexandria, OH 45381, by calling 937-456-5159, or email bjprice@prebleswcd.org. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by 3:30 p.m. on 8/16/2024.

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027.

Nominees are:

Jim Leedy

Brian Deaton

Josh Ruebush

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Dates to Remember:

August 14 - Board Meeting at 7:00 a.m.
August 17 - Annual Meeting at Historical Farm
September 2 - Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed
September 10 - Forestry Workshop at Historical Farm
September 18 - Board Meeting at 7:00 a.m.
October 14 - Columbus Day - Office Closed

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Milkweed Pod Collection

This fall, we are again hosting our annual Milkweed Pod Collection through the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI). Milkweed is essential to the survival of Monarch butterflies, and the seeds collected through this effort will be used to establish new plantings across the state. This program also allows our office to offer free packets of milkweed seed to our customers.

Milkweed pods may be ready to harvest by early September. To determine when milkweed pods are mature, it is best to open a pod and look inside. Pods are not ready to harvest if the seeds are still white and milky. They are ready to harvest when the seeds have turned brown. The pods should be collected before they pop open and the silky white fluff flies everywhere! It is best to store them in paper bags to allow pods to air dry. Do not use plastic bags, as they will trap moisture and cause the pods to rot. Store seed pods in a cool, dry place until you deliver them to our office.

Please bring your pods to our office at 2789 US Rt. 35 E., West Alexandria, OH. We are located in Glenwood, halfway between Eaton and West Alexandria. A collection bin will be available in our lobby from beginning in early September through October. Our lobby is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative

2024 Fish Fingerling Sale

Our Annual Fish Sale is going on now! We have a large selection of fish species and sizes available. This year, we are offering 8-10" Jumbo Yellow Perch and 8-10" Largemouth Bass for the first time ever. You can also find out more information about each species and stocking rates on the back of the order form. Order forms and payment to: **Preble SWCD** are due Friday, September 13th. Please mail your form and payment to: 2789 US Rt. 35 E., West Alexandria, OH 45381. Additional forms are available in our office or on our website at www.prebleswcd.org.

The pick-up date for fish orders is Wednesday, October 9th at 2:00 p.m. Please be on time but don't be too early. Reminder postcards for the pick-up will be mailed in late September. For questions or additional information, please call our office at (937) 456-5159.