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Annual Meeting and Banquet

Please make plans to join us at Gatherings on the Green on August 25th for our 77th Annual Meeting and Banquet. The election for the Board of Supervisors will take place from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. A delicious meal will be served by Shoelaces Catering beginning at 6:00 p.m., followed by our keynote speaker Mike Less, better known on YouTube as Farm Hand Mike.

Mike grew up on a farm in Ohio and went to school for Agricultural Mechanics. He has spent his entire life around farms and farm equipment. After several years setting up equipment at a local dealer, he went to work for Gehl Company as a traveling field service rep and did this for over 14 years. He then went to work for Versatile Ag as a service rep for 13 years. He recently left Versatile and went to work for PFG America, who is the Deutz Fahr Tractor distributor in the USA. He is the precision and product specialist for their six-cylinder tractors. His career has him traveling all over this great country and with all the farming action he came across, he thought he should share it all on YouTube.

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. It's all free of charge, and all you have to do is RSVP.

Who: All are welcome!

What: Preble SWCD 77th Annual Meeting

When: Tuesday, August 25th. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Gatherings on the Green, 7500 Salem Rd, Lewisburg, OH 45338

How to RSVP: Call Preble SWCD at 937-456-5159 no later than Friday, August 14th.

2026 Forestry Workshop

Join us for our Forestry Workshop taking place just east of Eaton. The Beck Farm features mature woods, old pasture being managed for timber, land currently being pastured, as well as active cropland.

Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry Service Forester Justin Law will be on hand to discuss timber marketing and management, as well as to highlight how soils, topography, and past land use all influence what we find today on different tracts of timber. The Ohio State University Extension Preble County Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator Savannah Ballweg will lead a walk to help key out and identify some of those mystery plants in your woods, as well as some of the more common ones.

Participants will get to hike through several parts of the woods to see the land in various stages of forest succession, from young saplings to mature timber. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion along the way.

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

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

Where: The Bill Beck Farm
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RSVP: Please call Preble SWCD at 937-456-5159 by Friday, September 4

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2026 Supervisor Candidates

Mike Broermann

Mike Broermann is a self-employed farmer who also works as a crop insurance adjuster. He and his family farm 2,000 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay, along with operating a 50 cow/calf herd. Mike and his wife Lisa live outside of Camden. Over the past 15 years, Mike has installed several grassed waterways on his own farms as well as his family's farm. Mike is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a B.S. in Agriculture. Mike is a member of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, American Soybean Association, and Saint Mary Catholic Church. Mike enjoys spending time with his family and friends, especially his granddaughter, Margot.

Morgan Dare

Morgan Dare is a self-employed farmer, working alongside his dad and granddad. He graduated from Eaton High School in 2022 and is newly married to his wife, Hannah. He and his family raise corn, soybeans, and alfalfa on about 2,000 acres southwest of Eaton, toward the state line. They also raise 40 cows and calves and winter graze cows on fall-seeded cover crops. His family has installed grassed waterways on their ground in the past. He is a member of the Preble County Fair Sale Committee.

Kip Denlinger

Kip Denlinger is a self-employed farmer, growing 1,600 acres of corn and soybeans in Preble County. He lives in Jackson Township and is a member of Farm Bureau, where he served six years as a Board Member. Kip has taken coursework in Grain Marketing from The Ohio State University. He no-tills his crops and has installed several grassed waterways.

2026 Scholarship Recipient

The Preble Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors awards an annual scholarship to a current college student. The District would like to congratulate our 2026 Preble SWCD scholarship winner, Brody Bowen.

Brody is a 2025 graduate of Twin Valley South High School and will be a Sophomore at Miami University this fall, majoring in marketing.

Best wishes to Brody in his college studies!

Tire Recycling Event

Thanks to everyone who took the time to write, call, or stop by the office to inquire about a future tire recycling event. Preble SWCD is currently planning another scrap tire pickup in early spring, 2027. Watch for more details in the winter newsletter.

BJ's Philosophy Box

We're supposed to make decisions that go seven generations beyond you. But we aren't looking at the future. We're looking at right now. And that's not far enough.

-Marcia Pablo, member of the Pend d'Oreille/Kootenai tribes of Montana.

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 Preble SWCD office, 2789 US RT 35 E, West Alexandria, OH 45381, from 7/27/2026 until 8/24/2026 during normal business hours; or

2.) At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at Gatherings on the Green, 7500 Salem Rd, Lewisburg, OH 45338 on 8/25/2026 from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.; or

3.) Voting absentee from 7/27/2026 until 8/24/2026, 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 8/24/2026 at 3:30 p.m.

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2029.

Nominees are:

Michael L. Broermann

Morgan Dare

Kip Denlinger

2026 Fish Sale

Our annual Fish Sale is going on now! We have a large selection of fish species and sizes available. You can find out more information about each species on the back of the order form. Orders are non-refundable and payment by cash or check made payable to Preble SWCD is due Friday, September 18th. 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. Please note, there will be no extra fish available for sale the day of the pickup. The pick-up date for fish orders is Wednesday, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. at the office. A pick-up reminder postcard will be mailed in late September. For any questions or additional information, please call our office at 937-456-5159.

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Dates to Remember:

August 19 - Board Meeting
August 25 - Annual Meeting
September 7 - Labor Day (office closed)
September 16 - Board Meeting
October 7 - Fish Sale Pickup

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Historic Barn Tour Recap

On Saturday, July 11, over 30 participants spent the better part of their day riding around Preble County on a school bus to tour six historic barns in an area spanning from southwest Preble County to several miles northeast of Eaton.

The Tuggle barn

The rain poured down by the bucketful during lunchtime, but it tapered off in the early afternoon, allowing the participants to dodge a few last raindrops to spend time outside taking pictures.

The oldest barn on the tour was a bank barn constructed in the 1850's or 1860's, and the newest structure was likely built in the late teens or the early 1920's. Participants learned about the history and construction styles of the barns and especially enjoyed hearing stories from the barn owners who had worked in and on the old barns through the years.

Before the tour was even over, participants were already asking about next year. While no definite plans have been made for future tours, there are plenty of cabins, churches, historic homes, and of course, old barns that could be featured down the road.

We wish to thank the six very special families who spent time preparing for and hosting a stop on the barn tour. They include the: McQuistons, Vonderhaars, Hildebolts, Eilers, Krickenbargers, and Tuggles. Thanks goes out to Mike Derringer at Preble ESC for providing the bus and being our driver for the day, and to the Preble County Historical Society for handling registrations and sponsoring the tour.

Milkweed Pod Collection

This fall, we are 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.

To determine when milkweed pods are mature, 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.

Bring your pods to our office at 2789 US Rt. 35 E., West Alexandria, OH, about halfway between Eaton and West Alexandria. A collection bin will be available in the month of October. Our lobby is open Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.