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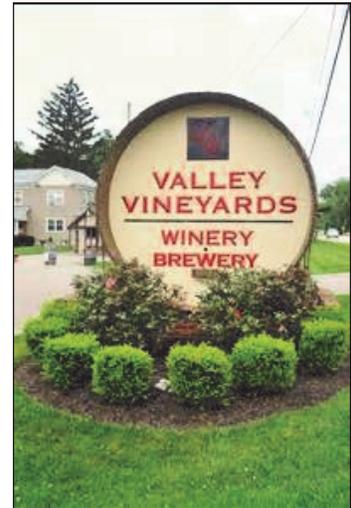
The Warren Report

WARREN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Annual Meeting & Election

- Location:** Valley Vineyards, 2276 E. US 22 & 3
Morrow, Ohio 45152
- Date:** August 26, 2015 (Wednesday)
- Voting:** 5:00 pm – 6:30pm
- Dinner:** 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
(\$17.95 per meal, pay Valley Vineyards at the door)
- Program:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
(awards and Jack Blosser, Fort Ancient Site Manager)
- Menu:** Private cookout—steak or salmon, salad, green beans
or corn on the cob, baked potato, fresh bread, dessert

*Please RSVP at 513-695-1337
(required for number of steak or salmon dinners)*



BATS IN PERIL



2015 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATES

Ohio bats are disappearing at an alarming rate thanks to the White-nose syndrome (WNS). This bat killing fungus is typically found on the wings and muzzles of affected bats. It kills 90% to 100% of all hibernating bats infected with this disease. While it is transmitted from bat to bat, humans may carry the fungus from cave to cave. Acoustic summer monitoring surveys have indicated a 47% drop in population across Ohio. Some places in Ohio have had a decline of 95%.



ODNR Naturalist Sarah Blair and OCVN Mike Schumacher installing the survey equipment on the District's vehicle

How does this affect you? Bats consume over half their body weight in insects each night. The loss of bat populations could result in billions of dollars in increased pesticide costs and agriculture damages each year. Which leads to higher food prices

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently partnering with Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to do acoustic summer monitoring. For three evenings bat acoustic survey equipment is attached to a District vehicle and volunteers drive 15 miles per hour recording bats. The equipment picks up their echolocation sounds. ODNR will be able to collect data on bat species and populations numbers. For more information on this study WNS visit our blog at www.warrenswcd.com.



OCVN Gary Courts is monitoring the bat signals



BRUCE GOODWIN



MIKE LUTMER



NEIL SCHNECKER



SAMANTHA STEINER

COVER CROP SEEDING



Are you interested in cover crops, but can't find the time in the fall to plant them? Or, would you like more information about the benefits of cover crops?

If so, call our office at 513-695-1337 to find out about our Aerial Seeding Program.



Warren County residents are now able to recycle latex paint thanks to a service provided by the Warren County Solid Waste District.

To recycle your unwanted paint simply take it to the collection location at the Warren County Administration Building located at 406 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036. The drop-off center is located in the rear of the parking lot. If you have any questions you can contact the Solid Waste District at (513) 695-1209.

Protect your family's health — bring your water to the

Well Water Testing Event

It's free!

Wednesday, September 24th 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Carlisle High School , 250 Jamaica Road Carlisle, Ohio 45005



- First 25 water samples in the door get **FREE *E. coli* test**
- Free confidential nitrate, nitrite and iron screenings
- Informational displays
- Purchase soil test kits for \$15 -\$20 (check or cash only)
- Well maintenance advice
- Information on proper disposal of unused medication

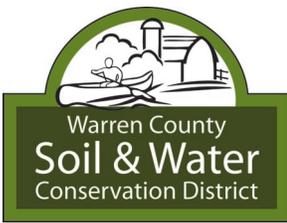
Proper sample collection:

1. Use a clean jar that seals tightly.
2. Collect the sample on the day of the event.
3. Remove any screen or filter from your faucet.
4. Run water for five minutes to clear the lines and bring in fresh water.
5. Refrain from touching the lip of the jar, inside of the jar, or inside of the cap.
6. Fill the bottle and cap it snugly.
7. Keep the sample refrigerated until the testing event.

NEW THOMAS C. SPELLMIRE WATER CONSERVATION EDUCATION EXHIBIT

The new Thomas C. Spellmire Water Conservation Education Exhibit was officially unveiled at a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 20th. Tom was a driving force behind our water quality education programs for young people. This exhibit, which will serve the community by traveling to schools and events was his vision. The trailer is the most technologically advanced water education display on wheels in Ohio. It features one of the first mobile augmented reality sandboxes in the country. The sandbox uses motion sensor technology and shows how water shapes our land. The educational goals are for visitors to leave with the knowledge that they are connected to our streams and watersheds.

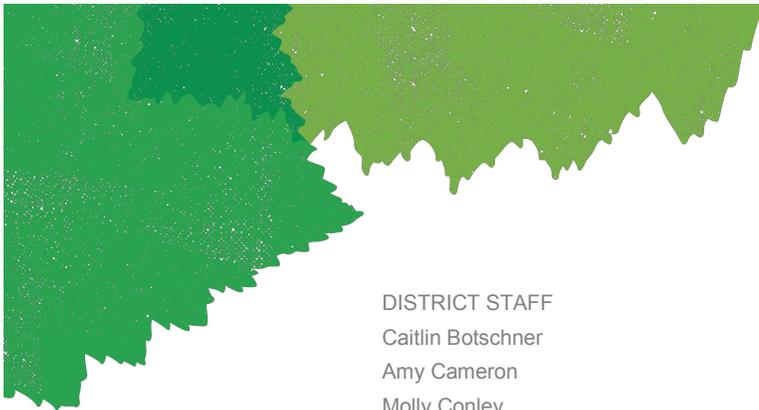




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