

# The Hillsider

Conservation News in Lawrence County

WINTER 2017

## LAWRENCE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 144 • Willow Wood, Ohio 45696  
740-867-4737 • Fax only. 867-5513  
HOURS: 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

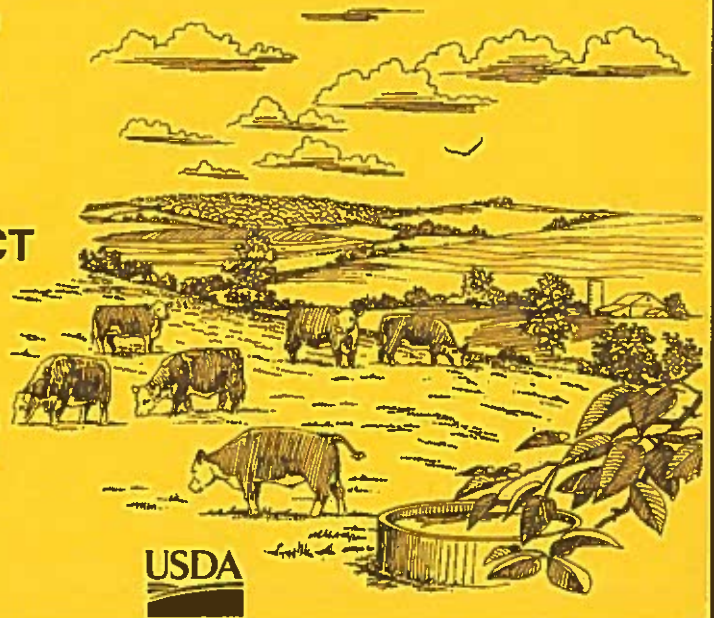
David Kline  
Jim Mayberry  
Larry Bare  
Steve Lambert  
Terry Porter

### DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

Peggy Reynolds, District Manager  
Matthew A. Capper, District Technician  
Kim Carico, Urban/Education Specialist

### NRCS PERSONNEL:

Ralph Crawford,  
District Conservationist



## 70th Annual Meeting and Banquet

Mark your calendar and come join us. The Lawrence Soil and Water Conservation District and the Lawrence County Farm Bureau will again be having a joint Annual Meeting and Banquet.

**When:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
(SWCD Board of Supervisors Voting from 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.)  
**Where:** Collins Career Technical Center, 11627 St. Rt. 243, Chesapeake, OH 45619  
**Cost:** \$12.00 for Adults \$6.00 for children 5-12 years old  
FREE for children 4 and under  
**Menu:** Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham, Mashed Potatoes / Gravy, Dressing,  
Green Beans, Corn, Rolls / Butter, Drinks and Desserts

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The agenda for the event is as follows:

5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	Voting open for SWCD Board of Supervisors
6:00 p.m.	Welcome/Pledge/Invocation
6:05 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Introductions
7:15 p.m.	Presentation of Awards/Certificates and Outstanding Cooperator of the Year
7:45 p.m.	Lawrence County Farm Bureau Meeting
8:00 p.m.	Lawrence SWCD Supervisor Election Results
8:05 p.m.	Closing Remarks/Distribution of Door Prizes

It is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** that you RSVP for the event. You may RSVP by calling the Lawrence SWCD at 1-740-867-4737 or the Lawrence County Farm Bureau at 1-800-777-9226. Also, by filling out the attached reservation form and mailing it to P.O. Box 144, Willow Wood, OH 45696. You may include your payment with your reservation or pay at the door.

### RESERVATION FORM

Lawrence SWCD and Lawrence County Farm Bureau Joint Annual Meeting and Banquet

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults at \$12.00 per person      \_\_\_\_\_ Children (5-12) at \$6.00 per person      \_\_\_\_\_ Four and under FREE

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to and return this form to: Lawrence SWCD; P.O. Box 144, Willow Wood, Ohio 45696

## 2017 Election Notice

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The Lawrence Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election for one (1) Supervisor to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2018. The term of Jim Mayberry will end on December 31, 2017. The nominees for the District Board of Supervisors are Harley Finch, Jr. and Jim Mayberry.

Voting for an SWCD Supervisor is very similar to voting in a general election. Residents, landowners, land occupiers, firms/corporations, limited liability companies, and trusts may vote for a Supervisor. A non-resident landowner, non-resident occupier, firm/corporation, LLC, and a trust must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. You can obtain an affidavit from the Soil and Water District Office.

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

1. At the Annual Meeting and Banquet (Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. until 5:45 p.m.)
2. At the SWCD Office until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 20, 2017, or
3. Vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee ballot request forms from the SWCD Office at 5459 State Route 217, P.O. Box 144, Willow Wood, Ohio 45696. Phone: (740) 867-4737

## How to Request an Absentee Ballot

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- In writing, no more than 21 days prior to the election (September 30, 2017) and no less than 3 days (date of office receipt, not date postmarked) prior to the election.
- In person, no more the 21 days prior to the election (September 30, 2017) and no later then 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to the election (October 20, 2017).
- Persons shall limit requests to their own personal ballot and registration form, except that written requests signed by other qualified electors in the same household may be mailed in one envelope.

Absentee ballot requests cannot be faxed or done electronically as it must contain an original signature. The absentee ballot must be returned before the election on October 21, 2017.

## Meet the Candidates

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Jim Mayberry and his wife Sharon reside in Windsor Township. They live on a 275 acre farm that has been in his family for over 100 years. Jim and Sharon have raised registered Black Angus beef cattle and registered miniature donkeys. He is a 1962 graduate of Symmes Valley High School and attended the University of Rio Grande where he studied elementary education. Jim is a retired equipment operator from the United Mine Workers of America, a former Constable and Adult Probation Officer for the Lawrence County Common Pleas Court. Jim also taught at Collins Career Center. He is a current District Supervisor of six years.



*Jim Mayberry*



Harley Finch, Jr. and his wife Gina live in Windsor Township. They have two children: John and Jennifer. Harley is a life-long resident of Lawrence County. He is a 1970 graduate of Symmes Valley High School where he was a four year member of the FFA. He retired from Marathon- Ashland Petroleum five years ago. Harley's farming history includes raising tobacco and having a 250 tree family peach orchard.

*Harley Finch, Jr.*

## New Education Tool Available

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This July the Lawrence SWCD obtained its own Skins and Skulls Trunk. The trunk allows a close-up look at wildlife. People of all ages can enjoy the chance to learn more about wildlife in a hands-on setting while learning terms like: camouflage, nocturnal, carnivore, omnivore and herbivore to name a few. The trunk contains the skulls of a coyote, red fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk, bobcat, beaver and gray fox. It also contains the skins/furs of a beaver, whitetail deer, bobcat, weasel, opossum, skunk, gray fox, red fox, coyote and raccoon. The trunk is on permanent loan from the ODNR-Division of Wildlife.



## 2017 Area 5 Envirothon

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The competition was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at Scioto Grove Metro Park in Grove City, Ohio. Each team consists of five high school students whose knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatics and current environmental issues are tested. There were 59 teams from 17 Counties participating in this year's contest. Lawrence County was represented by two teams from Rock Hill High School and one team from the Collins Career and Technical Center.

## A Special Thanks

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The Lawrence SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff would like to thank the Collins Career and Technical Center FFA and their advisor, Steve Crawford, for building and installing a flowerbed around our parking lot sign.



## Arbor Day Seedlings

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This year, in observance of Arbor Day, the Lawrence SWCD handed out over 1,300 white pine seedlings during the month of April. The trees were distributed to second graders, preschoolers and head start students in the County.



## Board Meeting Notice

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The Lawrence Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regular monthly meetings on the last Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. at the District office in Linnville.

## Planning Commission Meeting Notice

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The Lawrence County Regional Planning Commission meets the third Thursday of every month (except December – there is no meeting) at noon at the Giovanni's in Chesapeake. Not only does the planning commission regulate the development of subdivisions but also the splitting of lots. If you have any questions, please call the office at 740-867-4737 or come to a meeting.

## Storm Water Task Force Meeting

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The Lawrence County Storm Water Task Force has quarterly meetings with dates that are to be determined.

# Ohio will soon permit certain agricultural utility vehicles on public roads

August 15, 2017 By Chris Hogan, Law Fellow, Ohio State University Agricultural & Resource Law Program

A new Ohio law affects farmers that plan to use certain utility vehicles this planting season, including Gators, Mules and other utility vehicles with a bed designed to transport cargo. The new law is part of the 2018-2019 transportation budget, formally known as House Bill 26. HB 26, which goes into effect on June 30, 2017, permits vehicles to travel on any public road or right of way — other than a freeway, when traveling from one farm field to another for agricultural purposes.

Under HB 26, utility vehicles are now expressly required to display a triangular Slow-Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem. Previously, it was up to local law enforcement to interpret the law and decide whether a utility vehicle should have a SMV. The new law also clearly allows utility vehicles to travel on public roads between farm fields, whereas the old law required farmers to know whether the county or township allowed utility vehicles on the road. Utility vehicle operators can read more about the old law in our previous blog post on APVs, ATVs, and four-wheelers at <https://farmoffice.osu.edu/blog/wed-03272013-1501/using-apvs-atvs-and-four-wheelers-roadways-farm-work>.

## What qualifies as a “utility vehicle?”

Farmers should be aware that this law only covers what it defines as “utility vehicles.” This means that the law only applies to vehicles designed with a bed, for transporting material or cargo related to agricultural activities. Not all ATVs and APVs will be included in this definition.

The law is good news for farmers who plan to use utility vehicles this season. If farmers plan to use a utility vehicle on the farm, they should know the following before taking the vehicle out:

- In order to use a utility vehicle on a public road, a driver must be traveling from one farm field to another farm field for agricultural purposes.
- Utility vehicle drivers must display a SMV on any utility vehicle used on a public road as it travels between farm fields.
- Ohio Revised Code Section 5589.10 prohibits the placement of earth, mud, manure, or other injurious materials on a public highway. Therefore, farmers should avoid leaving such debris in the roadway or clean up the roadway if a utility vehicle leaves mud behind.

More information on HB 26 is under Sec. 4511.216 on page 328 of the bill.

Lawrence County “Drive It Yourself” Farm Tours

# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, September 16th**

**1:00 - 4:00 pm**

Collins Career Center Agricultural Farm

Dickess Tree Farm

Pratts Dairy Farm



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COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,  
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES







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