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Welcome to *Focus*, our E-Newsletter

Cooperator of the Year Award

The Delaware SWCD is pleased to announce that Maple Lane Farms was named the Cooperator of the Year. Maple Lane Farms is operated by brothers Charles (Jackie) and Ron Miley. The 221-acre farm was originally purchased by Charles and Ron's grandparents in the early 1940s, and the brothers assumed farm operation from their parents in 1997. Corn and soybean crops and Christmas trees round out the products produced on the farm. The Mileys employ several conservation practices, including two sets of water and sediment control basins, six grass waterways, and cover crops (rye). The farm lies within the drainage maintenance project, Potter Ditch, which was petitioned to go on maintenance in 1962. A Cracker Barrel gift card was awarded to the brothers. We congratulate the Mileys for their continued conservation and stewardship of Maple Lane Farms.



Charles Miley

Annual Supervisor Election Results

The Delaware SWCD wishes to thank all the folks who submitted absentee ballots in support of our annual Board of Supervisor election. Voter turn out was robust, owing to the quality of the candidates. We look forward to 2021 in hopes that our election will be held by traditional means, and our open house will once again occur. As certified by the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Charlie Reffitt will succeed Steve Sheets as the newest member of our Board. We thank Randy Leienberger for agreeing to run in this most unique election. And we thank retiring board member, Steve Sheets, for his 30 years of service on the Board of Supervisors. Steve will be missed.



Charlie & Crystal Reffitt

In The Press

A variety of natural resources topics (written by our staff) are available, courtesy of the Delaware Gazette:

- [Watershed Management Training to be Offered](#)
- [Indicators to Determine Soil Health](#)



Recycle That Pumpkin!

View options for re-purposing your pumpkins. [Read More Here](#)>

What's on Your Gift-Buying List?

This holiday season, go green and buy a conservation-oriented gift for a loved one. Our office has rain barrel kits (in terra-cotta or granite gray colors) for \$100 and Sure-Close brand kitchen countertop collection bins (1.9 gallon capacity) for only \$10. Call our office to order at 740/368-1921. Our well-behaved elves will be happy to load purchases in your car.



Farmer Leadership and Management Training

“Tap Your Potential: A Training to Grow Farmer Leadership in Watershed Management” is a **free** virtual training series sponsored by the American Farmland Trust and city of Columbus on December 8th, 10th, and 15th (9-11 a.m.). [Read More Here](#)>

"What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness." — John Steinbeck



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