



We are celebrating **79 years** of Conservation

Wednesday—August 13, 2025

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Voting: 11:00 to 1:00 pm

FREE Meal: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Awards presented at 12:30

Location: Bambauer Room (look for the grain bin) @ Auglaize Co Fairgrounds

PLEASE RSVP by July 28th—We will not be selling tickets!

VOTING: You may vote during the luncheon between **11:00—1:00pm** OR request a ballot from our office OR in person at the office from July 15th thru August 12th—between 8:00 to 4:00.

The luncheon will have a slide show, presentation of the Conservation Award and Scholarship awards at 12:30. The building is air-conditioned and handicap accessible.



The H2Ohio program was extended in the Maumee Watershed (see map) for years 2024-2025 for the following counties: Allen, **Auglaize**, Defiance, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Lucas, Mercer, Paulding, Putnam, Van Wert, Williams and Wood. Below is the BMP status summary for 2024 crop year for ALL 14 counties.

Basic NMP = 380,104 ac

Precision NMP = 668,892 ac

Low STP = 14,652 ac

Placement = 377,876 ac

Manure (solid/liquid) = 34,355 ac

Cover Crop = 397,039 ac

Total Acres = 1,872,918

2024 BMP summary for **Auglaize County** is as follows:

Basic NMP = 14,037 ac

Precision NMP = 18,303 ac

Low STP = 231 ac

Placement = 8,270 ac

Manure (solid/liquid) = 507 ac

Cover Crop = 9,372 ac

Total Acres= 50,720



The Auglaize SWCD newsletter is a publication to keep county residents informed on SWCD programs. Please phone the office at 419-738-4016, if your address needs corrected, you wish to be removed from our mailing list or receive your newsletter via e-mail.

NOTICE: Old Tile Records

We have scanned all of our old tile records into an electronic format for safe keeping. If you have tile records and would like to have them preserved, bring them into the office for scanning and/or copies!

Paper records don't last forever!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4th— office closed for holiday

July 27th thru Aug 2nd — County Fair

**Aug 13th—Appreciation Luncheon—
Bambauer Room at Auglaize Fairgrounds**

Sept 1st — office closed for holiday

Sept 16th—18th —Farm Science Review

Oct 13th—office closed for holiday

Nov 2nd—Time Change

Nov 11th—office closed for holiday

Nov 27th & 28th—office closed for holiday

FREEZER STORAGE

Storing foods in the freezer is a great way to maintain their quality, freshness and nutritional value. The recommended freezer temperature (zero degrees Fahrenheit) will keep food safe to eat indefinitely. Freezing to this temperature inactivates any bacteria, yeasts and molds present in food. Be careful in thawing as these can become active again and cause food spoilage and foodborne illness. Remember, bacteria are not killed by freezing temperatures; they just become dormant.

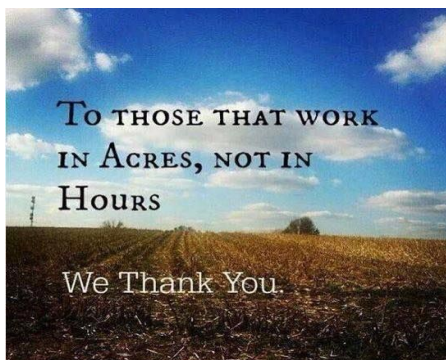
The colder, the better. The food, color, flavor and texture will be retained best if the product is frozen in peak condition. When foods are frozen quickly, fewer ice crystals form. If foods have large ice crystals, they will affect quality when thawed. Lay packages out on other frozen items to freeze quickly. Allowing air to circulate arounds packages will ensure quick freezing for best quality. Once items are frozen, they may be stacked.

Packaging reminders—it is best to wrap tightly, wrap again and wrap in individual portions, it helps maintain quality and prevents freezer burn. Use only moisture and vapor proof materials for storing solid foods. Good choices are polyethylene bags, freezer film wrap and aluminum foil over a layer of plastic film next to the food. Acid food may react to the aluminum if in direct contact. For liquid foods, use plastic containers or canning jars specifically designed for freezer storage. Label your foods with the date and contents so that keeping an inventory is easy. It is safe to freeze items in original packaging; however, doing so might not preserve the quality if frozen for a length of time.

Thawing and refreezing foods—most partially thawed foods will refreeze safely if they still contain ice crystals and are firm in the center. If meats have completely thawed, but are below 40 degrees, they may be refrozen without cooking as long as each package is inspected for no off color or odors that might indicate spoilage. Casseroles or vegetables should be refrozen only if ice crystals are still present. Note that the quality of the food might decline with additional freezing/thawing.

For additional information go to <https://ohioline.osu.edu>

~article from OSU Extension

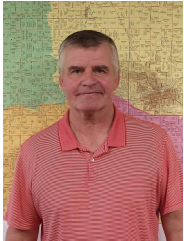


Tree and Fish sales are over
THANKS to everyone who ordered this year!
Next years order begin in January 2026!

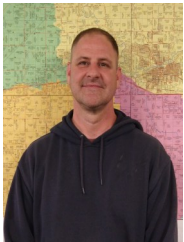
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

An Election of Supervisors for the Auglaize Soil and Water Conservation District will be held at Bambauer Room @ Auglaize Co Fairgrounds ~ Wapakoneta, Ohio on Wednesday August 13, 2025 from **11:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

One Candidate will be elected for a three year term starting January 1, 2026. Residents, landowners, firms and corporations that own land or occupy land in Auglaize County and are 18 years old are eligible to vote. You may vote at the Appreciation Luncheon, vote absentee by requesting a ballot from our office OR in person at the office from July 15th thru August 12th, between 8-4:00



Lou Brown lives north of New Bremen in German Township. Married to Deb and has 4 adult kids. They dairy farm and raise corn, soybeans, alfalfa and cover crops. Uses light tillage for manure incorporation. When asked why he is interested in re-running for board supervisor he said "I have been a supervisor since 2010 and conserving the natural resources and guiding staff and programs to help Auglaize County farmers to do a better job with best management practices. Hopefully passing the land on to the next generation better than we received it." Some important issue he feels SWCD is facing: Keeping good staff, checking the financials and approving work done, educating farmers on H2Ohio and OACI, grassed waterways, filter strips, wetlands for nutrient uptake, woodlands expansion because someday it will be depleted, pollution abatement, cover crops and Farmland Preservation program to keep land as farm ground.



Eric Klopfenstein lives southwest of Wapakoneta in Washington Township. Married to Angie and has 3 school aged children. They farm and plant corn, beans, wheat with some alfalfa. Uses conventional tillage with some no till. When asked why he is interested in running for board supervisor he said "interested in how conservation practices are being improved in Auglaize County. Would like to see how government programs are being utilized for future improvements." Some important issues he feels SWCD is facing: He feels Auglaize County has done a good job over years improving water quality and would like to help make sure that continues in the future!

Farm Animals

D	W	C	T	A	C	M	B	U	P	Chicken
I	O	E	R	B	E	P	Q	C	E	Rooster
X	F	G	D	E	E	S	H	P	E	Donkey
T	Y	G	O	A	T	I	O	H	H	Goose
W	I	F	N	E	C	S	O	O	S	Horse
P	O	D	K	K	D	R	O	Q	G	Mouse
H	L	C	E	G	S	U	Y	O	N	Sheep
O	A	N	Y	E	P	E	C	O	R	Calf
H	M	T	E	S	U	O	M	K	M	Duck
E	B	D	E	F	L	A	C	M	N	Goat
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St Marys P-Optimal Wetland Project

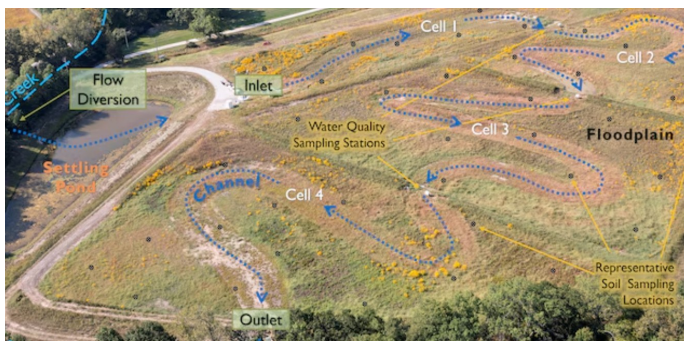
Harmful algal blooms can be triggered by the transport and discharge of high nutrient loads (nitrogen and phosphorus) into water courses and bodies of water. These blooms can release toxins that are harmful to people, pets, and wildlife. These toxins can contaminate drinking water sources that serve communities. A prime example is the City of Toledo's drinking water crisis that occurred in August of 2014. A half million people were affected for 3 days when the water supply from Lake Erie was declared unsafe. Another more local example of multiple algal based contamination events occurred at Grand Lake St. Marys.

These events, along with others, have triggered efforts that are focused on finding remedies to reduce algal blooms and the root causes behind them. Partnerships have been formed to address this problem and continue to form today. One such effort presently involves the partnering of multiple groups including the City of St. Marys, US Army Corps of Engineers, Auglaize Soil and Water Conservation District, US Geological Survey, and H2Ohio members - including Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio EPA, and Ohio Lake Erie Commission. The goal of this partnership is to establish wetlands on 2 sites located within the floodplain of the St. Marys River. This wetland project will serve as a source for research as well as demonstration by capturing and retaining Phosphorus from water flows that develop in the river. The formation of this partnership represents the first of its kind. Similar partnerships may result in the future as nutrient reduction efforts continue in the Lake Erie basin.

This project remains in the planning stages with actual construction planned for sometime in 2026. Collaboration continues between the partners with the project's planning, funding, and time frames. Staff members from the Auglaize Soil and Water Conservation District will be responsible for leading the project's design and implementation.

There is much to look forward to as this project moves forward. The outcomes that result will prove useful as future plans are made to reduce harmful algae blooms in the Great Lakes region.

~article written by Dan Braden



Example of P-optimal wetland in Defiance Co



Planned location—St Marys

Laughing is good for the soul . . .

What do you get when you cross a centipede with a parrot? *A walkie talkie*

Why do melons have weddings? *They cantaloupe*

Why can't a nose be 12 inches long? *Then it'd be a foot*

What did the buffalo say when his son left? *Bison!*

What do cakes and baseball teams have in common? *They both need a good batter.*

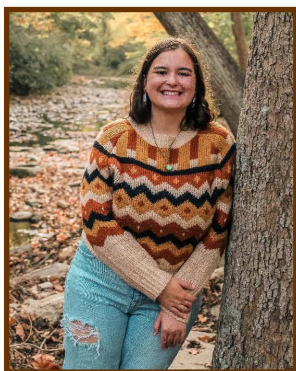
Why are spiders so smart? *They can find everything on the web*

Why is the grass so dangerous? *It's full of blades*



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Awarded \$750 each



Sarah Carney

Parents—John & Magen Carney
of Minster

Penn State University
Wildlife & Fisheries Biology



Kayla Myers

Parents—Brian & Christina Myers
of Lakeview

Wright State Lake Campus
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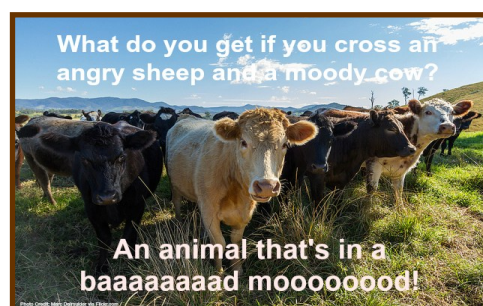
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Auglaize SWCD Mission:

Provide leadership, technical assistance, education and conservation of natural resources in Auglaize County.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00 to 4:30 Mon thru Fri

Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am.

Please call or check our website to verify date and time.



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