



OPEN HOUSE LUNCHEON – thanks to everyone who attended!

We held our second open house luncheon at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds and awarded 4 scholarships to Taylor Klopfenstein, Kayla Myers, Hayden Sell and Hunter Wellman along with presenting the Conservation Award to Davis Family Farm. **Congrats to Debbie and Sandy** on their reelection to the board and thanks to Bruce Stoner for running for the board. Hope to see you next year!





Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program Application

If you are interested in applying for the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for 2027, sponsored locally by our office, we ask you contact us to start filling out the application before March 1, 2027. We may not know the results of the application for six months. The biggest decision you need to make prior to application is how much money you require to have an ag easement on your property. The program will never pay more than \$2,000 an acre per applicant farm and maximums are based on funding distribution for Auglaize County. Please contact our office if you have an interest in applying or questions about the program.

Tree and Fish Sales . .

Start in January – information will be on our website and in the January newsletter!

Manure Application Rules!

Statewide rule for manure application is OAC 901:13-1-11(A) and Standards in the Field Office Technical Guide Nutrient Management code 590.

Western Lake Erie Basin (green area) has some additional restrictions on the surface application of manure defined in Ohio Revised Code 939.08 and it states: No persons shall surface apply manure under the following circumstances: on snow-covered or frozen soil; when top 2 inches of the soil are saturated from precipitation; or when the weather forecast in the application area calls for greater than 50% change of rain exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ " in a 24 hr period. These restrictions on the surface application of manure do not apply under any of the following: the manure is injected into the ground; manure is incorporated within 24 hrs of surface application, manure is applied to a growing crop; if there is an emergency – the ODA director can provide written consent.

Grand Lake Watershed (white area in SW of county) has ***additional*** – besides those listed above - restrictions on the timing of manure application. Three key requirements are: each owner, operator or persons responsible for producing, applying or receiving in excess of 350 tons and/or 100,000 gallons of manure a year shall develop and operate in conformance with a nutrient management plan; No one shall apply manure between Dec 15th and March 1st; outside of the prohibited dates, manure can not be applied to frozen or ground with more than 1" of snow unless it is injected or incorporated within 24 hrs.

A complete list of the additional restrictions can be found in the following rules:
Ohio revised code 901:13-1-11 or 901:13-1-19 or 901:13-1-20

No milkweed collection this year

Per Ohio Division of Wildlife, they have an excess of supply of milkweed seeds that need to be donated back to communities before they collect more and they go to waste. Thank you to all who have supported this in the past. They will assess the program next year, so stay tuned!

Calendar of Events

Oct 12th – Holiday – office closed
Nov 1st – **Time Change**
Nov 11th – Holiday – office closed
Nov 26-27th – Holiday – office closed
Dec 24th -25th – Holiday – office closed
Jan 1st – Holiday – office closed



Soil Judging 2026

Around 215 students from Minster, New Bremen, New Knoxville, St Marys, Wapak and Waynesfield FFA were hosted by Greg Heitkamp with Gene Topp digging the soil pits. Lunch was catered by Graze On Catering for our students.

Congratulations to the winners!

1st place Rural - Wapak Team 1 – Braxton Jones, Emma Kah, Lily Meckstroth, Lane Shobe

2nd place rural – Minster Team 3 – Ian Clune, Colin Prenger, Michael Wendeln, Eli Zumberger

3rd place rural – Bremen Team 1 – Leif Deitrich, Leanne Evers, Anna Homan, Tara Kremer

1st place Urban – Wapak Team 8- Lily Doty, Caitlyn Fahncke, Kate Fisher, Blake Harrod

2nd place Urban – Knoxville Team 1 - Reese Brown, Jude Holland, Jayden Metzger, Brently VanSkyock

3rd place Urban – Wapak Team 7 – Bolden Brandehoff, Urban Ruppert, Logan Schuman, Anthony Werling



New Bremen FFA



New Knoxville FFA



Minster FFA



St Marys FFA



Waynesfield FFA



Wapak urban and rural teams



NUPCO PLASTIC TUBING, INC.

Eric Dicke

Justin Huffman



06561 Co. Rd. 66A North
New Bremen, OH 45869
419-629-2259

www.nupcoplastictubing.com
nupcoadm@yahoo.com

Manufacturer of corrugated plastic tile

"The Key To Buying Or Selling"



2895 Harding Hwy.
Lima, Ohio 45804

www.rsre.com
ron@rsre.com

RON SPENCER
419-230-1111



Stephanie Winegardner
+419-568-4801
swinegardner@blockagency.com
315 E. Wapakoneta St., Waynesfield OH 45896

B BLOCK
INSURANCE
Call for all your insurance needs!
AUTO-HOME-FARM-BUSINESS-LIFE



Dan Zwiebel
+419-738-9365
dzwiebel@blockagency.com
102 N. Wood St., Wapakoneta OH 45895

Krites
Excavating

20056 Main Street Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Dave Krites
567.204.6707
ckrites@ohiolink.net



Brad Krites
419.204.2699
bkriteskle@gmail.com

Alan Davis Insurance Agency

"your solutions provider"



AUTO * HOME * LIFE * BUSINESS * FARM
CROPS * RETIREMENT
TRUCKING & TRANSPORTATION

419.738.7447

Wapakoneta - Minster - Lima
alandavisinsurance.com

Alan Davis
Farmers Insurance
Presidents Council
Hall of Fame 2025



NRCS/USDA Programs Annual Report

Total Active CSP/EQIP Contracts = 34

CSP contracts = 1,856 acres = \$1,585,341

CSP 2026 new contracts = 867.5 acres = \$696,815

EQIP contracts = 851.1 acres = \$338,899

EQIP 2026 new contracts = 342.2 acres = \$34,832

2026 RCPP new contracts = \$254,546

CRP = 1017 contracts = 4986.77 acres



BRENT SCHWIETERMAN
10097 Kohler Rd.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Office: 419-753-2566

Fax: 419-753-3196

Mobile: 419-733-1919

Email: brent@cys-inc.com

Systematic Drainage • Excavating • Waterways
Sewage Systems • Conservation Projects

Drainage Water Management Incentive Program



ODA is providing funds to producers within the Maumee River Watershed to manage existing drainage water management structures.

- Structures that received payment under a federal, state or county program are not eligible.
- Individual structures must control, at minimum, a 10- acre area.
- Selected producers are required to manage their structures during non-growing months.
- Producers are not required to be enrolled in the H2Ohio program to be eligible.
- Receive \$500 per structure annually for 3 years.

Contact our office to find out more info.
Program signup is now thru Oct 30th.



Timothy J. Eiting
REALTOR/Auctioneer



New Bremen, Ohio 45869

Direct: 567-644-5829

Residence: 419-629-3478

teiting@watchtv.net



ThinkFirst

First
National
Bank

Jeff Wolters
COMMERCIAL LOAN OFFICER
NMLS #851777

435 S. Washington Street • P.O. Box 68
New Bremen, Ohio 45869-0068
Ph: (419) 629-2761 • Fax: (419) 629-2741
Cell: 419-953-0373
E-mail: jwolters@firstnbank.bank
Website: www.firstnbank.bank



Dennis Krites
419-236-6954

Rick Gable
419-230-1504

Science With Service

WHY DO FARMERS FARM?



LOVE. THEY MUST DO
IT FOR LOVE.
THEY LOVE TO LIVE WHERE
THEY WORK AND TO WORK
WHERE THEY LIVE.

-WENDELL BERRY