



Annual Meeting Date: August 20th

LOCATION: St Joe Parish Hall ~ 101 W Pearl St ~ Wapakoneta

Voting: 5:30 to 6:45 pm

Meal: 6:30 pm

Meeting: 7:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Dr Chris Winslow - Stone Lab

Please help us celebrate **73 years** of Conservation. The evening program will feature the election of one Supervisor, slide show during dinner, the presentation of the Outstanding Cooperator award, Scholarship award, and our guest speaker. The hall is air conditioned and handicap accessible to accommodate our conservation friends. Rounding out the evening, door prizes donated by generous individuals and businesses will be given away.

Tickets for the evenings event may be purchased from one of your neighbors on the list below, stopping by the office or sending in the reservation form at the bottom of this page. **Hope to see you there!**

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Doris Cook

Dave Krites

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Marilyn Kuenning

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Richard Lowry

Lee Turner

Marvin Elsass

Ron Pepple

Tadd Turner

Marceil Fisher

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A receipt and your ticket (s) will be mailed or held at the door for you!

I would like to order _____ tickets at \$10.00 each

Reservation **deadline** is **Friday August 2, 2019**

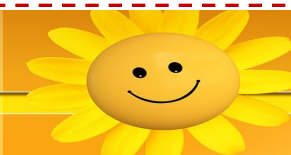
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Auglaize SWCD





BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

An Election of Supervisors for the Auglaize Soil and Water Conservation District will be held at the St. Joe Parish Hall, 101 W Pearl St, Wapakoneta Ohio on Tuesday August 20, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm.

One Candidate will be elected for a three year term starting January 1, 2020. 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 annual meeting or vote absentee (beginning July 30th) by requesting an absentee ballot from our office.



Lou Brown lives north of New Bremen in German township. Lou is married to Deb and has 5 adult kids. He owns 85 acres and farms 428 acres of corn silage, soybeans and alfalfa and milks 300 dairy cows and uses minimum tillage. When asked why he is interested in remaining as a supervisor he said, "taking care of our natural resources and helping educate the next generation about conservation." Some important issues he feels SWCD is facing are: erosion has been high this year with all the rain, keeping nutrients on the land and incorporating manure and fertilizer is important to keep it out of the water. Wisely spending the Lake Erie money that is earmarked for the Western Basin to help with lowering the pollution.



Tadd Turner lives east of Waynesfield in Wayne township. Tadd is married to Regina and has 3 kids. He owns 340 acres and farms 1620 acres of corn, beans, wheat and hay with beef cattle, and uses no-till. When asked why he is interested in becoming a supervisor he said, "Conservation is very important in today's agriculture world. I have been no-till farming in the County for more than 35 years, during that time have been using conservation practices on our farm. I feel it is important to have someone who understands the efforts to keep the soil where it is suppose to be." Some important issues he feels SWCD is facing are: water quality is the most important, it is critical to find solutions to keep nutrients in place and soil from eroding in order to protect the land for future generations in both farming and residential.

2017 Ag Census is completed and the results are . . .

Number of farms = 976 - down 6% ~ Average size of Farm = 215 acres—up 7% ~ Land in Farms = 210,018—down 46 farms ~ most farmers are between 35-64 of age ~ new and beginning farms = 350 ~ with military service = 145

Value of Sales by Commodity Group: Grains = 90,628 ranked 20th in state ~ Hogs/pigs = 52,273 ranked 4th ~ Milk cows = 21,551 ranked 14th ~ Cattle/calves = 16,794 ranked 10th ~ Poultry/eggs = 16,918 ranked 17th ~ Sheep/goats/wool = 183 ranked 45th ~ Other animals = ranked 7th

Farms by value of sales: Less than \$2,500= 211 ~ \$50,000-\$99,000 = 126 ~ \$100,000 to \$249,0000 = 317

If you kept your newsletter from January you can compare results!



Tornado Safety!

If you are under a tornado warning, find shelter right away. Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and/or local information.

Go to a safe room, basement or storm cellar. If there is no basement, get to a small interior room on the lowest level. Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Use your arms to protect your head and neck and cover your body with a coat or blanket for protection. Do not get under an overpass or bridge, you're safer in a low, flat location. Watch out for flying debris that can cause injury or death. Stay clear of fallen power lines or broken utility lines. Save your phone calls for emergencies, as phone systems are often down or busy after a disaster.



CREP OFFERS CASH for Conservation

LAKE ERIE CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP)

Signup until August 23, 2019

THE CREP program is a federal and state conservation partnership designed to address agriculture-related environmental concerns. Participants receive financial incentives from USDA to voluntarily enroll environmentally sensitive cropland or pastureland in contracts for 15 years. In return the annual rental payments that average about \$154 per acre and financial incentives, participants convert the land to native grasses, trees and other conservation vegetation.

An additional \$200 per acre incentive will be provided for all NEWLY ENROLLED filter strip and riparian area practices. See chart below.

Existing CREP acres that are re-enrolled are NOT eligible for bonus payments. However, if the existing CREP acres are re-enrolled and the size (width) of the practice is increases at the time of re-enrollment, then the NEW additional acres will be eligible for a one-time bonus of \$200.

Are existing CREP enrollments with existing 5-15 year state contract extensions eligible to re-enroll? Yes and the state contract extension is eliminated as long as the land is re-enrolled into a new CREP contract. If it is not re-enrolled than the state contract extension remains in place.

Practice	USDA-FSA Rental	Bonus Payment Incentive
Hardwood tree planting	225% per acre SSR	Yes
Permanent wildlife habitat	155% per acre SSR	Yes
Buffer Strips warm season grass	175% per acre SSR	Yes
Buffer Strips—cool season grass	155% per acre SSR	Yes
Riparian buffers	225% per acre SSR	Yes
Marginal pastureland buffer	175% per acre SSR	Yes
Marginal pastureland wetland buffer	200% per acre SSR	Yes



Birt and Wilker receive \$500 scholarship



Jocelyn Birt, daughter of James and Tonya Birt, of St Marys is one of the recipients of a \$500 scholarship from our office at our Annual Meeting in August. She is enrolled at Wright State University Lake Campus obtaining her Bachelor's degree in Agriculture, and currently working at the Lake Campus as a Water Quality Research Technician. When asked, what is conservation and why is it important she said, "Conservation is important because we have limited resources available and how we use them determines the fate of the Earth. All of these resources can't be produced in a factory. How are we going to continue feeding the world with limited resources if we do not manage them properly and reduce our carbon foot print. How do we give back to the earth while still using it—proper conservation practices!"

Laura Wilker, daughter of Gene and Cindy Wilker, of St Marys is one of the recipients of a \$500 scholarship from our office at our Annual Meeting in August. She is enrolled at University of Dayton obtaining her Bachelor's Degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering. When asked, what issues are landowners facing and what practices or solutions would you suggest they use to solve this problem she said, "One way is to reach maximum efficiency with the fertilizers that are applied. If nutrients are added at the optimum amount and during the correct stage of production they will be mostly soaked into the soil and roots with minimal chemicals left to be carried away in the runoff. A practice that can utilized is a variety of buffers, which include cover crops, vegetation barriers etc. that hinder both soil erosion and runoff which prevent chemicals from reaching the water streams."



MEET our NEWEST EMPLOYEE

AMANDA SEGER

Amanda hails from Ft Loramie, where she grew up on a grain and farrow to finish hog farm. She started working for us in February and is quickly learning the ropes. Amanda, our Nutrient Management Technician, is excited to help our county producers with any questions they may have!

Voluntary Nutrient Management Plan

ODA is developing Voluntary Nutrient Management Plans in the Western Lake Erie Basin Watershed. Through eligible 4R Certified Service Providers, a producer can have a plan created for them. Some benefits for the producer are: receives assurance that fertilizers do not exceed levels found necessary by scientific research for optimum crop growth, ensures soil testing is done with sufficient frequency and density to accurately inform fertilizer application rates and plans will remain confidential. Requirements are: land must be in the Western Lake Erie Basin watershed, must NOT be enrolled in a similar Farm Bill program, plan must be developed through eligible 4R Certified Ag Retailer.

If you are interested, contact our office for a list of Ag Retailers.

10 Ingredients Grandma use to cook with!

Have you ever used any of the following?

Lard ~ Sweet Milk/aka buttermilk ~ Molasses ~ Currants
Nutmeg ~ Corn syrup ~ Vanilla extract ~ Cake flour
Evaporated milk ~ Sweet condensed milk

Ideas to use some of them:

Lard can be used instead of butter or Crisco
Buttermilk can be used in sugar cream pie along with nutmeg
Molasses cookies anyone
Currants now replaced with raisins but can be used in jams
Corn syrup can be used in pecan pie
Vanilla extract is used in baked goods like cookies
Cake flour makes cakes and biscuits fluffier
Evaporated milk is used in fudge or baked goods
Sweet condensed milk is used in desserts or fudge

Hopefully this gets you thinking about making desserts!

I know I have used them

Cookies or Sugar Cream Pie anyone?



HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS?

Are your conservation practices suffering due to the recent floods? Please call our office for further assistance at

419-738-4016.



Thanks to everyone who ordered tree seedlings and fish from our office. We greatly appreciate your business!

NOTICE

WATERWAYS ARE NOT DRIVEWAYS . . .

PLEASE DON'T DRIVE IN THEM

You may have to repair them at your own cost if you are enrolled in a CRP program. We do mandatory spot checks every year and these are meant to transfer water not equipment!

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 4th— Independence Day —office closed

July 11th thru 13th—Country Concert

July 12th thru 21st —Moon Festival—**50 years!**

July 28th thru Aug 3rd— County FAIR

Aug 7th—Manure Science Review

Aug 8th thru 11th—St Marys Summerfest

Aug 16th thru 18th—Bremenfest

Aug 20th—**ANNUAL MEETING@ St Joe Parish**

Sept 2nd — Labor Day —office closed

Sept 17th thru 19th —Farm Science

Oct 4th thru 6th —Minster Oktoberfest

Oct 14th—Columbus Day—office closed

Nov 3rd—Time Change

Nov 11th—Veterans Day—office closed

Nov 28th—Thanksgiving—office closed

Dec 25th—Christmas—office closed



HELPLINE

If you, a loved one or friend is suffering or experiencing a crisis, you can call 1-800-273-talk (8255) or text "HOPE" to 741-741. Each of these options provides access to a licensed counselor 24/7. Ohio residents needing help in finding mental health resources in their county or interested in taking a class in Mental Health First Aid can contact delliefield.2@osu.edu or 419-674-2297.

Old / Current Tile Records

We are scanning our tile records and have noticed the old ones are brittle and the print (ones done in pencil) is fading to an unreadable stage. Our office is offering, to anyone interested, the opportunity to bring yours into our office and we will scan and save them to our electronic file to help preserve them. If possible, also provide a readable copy.

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WORKING LANDS SMALL GRAINS PROGRAM

The program encourages producers in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) watershed to plant small grains such as wheat, barley, oats or cereal rye on eligible cropland. It also provides livestock producers with a longer time period to land apply manure and nutrients. Participants can plant and harvest small grains, land apply manure and plant a cover crop to receive cost share payment to help offset operating costs.

Guidelines: small grain must be planted and harvested for grain, land must be used for manure application following harvest of grain, cover crop must be planted following manure application, manure application records, soil test and manure analysis are required prior to any cost share payment.

Benefits: planting small grains and cover crops can be beneficial to soil health, expanding time to land apply manure can minimize the risk of nutrient runoff, and cost share incentive payments of \$75 per acre.

SIGN UP FOR EITHER PROGRAM

Funding is 1st come 1st serve basis until money is spent



WORKING LANDS BUFFER PROGRAM

The program encourages producers in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) Watershed to establish year-round vegetative cover on eligible cropland. Acts as a buffer on cropland and provide another line of defense to filter surface water while allowing participants to harvest forage from established areas.

Guidelines: land must be in the WLEB watershed, only cropland acres where sediment and nutrients have potential to be transported from the field and enter environmentally sensitive areas are eligible, maximum enrollment width is 300 ft average—minimum width is 50 ft, practice must be maintained for a 5 year period, annual payment of \$120 per acre per year over a 5 year period is available for establishment and maintenance.

Benefits: can harvest hay and forage from your buffer, improved soil health year around, visual demonstration of your commitment to land stewardship, and receive annual payments for maintain established forage.

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



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