



**Annual Meeting News— celebrated our 75th this year!**

The evening program honored Wayne Fledderjohann and Settlage and Settlage with the Outstanding Cooperator awards, along with awarding two scholarships to Alexandria Ott and Jalyssa Zwiebel. We would like to thank Paul Knueve for being on our board for the last 6 years, congratulations to Lee Turner on his re-election and Denver Davis newly elected to the board of Supervisors. Speakers Jamie Hampton with OSU Extension and Dan Bartlett the area Forester gave a short update on current issues. A slideshow featured 75 years of work and honored the longest employed Ivo Kramer who started with SCS in 1955, then NRCS, then SWCD until 1997 for a total of 40 years! We gave travel mugs away to everyone who attended, homemade centerpieces were given as prizes with door prizes rounding out the evening! Thanks to everyone who attended—hope you enjoyed our banquet.



*Happy Thanksgiving*



**HELP THE MONARCH**

**BUTTERFLY**

Common Milkweed is the sole host plant for Monarch butterflies. This particular plant is lacking on the landscape and has a direct effect on Monarch populations. **Our office is collecting milkweed pods till the end of October.** It is best to pick them when they are dry, gray or brown in color. If the seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked. Collect the pods in paper sacks/bags. Harvesting pods from milkweed plants do not have any effect on the population of the established milkweed areas.





## Applications will be accepted thru January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### To enroll you need . . .

1. Submit a VNMP “voluntary nutrient management plan” or a CNMP “comprehensive nutrient management plan” for 2022 and 2023 crop years at the time of application. The submitted Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) must include a Farm Summary Sheet for the cropland included in the NMP. These can be written by your Ag Retailer, TSP writer or yourself by using the ODA template.
2. No applications will be approved until the NMP has been submitted and approved by the Soil and Water Board.
3. All new applications must be approved by the SWCD Board by March 15, 2022.
4. Producers can apply for practices for the 2022 and 2023 crop years.
5. Producers can not initiate any H2Ohio Practices prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> except the Conservation Crop Rotation – Small Grains practice. Small grains planted in the fall of 2021 will be accepted into the program if they satisfy all other practice requirements.
6. Must have soil test samples 2018 or newer.
7. Program Participants must complete registration on the OACI online platform and complete a certification score prior to receiving any H2Ohio incentive payments.

### SOIL JUDGING RESULTS ~ Congrats to the winners

Rural Team—New Bremen FFA = Dylan Bambauer, Rachel Brown, Lauren Homan and Troy Homan

Urban Team—Minster FFA = Max Knapke, Will Knapke, James Niemeyer and Conner Schmiesing

Rural—1st place James Boehnlein—Minster FFA

Urban—1st place Zach Steinke—Wapak FFA

Rural—2nd place Jared Weigandt—New Bremen FFA

Urban—2nd place Max Knapke—Minster FFA

Rural—3rd place Dylan Bambauer—New Bremen FFA

Urban—3rd place Will Knapke—Minster FFA

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# Soil Judging 2021

Tadd Turner hosted about 200 students from New Bremen, New Knoxville, Minster, Wapakoneta, and Waynesfield FFA. One of our Board Supervisors—Lee Turner dug the pits and organized Boogher Ag to donate money for Graze On Catering to provide a meal for the students, since the field location was in the NE corner of the County! BIG THANKS to these individuals ~ the students had a great time!



# Auglaize SWCD History—75 years!

## Work performed over 75 years!

- Surveying and probe tile
- Stake / flag projects
- Design filter strips
- Design holding ponds
- Design rock structures
- Design ditches / tile
- Design waterways
- Design wetlands
- Animal Waste
- Conservation plans
- Assist w/construction checks
- Cost share practices
- Surface drainage
- Pollution complaints
- Field checks for SCS/NRCS
- Help w/ HEL determinations
- Watershed maps/drainage issues
- Education programs to schools
- Grant Programs thru State

## Locations of the office thru the years:

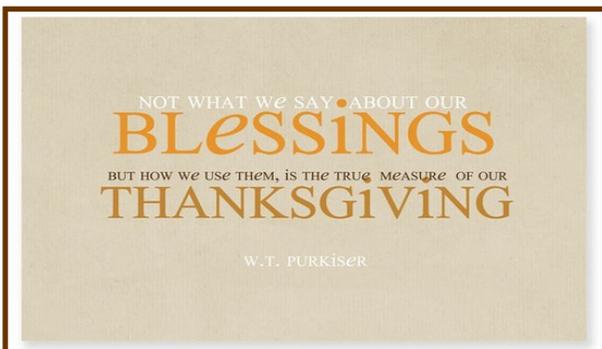
- Park Street
- Space in basement of post office
- Blackhoof St—aka License Bureau
- Co Rd 25A—south of St Rt 33
- Industrial Dr—north of St Rt 33

## Annual meeting locations

- Wapak High School
- Fairgrounds
- EZ Campgrounds
- K of C Hall
- St Joe Parish Hall

## 1st full time staff hired—1955

- William Hardesty & Charles Clark
- Hershel Wical & Ivo Kramer



## Why DO we eat turkey at Thanksgiving?

Haven't you ever wonder why IS turkey the number one choice of meat at Thanksgiving? Do you assume that the menu originated in the "first Thanksgiving" at Plymouth Colony in 1621? Nowhere is it written that the Pilgrims provided turkey but rather wild fowl, which could have been ducks, geese or turkey. (According to historians)

In the 19th century, turkey had become a popular dish to serve on such occasion. There were a few reasons for this. First, turkey was rather plentiful. Second, turkeys on a family farm were almost always available for slaughter. While cows and chickens were useful as long as they were producing milk and eggs. Turkeys where generally raised only for meat and thus could be readily killed and usually big enough to feed a family.

Some people have credited Charles Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* (1843) with encouraging the idea of turkey as a holiday meal. But Sarah Hale's *Northwood* (1827) novel devoted an entire chapter to a description of a roasted turkey "placed at the head of the table." She also campaigned to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday in the United States which she believed would help unify the country as it headed towards a civil war. Her efforts paid off in 1863 when Abe Lincoln signed a proclamation.

From a more practical perspective, turkey has also remained relatively affordable. Although the wild turkey was considered endangered in the early 20th century, its population once again stands in the millions. Modern breeding practices have helped make turkey both larger and cheaper than ever, thus ensuring its continued place on the Thanksgiving table.

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