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Auglaize SWCD Mission:

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

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OFFICE HOURS

8:00 to 4:30 Mon thru Fri



Board Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am. Please call to verify date and time.

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ANNUAL MEETING NEWS

The SWCD would like to congratulate Paul Knueve on his re-election to the Board of Supervisors and to Lee Turner on being newly elected. We would also like to give a BIG Thanks to Luke Davis and Ed Doenges for running in the election. The evenings program honored Ron Pepple with the Outstanding Co-operator award and Jocelyn Birt with the scholarship award. Guest Speaker Aaron Wilson gave a presentation about climate change and weather. Thanks to all who attended and hope to see you next year.

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Benefits of WELL TESTING

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If your drinking water comes from a private well, you are responsible for your water's safety. If you have never had your water supply tested, it is always a good idea to educate yourself on what is present in your drinking water or water given to animals. Provide yourself with some baseline information in the event there are changes in the future that may impact the quality of your water supply.

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Your well has an increased likelihood of contamination if: your well is more than 20 years old, was dug or driven rather than drilled, is shallow, your soil is sandy, a chemical spill is known to have happened nearby or is near possible sources of contamination. Even if your well fits none of these categories, you cannot know the quality of your water without testing. Contaminants may have entered the ground without your knowledge or before you lived at the site.

Deadline is Wednesday Oct 31st, samples will be pulled November 6th, call our office if you are interested. Cost is \$25 per sample.





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.



County FFA Soil Judging Contest Results:

~Rural Team~

New Bremen FFA ~ Ben Kuck, Jacob Tangeman, Ashton Ritter and Austin Brown

~Rural Individual~

1st place: Jenna Heitkamp ~ New Bremen FFA

2nd place: Sam Werling ~ Minster FFA

3rd place: Ben Kuck ~ New Bremen FFA

~Urban Team~

Wapakoneta FFA ~ Tyler Kysenceder, Jordan Metz, Denise Myers, Cole Rosengarten

~Urban Individual~

1st place: Cody Frericks ~ Minster FFA

2nd place (tied): Ethan Westerheide ~ Minster FFA and Tyler Kysenceder ~ Wapak FFA

3rd place: Mackenzie Randall ~ Wapak FFA





Our office will be **closed** on the following dates:
Oct 8th ~ Nov 12th ~ Nov 22th ~ Dec 24 & 25th ~ Jan 1st

Nov 4th ~ Time Change ~ *turn clocks back*

Nov 6th ~ Well Testing

Nov 7th & Dec 5th ~ Board Meetings

March 8th—Tree Order Deadline

Depression and Suicide is on the rise in Agriculture . . . Untreated depression is the number one cause for suicide. Unfortunately, many people do not receive treatment for depression, thus are at a risk for suicide or drug overdose.

If you or someone you know have these symptoms **PLEASE SEEK HELP!**

Feeling sad for two or more weeks ~ Feeling lethargic, like you have no energy

Unable to concentrate ~ sleeping too much or too little ~ Feeling worthless

Eating too much or too little ~ feeling hopeless ~ feeling helpless

Feeling negative or pessimistic ~ Losing interest in activities you usually enjoy

Crying frequently ~ withdrawing from others ~ feeling angry or guilty

Neglecting personal appearance ~ unable to think clearly or make decisions

Many people do not think of going to a medical doctor when they are depressed, but it is important step because there could be a physical problem or a chemical imbalance that is causing depression. Therapist can also properly evaluate you and if they feel you need medication they can refer you to the correct person. **Get help now**, your life is worth it to everyone around you. If you don't know where to turn . . . below is a hotline for our county!

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And on the 8th day —
God looked down on his
planned paradise & said
“I need a caretaker.”
— so **God** made a —
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Ohio NRCS Announces New EQIP

Application Deadline

COLUMBUS, OH, Sept. 11, 2018 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced Friday, October 19, 2018, as the deadline to submit applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Ohio.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program which helps producers make conservation work for them. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations.

To participate in USDA conservation programs, applicants should be farmers or farm or forest landowners and must meet eligibility criteria. Applications signed and submitted to NRCS by the October 19 deadline will be evaluated for fiscal year 2019 funding.

To learn more about EQIP or other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit [Get Started with NRCS](#) or visit your local [USDA Service Center](#)

Tree Sales Begins in January!

We are changing tree vendors and will have more of a selection to choose from.

Deadline to order will be March 8th.

Pickup will be afternoon of April 8th and morning of April 9th.

Hope to get your order!

Why do leaves change color?

Leaves change their “wardrobes” in response to chilly temperatures and less light; they stop producing chlorophyll, the green pigment that helps leaves capture sunlight to power photosynthesis. As green fades, the leave’s other pigments, such as the orange and yellow of carotenoids shine through. Vibrant red hues are the result of anthocyanins, pigments that are produced in the fall. Fall’s cool nights and sunny days also help trigger trees like sugar maple to store their anthocyanins temporarily in their leaves, giving leaf peepers a show of red.



Do you know what to do when a Thunderstorm Threatens?

Thunderstorms are dangerous storms that include powerful winds, lighting, hail, cause flash flooding and tornados!

Tips on how you can prepare for a storm: know your area's risk of thunderstorms; identify sturdy buildings close to where you live, work and play; cut down or trim trees that may be in danger of falling on your home; consider buying surge protectors; secure outside furniture.

Tips on how to survive during a storm: when thunder roars, go indoors—a sturdy building is the safest place to be; pay attention to weather reports and warnings—be ready to change plans if necessary; if indoors, avoid running water or using landline phones—electricity can travel through plumbing and phone lines; if necessary, take shelter in a car instead of being outside; avoid flooded roadways—turn around. . . don't drown—just six inches of fast moving water can knock you down and one foot of moving water can sweep your vehicle away.

Tips to be safe after a storm: watch for fallen power lines and tree—report them immediately; listen to authorities and weather forecast for information on potential flash flooding, tornadoes, etc.



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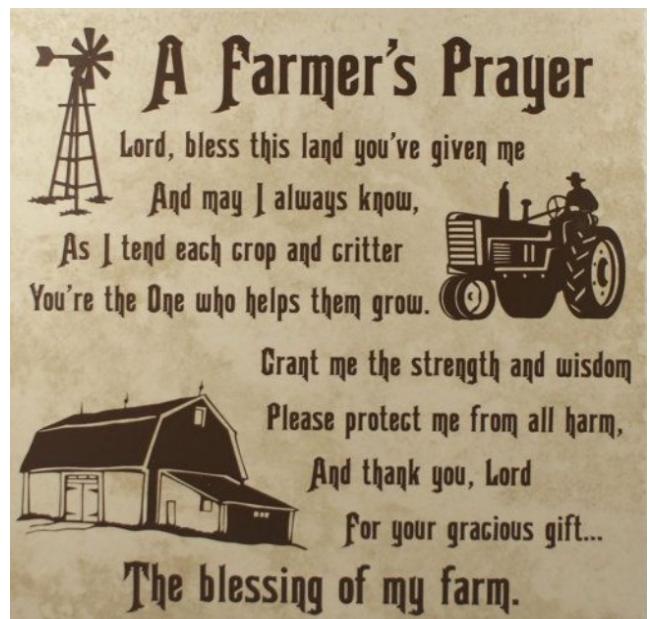
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