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**August 17th, 2021**

**Voting: 5:30-6:45 pm**

**Meal @ 6:30 pm**

**Meeting @ 7:00pm**

**Location: St Joe Parish Hall**

**Guest Speaker: Peggy Kirk-Hall w/ OSU Extension**

**Please Call our office @ 419-738-4016 or return the form below by July 30th to RSVP!**

**VOTING:** You may vote at the meeting OR request a ballot from our office OR in person at the office from July 19 thru August 17th—between 8:00 to 4:30.

The evening program will feature a slide show during voting and dinner, presentation of the Cooperator award, scholarship awards and our guest speaker. Rounding out the evening, we will be giving away door prizes donated by generous individuals and businesses. The hall is air-conditioned and handicap accessible.

**TICKETS:** can be purchased by filling out & returning the form below, calling our office or from one of our board members: Lou Brown, Debbie Brown, Doug Fisher, Paul Knueve, or Lee Turner. Deadline is July 30th!

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

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**Auglaize SWCD**

**H2Ohio Update . . . .**

- \*Follow your green sheets you previously received to know what is needed for the practices you signed up for!
- \*OACI will be mailing letters with instructions on how to certify your enrollment—all profile fields need completed or you can not continue your enrollment. Certification needs done before 2022 payments are issued!
- \***REMINDER** - If you signed up to spread manure—our office **MUST** provide you with a manure analysis before spreading or you will not get paid!
- \*You must keep your records for 3 years for spot check/auditing purposes.  
Call our office if you have any further questions.

## Who or what decided a 5 day work week?

In the 19th century Britain, Sundays were a holy day and nobody was expected to work. This was a noble concept for anyone who spent their free time pursuing spiritual matters, but those who took advantage of an opportunity to kick their heels up and live the high life for 24 hrs, found being perky for work on Monday mornings a bit of a problem.



Not turning up for work on Monday became a bit of a tradition for some workers. Thus the concept of “keeping Saint Monday” came to be. Productivity suffered as a result of Saint Monday, to the extent that factory owners decided to make Saturday a half day instead. This would ensure workers arrived in Mondays with clear heads and increased enthusiasm. It seemed to work, so three-quarters of the weekend as we know it was born.

Sunday is a holy day for Christians but this traditional day off didn't acknowledge the many Jewish workers in factories for whom Saturday was the Sabbath. Which begins at nightfall on Friday, running to nightfall on Saturday. The first change regarding the Jewish day of rest happened in American in 1908. A mill in New England allowed a two-day weekend. This was a hit with workers and led other industries nearby to introduce a five-day week too.

Henry Ford, the legendary car maker, made Saturday and Sunday days off for his staff as early as 1926 and he was also keen to set down a 40-hours working week. An altruistic move in part, it also gave his workers the opportunity to spend their down time buying consumer products, keeping cash circulating through the economy. The United States officially adopted the five-day system in 1932, in a bid to counter the unemployment during the Great Depression.

Ever since 1960s, there has been talk of the weekend being extended to make it almost as long as the working week. Three or four day weeks have been a dream for many who believe advances in technology make it possible for people to complete their required work in a shorter time.

A firm in New Zealand tested the theory by reducing the working week to four days but still paying staff the wages for five. Twenty-four percent of staff later reported an improvement in their work-life balance. Seven percent said stress levels dropped and there was no negative effect on productivity. However, one US company switched back to a 40 hour week after a similar trial.

When faced with cutting back staff, it was thought inappropriate to have some working on a cushier four-day contract while others were being made redundant. Sounds like that Friday feeling isn't going to become the Thursday thrill for a long time yet, and we're certainly stuck with the Monday blues.

### Maintain your Waterway!

~ Maintain the cover to provide adequate erosion control, comply with noxious and invasive weed laws and control undesirable plant species or rodents that negatively affect the CRP cover.

~ Repair and re-seed areas that are eroding and have poor cover, using the original seed mixture

~ Maintain original width and depth of the grass area. Regularly remove debris (example: corn fodder) and sediment from waterway. Inspect periodically after every major storm and repair any eroding or bare areas.

~ Mow to maintain good vegetation. Mowing can be done at any time, as needed to maintain the grass between 4 and 12 inches high. Mowing also helps control weeds and woody vegetation.

~ Avoid crossing with heavy equipment when wet.

~ Failure to maintain CRP cover may lead to contract termination or restrict ability to re-enroll.

*Properly maintained waterway*



*Poorly maintained waterway*





## BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

An Election of Supervisors for the Auglaize Soil and Water Conservation District will be held at St Joe Parish Hall ~ Wapakoneta, Ohio on Tuesday August 17, 2021 from **5:30 pm to 6:45 pm.**

Two Candidates will be elected for a three year term starting January 1, 2022. 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, vote absentee by requesting a ballot from our office OR in person at the office from July 19th thru August 17th.

**Cameron Aller** lives north of St Marys in Salem township. Cameron is married to Ericka and has 3 adult kids. He owns 230 acres and farms 2,500 acres, with his two brothers, of corn and soybeans and uses no-till, conventional, and minimum tillage. He also raises 4,500 contract hogs. When asked why he is interested in becoming a supervisor he said, "Past supervisors have done a great job of establishing good conservation practice in our county. I would like to serve in seeing that continue to improve." Some important issues he feels SWCD is facing are: soil erosion, nutrient loss, manure management are all tied to water quality. I would like to work with the board to continue to find and implement the best solutions that work for farmers and our environment.



**Denver Davis** lives north of Wapak in Duchouquet township. Denver is married to Megan and has one daughter. He owns 60 acres and farms 100 acres of corn, beans, rye and barley and uses no-till and cover crops. When asked why he is interested in becoming a supervisor he said, "as a farmer, I am passionate about soil and water conservation. Both have a major impact on growing healthy crops. Healthy crops not only benefit the farmer, but the buyer and consumer. Everyone doing what they can to help locally is where change begins. My family and I have made several changes in our farming practices with hopes of steps being in the correct direction." Some important issues he feels SWCD is facing are: Run off and algae blooms are two major issues, runoff is starting to cause problems because of its connection to the blooms growing in our local water. I don't believe mandates are the way to solve those issue, but through partnering with our friends in agriculture with discussion and support on how we can improve.



**Lee Turner** lives near Waynesfield in Wayne Township. Lee is married to Kandace and has a baby girl due in July. He farms 1500 acres with his family, planting soybeans and corn and uses no-till, minimum tillage and cover crops. Asked why he would like to re-run for board supervisor he said, "Always looking for opportunities to serve the agricultural community, having graduated from Wilmington College with a focus on agronomy. I understand what soil conservation means to preserving the land for future generations." Some important issues he feels SWCD is facing are: water quality, soil conservation, manure management, and cover cropping. Working with the farmers and staff at Soil and Water to achieve everyone's goals and needs, producers are willing to try new things, I will try my best to help producers with new ideas/practices and help serve the ag community."





**SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**  
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## Alexandria Ott

Parents—Kevin & Sara Ott  
of Wapakoneta

Ohio State University

Agribusiness/Applied Economics

## Jalyssa Zwiebel

Parents—Corey & Jennifer Zwiebel  
of Wapakoneta

University of Findlay

Animal Science

## WATER EROSION

What is water erosion? Erosion is caused by the impact of raindrops on bare soil and by the power of the running water on the soil surface. In a normal rainfall, raindrops six millimeters (smaller than a pencil eraser) in diameter hit the ground at 20 miles per hour. The cumulative impact of millions of raindrops hitting the ground in a hard-hitting spring storm rainfall can be incredible, dislodging soil particles and “splashing” them up to 3-5 feet away. The rate of erosion may be very slow to very rapid, depending on the soil, the local landscape and weather conditions. Loss of topsoil changes the capacity of the soil to function and restricts its ability to sustain future uses. The splashed particles clog soil pores, effectively sealing off the soil surface and leading to poor water infiltration. Instead of soaking into the soil, rainwater collects and moves down-slope in sheet or rill erosion, forming gullies and carrying soil particles.

Heavy rain in such an intensity that causes significant property and soil damage is an opportunity to examine what can be done differently to minimize soil erosion. In times of such heavy rains in the magnitude of “floods” regardless of the residue cover or the conservation practices, the amount of water received by the soil will exceed its absorption capacity. However, the good news is that soils with better residue cover and no-tillage have advantages over those that are tilled frequently. Conservation waterways or filter strips can be a secondary line of defense, but spend some time on checking for damages. Extensive rain can cause significant damage and it is important to make appropriate repairs, even if only temporary.

How can heavy rain damage your home? In addition to flood damage, which can extensively harm your home’s foundation and ruin both interiors and exteriors, heavy rains that don’t cause major flooding can also have an impact. Your home’s foundation is the lowest point in your home and can be damaged by flooding, cracks and soil erosion. Even a small leak can allow a large amount of water to enter the home during a rainstorm. Good working gutters and downspouts can help reduce the impacts on siding and ensure water doesn’t pool near the home, which can also damage your foundation. Make sure they are cleaned regularly, once in spring and fall is best. When it is raining, check your downspouts and make sure they direct water flow away from the home. If you live in the country and your downspouts hook into a field tile, clear any debris or tree roots that may impede water flow to the outlet.



## Pesky, nasty, stinky . . . WEEDS

How would you define a weed, besides *NOT WANTED*? Generally, but not always, weeds are hard to eliminate. To farmers, corn in a soybean field is a weed; to gardeners, last year's tomatoes sprouting in the green bean patch can be called a weed. Whatever your definition, a weed is simply a plant growing out of place. *SO . . .* What can you do about these pesky plants that grow where you don't want them?

First, consider prevention. Removing undesirable plants before they flower and develop seeds will reduce the number of weed seeds added to your yard or garden. Most weeds produce a huge number of seeds. When adding mulch or compost to your garden, be sure that it is weed free. Old weedy hay may be a cheap source of mulch, but it could add unwanted weed seeds that you have to deal with in future years. While hot composting may kill many seeds, cold composting may not. Remember too, that many seeds lie dormant in the soil for years, so prevention will not guarantee a weed free yard or garden.

Secondly, consider control methods. Mulching is effective in preventing weeds from growing in gardens or flower beds. Mulch smothers weeds by depriving them of sunlight. Organic mulches such as grass clippings or compost are effective in improving the garden soil by increasing the amount of organic matter. Wood chips can deplete soil nitrogen unless fertilizer is added. To be effective, mulches should be applied several inches thick — additional mulch may be needed later in the growing season.

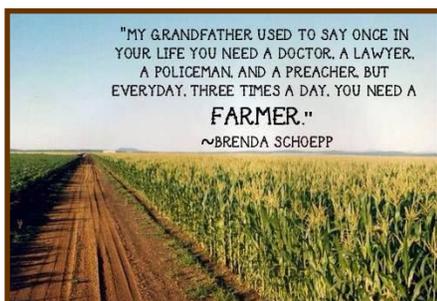


If weeds still poke through the mulch or grow in your lawn, try elimination. Depending on the type and number of weeds, various approaches can be used. Many weeds can be removed effectively and safely by physical control methods such as hoeing or pulling. This usually works for a few dandelions or in a vegetable gardens when weeds are small. Usually, they are easy to pull when mulch is used.

The last method is chemical control. For some hard to destroy or creeping types of weeds, this can be the only way to get rid of them. When using chemicals, follow directions carefully. If the chemical is misused, drifts in the wind or washes into storm sewers, it could cause death or injury to desirable plants as well as to pets, wildlife or people.

If all else fails, live with them! The weed free perfect lawn is a relatively recent phenomenon. Sometimes the effort needed to maintain a "showcase" weed free lawn is more trouble that it's worth. With the widespread use of bluegrass and the application of broadleaf weed killers routinely applied to many yards, no wonder it is increasingly difficult to find the proverbial four-leaf clover!

~Backyard Conservation~NRCS



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 5th— office closed to observe the 4th

Aug 1st thru Aug 7th — County FAIR

Aug 17th—Annual Meeting—St Joe Parish

Sept 6th — Labor Day —office closed

Oct 11th—Columbus Day—office closed

Nov 7th—Time Change

Nov 11th—Veterans Day—office closed

Nov 25th—Thanksgiving—office closed

Dec 24th—Christmas—office closed

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*Meet our newest employee!*

### DUSTIN GRIESHOP

Started working for our office in January as a District Technician. Grew up in Maria Stein and attended Marion Local School. Currently resides in Versailles and farms around 595 acres with his grandpa. He came to Soil and Water office because he enjoys the conservation side of things: protecting our Natural Resources is very important today, wants the tradition to continue for many more years!



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## WHY HAVE A WILL?

A will is the basis of an estate plan and often the most important estate planning tool. Anyone over 18 can/should have a will so that he or she can decide who gets their property/possessions, rather than the state deciding. A will provides for disposition of property after death, and it appoints an executor and successor executor.



A will can . . . Appoint guardians if minor children are present, appoint guardians for property management of minor children, create a trust or life estate, waive the requirement of the executor to post bond, name the assumed order of death in the event of a simultaneous death of spouses and/or children, name alternative distribution of property in case a named beneficiary chooses not to accept property or if beneficiary predeceased the person making the will, states specifically the powers granted to the executor.

The legal aspects of a will are as follows: can be created by anyone 18 or older; must be in writing and signed at the end by the person creating the will and signed by two witnesses who are not beneficiaries under the will; must declare the will is his or her last will and testament in the presence of the witnesses then sign to that effect at the end of the will; at the beginning should state this is the last will of the testator; not marked up or corrected—could be invalid; dated so it can be determined which one is current, if there are several; should be reviewed every few years incase things change; some forms of property ownership and certain rights given by law override provisions in a will—surviving spouse can claim a share as he or she would have received if there had been no will.

Ohio Statute of distribution without a will . . . Every state has laws to distribute property when a person dies without a will. If no will is present, the probate court appoints an administrator to the administer the estate. This person acts in a manner similar to the executor of a will. With no will, property is distributed according to Ohio statute. There are lots of scenarios for dividing the property between surviving family members, but if there are no next of kin located, the property of the deceased goes to the State of Ohio. Without a will, distribution is carried out regardless of the preferences of loved ones or heirs and it might not be what the deceased would have preferred.

Power of Attorney for health care decisions: in Ohio, several documents can be created that allow a person to convey to physicians and/or hospitals the wishes of a patient in the event that they become incompetent. Therefore, a durable power of attorney for health care can be used to designate the specific person(s) to make health care decisions in the event of incompetency, so the State does not designate a person who may not know what the person may have preferred.

Living Wills: Concerning life termination decisions, some have concerns about being kept in a vegetable state, with no chance for recovery, while their estate is being consumed by medical expenses. A person can create a living will to allow physicians to carry out his or wishes of life termination in the event of being permanently unconscious or having a terminal illness. The living will must be executed while the person is competent to voluntarily declare intentions and it must be dated and witnessed. Some people are uncomfortable signing a living will because it places authority in the hand of the doctors rather than family members. Most people sign both documents (POA for health care and a living will) because they do not want to burden family members during a stressful time.

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

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



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