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Van Wert Ag Banquet to be held on August 2, 2022

The Van Wert Ag Banquet has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 2 at Life House Church, 719 Fox Road, Van Wert. The Van Wert SWCD and Farm Bureau are co-hosting this event which replaces our separate annual meetings. The evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with registration and election for two SWCD supervisors to the five member Board of Supervisors.

Dinner will be catered by More To Love Catering and will begin at 6:00 pm.

Both offices will present awards followed by the “*Van Wert Ag Hall of Fame*” award!

This year’s award is being awarded to George Ropp.

Sarah Noggle will be our guest

speaker addressing Mental Health in Ohio.

Tickets are \$5 and are available from the SWCD office. Deadline to purchase tickets is **July 25**.



Supervisor Election Notice

The Van Wert SWCD will hold an election for District Board of Supervisors at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, at Life House Church, 719 Fox Road, Van Wert, OH.

Two members will be elected for a three year term of office. County residents and landowners have three options for casting a ballot.

1. Contact the office in writing requesting an absentee ballot.

2. Cast a ballot at the District office by 4:00 p.m. August 2.
3. Cast a ballot at the Annual Meeting from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

To be eligible to vote, you must be of legal voting age (18 years) and reside or own land within the District. Van Wert SWCD is a legal subdivision of state government that provides natural resource management assistance to county land-

owners and other units of local government. The District is funded by the Van Wert County Commissioners and county funds are supplemented by funding from the Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation. The District is governed by a five member board of county residents.

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Special points of interest:

- ❖ Mark your calendar and plan to attend the SWCD / Farm Bureau Ag Banquet Tuesday, August 2
- ❖ SWCD election candidates have been chosen!

The Van Wert SWCD and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees and applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender, identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department.

Board of Supervisors

Craig Pohlman, Chairman
Kris Young, Vice-Chair
Darryl Ricketts, Secretary
Dave Kemler, Fiscal Agent
Elliot Callow, Youth & Publicity

SWCD Staff

Becky Dowler, Office Manager
Seth Owens, District Technician
Kady Fuhrmann, Special Program Tech.
Tammy Campbell, Education Coord.

NRCS Staff

Ken Kottenbrock, District Conservationist
Tinina Hale, Civil Engineer
Noel Morris, Soil Conservation Tech

Events Calendar

- July 4 Office Closed—Independence Day
- July 4-Aug. 2 Election Period
- July 13 SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
- August 2 SWCD / Farm Bureau Ag Banquet
- August 10 SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
- Sept. 5 Office Closed—Labor Day
- Sept 14 SWCD Board Meeting—8 AM
- Sept 27 & 29 Cows and Plows

The SWCD Board of Supervisors monthly meeting is held the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. in the SWCD office.

SWCD Scholarship Awarded

Each year the Van Wert SWCD awards a scholarship to an individual furthering their education in an agricultural/environmental field of study. The amount given this year was \$1,000.

This year the Board chose Jayden Black as the recipient of the 2021-22 SWCD Scholarship. Jayden is a 2018 graduate of Parkway Highschool and is currently attending The Ohio State University.

In the Fall of this year, Jayden

will be heading back to The Ohio State University to begin his masters degree in plant pathology (disease management). During his time at school, he plans to work in extension outreach and education, field crop inspection and plant breeding endeavors. After completion of his degree, he plans to work as a pathologist in combating disease pressures on crops.

Congratulations Jayden!



SWCD Poster Contest Winners

The District recently held a poster contest for students K-12. The topic for 2022 was titled "Healthy Soil : Healthy Life" Tammy Campbell, Education Coordinator congratulated the winners and presented certificates.

These entries will be forwarded on to the State Poster Contest which is held during the summer of 2022. Posters selected from the State Contest will be forwarded on to the National Poster Contest. Thank you to everyone who participated!



4th grader Gia Coleman, Van Wert Elememntary



1st grader Hadley Sauer, St. Mary's



2nd grader Hunter Burley, St. Mary's

H2Ohio Update

Summer is in full swing, which means H2Ohio can officially begin making 2022 crop year payments! The first set of payments can be approved to anyone enrolled in the phosphorus application or placement practices once ALL the verification requirements are fulfilled. I do my best to send out information of reminders and new updates to the program. If you are not receiving my monthly letters or remind texts, please let me know and I can add you to my mailing list.

Updates for 2022:

The most recent update to the program is regarding the cover crop and manure program. The deadline to have manure incorporated and cover crops seeded is **November 1st**.

Producers using Bin Run Seed MUST submit samples for noxious weed seed testing PRIOR to seeding the cover crop. The cover crop will not be approved to plant until it has been cleared of any noxious weed seed.

Kady Fuhrmann

New Incentive payment practice:

Any producer that decides to inter-seed cover crops by **September 30th** will receive an additional \$10 an acre. You must enroll for this practice by **August 1st!**

For more information about the new updates or H2ohio please contact Kady Fuhrmann.

Meet the Candidates



Craig Pohlman and wife Sheila reside in York Township. He is part of a family farming operation with his father. They attend St. John's Catholic Church. He is a member of the Farm Bureau and is a volunteer for 4-H. He has served as a Supervisor for the SWCD Board for 5 three year terms and is seeking re-election.



Kris Young and wife, Michele, reside in Harrison Township. They have 4 children. He is part of a family farming / sheep operation with his father. The Young's attend Praise Point Church in Willshire. He is a Farm Bureau Board Trustee for Van Wert County and works for Williamson Crop Insurance. Kris has served as a Supervisor for the SWCD Board for 1 three year term and is seeking re-election.



Ryan Mohr is a 5th generation farmer whose crop production is corn, soybeans, and wheat. Farming alongside his grandfather and uncles, the family farm operation includes; strip-till, no-till, and cover crops. Ryan is a 2010 Lincolnview graduate and obtained his associates degree in Agribusiness from the University of Northwest Ohio. Ryan's interest in obtaining a position on the board is to become more involved in the community and hopes to help make decisions that will improve the family farms here in Van Wert County.



Travis Owens is a lifelong resident of Van Wert County, where he works on his family's generational grain and livestock farm. Travis believes it is crucial to our community's future to continuously develop our local agriculture and natural resources through education and preservation. Travis is an active member of the Farm Bureau Board (3 years), works at Central Mutual Insurance (14 years), and volunteers at Life House Church in Van Wert. In his free time, Travis can be found enjoying quality time with his wife and three children.