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Union Soil & Water Conservation District to hold their **79th Annual Meeting**



Union Soil and Water Conservation District 79th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at the Der Dutchman Restaurant, 445 South Jefferson Avenue in Plain City.

There are a variety of things planned for the evening. The term of the current Supervisor, Matt Staley, will expire on December 31, 2024. An election for one supervisor will be held before the meal and run from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Candidates are Cat Hufnagle and Larry Morris.

The buffet meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 7:30 p.m. featuring Emily Mullen of The Mullen Dairy & Creamery.

Banquet Tickets are \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children ages 3 - 12.

To purchase tickets, contact Sherry at (937) 642-5871 ext. 2221 or by email at smaisenbacher@unioncountyohio.gov by July 30, 2024.

**2024 Fall Fingerling Sale pickup is October 1, 2024.
Order form and Descriptions are include in this edition.**

Meet the Candidates

Cat Hufnagle



Catherine has lived in Allen Center Township since 2009 with her husband, John, and is a mother of 4 children and grandmother of six. Catherine was born and raised on a farm in Sunbury, Ohio, and she has a degree in Agriculture Finance from The Ohio State University. Catherine and her husband John enjoy their 22 acres of land which includes 19 acres of trees.

Her father was raised on a farm in Lewis Center that was owned by her Mother's grandfather and is now part of the Alum Creek Dam. My parents farmed in Delaware County for 65 years. So, soil and conservation have been a part of Catherine's entire life. John and Catherine have been working with a forester who developed a plan for the forest they are managing on their property. Conservation of land is very important to both Catherine and John.

Currently retired, Catherine owned and operated an insurance agency in Marysville, Ohio.

Catherine received her Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from The Ohio State University and a Master's Degree in Human Resource Management from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

Catherine is an avid quilter, backpacker, biker, and a National Ski Patroller at Mad River Mountain for 20 years. Catherine enjoys working in her herb, flower, and vegetable gardens, keeping up with her extended family. She looks forward to the opportunity to serve the Union SWCD to preserve and protect our resources in Union County.

Larry Morris



Larry Morris is a native of New Carlisle and currently resides in Milford Center. He has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Malone University and a master's degree in Educational Leadership from Wright State University.

A retired teacher with 34 years in public education, Larry worked 31 years with Fairbanks Local Schools. He and his wife Regina have resided in Union County for 30 years and are the parents of three children, all Fairbanks graduates, and grandparents to five. Larry managed a Union County junior golf program for 19 years and currently serves as the tournament manager for boys/girls high school golf in the OHSAA central district. Outdoor sports and turf management were learned experiences along the way.

"Living in the Darby watershed, I have an appreciation for the agricultural community and how it relates to the preservation of our county ecosystem," said Morris. "If elected, I pledge to enter this position barefoot, not try to fill anyone's shoes, and serve Union County Soil and Water responsibly."

Union SWCD 37th Annual Fingerling Sale

Return order and payment by September 24, 2024

Important Reminders to Customers:

Arrive at 18000 ST RT 4 N for fish Pick-up on October 1, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

Bring enough containers to hold the purchased fish. Five-gallon buckets work well.

Each container must have an unscented 30-gallon trash bag filled with your pond water, **one-third full**.

THE BAGS ARE NECESSARY TO HOLD OXYGEN TO KEEP THE FISH ALIVE DURING TRANSPORT.

Do not use a lid; use a twist tie or twine to close the bag.

General rule of thumb: 1 container per 100 small fish, 1 container per 1,000 minnows, 1 container per 5 amurs.

Stocking Guidelines for a one-acre pond are: 100 largemouth bass, 500 bluegills, 100 channel catfish, and 5-10 white amur if needed.

NO REFUNDS! Fish are guaranteed to arrive in good condition; however, we do not guarantee survival after you have stocked them in your pond.

If you have questions, call our office at (937) 642-5871, option 4, on the automated menu.

Species (size)	Benefit	Qty.	Price + Tax	Item Cost	Item Total
Large Mouth Bass (2" to 3")	Recreational/ Predator		\$1.39 + \$0.11	\$1.50 ea.	
Bluegill (2" to 4")	Recreational Fishing		\$1.17 + \$0.08	\$1.25 ea.	
Channel Catfish (4" to 5")	Recreation/Bottom Feeder		\$1.17 + \$0.08	\$1.25 ea.	
Hybrid Bluegill (2" to 4")	Recreational Fishing		\$1.17 + \$0.08	\$1.25 ea.	
Red Ear Shellcracker (2" to 4")	Eats snails from pond		\$1.17 + \$0.08	\$1.25 ea.	
Fathead Minnows (1" to 3")	Recreational Fishing		\$9.35 / \$0.65	\$10.00 / 100	
White Amur (8" to 10")	Aquatic Weed Control		\$14.95 + \$1.05	\$16.00	
Yellow Perch (2" to 3")	Recreational Fishing		\$1.17 + \$0.08	\$1.25 ea.	
Order Total					

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Payment must accompany orders!

Make Checks Payable to:

Union SWCD

Mail to: 18000 State Route 4, Suite D

Marysville, OH 43040

Pick-up October 1, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

OFFICE USE:

Date Paid: _____

Cash / Check

Check # _____

Receipt # _____

Descriptions of Fingerlings

Largemouth Bass

IDENTIFICATION: The back part of the jaw extends beyond the back border of the eye when the mouth is closed. A dark lateral band extends from head to tail. Smallmouth bass are similar in appearance, but the upper jaw does not extend beyond the back border of the eye when the mouth is closed. Spotted bass have a dark spot on the gill cover and spots or dark streaks on the lower side of the body. All spotted bass will have a patch of teeth on their tongue, whereas very few largemouth bass have these tooth patches. **FISHING TIPS:** Largemouth bass can be caught on a wide variety of natural and artificial baits using casting, spinning, and fly fishing gear. The best time to fish for bass is May, June, and July. **ADULT SIZE:** Normally 12-15 inches and weigh 1-3 pounds, but can reach over 25 inches and 13 pounds. **FOOD:** Adults eat crayfish, frogs, large insects, and fish. **SPAWNING:** From mid-April to mid-June, they construct nests near shore in water from 1-15 feet deep. They prefer silt-free sandy or gravelly bottoms, but they will use any type of bottom. **RANGE AND HABITAT:** Largemouth bass are found in ponds, lakes, and slow sluggish streams in every county in Ohio.

Source: [SPORT FISH OF OHIO identification DIVISION OF WILDLIFE](#)

Bluegill

IDENTIFICATION: A deep slab-sided fish with a small mouth and a long pectoral fin. Colors vary, however, the ear flap is always black, and bluegills often have a black blotch near the end of the soft dorsal fin. **FISHING TIPS:** Live or natural bait such as red worms, insects, or wax worms on a small (#8 or #10) hook are productive. Fly fishing is also popular. **ADULT SIZE:** Normally 6-10 inches, depending on habitat and population. **FOOD:** Insects, insect larvae, small fish, and fish eggs. **SPAWNING:** Peak spawning in Ohio occurs from mid-May to mid-June when water temperatures are 65-70°F. Nests are usually built in water 1-4 feet deep on sand or gravel bottoms, or other bottom substrates, even in heavily vegetated areas. Bluegill typically builds nests in large groups or beds. Males select an area and sweep out a saucer-shaped nest with their tails. The females then lay between 10,000 to 60,000 eggs in the nest, which are guarded by the male. The eggs usually hatch in about five days. **RANGE AND HABITAT:** Common throughout Ohio, but they prefer clear ponds and lakes with rooted vegetation.

Source: [SPORT FISH OF OHIO identification DIVISION OF WILDLIFE](#)

Channel Catfish

IDENTIFICATION: Channel catfish are scaleless and have slender bodies, deeply forked tails, barbels around the mouth, and curved anal fins with 24-30 rays. Color varies, but is generally bluish-silver on the upper half of the body and silver to white on the lower half. Most young fish have spots on the body. They have sharp spines in the dorsal and pectoral fins. Some anglers mistakenly call channel catfish with few or no spots blue catfish, but blue catfish are found only in the Ohio River. **FISHING TIPS:** Channel catfish feed on or near the bottom. Nightcrawlers, shrimp, crayfish, chicken livers, and minnows are effective. Spinning or casting tackle with a sinker heavy enough to keep the bait on the bottom is commonly used. A good time to catch channel catfish is after a hard rain when the water is on the rise. **ADULT SIZE:** Most range from 12-14 inches. Can reach 10 pounds or more, especially in large river systems and productive lakes. **FOOD:** Insect larvae, crayfish, mollusks, and small fish **SPAWNING:** Begins when water temperatures reach the mid-70s. Nests are secluded in natural cavities, banks, and burrows. **RANGE AND HABITAT:** Channel catfish are common in most large streams and lakes throughout Ohio. They are found in greatest numbers in areas with deep water, clean gravel and boulder substrates, and low to moderate currents.

Source: [SPORT FISH OF OHIO identification DIVISION OF WILDLIFE](#)

Hybrid Bluegill

Hybrid bluegill/sunfish are among the most publicized and promoted sunfish in the nation. Hybrids are a cross between female green sunfish and male bluegill. We recommend them for ponds smaller than one-acre. Hybrids are great for small ponds with a goal to grow 1-pound sunfish-fast. They are not a forage species and should not be stocked in lakes managed for bass. Hybrids outcompete bluegill because their mouth is five times larger than a bluegill. Bigger mouth, bigger meals. They definitely have an advantage over bluegill, especially in new ponds. They cohabitate well with channel catfish. For long-term success, restock every few years.

Source: <https://americansportfish.com/hybrid-bluegill-good-choice-for-small-ponds/>

Descriptions of Fingerlings

Red ear (Shellcracker)

IDENTIFICATION: A deep slab-sided fish similar to the bluegill, except the ear flap, is black with a red or orange margin; a black blotch at the base of the dorsal fin is absent. **FISHING TIPS:** Most often caught with live baits such as red worms or wax worms fished on a small hook in the spring. Males are especially easy to catch during the spring when they aggressively guard spawning nests along the shoreline. Small spinners and flies can also be successful. After spawning they move to deeper water near stumps or weed beds. **ADULT SIZE:** Normally 9 - 11 inches **FOOD:** Snails and other mollusks, crayfish, insects and insect larvae, and small fish. Their habit of eating snails led to the name "shellcracker." With a preferred diet of snails, redear sunfish use specially modified teeth in the throat that allow them to crush a mollusk shell and extract the snail. **SPAWNING:** Usually during mid-May through June when water temperatures are 65° - 75°F. Preferred spawning locations are 1 - 4 feet of water with sand or gravel bottoms, or on any other bottom substrates and in deeper water. **RANGE AND HABITAT:** Not native to Ohio; stocked in small lakes and ponds throughout Ohio. Found primarily in clear, warm, waters with vegetation. Their attraction to submerged stumps has led to the name "stumpknocker." Not as common as bluegills.

Source: [SPORT FISH OF OHIO identification DIVISION OF WILDLIFE](#)

Fathead Minnows

Fatheads are found in small creeks, especially in muddy ones, and in ponds and small lakes, mainly in western Ohio. They are one of the most commonly used bait minnows in Ohio. Fatheads are propagated and sold at bait stores throughout the state. Fatheads grow to about 3 inches. Fathead minnows are not only good live bait but are also beneficial in providing forage (food) in newly stocked bass-bluegill ponds. These minnows begin spawning during the early spring, often several months before the bluegill spawn, and provide a valuable food source for small bass fingerlings. Fatheads can increase the growth rate of bass during their first year of life.

Source: [SPORT FISH OF OHIO identification DIVISION OF WILDLIFE](#)

White Amur

White Amur, also known as Grass Carp. The Amur is a true example of a herbivorous fish, surviving on nothing but plant matter alone. These fish grow very rapidly with adults reaching nearly 4 ft in length and weighing up to 75 lbs. They live an average of 12-15 years.

The very reason that you want grass carp in your pond makes them harmful to wild habitats. They remove large amounts of aquatic vegetation which our native fish, waterfowl, and other creatures need to survive.

Never release unwanted grass carp into natural water bodies.

Sources: <https://fwfarms.com/white-amur/> and <https://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/products/vfy97/be-a-responsible-grass-carp-owner>

Yellow Perch

IDENTIFICATION: Sides are golden yellow to brassy green with 6 to 8 broad, dark vertical bands and a white to yellow belly. Many small teeth, but no large canines. **FISHING TIPS:** Best angling occurs in spring near shore and in the fall through winter at various depths using spreaders with minnows, shiners, worms, or cut bait fished near the bottom. Ice fishing often produces some of the best catch rates for yellow perch. **ADULT SIZE:** Normally 5-12 inches and weigh 1/4 - 1 pound; can exceed 2 pounds **FOOD:** Adult aquatic insects and larvae, and small fishes. **SPAWNING:** Occurs from mid-April to early May. Eggs are deposited in adhesive bands over vegetation or on the bottom with no care given by the parents. **RANGE AND HABITAT:** Native to Ohio, yellow perch are found in Lake Erie and impoundments, ponds, and slow-moving rivers throughout Ohio. Yellow perch prefer clear water with moderate vegetation and sand or gravel on the bottom.

Source: [SPORT FISH OF OHIO identification DIVISION OF WILDLIFE](#)

Don Cook Memorial Scholarship

Congratulation to our 2024 recipients!

Anna Headings

Cory Meyer

John Heffelfinger

Sophia Cramer

Each recipient received a \$80 4-H camp scholarship sponsored by Cook Real Estate, Dean Cook Insurance, and Union SWCD.

Union SWCD 79th Annual Election

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Union Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within the Union Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor.

There are (3) three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. At the SWCD office, 18000 State Route 4, Suite D, Maryville, OH 43040, from July 9, 2024 until August 7, 2024. during regular business hours or
2. At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at Der Dutchman 445 Jefferson Ave, Plain City, OH 43064, on August 7, 2024. 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; or
3. Voting absentee from July 9, 2024, until August 7, 2024, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the Union SWCD office at the following address, 18000 State Route 4, Suite D, Maryville, OH 43040, by calling (937) 642-5871 Ext. 2221. email smaisenbacher@unioncountyohio.gov Absentee ballots must be in the SWCD office by 8/6/2023 at 4:30 p.m.

One supervisor will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027.

Nominees

Cat Hufnagle

Larry Morris

2024 Affiliate Members

Diamond Memberships



Platinum Memberships



YOUR SUCCESS *Our Passion.*



Gold Memberships



Silver Memberships



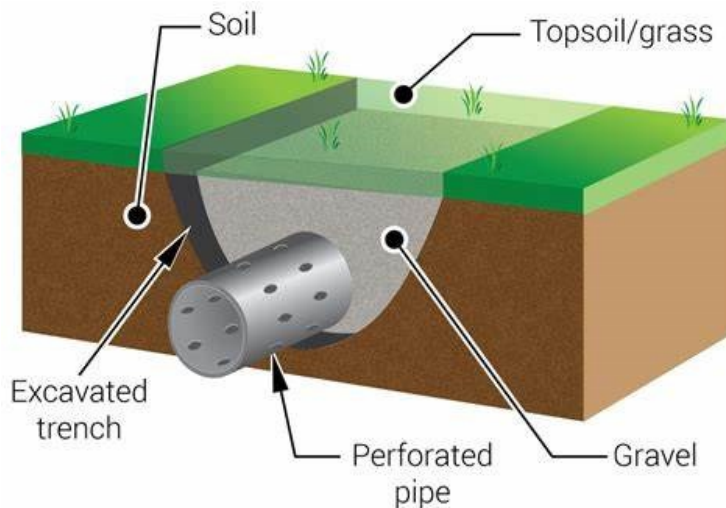
Technical Trivia: French Drains

Covering conservation and drainage topics on a quarterly basis.

What is it? A French drain is a trench that is backfilled with gravel which carries water to an outlet from a higher elevation. In most cases, a perforated pipe is also placed in the trench (underneath the gravel) in order to facilitate the flow of water.

French drains are a common home drainage solution for wet spots and other water-related problems. Some places where you might expect to see them are:

- At the base of a gutter downspout to collect runoff
- Draining low spots in a yard that collect water and stay wet



Basic diagram of a French drain



Installation of a French drain

Many professionals offer French drain installation but it may not be necessary in all cases to hire out the work. The process of installing a French drain is relatively simple and inexpensive, and a quick search online yields step-by-step installation guides and other resources available to the public.

French drains are versatile and have many applications. If you have questions or want to learn more, feel free to contact us!

Up the Crick...

Using resources today, conserving for tomorrow.
Joseph Grove, Urban Technician - jgrove@unioncountyohio.gov



Rainwater Harvesting

Rainwater harvesting is the practice of collecting and storing rainwater instead of letting it run off. In urban environments, this can be beneficial for several reasons:

1. Urban water supplies often struggle to meet the needs of growing populations. While this is especially true in areas suffering from droughts or water shortages, even Union County isn't entirely immune to such issues. In the summer of 2022, a period of heavy water use combined with an aging water plant led Marysville to temporarily restrict outdoor water use for fear that demand would outpace available supplies. By harvesting rainwater, cities can supplement their water supplies in a sustainable way and individuals can decrease their water bills.
2. The extra water from runoff can lead to flooding in urban areas and can also contribute to the erosion of stream channels. In cities with combined sewers, runoff can also overload sewer lines, causing sewage backups into local waterways. By harvesting rainwater, the amount of runoff is reduced. This mitigates flooding and erosion while decreasing the risk of combined sewer overflows.
3. Harvested rainwater can be used for various non-potable purposes such as irrigation, toilet flushing, washing cars, cleaning streets, etc. This not only saves water, but also reduces energy consumption, since treating and pumping water require considerable amounts of energy.

Rainwater harvesting systems can be implemented at many different scales.

At larger scales, water conscious developers have installed cisterns that store runoff from an entire development. This water is then pumped out to use for non-potable purposes.

At an individual level, rain barrels can be used to capture rainwater from a single roof. Hoses can then be hooked to these barrels, with gravity providing the water pressure.

Whether on a larger or smaller scale, rainwater harvesting is not only becoming more common, but also helping to conserve water resources and protect our riparian ecosystems.

Wild About Wildlife

Brent Nickel, Union SWCD Wildlife Specialist.
brent.nickel@unioncountyohio.gov

Summer Wildlife and Habitat Interests

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

Come join us for FREE Kids outdoor activities on
Saturday Sept. 28 from 9 - Noon
at the Heart of Ohio Fishing Club.

Usual activities include an archery range, trap shooting,
"Passport to Fishing" Instruction, Sling Shot Range,
Habitat and Trapping Displays.

LUNCH and REFRESHMENTS will be provided.
Share the Great Outdoors with a young person
and reap the benefits for years to come.

SHARE YOUR LOVE FOR THE OUTDOORS TAKE A KID HUNTING

Hunting season is just around the corner and there's no
time like the present to get a kid involved in the outdoor
sports. Now's the time to start thinking about getting into
that Hunter's Education Class.

The Division of Wildlife offers three types of certification
courses; instructor-led training, home study courses, and
proficiency testing for those 18 and older.

Best of all; It's FREE!

For more information about when and where these
classes are available, see the web page below:

[https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/
hunter-education/hunter-education](https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/education-training/hunter-education/hunter-education)

TALLGRASS TRUTHS - REVEALED!

Native Warm Season Grasses in Summer...

Right now, Native Warm Season Grasses are thriving and
maximizing their growth. One can almost hear them growing.

For USDA grassland practice contracts,
the annual Ground Nesting & Brood-rearing Season began on
March 1st and runs through **July 15th**.

All mowing is prohibited during this period of nesting, egg-laying,
brooding, nestling development, and fledging of grassland birds.

August is a great time to mow any **Cool Season Grass Fire
Breaks** that may be associated with the Tallgrass contracts.
These borders need to be mowed annually-even if a prescribed
burn is not planned.

It is the unintentional wild fire that annual border mowing will
help deter.

Check with the Farm Service Agency and/ or the Natural
Resource Conservation Service office before mowing to be sure
that your contract allows annual maintenance mowing.

What's In-Season

Hunting Regulations:

[https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-
conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/hunting-trapping](https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/about-ODNR/wildlife/hunting-trapping)

Fishing Regulations:

[https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/
fishing-resources](https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/fishing-resources)

"Hunting With Permission" forms and
Hunting Regulations and **Fishing Regulations**
are available at our office.

The Division of Wildlife has an "APP" for that!

[https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/
hunting-resources/huntfishoh-mobile-app](https://ohiodnr.gov/buy-and-apply/hunting-fishing-boating/hunting-resources/huntfishoh-mobile-app)

Get the APP and do all of your Division of Wildlife
business right from your phone! Don't forget to update
your APP on an annual basis for updated hunting and
fishing regulations!

TICKS IN OHIO

Tick season is here and you should
take the time to learn about Ohio's tick species and how
to protect yourself. American Dog Ticks, Blacklegged
ticks and Lone star Ticks can all pose a threat to
outdoorsmen and women.

Read More About Ohio's Ticks Here:

[https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-
conservation/recreational-safety/ticks-in-ohio](https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/safety-conservation/recreational-safety/ticks-in-ohio)

DON'T FORGET YOUR BEST FRIEND

Designated dog training areas are located on portions of
the Berlin, Caesar Creek, Delaware, Fallsville,
Indian Creek, Killdeer Plains, Lake La Su An, Oxbow,
Resthaven, Rush Run, Spencer, Tri-Valley
and East Fork wildlife areas.

Dogs may not be trained or exercised on state public
hunting areas from **May 1 through August 31**, except on
these designated dog training areas.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO PONDER!

Except for fishless ponds and those pond owners
capable of executing precision applications, the window of
opportunity to treat aquatic vegetation with prescribed
herbicides **has closed** for another year!

It becomes just too risky to treat warm pond water which
is supporting robust plant growth.

Summer applications may result in fish kills.
If you are still looking to control algae and floating weeds,
it's time to get your rake out and manually remove the
offending aquatic culprits.

Injured—or what appears to be Helpless Wildlife?

Call or contact the **Ohio Wildlife Center** – 614-793-WILD (9453) – then follow their every instruction!

<http://www.ohiowildlifecenter.org>

"Humans are often wildlife's last hope for survival – not necessarily their best hope."

Marysville Field Office welcomes new employees

Union SWCD Natural Resource Intern, Samantha Wright



Samantha is from Marysville, Ohio and will be entering my sophomore year of college in the fall. I attend Ohio Northern University and am majoring in Environmental and Field Biology. My current role is to shadow my coworkers, learn how to complete surveys, and learn the basics of CAD and GIS. I also go out into the field as needed. I am hoping to work more in conservation throughout my education, and get a job in marine conservation. This internship has been vital in teaching me the importance of working with the public in this profession, and how technical skills are mandatory to work in this field.

Pheasants Forever Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist, Anna Nott

Anna is the newest Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist with Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, a position made possible in partnership with NRCS and the Ohio DOW. She serves Union, Madison, Clark, Champaign & Logan Counties. Anna is a recent graduate from Tarleton State University in Texas where she received her bachelor's degree in Wildlife Sustainability and Ecosystem Sciences. Before taking on this position she was an Undergraduate Researcher for Tarleton and Texas A&M universities conducting research in Botswana, Africa on human-wildlife conflict. Anna is a Marysville, Ohio native where she grew up and attended Triad Highschool. Beyond work, she enjoys training horses and anything outdoors. She is extremely passionate about wildlife conservation and grateful for the opportunity to serve landowners in her home counties.



Marysville Field Office welcomes new employees

NRCS Soil Conservationist Sierah Geldbaugh



Sierah is originally from Bellbrook, OH. She started in Shelby County at the Sidney Natural Resources Conservation Service as a summer intern and extended that internship through the school year. Sierah graduated Wright State University Lake Campus with a Bachelors in Technical and Applied Studies, Agriculture Concentration in April 24'. This summer she'll be transitioning from an intern position to a Soil Conservationist with the Marysville NRCS Office. Sierah loves going to concerts, kayaking, and crocheting.

NRCS - ACES, Brent Smith

Brent Smith is a contract employee working for NRCS assisting with administrative functions of the office. He retired from Pleasant Valley Joint Fire District in Plain City, OH in 2017 and served as Battalion Chief for the 6 years prior to retirement. He was a firefighter/EMT for them for the 27 years prior. He is a member of the local masonic lodge and is currently the President of the Union County Shrine Club. He and his wife, Rae Ann, spend many hours supporting their children and grandchildren



Drainage Maintenance Update

Drainage Maintenance crews will be out and about spraying cattails, invasive plants, and brush alongside ditches and basins. This summer, our crews will mow the northern ditches and spray the southern ditches



For any drainage related questions Please contact our office Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the contact information listed below.

Joe Eads

Drainage Maintenance Supervisor

18000 State Route 4, Ste. D

Marysville, OH 43040

937-209-2236

jeads@unioncountyohio.gov

<https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/USWCD>

Upcoming Events / Office Closures:

July 4, 2024	Holiday: Independence Day - Office Closed
July 11, 2024	Union SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
August 7, 2024	Union SWCD 79th Annual Banquet & Election @ Der Dutchman Plain City, OH
September 2, 2024	Holiday: Labor Day
September 12, 2024	Union SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
September 28, 2024	National Hunting and Fishing Day 9 - Noon - Heart of Ohio on NW Parkway
October 1, 2024	Union SWCD Annual Fingerling Sale, pickup 9:30 a.m. in the back parking lot
October 10, 2024	Union SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
October 14, 2024	Holiday: Columbus Day
November 11, 2024	Holiday: Veterans Day
November 14, 2024	Union SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
November 28 & 29, 2024	Holiday: Thanksgiving Day and for the day after.
December 12, 2024	Union SWCD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
December 24 & 25, 2024	Holiday: Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
December 31, 2024	Holiday: New Year's Eve off @ noon

Would you like to receive our Conservation News by email quarterly?

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Conservation News

STANDARD RATE
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