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You're Invited to join us for our 78th Annual Election & Banquet

**Union Soil and Water Conservation District
will hold its 78th Annual Meeting on
Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at the
Der Dutchman Restaurant,
445 South Jefferson Ave. Plain City, OH.**

There are a variety of things planned for the evening.

The term of the current Supervisors, Randy Trapp and Rick Weigand will expire on December 31, 2023.

An election for two supervisors will be held before the meal and run from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The buffet meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Conservation Presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Banquet Tickets are \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children between the ages of 3-12.
To purchase tickets, contact Sherry Maisenbacher

at (937)642-5871 ext. 2221 or by email
smaisenbacher@unioncountyohio.gov
by July 24, 2023.

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Don Cook Memorial Scholarship

Congratulation to our 2023 recipients!
Brooklyn Coder

Mackenzie Lynn Keemann

Gabe Bertin

Preston Davis

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

Union SWCD 78th Annual Election

The election is to be held on August 2, 2023 from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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

1. At the SWCD office, 18000 State Route 4, Suite D, Marysville, OH 43040, from 7/4/2023 until 8/2/2023 during regular business hours; or
2. At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at the Der Dutchman Restaurant, 445 Jefferson Ave, Plain City, OH 43064, on 8/2/2023 from 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; or
3. Voting absentee from 7/4/2023 until 8/2/2023, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address 18000 State Route 4, Suite D, Marysville, OH 43040, by calling 937-642-5871 ext. 4, or email smaisenbacher@unioncountyohio.gov. The absentee ballots must be received in the SWCD office by 8/2/2023 at 3:00 pm.

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026.

Nominees
Randy Trapp
Rick Weigand

Meet the Candidates

Rick Weigand



Rick owns and operates The Seed Center in Ostrander, Ohio, and has been a Union SWCD district supervisor since January 2015. He has a lifelong commitment to the ecology of the soils, not only in Union County but throughout the Midwest. Investing in the future of soil is the key to sustainable agriculture for generations to come. This year, he is celebrating 36 years of cultivating and creating the building blocks for the success of his companies.

He has implemented and worked with government agencies to create best management practices for agriculture, cover crops, CRP, waterways and pollinators. Rick also supplies the grass seed for hundreds of thousands of acres seeded to turf. The Seed Center has engineered the mixes for pipelines, athletic field complexes, and the Columbus Zoo Africa exhibit. In closing, on behalf of himself, his wife and his sons, Rick would like to thank the neighbors and friends of Union County for their support in his run for Board Supervisor.

Randy Trapp



Randy is a lifelong resident of Union County. Randy, his wife Christine, their son Emerson, and his parents Bud and Jeannie Trapp, grain farm in the west-central part of the county. He has served two terms as Liberty Township Trustee and a term as Assistant Zoning Inspector for Liberty Township before that. Randy is a Twenty-year member of the Northwestern Lions Club, where he served as President and a term as Vice President.

Randy has worked with the District on many projects over the years and was the 2006 Union SWCD Cooperator of the Year. Randy looks forward to learning more about the District and continuing to serve its members.

Local Community Garden Grows More than Plants

Submitted by: Adam Slappy, Soil Conservationist

USDA-NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service) granted the Marysville community funds to start a community garden in the spring of 2022. The garden is located at the Marysville Masonic Lodge on 300 S. Main Street. The funding provided multiple garden tools such as rakes, pruners and shovels. Funding also included 3 raised garden boxes, a 50 ft garden hose, and a bulk order of soil.



This summer is the second season of the garden, and the growth has been impressive. Fruit, vegetables, and herbs are currently planted in 8 raised beds and 5, 10-gallon bags for the potatoes. Kale, collards, spinach, zucchini, various lettuce types, kohlrabi, catnip, oregano, and chamomile have all been harvested already this season. Approximately 92 pounds of food have been donated to the Marysville community so far this season. Community members Erica Shaw and April McMillan wrote the grant request to start the garden. Members from the Anahata Mosaic yoga studio have helped tend to the garden daily.

Tomatoes, peppers, fennel, and cucumbers were planted from seed in March with the help of community partner Anahata Mosaic children's program

(Mosaic Kids). This was a great learning opportunity for the kids to see how something grows from seed to being in the garden box under the sun. Monthly, kids (ages 5-10) have a chance to participate in yoga in the garden while learning about plants. The kids get to see and learn what grows in a garden and the products that come from it. For example, the kids made catnip socks for their furry pets from the dried catnip in the garden. The kids will also get to try eating some of the food produced at the monthly breakfast held at the Masonic Lodge. Support in addition to the grant from NRCS for the garden has come from local non-profit [He Who Laughs; Championing Mental Wellness](#), the [Marysville Masonic Lodge](#), [Anahata Mosaic](#) yoga studio, and many individuals throughout the county. Food is donated throughout the community including the local food bank.

“This community garden is a great act of love for all who are involved.”
-April McMillan

Call the local NRCS office at 937-642-5871 x3 if you are interested in starting a community garden in Union County or would like more information about this one. Funding may again be available this year to help with non-motor equipment, seeds, plants, and other resources necessary. Information on other programs through NRCS can be found at [Farmers.gov](#). USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.



Union SWCD 36th Annual Fingerling Sale

Return order and payment by September 26, 2023

Bring enough containers to hold the purchased fish at the time of pickup. Five-gallon buckets work well. Each container must have an unscented poly liner (30-gallon trash bag) filled with one-third of the customer's pond water. Do not use a lid; use a twist tie or twine to close the bag. THE BAGS ARE NECESSARY TO HOLD OXYGEN TO KEEP THE FISH ALIVE DURING TRANSPORT.

The general rule of thumb: one container per 100 small fish, one container per 1,000 minnows, and one container per 4-5 large fish. Stocking rates vary according to pond size. Guidelines for a one-acre pond are 100 largemouth bass, 500 bluegills, 100 channel catfish, and 5-10 white amur.

Note: NO REFUNDS! Fish are guaranteed to be delivered 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		\$1.16 + \$0.09	\$1.25 ea.	
Bluegill (2" to 4")	Recreational Fishing		\$1.16 + \$0.09	\$1.25 ea.	
Channel Catfish (2" to 5")	Recreation/Bottom Feeder		\$1.16 + \$0.09	\$1.25 ea.	
Hybrid Bluegill (2" to 4")	Recreational Fishing		\$1.16 + \$0.09	\$1.25 ea.	
Red Ear Shellcracker (2" to 4")	Eats snails from pond		\$1.16 + \$0.09	\$1.25 ea.	
Fathead Minnows (1" to 3")	Recreational Fishing		\$9.00 / \$1.00	\$10.00 / 100	
Whit Amur (8" to 10")	Aquatic Weed Control		\$15.12	\$16.00	
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 3, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

OFFICE USE

Date Paid: _____

Cash / Check

Check # _____

Receipt # _____

Descriptions of Fingerlings

Largemouth Bass

The largemouth bass is a popular sport fish. It is native to Ohio and can be found in every county in the state. Largemouth bass have a very large mouth that extends beyond the rear edge of the eye when it is closed. This characteristic distinguishes it from the smallmouth and spotted bass where the back of the mouth does not extend passed the eye. Young largemouth bass do not have an orange tail like juvenile smallmouth and spotted bass. It is typically 15-18 inches and 1-5 pounds, but can reach up to 26 inches and 13 pounds in Ohio.

Source: <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/animals/fish/largemouth-bass>

Bluegill

Bluegill (*Lepomis macrochirus*) are an important and abundant sport fish in the United States. They are also one of the most common species in Ohio and can be found in almost every body of water throughout the state. Larger fish are usually caught in late spring or early summer while they are spawning in large colonies near shore. They are typically 6-10 inches long, but can reach up to 12 inches, and can typically weigh less than one pound, but can weigh up to two pounds.

Source: <https://ohiodnr.gov/discover-and-learn/animals/fish/bluegill-sunfish>

Channel Catfish

The channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*) is a popular sport and food fish. It is active during the night, moving around and finding food after dusk. During the day it will most likely be found in deep water with little activity. The channel catfish, like other catfish, has no scales, a single bony spine in each pectoral fin and the dorsal fin, and 8 barbels around the mouth. They have a deeply forked tail and the upper jaw is longer than the lower jaw. This sport fish typically weighs in at 2-10 pounds, but can reach up to 37 pounds. On average, it measures 15-25 inches in length, but it can get to over 40 inches.

Source: <https://ohiodnr.gov/wps/portal/gov/odnr/discover-and-learn/animals/fish/channel-catfish>

Hybrid Bluegill

Hybrid bluegill/sunfish are among the most publicized and promoted sunfish in the nation. We recommend them for ponds smaller than one-acre. Hybrids are a cross between female green sunfish and male bluegill. When we mention the word hybrid, we automatically think several things. They are not a forage species and should not be stocked in lakes managed for bass. This brightly-colored, greenish panfish has hot-orange rimmed fins, is aggressive, and readily consumes fish food. Hybrids outcompete bluegill because their mouth is five times larger than a bluegill. They cohabitate well with channel catfish. For long-term success, restock every few years.

Source: <https://americansportfish.com/news-updates/hybrid-bluegill-good-choice-for-small-ponds-2018-11-4756>

Redear (Shellcracker)

Redear sunfish, which are kissing cousins to the bluegill, are commonly stocked with bluegill in most new ponds. Redear or shellcracker are typically added at a rate of 5 to 15 percent of the total bream stocked. Redear look different from bluegill, and they also have their own unique behavioral characteristics which we will discuss.

Source: <https://americansportfish.com/fish-stocking-2/redear-shellcracker>

Fathead Minnows

The fathead minnow is a small, olive-colored baitfish that has been used for a century or more as bait for small predator fish such as crappie. They are often called “tuffies” or “tuffie minnows” and are available at live bait stores throughout most of the United States. They are native to central North America and were originally found from Canada to Mexico. Through many decades of use as live bait, they are now found throughout most of the United States.

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 actually increase the growth rate of bass during their first year of life.

Source: <https://americansportfish.com/articles/fathead-minnows-a-great-food-fish-for-new-ponds-2010-12-135>

White Amur

White Amur, also known as Grass Carp, have an average Length of 2-3 feet and an average size of 3-15 pounds, may exceed 40 pounds.

White Amur prefer quiet or slow-moving water in ponds, lakes, pools, canals, and backwaters of large rivers and are a shy, reclusive fish species that prefers to feed while undisturbed. White Amur are easily scared by movement from shore, so keep activity and noise to a minimum and may fish 10 feet from shore.

White Amur (Grass Carp) have a white flaky meat that taste very good.

Source: <https://outdoorsman.guide/white-amur-fishing-guide/>

Up the Crick...

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



How Silva Cells Can Increase the Environmental Benefits of Urban Trees

Today, most cities have beautiful trees lining their streets and neighborhoods. However, because these trees are planted near streets and homes, their roots are often very limited as to where they can spread. This causes these trees to stay small, never reaching their maximum height or canopy size. When trees are given the chance to grow, their environmental benefit increases dramatically. For instance, a study by the USDA Forest Service found that on average, trees with 30 inch diameters removed 70 times more pollution than those with 3 inch diameters. Trees can also aid in stormwater treatment, helping to absorb water and infiltrate it faster. But how can we help trees grow larger and increase these benefits in urban areas?

One answer is through Silva Cells. These rigid plastic cells have top platforms that are sturdy enough to withstand traffic, supported by multiple pillars with spaces in-between them. The bottom of the cell is a root-friendly base with plenty of spaces for tree roots to penetrate into the soil beneath the cell. By filling these cells with uncompacted soil and then placing them beneath sidewalks, parking lots, and streets, trees are able to spread their roots through this open structure, even in places where they would normally be restricted. This can help them to grow far larger than they otherwise would, increasing their environmental benefit. Another benefit of Silva Cells is that by giving the roots more space to grow freely below pavement, the roots are no longer trying to grow through it. This helps to prevent the cracking and lifting that tree roots have sometimes caused.

By topping the Silva Cell with permeable pavement, water is also able to infiltrate the soil underneath where it can directly access the roots. This helps trees and the soil to absorb and treat stormwater even in built-up areas. During a deluge, overflow outlets in the cells tie into existing stormwater systems to drain excess water.

While Silva Cells can be more expensive than conventional options, they provide benefits that far outweigh the costs. In addition to the environmental benefits, these cells can allow paved surfaces to double as stormwater retention, increasing development space. They also help to comply with local forestry ordinances by easing development pressures around large existing trees and making new ones more likely to survive and thrive. By embracing new technologies and urban tree canopy, we can make our cities better places for trees to grow and thrive.

Wild About Wildlife

Brent Nickel, Union SWCD Wildlife Specialist.
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Summer Wildlife and Habitat Interests

NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY

Come join us for FREE Kids outdoor activities on
Saturday Sept. 23 from 9 - Noon
at the Heart of Ohio Fishing Club.

Usual activities include an archery range, trap shooting,
"Passport to Fishing" Instruction, BB Gun Range, Sling
Shot Range, and Trapping Displays.
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://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/zoonotic-disease-
program/diseases/tickborne-diseases](https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/zoonotic-disease-program/diseases/tickborne-diseases)

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."

2023 Affiliate Members

Thank you for your continued support!

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Gold Memberships



Silver Memberships



Become a Union SWCD Affiliate Member

www.unioncountyohio.gov/departments/USWCD/affiliate-members--donors

Affiliate membership dollars are used to help contribute to a variety of natural resource education efforts for Union County residents. Such efforts include field days, pond clinics, displays, tours, camp scholarships and presentations to schools and civic groups.

Membership Benefits:

Annual Meeting Tickets (2)	Listed in our Annual Meeting Program
Listed in our Annual Report	Listed on our website
Recognized in our quarterly newsletter	Recognized on Annual Meeting PowerPoint

Please complete the form below:

Business Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Website: _____

Choose one of the following Affiliate memberships available:

_____ Diamond Membership	\$500 or more
_____ Platinum Membership	\$250 - \$499
_____ Gold Membership	\$100 - \$249
_____ Silver Membership	\$50 - \$99

Send this form along with a check payable to: Union SWCD
18000 State Route 4, Suite D
Maryville, OH 43040

If you have any questions please contact Sherry Maisenbacher at (937) 642-5871 x2221 or
smaisenbacher@unioncountyohio.gov

Drainage Maintenance Quarterly Report

Union County Maintained ditches and Subdivisions under Maintenance will continue to be mowed and sprayed on alternating years. This year the northern ditches will be getting sprayed to help maintain the 15ft. buffer strip and for weed and brush control. The southern ditches will be mowed by the SWCD staff to help maintain the 15ft. buffer strip and control weeds and brush.



Before and after pictures of a dry basin where the cattails took over and clogged the underdrain in the basin. Ditch maintenance staff removed all cattails, replaced the underdrain and installed a surface inlet. The basin was then finish graded and seeded .

If you have 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>

Union SWCD Has Some New Equipment!

The district recently purchased new survey equipment for use in our engineering applications and ditch maintenance program. The new gear includes a Trimble TSC5 Data Controller, a 3.5m SECO survey rod, a Trimble R12i GNSS receiver, and accessories. The new equipment allows for easier and more efficient data collection of ground surface data in the field, while also providing better integration with modern computer equipment for office work.



With the recent upgrade to our survey equipment, we also need to find a new home for our old equipment that's on it's way out.

Sale of Old Equipment

The equipment will be auctioned off to the public via GovDeals soon. Please contact our office for more information.

Available equipment (sold as a package):

- Trimble R6 GNSS Receiver
 - 2 battery packs and charging dock
 - Hard case
- Trimble TSC3 Data Collector with internal battery
 - Trimble TSC3 charger
 - Soft case for travelling
 - Note: USB-A port on device does not work
- Survey rod

Aside from normal wear and tear and any exceptions noted, the equipment is in good working order.

Marysville Field Office welcomes new employees

Union SWCD Drainage Maintenance Technician, Cody Beery



Cody grew up in Union County and he Graduated from North Union Highschool in 2008. I have spent the last five years with Delaware SWCD Drainage Maintenance Program and am happy to make the move to Union County. With the experience I have gained from Delaware, I am ready to build upon what has already been started here in Union County. I am married to my wife Alicia and have three boys who keep us busy and entertained. My family has a small grain farm which I operate and am truly passionate about. In our free time, we enjoy anything outdoors, hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with our family.

Union SWCD District Technician, Matt Williams

Matt was raised in Union County on a tree nursery, so he now has over 30 years of experience in landscaping. He graduated from North Union High School in 1999. After high school, Matt attended The Ohio State University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture degree in 2005. In 2006, he moved from Ohio to Fairfax, Virginia, to work for a residential landscape architecture firm. He obtained a Professional Landscape Architect License in 2009, is now registered in Ohio, and has worked since 2013. The first half of his career has been all about adding new construction to our neighborhoods. He is now excited to focus on helping the environment by mitigating soil erosion through properly shaped and planted rural landscapes.



Welcome to our newest NRCS partner in Union County

NRCS Soil Conservationist, Mariah Lashley



Mariah is one of the newest hire for the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Union County. While finishing school at Ohio State, Mariah was interning part-time in the office, but she has decided to stay with us and will now be a full-time Soil Conservationist! Mariah is from the outskirts of Toledo, OH and has her bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University in Environmental Science, where she specialized in soil science. She was on the Soils Judging Team and enjoys talking to people about anything soil related! Mariah enjoys volunteering for the Metroparks, crocheting, and reading in her free time.

NRCS Soil Conservationist, Anna 'Quinn' Baltisberger

My name is Anna 'Quinn' Baltisberger, I will be starting as a Soil Conservationist this July. I began with NRCS in July '22 after graduating from Ohio State in May '22 with a sustainable plant systems degree specializing in agroecology. My first position was as an agronomist in the Bemidji, Minnesota, field office. I am originally from Granville, Ohio and decided to move back to be closer to family. I am thankful for the opportunity to transfer to a position in the Marysville FO! I love learning new ways to make farming more sustainable for the land and farmers, and I look forward to assisting in any way needed for the community. I love being outdoors and spending time with my cat when being outside is not possible.

I look forward to meeting you all and serving Union County!



Upcoming Events:

July 4, 2023:	Independence Day Holiday - Office Closed
July 13, 2023:	Union SWCD Board Meeting , 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
August 2, 2023:	78th Annual Banquet , 6:30 pm at the Der Dutchman, Plain City, Ohio
August 12, 2023:	Union SWCD Board Meeting , 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
September 6, 2023:	Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed
September 9, 2023:	Union SWCD Board Meeting , 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
October 3, 2023:	Union SWCD Annual Fingerling Sale Pickup - 9:30 am in the Ag Center's Parking Lot
October 9, 2023:	Columbus Day Holiday - Office Closed
October 12, 2023	Union SWCD Board Meeting , 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room
November 9, 2023	Union SWCD Board Meeting , 6:00 pm in the Ag Center - Buckeye Mtg Room

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