



# WYANDOT TRIBUTARY

## Wyandot Soil and Water Conservation District

97 Houpt Drive, Suite A, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

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### Board of Supervisors

Brian Frisch, Chairman  
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Board Meetings are second  
Thursday of each month

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## 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet

### August 15, 2023

Voting begins at 5:45 p.m. – Meal at 6:30 p.m.

Located at Trinity Evangelical Church

108 Malabar Drive, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

### Entertainment

#### Matt Reese

**Editor of Ohio's Country Journal**

Matt grew up on a small farm in northwest Ohio and spent most of his youth writing, doodling, taking pictures, reading and exploring the surrounding farmland.



### Tickets

Tickets are available at the Wyandot SWCD office. Meal options are Italian Chicken or BBQ ribs. When purchasing tickets, please indicate your choice.

Tickets need to be purchased by  
August 1, 2023.

**Thank you to AgCredit and WMS Auctions for sponsoring the meal, to allow us to sell tickets for \$7.50 this year.**



# Supervisor Election

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

*The 30-day voting period begins July 17 and ends with voting at the banquet on August 15.*

SWCD supervisors are elected by county residents and landowners to represent them in soil and water conservation and natural resources management decisions. Two (2) supervisors will be elected for a term beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2026.

## There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. At the SWCD office Monday - Friday during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning July 17 until August 15.
2. At the SWCD annual meeting at Trinity Evangelical Church, 108 Malabar Drive, Upper Sandusky, on **Tuesday, August 15, 2023, from 5:45 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.**
3. By requesting the application and election ballot by mail from the SWCD office at 97 Houpt Drive, Suite A, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351, by calling (419) 731-2557 or by e-mailing [eileen.kuenzli@oh.nacdnet.net](mailto:eileen.kuenzli@oh.nacdnet.net). Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by 4:00 p.m. August 15, 2023.

At the annual meeting, you may vote before the meal without purchasing a meal ticket.

Meal tickets can be purchased at the SWCD office.

We need to give the caterer a count, so please purchase your tickets by August 1.



# Candidates for the Wyandot SWCD Board of Supervisors



## Brian Frisch

Brian Frisch is running for his fourth term on the board of supervisors. Brian farms in Salem, Mifflin, and Richland Townships and in Hardin County. Brian has worked with the SWCD as a rainfall reporter and on waterways and buffer strips. He no-tills wheat and raises corn and soybeans using minimum tillage. Brian is a member of Wyandot Co. Farm Bureau, Knights of Columbus, and Transfiguration of the Lord. He lives in Salem Township and has a daughter, Ryleigh. Brian is engaged to LuAnn McCleese.

## Shane Coppler

Shane Coppler is running for his first term on the board of supervisors. Shane farms with his wife and children in Crawford, Salem, and Ridge Townships in Wyandot County. The operation consists of no-till and minimum-till corn, soybeans, and wheat along with raising cattle, alfalfa hay, and baling straw. Shane has worked with the Soil and Water Conservation District on the small grains and cover crop programs. He is a member of the Ohio Cattlemen's Association and a parishioner of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. He recently retired from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Shane and his wife, Nickie, have three children: Carley, Olivia, and Vaughn.



## Katy Ross

Katy Ross is running for her first term on the board of supervisors. Katy farms with her father Larry and son Morgan. She also helps operate a trucking company and does road construction work. Katy graduated from the University of Findlay and lives in Mifflin Township with her kids, Abbey, Morgan, and Jenna. If given the opportunity to serve on the board she would look forward to the learning experience and serving area farmers and landowners to the best of her ability.





# Lowry Scholarship Recipient



The 2023 Lowry Scholarship Recipient is Cadance Atkins. Cadance is a 2023 Carey High School graduate and plans to further her education at the University of Findlay in the fall. She is the daughter of Tim and Angie Adkins.

Congratulations Cadance! The Wyandot SWCD Supervisors and Staff wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

This scholarship was made possible by Antoinette Lowry. Ms. Lowry made a generous contribution to the district to assist with conservation education and scholarships for youth of Wyandot County.

## State Envirothon

Upper Sandusky FFA had two teams compete at the Ohio Envirothon competition at Defiance College on June 12 and 13. Team Upper Sandusky 1 placed third overall at the state competition. Students on the team (from left): Carson, Maleilani, Malainy, Kylie, and Jameson. The Envirothon is a competitive team event sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.



## Touch - A - Tractor

**Sunday, July 16**  
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

### Featuring Local Food Trucks

**Gottfried Nature Center**

9783 C.H. 330, Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Touch-A-Tractor is a family friendly event that allows children of all ages a hands-on opportunity to explore various agriculturally related vehicles.



## IMPORTANT DATES

July 4	Office Closed: Fourth of July
July 16	Touch-A-Tractor Event
July 17	Supervisor Election starts
July 31	H2Ohio Verification Info. Due
Aug. 15	75th Annual Banquet
Sept. 4	Office Closed: Labor Day