

**DARKE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

January 14, 2022

WTGR Community Ties

Main Topics (6):

Douglas Steinbrunner Memorial Scholarship Available – application deadline April 22 @ 4pm

- \$1,000 scholarship if attending an Ohio college or University majoring in Ag or natural resources
- Must be Darke Co resident
- Minimum 2.5 gpa
- Items needed: 2 letters of recommendation, academic transcript, and a personal essay

Annual Tree Seedling Sale – orders and payment due by March 18

- Special new items this year: Himrod Grape (sold individually), Earliglow Strawberry and Jersey Knight Asparagus
- All orders over \$75 will receive a 5-gal bucket courtesy of Lowes
- Seedling pickup will be April 6 & 7 at the Darke SWCD office

Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest – entries due by March 25

- Theme is “Healthy Soil = Healthy Life”
- Two grade level categories: 5&6, 7&8
- Cash prizes to winners: \$30, \$20, \$10

Board of Supervisor Election Results –

- Gary Goettemoeller and Tom Harrod were re-elected to new 3-yr terms that began on January 1
- Sworn in by Darke County Commissioners on January 5

Conservation Day Camp – seeking volunteers! June 8-9, 2022 @ Chenoweth Trails

- Camp registration will open March 11, watch our Facebook for updates
- Camp attendees are current 1st through 4th grade in Darke County schools
- Seeking volunteers for Camp Counselors and Lesson Leaders
 - o Educators, High School Students, College Students needed

Farmland Preservation Programs – Applications accepted until January 31

- We have funding allocated to purchase ag easements in Darke County
- An ag easement is a voluntary, perpetual agreement that preserves Ohio farms in ag production permanently