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73RD ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET JEFFERSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016

**ST. FLORIAN HALL,
286 LURAY DRIVE
WINTERSVILLE, OH 43953
ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS
5:45 TO 6:45 PM
HORS D'OEUVRES
6 PM
OPENING CEREMONY
7 PM
DINNER**

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\$8.00 FOR CHILDREN AGES 5—12
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JEFFERSON SWCD MISSION STATEMENT PROMOTING CONSERVATION OF OUR LAND AND WATER

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) is a political subdivision of state government. It is funded by the Jefferson County Commissioners, the Ohio General Assembly through the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and many townships and municipalities. The funds provided by the commissioners and local municipalities allow the District to draw matching funds from the state, which enables the District to continue its services.

TWO JSWCD BOARD SUPERVISORS TO BE ELECTED

VOTING PROCESS

The special election to fill two JSWCD board of supervisor positions will be held in conjunction with the District's 73rd Annual Meeting and Banquet. The election, conducted by a representative of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission, will take place at St. Florian Hall from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

CASTING A BALLOT

Eligible voters have three options :

- 1) Call or visit the JSWCD office to request an absentee ballot
- 2) Cast a ballot at the district office no later than 4:30 pm, October 3, 2016
- 3) Cast a ballot at the Annual Meeting

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Jefferson County and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Jefferson SWCD Supervisor. However, voters representing a corporation, firm LLC or trusts must complete an affidavit form which confirms eligibility and includes designation of a voting representative. This form and the ballot request form are available at the soil and water district office. The request form must be completed prior to casting a ballot.

CANDIDATES



Mark Nelson is "committed to making the community a safer and healthier place for this and future generations". His wife Gretchen and their nine children all hunt, fish, trap, work together on their small hobby farm and enjoy the Ohio River.

Nelson is completing his first term as a Jefferson SWCD supervisor. He has served as the board secretary and is now serving in the capacity of public relations chair. During his first three years serving as a board member, Mark has helped the District to develop a broader partnership of stakeholders, assisted with grant acquisitions to install such projects as a stream crossing structure on Cross Creek and repair a flood damaged stream riparian at Toronto Band Camp. Each year of his term Mark has assisted with the coordination of the "Off the Beaten Path" bus tours. He is dedicated to water quality education efforts and assisted with the coordination of the Ohio River Education Cruise that involved a multi-county, multi-partnership effort aboard a Gateway Clipper vessel. He regularly attends state conservation partnership meetings, new supervisor training and represents the District on a variety of community efforts.

Mark and his family live in Cross Creek Township. He owns Nelson Fine Art and Gifts, is a member of the NRA, the President of the Steubenville Revitalization Group, and serves on the boards of the Grand Theater Restoration Project and the AIM Crisis Pregnancy Center and supports the Junior Fair Livestock sale.



Ken Perkins is completing his first term as a Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District board member. Perkins has served as public relations chair and is now serving as the JSWCD board secretary. During his first three-year term he has assisted the District with education programs that include the Envirothon, the annual "Off the Beaten Path" bus tours to highlight local conservation and agriculture, and the coordination of the 2016 Ohio River water quality education program aboard the Gateway Clipper vessel.

In addition, Perkins assisted the District in obtaining grant dollars for the Toronto Band Camp riparian project, the construction of a bridge crossing along Cross Creek, and secured sponsors for the development of the Jefferson County Fairgrounds walking trail. He has supported the District's coordination of the Farmers' gateway Market to provide a venue for local producers to sell their products and has advocated the District's multi-county, multi-agency partnerships to better meet the needs of the local customers. He attended the newly-elected supervisor training during his first year in office and has attended the state conservation partnership meetings across the state of Ohio.

Ken resides in Steubenville Township and is the President of Ken Perkins, Tri-State Financial Services, LLC located in Steubenville. He is a life member of the NRA and ABATE of Ohio, Inc., serves as a member of the Steubenville Revitalization Group, the Steubenville Rifle and Pistol Club and serves on the Historic Fort Steuben board. He participates as a buyer at the Jefferson County Junior Fair Livestock Sale and is a contributor to the Jefferson County 4-H program.

Paul Sweeney is an information technology professional. He has worked for several international corporations doing software installations in Europe, Canada and the United States. Paul is a graduate of the University of Phoenix in 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Information Technology.

He currently resides in Steubenville with his wife of 36 years, Tammy. They have three sons, one grandson and a granddaughter on the way.



Paul has volunteered to help with numerous projects and activities around the county including the Friendship Wine and Food Festival and the Nutcracker Village and Advent Market.

He and Tammy have attended Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District programs and are regular attendees during the District's annual bus tours.

If you require additional information regarding the 2016 special state election, please contact the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District office at 740 264-9790.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMS HOST GRAZERS, CROP PRODUCERS

Livestock and crop producers from a multi-county area had the chance to visit Jefferson County farms as part of the Eastern Ohio Grazing Council and Crop Production Partnership Programs this spring and summer. In May, livestock grazers were hosted by Bruce and Beverly Riddle and family at Irish Ridge Farm in Mount Pleasant. On the cow/calf operation, participants had a chance to see conservation practices installed on the farm, including animal waste and mortality composting facilities. They also learned about pasture condition, grazing production on surface mined soils, and solar power. Retired NRCS State Grazing Specialist discussed utilizing pearl millet for summer forage.

In July, crop producers were hosted by Lee and Carl Kithcart on their farm outside of Smithfield. Participants traveled the farm via wagon to learn more about how the Kithcarts use conservation practices such as contour strips, crop rotation and no-till to enhance crop production and reduce soil erosion on farm. Charlie Kail of Carrollton Farmers Exchange spoke on weed management and identification and USDA NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Clint Finney presented conservation crop compliance and addressed conservation methods of reducing soil erosion to meet the tolerable soil loss value.

The Eastern Ohio Grazing Council and Crop Production partnership teams are made up of Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, Stark, & Tuscarawas County agricultural producers, Soil and Water Conservation District and Natural Resource Conservation Service staff.

The EOGC plans workshops and pasture walks to answer grazing related questions, share grazing ideas and encourage livestock producers to become more sustainable, both economically and environmentally. The events are free and open to anyone, and provide an opportunity to interact with knowledgeable presenters, conservation staff and fellow grazers. Pasture walks are rotated to different counties monthly, and



are scheduled for the fourth Thursday of each month, starting at 6 p.m.

The Crop Production Partnership group hosts workshops and field days that provide information to local crop producers on relevant topics to crop production, such as cropping system conservation practices, weed control, cover crops, fertilizer application and more.

For more information, or to receive workshop information, please contact 740-264-9790 or 330-627-9852.



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FARMERS' MARKET TO HOST WILD GAME COOKING DEMO., FALL PLANT SALE, AND THE GUEST CHEF RETURNS

The **Farmers' gateway Market** will be a busy place for consumers this fall. Gardening advice; tree, shrub and perennial sales; wild game food preparation and a popular chef returns to demonstrate his culinary skills

Fall is the most beneficial time to plant and local experts will be on hand during the **September 21st** market to provide you with planting advice and offer for sale an inventory of landscaping products. **Woodland Trails Greenhouse (Richmond); DiGregory's Greenhouse (Steubenville) and Bowers Landscape Design, LLC & Unique Outdoor Solutions (Wintersville)** will have an inventory of trees, shrubs, perennials, and mums available for your fall plantings.

Please join us on **September 28** for the second annual "After the Hunt...Field to Table" Wild Game Cooking Demonstration sponsored by our friends at **ODNR, Division of Wildlife**. **Venison, turkey and frog legs will be on the menu.** Great fun and samples for all.



On **October 5** **Chef Paul Voigt**, sponsored by the **Jefferson County Farm Bureau**, will return to share his cooking secrets and demonstrate the art of cooking fresh meats and produce. Stop at the market to sample his great cuisine!

The weekly market is coordinated by the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District and is held each Wednesday from June to October. Vendors set up at the corner of Sunset Blvd. and John Scott Highway in the Eastern Gateway Community College parking lot. **Market hours are 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm.**

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WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME TO PREVENT STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION

As stormwater flows over pavement and lawns it picks up litter, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. This flow of stormwater can and usually does enter storm sewer systems and drains to a stream or directly to the Ohio River. Anything that enters a storm sewer will be discharged untreated into the streams and the Ohio River. We use these waterbodies for swimming, fishing and drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water. Here are some tips for doing your part in protecting the water quality in your neighborhood.

- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Check car for leaks and recycle motor oil
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing your car in the driveway to prevent the soap and residue from entering the storm drains
- Pick up after your pet
- Avoid pesticides
- Have your septic tank pumped and inspected regularly
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Compost your yard waste
- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways and sidewalks
- Never dump anything down storm drains

By practicing these habits around your home, homeowners can keep common pollutants like pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings and auto fluids off the ground and out of the stormwater runoff. Adopt these household habits to help protect our local waterways. Remember only rain down the drain.

For more information on how to prevent stormwater runoff pollution visit <http://www.jeffersonswcd.org/urban.html> and contact Brandon Andresen, Water Quality Coordinator at bandresen@jeffersoncountyoh.com

MY TREES ARE WORTH WHAT?

The story is true. A landowner receives a knock on the door and a timber buyer/logger offers an amount for the trees in their woodlot because they say that they happen to be harvesting in the area. The landowner had not planned on selling his/her timber and so had not given much thought as to how to get the most from the timber sale.

The landowner accepts the monetary offer without realizing that they have just sold their timber for only a fraction of its value because they either failed to recognize its true value or they did not market it properly. In addition, the landowner is now responsible for the environmental impact caused by the lack of best management practices (BMP's) not installed by the logger. BMP's are simple techniques to minimize erosion and keep the soil out of streams and will protect the future productivity of the woods.

Become an informed woodland owner and protect your investment.



Don't jump too quickly. What are your objectives? Is it to generate an income?

Would you like to develop wildlife habitat, improve the health of your woods, create vistas and trails or establish planting areas?

The Jefferson SWCD has compiled a packet of information that contains timber sale contract helpful facts, bmp planning tips, a fact sheet on how to measure stand ing trees, a list of Ohio Master Loggers and much more. **Avoid operations like those that are pictured.**

Contact imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com or call the JSWCD office at 740 264-9790 to receive your packet .