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74TH ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET JEFFERSON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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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.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

ST. FLORIAN HALL,
286 LURAY DRIVE
WINTERSVILLE, OH 43953

ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS
5:45 PM TO 6:45 PM

HORS D'OEUVRES
6 PM

OPENING CEREMONY
7 PM

DINNER

PROVIDED BY LOCAL
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THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE:

- CONSERVATION FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR
- DISTINGUISHED SERVICE & SPECIAL RECOGNITION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
- BIG TREE CONTEST WINNER
- PHOTO CONTEST
- "THE BEAUTY OF POLLINATORS" PROGRAM

TICKETS ARE \$19.00 FOR ADULTS AND \$8.00 FOR CHILDREN AGES 5—12
THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR CHILDREN 4 AND UNDER

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 23, 2017 BY COMPLETING THE FORM ON THE BACK PAGE, CALLING THE OFFICE AT 740 264-9790 OR EMAIL: imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com

ANNUAL MILKWEED POD COLLECTION 9/1/17-10/30/17

The JSWCD is again participating in the Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative by hosting a collection site for Milkweed pod collections. Last year hundreds of Ohioans worked to collect approximately 200 lbs. of common milkweed seeds. Milkweed is the only host plant for the Monarch butterfly for egg laying and caterpillar rearing. The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the eastern monarch butterfly population over the last 20 years. Please follow these simple steps if you want to help in this collection effort: Make sure before you collect seed, you become familiar with the common milkweed to avoid harvesting pods from similar plants; collect the pods when they are dry, grey, or brown; harvest only when the center seam pops with gentle pressure; store pods in paper bags only; put the date & county collected; keep pods in cool, dry area until you can deliver them to the JSWCD office. For more information you may visit the JSWCD website or call the office.

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 74th Annual Meeting and Banquet. The election, conducted by a representative of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission, will take place October 30 at St. Florian Hall from 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm.

CASTING A BALLOT

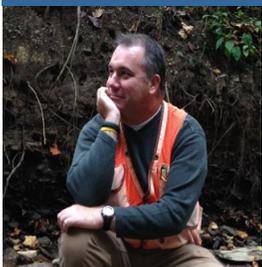
Eligible voters have three options :

- 1) Call or visit the JSWCD office to request an absentee ballot beginning October 10.
- 2) Cast a ballot at the district office starting October 10 and no later than 4:30 pm, October 30, 2017.
- 3) Cast a ballot at the Annual Meeting at St. Florian Hall from 5:45pm to 6:45 pm on October 30, 2017.

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



ERIC G. HAENNI, PhD is an Associate Professor of Biology, with over 25 years of teaching, research, and consulting experience in the biological and environmental sciences. In his previous occupation as an environmental consultant, Dr. Haenni worked in listed species assessment and permitting, wetland

assessment and mitigation, critical habitat assessment and management, educational outreach, and managed over 120,000 acres of wetlands for the NRCS –Wetland Reserve Program. Since he joined Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2011, he has collaborated with the City of Steubenville with park and watershed cleanups and with the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District efforts on Rails to Trails and the Hellbender Initiative. He has a long history of working with landowners and government entities on collaborative efforts to improve the environment, while also enhancing economic benefits.

Haenni, who resides in Steubenville, states, "I look forward to working with the citizens of Jefferson County to improve all facets of their watersheds and lands".

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

Paul enjoys hunting, fishing, and woodworking. He and his wife Tammy live in Steubenville. They have been married for 37 years

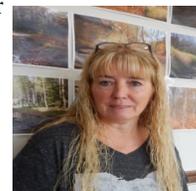


and have three sons, one grandson and one granddaughter. In the last several years, Paul has volunteered to help with numerous projects and activities around the county including the Friendship Wine and Food Festival and the Nutcracker Village and Advent Market.

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

Paul is excited to get more involved with the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District and bring his technology & business experiences to the table.

STEPHANIE VANCE is completing her second term as an elected Jefferson SWCD board member. During her tenure on the board, she has taught the wetlands/watershed classes to over 1200 5th grade students at the annual Fernwood State Forest Outdoor Days program, written the test questions and facilitated the water management testing station for Area III Envirothons, and as well for the Ohio Envirothon program; a national, high school academic, natural resources competition coordinated through soil and water conservation districts.



Vance has been Professor of Biology, Program Director for the Environmental Science ASS at Eastern Gateway Community College for 18 years; is an adjunct Professor of Chemistry at Wheeling Jesuit University; has taught at West Virginia Northern Community College and Kaplan University. She received a MT at Pikeville College; BS in Natural Sciences from Shawnee State; MS in Plant Pathology & Entomology from Univ. of Tennessee; MS in Human Nutrition & Metabolism from Univ. of Bridgeport; and MS in Public Health & PhD. Public Health from Walden University.

She and husband Rob have 4 children and raise a diversity of animals on a small hobby farm in Cross Creek Township. Stephanie also serves as a Jefferson County 4-H advisor.

DUAYNE WETHERELL was born and raised in Jefferson and resides just outside of New Alexandria. He is a former dairy farmer now living and operating a small farm with his wife, Monica and their four children. Together they raise livestock and harvest and sell hay.



He graduated from Buckeye Local High School and received a Natural Resources Historical Interpretive Services degree from Hocking College. While attending college, he volunteered at the historical Robbins Crossing Village.

Duayne is presently employed by Crummitt and Sons' Vault Co. He is a member of the Jefferson County Farm Bureau, has served on the Board of

Trustees, and most recently served as President where he represented the membership in Columbus and in Washington D.C. He also has served on the Young Agricultural Professionals Committee.

He is an Assistant Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts of America where he volunteers as a leader in Steubenville Troop 3 and plans to participate with the scouts in a seven day hiking trek at the Philmont Ranch ; a high adventure base camp in New Mexico.

Duayne grew up in the 4H program as a youth and has now been an adult advisor for the Liberty Gals and Guys 4H club for 17 years. He enjoys spending time outdoors, as well as hiking, kayaking and spending time with family.

WHY ARE MY ASH TREES DYING?



How can I manage my woods when my trees are dying?

How will this affect the health of my woods?

What about future timber harvests?

What should I know about quarantine regulations?

If you wish to find the answers to these questions..... you are invited to attend a workshop to learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), the metallic wood-boring beetle that is attacking all of Ohio's native ash species-no matter if these trees are in your woodlot or in your backyard.

Join Jeremy Scherf, Service Forester, ODNR, Division of Forestry; Erika Lyon, Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator, OSUE; and Irene Moore & Wendee Zadanski, Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District to learn about the EAB infestation, tree diagnosis, forest management & timber harvest plans and more. The information gained from this seminar will help to assist you with your woodlot management decisions.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00 pm in the Eastern Gateway Community College auditorium, main campus, 4000 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, OH.

While there is no cost to attend, pre-registration is preferred. Call the Jefferson SWCD office at 740 264-9790 or email: imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com by October 12th.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FARMS HOST GRAZERS

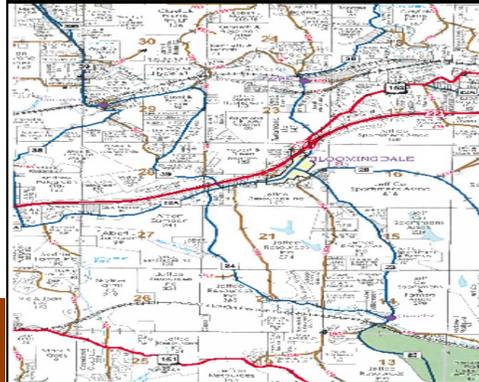
Livestock producers from a multi-county area had the chance to visit Jefferson County farms as part of the Eastern Ohio Grazing Council this spring and summer. In April, livestock grazers were hosted by Geno Morelli and his family at their farm outside of Smithfield. On the cow/calf operation, participants had a chance to see conservation practices installed on the farm, including a newly installed watering system across the farm and livestock exclusion fencing. They also learned about meeting the water needs of livestock and setting up a rotational grazing system.

In August, producers were hosted by Shawn and Beth Dougherty at the land they farm located at the Franciscan Sisters T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother outside of Toronto.

The Dougherty's shared their experiences managing pastures and livestock there over the past several years, raising dairy and poultry. Participants learned how the Dougherty's have used temporary fence and existing water systems to create a rotationally grazed system that has helped improve soil and health and pasture condition. NRCS Soil Conservation Technician Clint Finney discussed the history of the farm and shared how the Dougherty's have helped restore the land.

The Eastern Ohio Grazing Council is comprised of Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, & Tuscarawas County agricultural producers, Soil and Water Conservation District, and Natural Resources 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.



**2018
JEFFERSON COUNTY
PLAT BOOKS
have been
contracted to be
available for sale by
December 2017.**

County Plat Books and wall maps make great Christmas gifts for landowners, engineers, developers, hunters, realtors and those interested in property information. The spiral bound book shows rural property outlines of each parcel over five acres, number of acres, and name of landowner. Additional information included are townships, section numbers, range numbers, lakes & rivers and aerial maps. The premium wall map is approximately 36" x 48" printed in color on 90 lb. low-glare, professional grade photo matte material.

You may choose to pre-order the \$25.00 plat book and/or the wall map at a cost of \$40.00 by calling the JSWCD office at 740 264-9790 or imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com to secure your request.

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PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 2
A \$50.00 cash award will be given to the winner of each category:
NATURE IN THE VILLAGE/CITY—*Photos of green spaces, parks, community gardens etc. that can be found within the cities and villages located in Jefferson County*
FIELDS OF*Capture photos of natural resources and agriculture "found in fields." Examples: field of flowers, fields of cows, fields of hay etc.*
Check out the JSWCD website at www.jeffersonswcd.org for rules and application or call the office at 740 264-9790

BIG TREE CONTEST DEADLINE EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 2
The Jefferson SWCD encourages you to submit entries in the Ohio Big Tree program. The JSWCD board has chosen the Wild Black Cherry tree and are taking applications from anyone that would like to submit a tree for consideration. The contact information may be found in the photo contest column to your left.

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Name _____ Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone optional _____

Email (optional) _____

_____ Adult Tickets @ \$19.00 ea. = _____

_____ Children Tickets @ \$8.00 ea. = _____

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