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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.

## Celebrating Jefferson County's Land Stewards

74th Annual Meeting & Banquet  
October 1, 2018  
St. Florian Hall 286 Luray Drive Wintersville, OH

Board of Supervisor Election 5:45 pm to 6:45 pm  
Hors d'oeuvres & Photo Contest 6:00 pm

Opening Ceremony  
7:00 pm

Farm to Table Dinner

Awards/Recognitions including  
Conservation Farmer/Family  
Of the Year

RSVP by September 24, 2018  
Phone: 740 264-9790

Email:  
[imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com](mailto:imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com)

Reservation form on back

Adult Tickets \$20.00  
Children Tickets \$10.00  
(ages 5-12 No Charge for children age 4 and under)

### JEFFERSON SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- MARK NELSON
- KEN PERKINS
- STEPHANIE VANCE
- JODEE VERHOVEC
- DUAYNE WETHERELL

### ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBERS

- DR. ERIC HAENNI
- TOM FERRIN
- PAUL SWEENEY

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- BETH KRUPRZAK
- CLINT FINNEY
- HANS BALTZLEY

### INFORMATION OF INTERESTS:

- The Jefferson SWCD is again a collection site for Milkweed Pods. The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the eastern monarch butterfly population. Pods may be dropped off at the JSWCD office from 9/1/18-10/30/18. Visit the JSWCD website @ [www.jeffersonswcd.org](http://www.jeffersonswcd.org) for more info.
- 2018 Jefferson County Plat Books and Wall Maps are offered for sale at the JSWCD .

# ONE JSWCD BOARD SUPERVISOR TO BE ELECTED

## TWO CANDIDATES VYING:

### VOTING PROCESS

The special election to fill one JSWCD board of supervisor position 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 1 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 September 10, 2018
- 2) Cast a ballot at the district office starting September 10 and no later than 4:30 pm, October 1, 2018.
- 3) Cast a ballot at the Annual Meeting at St. Florian Hall from 5:45pm to 6:45 pm on October 1, 2018.

### 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.

### JEFFERSON SWCD BOARD MEMBERS

are elected public officials responsible to the people of Jefferson County and the state of Ohio. Each supervisor has the task of coordinating the efforts of all agencies, organizations and individuals with responsibility to conserve and protect the natural resources in the county.

Board members:

- meet monthly to carry out the official duties of the office and to participate in other district related activities.
- partner with local leaders to discuss particular conservation problems and to inform them of district's programs and
- work with state and federal agency representatives; agricultural and civic leaders; local development groups; representatives of federal, state, and local organizations and legislators.
- know the land and water conditions of the entire district and the practices required to conserve and develop its natural resources.

**ERIC G. HAENNI, PhD** is an Associate Professor of Biology, with over 26 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, the Hellbender Initiative and the area and state Envirothon program. 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 currently serves as a JSWCD Associate Supervisor. He and his wife Monica reside in Steubenville.

**JODEE STRAUS VERHOVEC** is seeking her fifth term as a member of the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District board serving as board chair and is currently the board treasurer. Verhovec was appointed in 2016 as an Area III Director for the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts representing the district boards within a 16 county region. She has actively participated in the development of state soil and water conservation policy and has worked to strengthen county, state and national partnerships.

Jodee graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Photojournalism and from the University of Dayton with a Master's Degree in education. She retired from the Buckeye Local School District with over 30 years of teaching.

She and her husband, Julius, raise Charolais cattle on their family farm in Smithfield where she has been a life-long resident. They have been involved in implementing conservation practices, including rotational grazing, on the farm. Jodee is a longstanding member of the Smithfield Historical Society, a member of the Smithfield Garden Club, a member of the Alpha Delta Kappa and a former Jefferson County 4-H advisor.

## 2018 FARMERS' GATEWAY MARKET

COORDINATED / SPONSORED BY JSWCD

Each Wednesday from June to October the lower parking lot of the Eastern Gateway Community College is buzzing with consumers eager to find fresh produce, freezer meats, potted plants, freshly baked pastries & homemade fudge and even freshly ground coffee. The availability of products is too numerous to list here but know that by shopping at the market the buyer is supporting local farmers and that your product is as fresh as possible. The 2018 market season has been quite eventful as the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District has partnered with several organizations and agencies to bring additional experiences to the supporters.

Jefferson County Farm Bureau, on two occasions, has sponsored Bad Axe Barbeque who have created dishes made with the local produce from the market vendors. Customers have lined up to enjoy the "more than ample" tasting opportunities. In addition, Farm Bureau has distributed over \$500.00 in market coupons for the attendees and supplied reusable market bags to the shoppers. The Ohio State University Extension -sponsored Master Gardeners' have brought their knowledge and experiences to the market to frequently provide demonstrations on specific gardening themes and are available to answer your questions.



Mark your calendars for September 19. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife will be hosting their very popular archery trailer. Don't miss this opportunity to test your skills or the chance to learn and experience the "art of archery". Additionally, the JSWCD will be distributing re-usable shopping bags. Please listen to radio station 106.3 the River for regular updates. A thank you to the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce and the Steubenville/Jeff. Co Visitors' Center for assisting with the market's promotion.

### The 2018 Farmers gateway Market vendors:

- Ash's Redbird Farm
- Candy's Gourmet Fudge
- Doug Berry
- Doug Cooke
- Foster Fluharty Farm
- Heaven Scent
- Paula DeLelles
- Linda Kessler
- Sophia's Kitchen
- Spring Valley Farm
- Spring Valley Stock Farm
- St. Ambrose Coffee
- Tia's Tinctures
- West Wind Farm
- Woodland Trails Greenhouse

Please support the downtown Steubenville market scheduled each Thursday morning. For more information contact the Steubenville/Jeff. Co Visitors' Bureau 740 283-4935

## THE EASTERN OHIO GRAZING COUNCIL (EOGC)

is comprised of Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, Mahoning, & Tuscarawas County agricultural producers, Soil and Water Conservation Districts 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 pm.

### September 27, 2017

Join us at Dining Fork Creek Farms in Carroll County. The Nihart Family's beef cow/calf operation grazes 70 head on a one day rotation. In addition to a tour and meal, topics will include Balancing Forage on Overstock Pasture, To Clip or Not to Clip & Late Summer Nitrogen Application.

### October 25, 2017

Spring Valley Stock Farm in Jefferson County will host the October Pasture Walk. This multispecies operation rotationally grazes cattle, hogs, goats, and sheep. In addition to a tour and meal, topics will include Multispecies Grazing, Mob Grazing and Seeding Annuals into a Perennial Pasture.

Contact the JSWCD at 740 264-9790

## CONSERVATION PLANNING

Planning is the process of deciding in detail how to do something before you actually start to do it. If you are a landowner who owns a farming operation a conservation plan has multiple benefits.

The Jefferson SWCD staff and their partner, the Natural Resources Conservation Service can work with the producer to provide a quality conservation planning experience that begins with a visit to discuss the customer's goals, operational needs, and issues related to production and natural resources on their land. The planner will then work with the customer to create real-life, practical solutions to help improve and protect soils, improve water quality and water management, and maintain farm viability.

Specialized plans may be developed to address specific resource concerns such as excessive nutrients, pest management, wildlife habitat decline, invasives or poor pastureland.

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**PHOTO CONTEST DEADLINE: September 17, 2018**

A \$50.00 cash award will be given to the first-placed winner of each category:

**THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE SEASONS  
BUTTERFLIES, BEES, AND BIRDS—OH MY!**

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**JSWCD 74TH ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET RESERVATION FORM-Deadline: September 24, 2018**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone optional \_\_\_\_\_

Email (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets @ \$20.00 ea. = \_\_\_\_\_

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