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VANCE AND WETHERELL RECEIVE OATH OF OFFICE

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) held their 2018 reorganization meeting during their January meeting; two supervisors received their oath of office in preparation of serving their 3-year term. Commissioner Dr. Thomas Graham issued the oath of office to re-elected board member Stephanie Vance and to Duayne Wetherell, newly elected member of the board of supervisors. Jefferson County voters selected the candidates through a special state election conducted in October 2017 by the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

Vance, pictured left; Wetherell, center; Dr. Thomas Graham, Jefferson County Commissioner; pictured right



Following the oath of office ceremony, the board reorganized and elected Mark Nelson as board chair. Nelson is serving his second term as a JSWCD supervisor. The board members also voted to elect Ken Perkins as Vice Chair; Stephanie Vance, Board Secretary; Jodee Verhovec, Treasurer and Duayne Wetherell, Public Relations Chair. The JSWCD is a political subdivision of state government under the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The JSWCD monthly board meetings are open to the public and are held at their 500 Market Street, Steubenville, Ohio location on the second Tuesday at 4:30 pm. The JSWCD is funded by the County Commissioners, local municipalities & townships and the Ohio General Assembly. The funds provided locally allow the District to draw matching funds from the state, which enables the District to continue its services to the residents of Jefferson County.

TREE SEEDLINGS SALE PROVIDES LANDOWNERS WITH OPTIONS



Choosing a tree or trees for your property should be a well thought-out decision. Managing soil and reducing erosion, providing habitat for pollinators, attracting wildlife, and providing windbreaks for energy efficiency and noise pollution are a few reasons to consider planting trees around your home and property.

The JSWCD is again offering a variety of species of bare-root stock for purchase. Reasons for planting trees and shrubs vary between landowners and the JSWCD has created a tree description list to assist with your decisions.

For example, if you are a landowner seeking to plant to attract wildlife there are species selections available that produce nuts and some that are good for bird nesting such as White Pine.



Another species is the Ninebark which is a small tree named for its unusual bark which peels in strips to reveal several layers of reddish to light brown inner bark. It is a popular "winter interest" shrub and provides good erosion control.

The JSWCD is partnering with the Harrison Soil and Water Conservation (HSWCD) for the second year to accept the tree orders. All orders and payments will be coordinated through the HSWCD office (Cadiz), however your tree pickup will be at the Jefferson SWCD office located at 500 Market Street, STE 4, Steubenville, OH.

The order form with tree descriptions can be found in this newsletter's insert. The trees will be available for pickup at the Steubenville location on April 12 and April 13 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

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<p> We are online and on Facebook www.jeffersonswcd.org</p>		<p>"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) & JSWCD prohibit discrimination in all programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, genetic information, political beliefs, reprisal, or because all or a part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotope, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice) or (202) 720-6382 (TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer."</p>		



SUMMER CAMP FOCUSES ON FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE

Camp Canopy is set to debut June 10-15, 2018. Formerly called the Ohio Forestry & Wildlife Conservation Camp, Camp Canopy will feature the same learning topics, traditions and fun as previously enjoyed since 1950, but with a different look and feel.

Introducing campers to the world of natural resources has always been the mission of the camp and the new logo and branding will attract new campers. According to Jeremy Scherf, ODNR Division of Forestry and camp co-director, "Camp Canopy is the new and improved Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp."

Camp Canopy is held at FFA Camp Muskingum—Carrollton, Ohio and is open to high school students who have completed the 8th grade through those graduating this year and are no older than 19 years of age. Camp fee is \$375.00 per camper. For more information and registration applications go to www.ohioforest.org and click on events and then on to Camp Canopy.



The Farmers' Market season will be underway in a few short months. This is the opportunity for local growers to begin thinking about what they will be planting and if they would like to sell their produce at local farmers markets.

The Jefferson SWCD will be coordinating the 8th year of farmers' market events beginning in June 2018. The local vendors sell their products in the Eastern Gateway Community Colleges lower parking lot located at the intersection of Sunset Blvd and John Scott Highway on Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm.

For more information, call the JSWCD office at 740 264-9790.



**JSWCD
RECOGNIZES
LOCAL
CITIZENS**
during their 74th Annual Meeting and Banquet.

Photo left to right: Beverly Christen; Melissa Taylor; Crystal Fluharty & Genevieve Varkony, representing Buckeye Local School District; Conservation Farmer of the Year -Geno Morelli; and Carl Gross, representing the Jefferson County Sportsmans' Association.

The JSWCD presented recognitions to outstanding local residents who have shown commitment to putting conservation on the ground and for their efforts in promoting conservation education:

The **Geno Morelli Family** was named the JSWCD Conservation Farmer of the Year. A local agricultural producer, Morelli was recognized for sending a strong conservation message, both in leading by example on his operation and through his interactions with others.

Beverly Christen was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for her years of dedication and efforts to protect the Yellow Creek watershed.

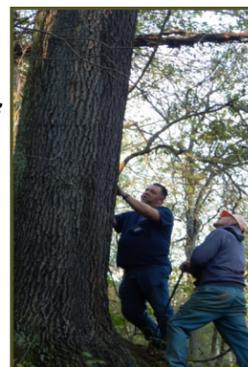
Special recognitions were bestowed on the **Buckeye Local Junior and Senior High School** for their long-standing history of appreciating the importance of environmental literacy. Also receiving special recognition was the **Jefferson County Sportsmans' Association** for hosting the 16 county Area III Envirothon—a national, high school environmental and academic program.

Fred Posgai received a plaque for his wild cherry tree win in the Jefferson County Big Tree Contest and **Melissa Taylor** and **Gary Bush** received the winning votes for their photo contest entries.

Photo to the right shows **Jeremy Scherf**, ODNR –Division of Forestry, Service Forester (left) and **Fred Posgai** (right) looking on as his tree is measured for the Big Tree Contest Program.

Posgai's county winning Wild Cherry tree measured

CIRCUMFERENCE: 9.2 ft
HEIGHT: 107 ft
CROWN: 60 ft



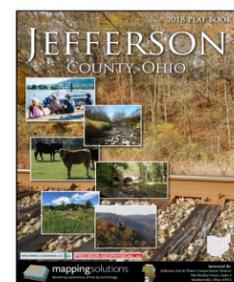
2018 ANNUAL BUS TOUR

The Jefferson SWCD will again be coordinating another in a series of county-wide "Off the Beaten Path" bus tours. Last year's travels included a tour of Packer's Orchard near Adena; a visit to Spring Valley Stock Farm located outside of Mt. Pleasant and owned & operated by the Finney Family; Lunch at the Farm Restaurant and Pub; an archery lesson from ODNR, Division of Wildlife; and a trip to the newly-opened Hightower Brewery located near Rayland. Details of the fall 2018 event will be announced at a later date. Bus tickets are always limited. Call the office if you wish prior notice of the tour information. Below are photos of the 2017 Tour



Can you identify these JSWCD Board Members from 1982?

During their October 1, 2018 Annual Meeting, the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District will begin celebrating their 75 years of serving the residents of Jefferson County. While the land uses have changed the mission has remained the same — "To promote the conservation of our lands and waters." The first person to contact the JSWCD office to identify the board members pictured in the photo above will receive a complimentary meeting and banquet ticket. Email your best guess to imoore@jeffersoncountyoh.com or print and mail your identifications to JSWCD, 500 Market Street, Mezz., STE 4, Steubenville, OH 43952



2018 PLAT BOOK

The new 2018 edition of the Jefferson County Plat Book is available for purchase at a cost of \$25.00.

The 76-page spiral-bound book features township and range maps, property boundaries for all rural parcels within the township, name of the owner and the number of acres owned. Also, there is a handy landowner index for easy cross referencing.

In this newest edition, there is information about the JSWCD, current county government directory, county road map and road indices by both road number and road name. A new feature in the 2018 publication is an index of the initialed parcels for easy reference. In addition, there is an explanation of the public land survey system. Mapping Solutions is the publisher.

This information is valuable to anyone with a need to know who owns land in Jefferson County. Prospective or adjoining property owners, hunters, foresters, timber and petroleum industry personnel, emergency services all may have an interest in having a copy. In addition, there are Premium Wall Maps available for purchase. This colorful map is perfect for framing and gift giving. The cost of this poster-sized map is \$40.00.

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ANNUAL JSWCD POND STOCKING SALE



A properly stocked and managed pond will provide years of quality fishing. Some of the finest fishing in Ohio for largemouth bass, bluegills, and channel catfish can be found in the state's farm ponds..this according to information provided by ODNR, Division of Wildlife and Ohio State University Extension documents. An initial stocking of a combination of these fish is usually recommended for new or renovated ponds. Properly managed largemouth bass and bluegills will produce self-sustaining populations, whereas channel catfish usually require periodic restocking.

Stocking the recommended sizes and numbers of fish is very important for good fishing. Fingerling fish (1"-3") are recommended for stocking new or renovated ponds. Starting a pond off by stocking larger fish is tempting, but can lead to an "unbalanced" pond with too many fish of one kind and too few of another.

Biological vegetation control reduces the amount of aquatic vegetation by stocking plant-eating fish. The white amur is a certified triploid grass carp legalized for stock in 1988; these fish are incapable of reproducing in your pond.

For additional guidance on managing your pond, you may want to download the Ohio Pond Management Handbook. This comprehensive document includes chapters on pond construction, stocking the pond, managing problems and much more.

<https://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov/portals/wildlife/pdfs/publications/fish%20management/Pub432.pdf> (ODNR, Div of Wildlife website)
Or find various fact sheets at Ohioline.osu.edu/

STOCKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONE-ACRE ESTABLISHED POND

- 100 BASS
- 100 PERCH
- 100 CRAPPIE
- 1000 MINNOWS
- 200 BLUEGILL
- 100 SHELLCRACKER
- 50-100 CATFISH
- 10-12 WHITE AMUR (Depending on present vegetation)

For ponds with a surface covered by more than 60 percent vegetation, stock them at 10 fish per acre, but reduce the rate to 5 fish per acre for ponds with 40 to 60 percent vegetative cover, and to 2-3 fish per acre for ponds with 20-40 percent vegetative cover.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS MARCH 30, 2018

Send or drop off order form and payment to :
Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District
500 Market Street, STE 4, Steubenville, OH 43952

Phone: (740) 264-9790

FISH PICK-UP:
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018

1:00 PM TO 2:00 PM

JSWCD PARKING LOT

PLEASE BRING BUCKETS AND PLASTIC TRASH BAGS WITH YOUR OWN POND WATER FOR TRANSPORT.

*****No Refunds on orders not picked up*****

2018 FISH POND STOCKING ORDER FORM

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
Largemouth Bass (2-3")	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Bluegill (2-4")	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Channel Catfish (4-5")	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Yellow Perch (2-3")	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Hybrid Bluegill (2-4")	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Red Ear Shell Cracker (2-4:)	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Black Crappie (2-4")	_____	\$ 1.00	_____
Fathead Minnow (2-3") ****per 100	_____	\$10.00	_____
Japanese Koi (6-8")	_____	\$12.00	_____
White Amur (8-10")	_____	\$14.00	_____
		TOTAL DUE	_____

OFFICE USE ONLY: DATE _____ CHECK # _____ CASH _____ RECEIPT # _____

PACKERS' ORCHARD



ODNR ARCHERY LESSON



SPRING VALLEY STOCK FARM



HIGHTOWER BREWERY

