

This year, we have three highly qualified candidates for our two open position on the Jefferson SWCD Board of Supervisors. The District will be holding an election on Monday, September 23rd at the 75th Annual Meeting/Banquet. Residents or landowners, firms and corporation that own land or occupy land in Jefferson County and are 18 years of age or older may vote. A non-resident landowner, firm or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot: 1) at the annual meeting; 2) at the SWCD office until 3 p.m. on Monday, September 23rd; 3) vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee request form from the SWCD office at the following address: JSWCD, 500 Market Street, Suite 4, Steubenville, Ohio 43952, by calling (740) 264-9790 or downloading the form from our website at www.jeffersonswcd.org. If you would like more information about the election or have questions, please contact the JSWCD office.

Perkins, Ken is completing his second term as a JSWCD board supervisor. Perkins has served as public relations chair, board secretary and is currently serving as the JSWCD board vice chair.

During his six years serving as a supervisor, Perkins has assisted the District with education programs that include the State Envirothon. He has assisted with the coordination of the annual “Off the Beaten Path” bus tours and has supported the District-coordinated Farmers’ gateway Market.



Perkins assisted the District in developing their current strategic plan, annual plan of work and obtaining over \$400,000.00 in Clean Ohio grant dollars for a green space conservation project. In 2018, as a member of the Jefferson SWCD governing board, Perkins provided the direction to obtain over \$780,000.00 in project dollars that were generated through grants or as pass-through dollars.

Ken resides in Steubenville Township with his wife Becky (Gilson) and stepdaughter Kayla. Ken has been a Jefferson County resident since 1991 and is President of Tri-State Financial Services, LLC located in Steubenville. He has over 34 years’ experience as a Financial Advisor and is currently a Circle of Excellence Advisor with Cetera Advisor Networks LLC.

Ken is a life member of the NRA and ABATE of Ohio, Inc., Jefferson County Trails and Greenways Task Force, Steubenville Revitalization Group, Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, Steubenville Rifle and Pistol Club, Ohio Valley Harley Owners Group #3881, Polish Athletic Club, Jefferson County Farm Bureau and the Steubenville Kiwanis Club. He participates as a buyer at the Jefferson County Junior Fair Livestock Sale and is a contributor to the Jefferson County 4-H program, Steubenville Nutcracker Village, Harmonium Group, and the EGCC Foundation Scholarship Program. Ken is a thirty second degree Mason with the Valley of Steubenville where he has received awards at the national and local level for Community Involvement.

Ken’s financial planning practice has assisted family farms in Jefferson and surrounding counties with estate planning, asset preservation, creating and preserving wealth. Ken takes pride in assuring that the family farm stays in the family for future generations. Ken feels that with his many years of community involvement he can bring great value to the Board as well as increase the public knowledge of what our district does and can do for our local residents.

SPONSORS JOIN FORCES FOR CONSERVATION



DeNoon Lumber, Jefferson Landmark, M & M Hardware and Water Transport are combining their efforts to support a county-wide conservation anniversary.

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District (JSWCD) has announced that four local businesses will champion their 2019 Big Tree Contest, Annual Photo Contest and Program promotion during the District's 75th Anniversary celebration.

BIG TREE CONTEST

DeNoon Lumber began as a small family operation more than 50 years ago and has evolved into one of the finest producers of Appalachian hardwood products in the nation. The company is located in Bergholz, Ohio, right in the heart of Appalachian hardwood country and therefore they are able to harvest, produce, and ship some of the finest hardwoods available in the world. DeNoon Lumber employees and subcontracted professional loggers are Ohio Master Loggers certified through the Ohio Forestry Association and are members of the Steel Valley Loggers Chapter.



The Big Tree Contest is being sponsored by DeNoon Lumber and coordinated by the District and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. Anyone may nominate a tree of ANY species and submit an application to compete for the largest tree in the county. Application deadline is September 1, 2019.

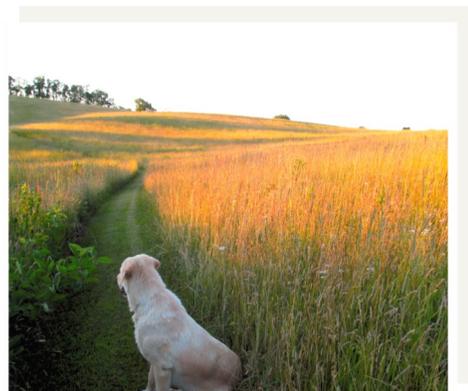


PHOTO CONTEST

Amateur photographers who have photos that portray ***"75 years of Conservation in Action;" "The Beauty of Our Landscape;" and "Ohio's Native Wildlife"*** may submit their entries by September 9, 2019 for cash awards sponsored by M & M True Value Hardware.

Scott Campbell and his family currently operate the business that was established on October 1, 1914 on Market Street in downtown Steubenville. Now located at 4148 Sunset Blvd, Steubenville the store departments consist of paint, lawn and garden, housewares, plumbing, rental, parts and service, electrical, hardware and a large variety of seasonal items. M & M Hardware and the Campbell family generously support numerous community projects and give back by serving on a variety of committees and boards.

Information on participating in the Photo Contest or Big Tree Contest may be obtained by visiting the JSWCD website at jeffersonswcd.org; facebook page or by calling the office at 740 264-9790.