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It is the simple things of life that make living worthwhile, the sweet fundamental things such as love and duty, work and rest, living close to nature.

~Laura Ingalls Wilder



BUS TOUR UPDATE

There **will not** be a bus tour this year due to other programming and time restraints. Look for other exciting news coming from JSWCD in the future.



Congratulations

Mini Azale for winning the District-sponsored stall name plate contest using only recycled items at the Jefferson County Fair.

She won a \$50 Amazon gift card. **Great Job!!**



Please join us to celebrate the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District's

75th Annual Meeting and Banquet

Monday, September 23rd

Le Chateau Pier
195 State Route 151
Smithfield, Ohio

Election of Supervisors
5:45 to 6:45 pm

Hors D'oeuvres
6 pm

Opening Ceremony
7 pm

Dinner

Piergallini Catering will prepare and serve a Farm to Table menu that showcases foods that have been raised or grown locally, such as fresh produce and farm raised meat.

Tickets

\$20 adults

\$10 children ages 5-12

RSVP

By September 16th
740-264-9790 or imoore@jeffersoncountyooh.com

This year's annual meeting is a historical celebration of the activities, policies and events of the District.

As part of the celebration, current district supervisors and employees will recognize past supervisors, employees, and Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationists.

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JSWCD Mission Statement

"Promoting Conservation of Our Lands and Waters"

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Mark Nelson, Chair

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Stephanie Vance, Secretary

Jodee Ver hovec, Treasurer

Duayne Wetherell, PR

JSWCD STAFF:

Irene Moore, District Administrator

Wendee Dodds, Operations Mgr/Nat. Resources Spec.

Brandon Andresen, Water Quality Coordinator

Aaron Dodds, Watershed Coordinator

Amy Browning, Bookkeeping Manager/Program Asst.

JSWCD ASSOCIATE BOARD MEMBERS: Dr. Eric Haenni & Paul Sweeney

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www.jeffersonswcd.org



- Labor Day -Office Closed -September 2nd
- JSWCD Board Meeting -September 16th
- Farm Science Review -September 17th -19th
- Annual Meeting & Banquet - September 23rd
- EOGC Pasture Walk-Jefferson County - September 26th
- Columbus Day-Office Closed -October 14th
- JSWCD Board Meeting -October 21st
- EOGC Pasture Walk-Stark County - October 24th

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Hyde, Dave attended The Ohio State Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio. He retired in 2015 from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 246 after 34 years of service.



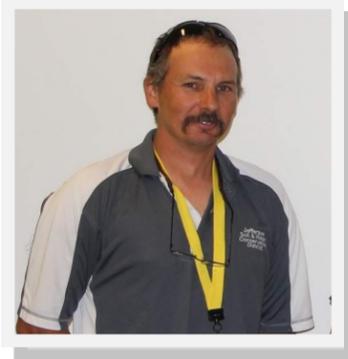
Dave and his wife, Brenda, of 39 years are residents of Unionport where they operate a family farm. Dave runs a cow/calf operation on their 300 acre farm located in Wayne Township. Dave's primary focus is raising his Angus herd but he also helps out on two large broiler operations and a local dairy farm.

He and his wife have two children, Jade and Aaron, are proud grandparents to 11 year old grandson, Sylus.

Dave has previously served as an Associate Supervisor of Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District board, he has served on the Ohio State University Extension Advisory Committee for 9 Years and is a member of the Buckeye Quality Beef Association & R-Calf USA .

Dave looks forward to this opportunity and hopes to be able to make use of his knowledge and experience to help the community and share his passion of conservation.

Nelson, Mark is completing his second term as a Jefferson SWCD supervisor. He has served as the board secretary, public relations chair and was elected by his peers to serve as the JSWCD board chair. Over his two terms, Mark has helped the District to develop a broader partnership of stakeholders, assisted with the acquisition of grant dollars totaling over \$600,000.00 to install new and/or repair failing septic systems to reduce the pollutant runoff into our local waterways and helped with acquiring over \$400,000.00 for a conservation green space project. Each year of his term Mark has assisted with the coordination of the "Off the Beaten Path" bus tours, helped to develop the annual plan of work for the District, and assisted with the coordination of the Ohio Envirothon program held recently at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He regularly attends state and national conservation partnership meetings, and represents the District on a variety of community efforts.



Mark and his family live in Cross Creek Township. He and his wife Gretchen and their ten children all hunt, fish, trap, work together on their hobby farm and enjoy recreating on the Ohio River.

Mark owns Nelson Fine Art and Gifts where he and his family offer a full spectrum of in-house services and custom manufacturing. In addition, after doing considerable renovations, upgrades and façade improvements to an unused downtown Steubenville building, they opened three storefronts: Leonardo's Coffee Shop, Steubenville Popcorn Company and Drosselmeyer's Nutcracker Shoppe. In 2015, Nelson undertook an unexpected and extraordinary project in the creation of the Steubenville Nutcracker Village. Mark is the President of the Steubenville Revitalization Group, and serves on the board of the Grand Theater Restoration Project.

Mark looks forward to continuing to make a positive impact on the county by utilizing the capacities in which he currently serves.

CONSERVATION PROGRAM SPONSORS continued

The Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District was chartered March 1944 and has served the public for 75 years providing technical assistance and education to the residents of Jefferson County, Ohio. "Promoting Conservation of Our Lands and Waters" has been the mission of the District with the goal of improving the quality of life. Jefferson Landmark and Water Transport have partnered to be the Program Sponsors for the 75th Annual Meeting and Banquet scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019 at Le Chateau Pier in Smithfield.

Jefferson Landmark Inc. is a member-owned cooperative founded in 1939 to provide products and services to Ohio Valley residents that includes agriculture and petroleum products, as well as retail items. Today, they have a retail location in Bloomingdale, that houses a bulk petroleum facility; a location in Cadiz and a convenience store in Dillonvale. As a local cooperative they participate in numerous community activities that include 4-H, schools, and law enforcement and sponsor a variety of non-profit events.

For over 36 years, Water Transport has been providing premium quality water out of their operation in Hopedale, Ohio and service the Tri-State region of Steubenville, OH; Weirton, WV; and Beaver, PA. They install and deliver refreshing bottled water to commercial and residential accounts. They offer a range of convenient 20 oz. sports bottles that are specifically designed for people on the move; 5-gallon dispensers for home/office use; and offer convenient, easy-to-pour 1 and 2.5 gallon containers.

For additional information regarding the Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District's 75th Anniversary Annual Meeting and Banquet contact our office at 740-264-9790 or stop into our office located at 500 Market Street, Mezzanine, STE 4, Steubenville.

Sudden Oak Death Confirmed in Ohio

It was recently confirmed that Ohio is one of several Midwest states that have received infected plant material. Approximately 1,600 rhododendron plants from the infected nursery were shipped to Ohio retailers. This shipment went to at least 17 other states.



Gardeners and homeowners who have recently purchased a rhododendron from Walmart or Rural King should monitor the plant for signs of disease, including leaf spots and shoot dieback. It is also advised that Ohioans who purchased rhododendrons or lilac plants from these stores between March and May of this year to dispose of them to prevent further spread of the disease. Plants can be destroyed by burning, deep burial or double-bagging the plant, including the root ball, in heavy duty trash bags for disposal into a sanitary landfill (where allowable).

Consumers should not compost or dispose of the plant material in municipal yard waste. Garden tools used on any affected plants should be sanitized with bleach or 91% (or higher) alcohol before they are used again.

If you have any questions about *Phytophthora ramorum* you are welcome to contact the Division of Plant Health by email at plantpest@agri.ohio.gov or 614-728-6406.



Looking Back

Congratulations to **Mary Phillipson** for being the first to submit the correct names of the 1968 board members pictured.

Edgar Buchanan, Paul Ramsey, Walter Sutton, Joseph Rozsa and Vincent West

Mary wins a dinner reservation for the September 23rd Annual Meeting and Banquet.