

TWO SUPERVISORS TO BE ELECTED

The special election to fill two JSWCD board of supervisor positions will be held in conjunction with the 71st Annual Meeting. The election, conducted by a representative of the Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission, will take place at Saint Florian Hall on October 20, 2014, from 5:45 PM to 6:45 PM.

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.

Casting a Ballot

Eligible voters have three options:

- 1) call or visit the JSWCD office to request an absentee ballot;
- 2) cast a ballot at the district office no later than 4:30 PM, October 20, 2014;
- 3) cast a ballot at the Annual Meeting.

■■■ To Make your Reservation for the Banquet, fill out and mail or drop off the form ■■■
 ■■■ below. Reservation deadline is October 15, 2014. ■■■

JSWCD 71st Annual Meeting and Banquet Reservation Form

■ Name _____

■ Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

■ Number of Adult Tickets @ \$18.50 each _____

■ Number of Children Tickets @ \$9.00 (ages 8 & under) each _____

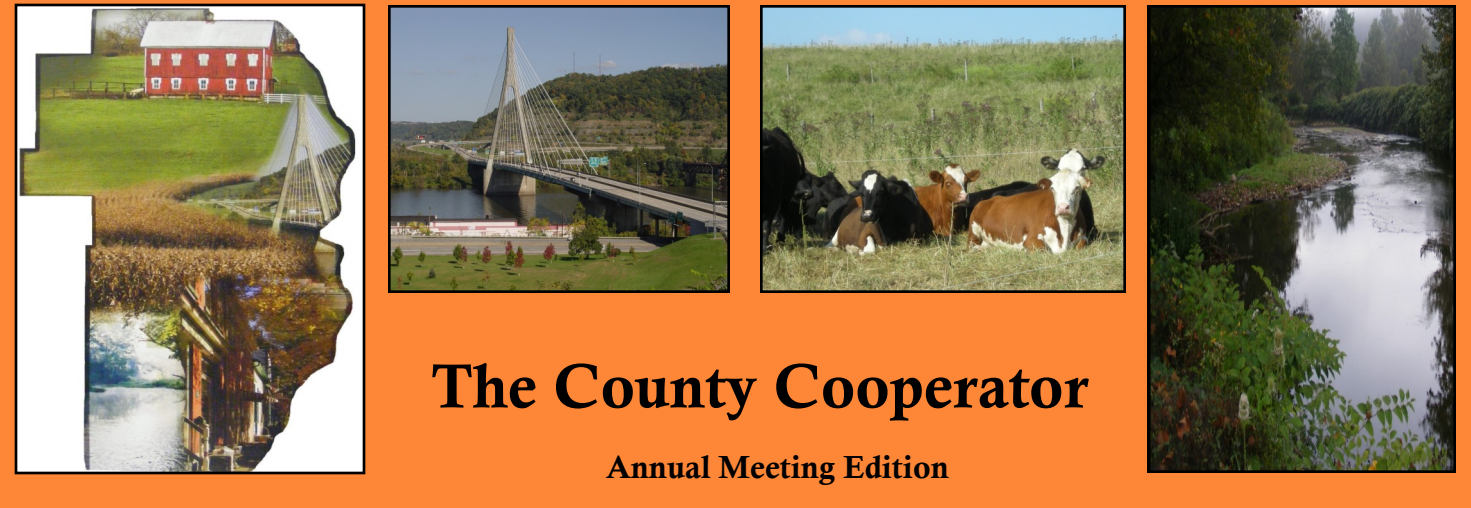
■ * Children 4 and under eat for free

■ Total enclosed _____

■ Make Checks Payable To: Jefferson SWCD

■ Mail to: 587 Bantam Ridge Road, Suite A

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The Jefferson SWCD Board and Staff
Invite You to Attend Our
71st
Annual Meeting, Election, and Banquet

Schedule of the Evening:

- Doors Open 5:30PM
- JSWCD Elections 5:45-6:45PM
- Hors d'oeuvres 6:00PM
- Dinner Served: 7:00PM

Monday, October 20, 2014

St. Florian Hall

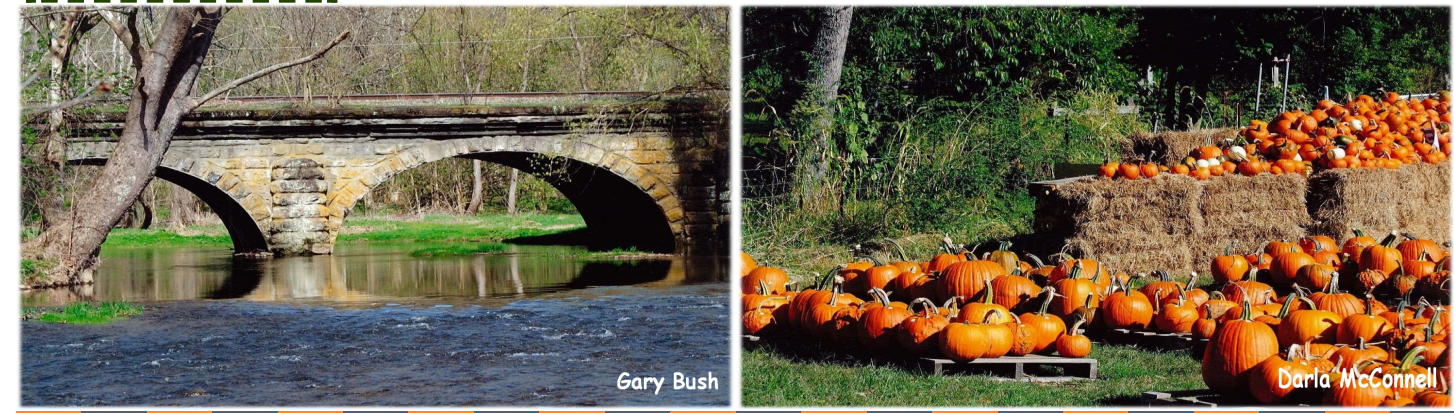
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Awards:

- Conservation Farmer of The Year
- Distinguished Service
- Big Tree Contest
- Photo Contest
- Winners



Gary Bush

Darla McConnell



MEET THE THREE CANDIDATES FOR JEFFERSON SWCD'S BOARD ELECTION

Franckhauser, Richard (Dick) has completed 2 terms as Jefferson SWCD Supervisor. He has been serving as the board treasurer and regularly attends the state meetings on behalf of the Jefferson SWCD. During his tenure

serving as an elected board member, Dick has helped to move the District operations to include pasture grazing education, wetland mitigation easements and a landowner septic repair program. Married to Mary Catherine (Miller), Dick has

3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. He is retired from the Local 246-IBEW, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, where he was employed from 1962 to 1998. Mr. Franckhauser owns a 210-acre farm in Island Creek

Township, where he raises beef & hogs and makes hay. The farm has been in the family for 6 generations. He currently serves as President of the Tri-County Coon Hunters Club.



Photograph by Anissa Wellington

Swickard, William (Mike) is seeking his first term as a Jefferson SWCD Supervisor. He owns a farm on State Route 152, outside of Toronto in Knox Township. The property has been in the family for four generations. He is currently employed at

First Energy as an electrician, and has given 32 years of service thus far. Mike is married to his wife, Pam. Together they have one son, Michael.

Vance, Stephanie has completed her first term as a Jefferson SWCD Supervisor. She has served as the Public Relations Chair and is currently serving as the Vice Chair. She has represented the JSWCD as the Resolution Delegate to the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District state meetings. Every year

she teaches the water quality station to 600 5th grade students during the JSWCD annual Fernwood State Forest Outdoor Days program. She is married to her husband, Robert, and together they have two sons, Jordan and Jonathan. Stephanie currently teaches at Eastern Gateway Community College as Associate Professor

of Biological Sciences; she is the Program Director of the Environmental Science Program and Program Director of the Horticulture Program 2+2 with Kent State University. She has 17 years of service, and is also a member of the Kent State University Advisory Board. Stephanie and her family own a small farm operation located in Cross Creek

Township where they raise a variety of animals including-dairy & meat goats, layer chickens, meat & layer ducks, African Guinea, Hampshire and Duroc Hogs, Dorset Lambs, and a variety of rabbits. In addition, they have 3 llamas, 5 dogs, 5 cats, two love birds and one Jersey bull calf. As she says, "Never a dull moment!"

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unlock THE SECRETS IN THE SOIL

Unlock THE BASICS.

Healthy, fully functioning soil provides an environment that sustains and nourishes plants, soil microbes and beneficial insects. Managing for soil health is one of the easiest and most effective ways for farmers to increase crop productivity and profitability while improving the environment. Positive results are often realized immediately and last well into the future.

Soil is made up of air, water, decayed plant residue, organic matter from living and dead organisms, and mineral matter, such as sand, silt, and clay. Increasing soil organic matter typically improves soil health since organic matter affects several critical soil functions, including nutrient cycling and water-holding capacity. Healthy soils are porous and allow air and water to move freely through them.

Here's how to improve soil health:

- Disturb the soil as little as possible,
- Grow many different species of plants through rotations and a diverse mixture of cover crops,
- Plant cover crops around harvest to keep living roots growing in the soil for as much of the year as possible, and
- Keep the soil surface covered with residue year round.

Contact your local Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office or go online at www.nrcs.usda.gov to learn more about Soil Health Management Systems and the technical and financial assistance available to help "Unlock the Secrets in the Soil."