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75th ANNIVERSARY

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Upcoming Events

July 4

Independence Day
OFFICE CLOSED

July 12

Friday in the Park

July 16

Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

July 23-25

Experience Earth Day Camp

July 25

Pond Clinic

August 8

75th Jubilee Celebration
Annual Meeting & Banquet

August 20

Board Meeting - 7:30 a.m.

September 2

Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED

September 5 & 6

Pickaway County Ag Day

September 17

Board Meeting - 7:30 am

October 14

Columbus Day
OFFICE CLOSED

October 15

Board Meeting - 7:30 a.m.

75th Jubilee Celebration

Please come and celebrate Pickaway SWCD's 75th anniversary on Thursday, August 8 at the Lightning Tree Barn, located at 28544 Kingston Pike. We are planning lots of fun and interactive activities for adults and youth alike! This will be a casual, family friendly event with food and fun.

Date & Time

August 8, 2019

Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Election 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Location

The Lightning Tree Barn

28544 Kingston Pike

Circleville, OH 43113

Tickets \$10

Reservations due August 2

*Purchase tickets at our office or return the order form on page 2 with payment by August 2.

Menu

Shredded Pork, Shredded Chicken, Potato Salad,

Cole Slaw, Baked Beans & Refreshments

Catered by Elegant Eats

Evening Events & Fun

Supervisor Election

Antique Tractor Show

Educational Youth Activities

Dinner

Cooperator of the Year Award



Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors

Election Notice and Procedures

Five county residents serve as supervisors on the Pickaway SWCD Board. Each supervisor serves a three-year term and may run for re-election at the end of their term. Current board members are: Clyde Ohnewehr, chair; Matt Anderson, vice chair; Barbara Martindale, secretary; Bill Black, treasurer/fiscal agent; and Steve Hawkins, member. The Board of Supervisors guide the staff and partnering agencies in efforts to implement conservation programs which address management and conservation of soil, water and related resources.

Matt Anderson, Jonathon Lohstroh and Clyde Ohnewehr have accepted the nomination to run for the Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors. The two elected supervisors will begin their term January 1, 2020. The Pickaway SWCD Annual Supervisor Election will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 8, 2019. Voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote in the privacy of a booth at The Lightning Tree Barn, located at 28544 Kingston Pike, Circleville. Voters do not have to attend the meeting to cast a vote. Results of the election will be announced during the evening's program.

Firms, Corporations, LLC's, trusts and non-residents that own land or occupy land in Pickaway County must provide an affidavit of their eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. Affidavit forms are available at the District office and on the District's website. Anyone wishing to vote by absentee ballot must complete an absentee ballot application. If voting by mail, the application must be received in the District's office between July 18 and August 2. If voting at the District office you must do so between July 18 and 3 p.m. on August 8.

Applications for absentee ballots will be available at the Pickaway SWCD office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and on the website at www.pickawayswcd.org beginning July 18. Absentee ballots will not be accepted at the meeting. Please call the office at 740-477-1693 with any questions.

Voters May Vote for Two (2) Candidates

Voting for Supervisor

When: August 8 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: The Lightning Tree Barn
28544 Kingston Pike
Circleville, OH 43113

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Voting Absentee by Mail: Request for Ballot must be received at the District office between July 18 and August 1

Voting Absentee at the District Office:
July 18 through August 8 (no later than 3 p.m. on August 8)
No Absentee Ballots will be accepted at the Annual Meeting



75th Jubilee Celebration

Ticket Order Form due by August 2, 2019

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Total Number of Tickets _____ x **\$10.00 = \$** _____

Mail this form with payment to Pickaway SWCD, 110 Island Rd. Suite D, Circleville, OH 43113

Make checks payable to Pickaway SWCD.

Meet the Candidates

Voters may vote for one (1) candidate per position

Matt Anderson

My initial interest in becoming a member of the board was twofold. Being a farmer, I feel that it is part of my responsibility of practicing good agronomic husbandry to be educated in all aspects. Soil and water health/management most definitely are big parts of that. Becoming a member of the board has afforded the opportunity to not only educate myself, but to pass that on to others.

I have been involved in my family's farming operation for around 30 years. I feel that I have been a part of many experiences that tie in with what a supervisor may be challenged with. Coupling that with my education, I feel that I have a diverse skill set to offer.

I am 41 years old and have lived in Pickaway County my entire life. I graduated from Westfall High School in 1996. I earned a Bachelors in Ag Business and Crop Science from The Ohio State University in 2000. I have been involved in my family's farm equipment dealership and grain farming operation for the last 28 years. I have been farming full time for the last 19 years. My wife, Heather, and I live on our farm just outside of Five Points with our two children, Audra (10) and Graham (8).



Jonathon Lohstroh

Jon Lohstroh grew up in Madison County next to Deer Creek. He was heavily involved in 4-H and FFA growing up, and graduated from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor's degree in Agribusiness and a minor in Animal Sciences. After graduation, he began farming full time with his dad in Pickaway and Madison Counties.

"As a corn and soybean farmer, soil and water conservation is at the heart of our operation and has become a passion of our family to integrate new conservation methods into our farm," said Jon. "Like other farm families, I want to help preserve the land for the next generation."

Jon is a member of Farm Bureau in Pickaway County, where he lives with his wife and kids. He also has experience with the design and installation of farm drainage and the challenges and opportunities it presents to land owners and neighbors.

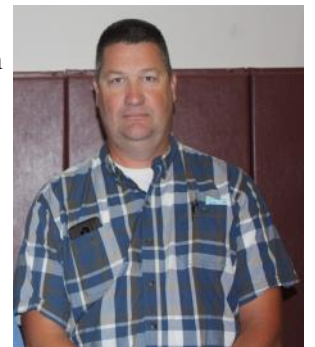


Clyde Ohnewehr

I have been a resident of Darby Township for 49 years. I currently reside there with my wife of 21 years, Leslie. We have farmed in Pickaway County since we were married and currently own and operate a 900-acre cash grain operation.

I have been actively working with the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District on installing conservation practices on my farms. I know the importance of conserving our natural resources and want to continue helping to spread the word through working with the district.

If re-elected to the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors, I will continue to be a great asset because I am a good listener and I make fair decisions. Currently I am a member of the Pickaway County Farmers Club.



Education & Outreach

Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship

The Donald E. Minor Scholarship was created by the Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors in memory of Donald E. Minor, Sr. and his 25 years of service to the board and community. Mr. Minor began as a supervisor in 1985 and served on the board until he passed in October 2010.

Funds from the scholarship are currently accumulated from Affiliate Memberships and Pumpkin Show parking lot fees. The award is available to any Pickaway County High School or Home School Senior who will be majoring in Agriculture or Natural Resources. The scholarships are for the purpose of continuing higher education at a two- or four-year college or university.

Our fourth annual Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship was presented to three deserving students here in Pickaway County. Our office awarded Megan Reynolds and Lauren Chafin of Teays Valley High School and Zoe Barnes of Logan Elm High School each with a \$500 scholarship.

Megan Reynolds plans on attending The Ohio State University to study Animal Sciences with a focus on animal nutrition, feed and cost effectiveness. She has been an active member and leader within Pickaway County 4-H, Teays Valley FFA, National Honor Society, and her community. Not only has Megan held several ag related jobs while in school, but she has also completed many hours of community service.

Lauren Chafin plans on attending Wilmington College to study Food Policies and Agriculture Advocacy. She has been an active member of the Teays Valley FFA Chapter, National Honor Society, American Legion Post #730, and her community. Lauren currently works at a commercial sow farm. Her goals after college are to help other commercial farms create policies to better their businesses, work for the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and be an advocate for farmers on Capital Hill.

Zoe Barnes is a graduate of Logan Elm High School and the Renewable and Green Engineering program at Pickaway-Ross Career and Technical Center. She plans to pursue a degree in Civil Engineering, with the goal of incorporating recycled material into the construction process. Zoe has been an active Skills USA member, part of the National Honor Society, named Academic All League, and is involved in AP Art and her community.

We wish all three of these scholarship recipients the best of luck on furthering their education and becoming further involved in the agricultural, environmental and natural resources industries!



Megan Reynold and Lauren Chafin with Katerina, Education and Outreach Coordinator



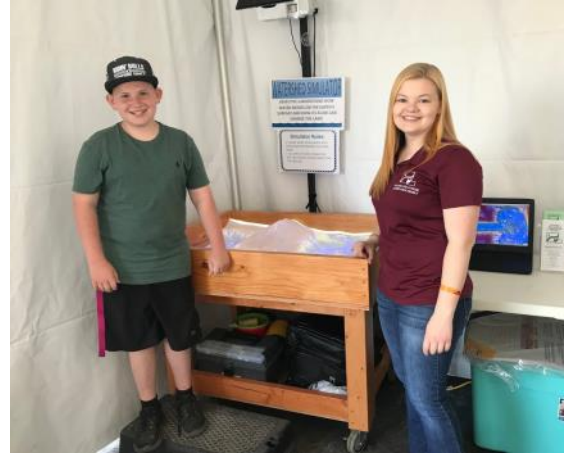
Zoe Barnes with Tawn Seimer, Administrator

Education & Outreach

Pickaway County Fair

Pickaway SWCD had the opportunity to partner with the Pickaway County Parks District and RPHF Solid Waste District to maintain an educational booth at the Pickaway County Fair this year. Between the three agencies, youth and community members alike were able to participate in a recycling activity, learn about wildlife from the mammal pelts and skulls on display, and explore a topographic map as part of an augmented reality sandbox. The sandbox is a perfect tool for learning about water flow, erosion, watersheds, changing landscape, and much more!

Pickaway SWCD also had the opportunity to provide the Cloverbud activity Monday morning. There were about 35 Cloverbud members present, and we talked about the life cycle of a plant, planted flowers and painted flower pots!



4-H Natural Resource Project Winners

Our Education and Outreach Coordinator had the opportunity to judge the 4-H Natural Resource Projects at the fair on Wednesday. She judged 29 4-H members taking 8 different projects, which included Ohio Birds, Geology, Explore the Outdoors, Fishing, Insect Adventures, and Beekeeping.

Jacob Hawkes was named the Best Overall Natural Resources Project Winner. He completed his project in Insect Adventures 2 and Beekeeping, and will go on to compete at the Ohio State Fair for both of these projects. Jacob is an 8-year member from Future Farmers of Monroe 4-H club.

Makayla Lange was named the Runner Up Overall Natural Resources Project Winner. She completed two Natural Resource Projects: Explore the Outdoors and Geology. Makayla is a 10-year member of Scioto Scrappin' & More and will also go on to compete at the Ohio State Fair.

Congratulations to Jacob, Makayla, and the rest of the Natural Resource Project participants for their hard work and accomplishments! Their interest and love for learning about the environmental and natural world is inspiring.



Jacob and Makayla

Follow us on Facebook @Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District to keep up to date with what we are doing and to see photos we post from school programs and SWCD events!

Upcoming Events

Friday in the Park

The "Friday in the Park" summer program is designed for youth from pre-school through 5th grade. This FREE event has crafts, games, exercise and education. It offers several activity areas that are developed around a theme for each Friday.

Pickaway SWCD, OSU Extension, Parks District, and Solid Waste District will be partnering up again this year to provide activities for our Friday, which will be July 12. Our theme is "Nature Around the World."

When: Every Friday, June 21-August 2
(Our Friday is July 12!)

Where: Mary Virginia Crites-Hannan Park, 1230 Pontius Road

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Transportation: Please contact Brenda Short at 740-477-8224 if you and your children need transportation.

FYI: Children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Dairy Queen and Dairy Shed will be providing treats! YMCA offers a free lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for children 18 years and younger at the YMCA.

Pond Clinic

Join Hocking and Pickaway SWCDs as they welcome Mike Greenlee from the Ohio Division of Wildlife to answer all your questions about ponds. Be sure to bring lawn chairs, bug spray and dress for the weather, as we will be outdoors for the evening.

Light refreshments and beverages will be provided. Bring the kids to fish and catch critters while you attend the clinic! Poles and bait will be provided if you do not have your own.

Questions & RSVP:
RSVP to Pickaway SWCD
740-477-1693

We hope to see you there!

Date, Time & Location:
July 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
15208 S Perry Rd.
Laurelville, Ohio 43135

Technical Corner

District Technician Opening Available - Pickaway SWCD is looking to hire a District Technician. Applicants are required to submit a cover letter, resume and three references to our office by Friday, July 12, 2019 at 4 p.m. A complete job description and information can be found on our website (pickawayswcd.org) or by contacting our office.

Job duties and responsibilities include:

- Assist with technical and engineering field assistance to landowners in Pickaway County and units of government.
- Assist with agricultural and residential group drainage projects (informational meetings, hearings, site inspections, etc.)
- Develop engineering designs, providing layout and assist with construction of conservation practices. The development of the plans will follow the guidelines established in the NRCS National Engineering Manual and related handbooks.
- Assist customers and the Ohio Department of Agriculture with Pollution Abatement concerns.
- Assist cooperators with applying conservation practices and other programs as needed.
- Prepare and maintain all records, reports and forms required by the Board of Supervisors and/or the District Administrator.

NRCS Updates

USDA Announces Continuous CRP Enrollment Period from June 3 to August 23

Producers interested in applying for continuous CRP practices, including those contracts expiring under existing CREP agreements, or who need an extension, should contact the Pickaway/Franklin County FSA Office beginning June 3. More information on CRP can be found at www.fsa.usda.gov/crp, or by calling the office at 740-477-1694.

CRP is a voluntary program that contracts with agricultural producers so that environmentally sensitive agricultural land is used for conservation benefits. CRP participants establish long-term, resource-conserving vegetative species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as “covers”), to control soil erosion, improve the water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. In return, FSA provides participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Continuous signup enrollment contracts are 10 to 15 years in duration.

Under continuous CRP signup, environmentally sensitive land devoted to eligible conservation practices can be enrolled in CRP at any time. Eligible practices include, but not limited to, grass waterway, shallow water area for wildlife, filter strip, riparian buffer and wetland restoration. Offers are automatically accepted provided the land and producer meet certain eligibility requirements and the enrollment levels do not exceed the statutory cap. Producers submitting acceptable CRP offers for the listed conservation practices must have a conservation plan developed and the contract approved no later than September 30, 2019.

If the offered acres are currently enrolled in CRP under a CRP contract that expires September 30, 2019, the effective start date of the new CRP contract must be October 1, 2019. If the offered acres are not currently enrolled in CRP, the producer may choose to defer the effective start date of the new CRP contract for up to six months after the offer is approved. All acceptable signup 52 continuous offers must be approved no later than September 30, 2019.

Payments

Under CRP continuous signup, FSA provides eligible participants with annual rental payments and cost-share assistance. Signup and practice incentives as well as certain rental rate incentives are not available for this signup period. Annual Rental Payments: Soil rental rates will be equal to 90 percent of the existing rates. The maximum payment rate for continuous signup is \$300 per acre. Cost-Share Assistance: Cost-share of up to 50 percent of the re-reimbursable cost of installing the practice is provided by FSA.

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PSWCD Board

Clyde Ohnewehr, Chairman; Matt Anderson, Vice Chairman; Barbara Martindale, Secretary; Bill Black, Treasurer & Fiscal Agent; Steve Hawkins, Member

Pickaway County Agencies-Phone Numbers

Farm Service Agency	740-477-1694
Pickaway County Commissioners	740-474-6093
Mark Rickey-ODNR Service Forester	740-774-1596

Affiliate Members

Corporate Members

The Savings Bank, Richard & Judy Clifton, Honeyrun Farms, C. Randall & Cindy Metzger, Vickers Farms, Pickaway County Banking Center, Pickaway County Farm Bureau, Ruff Farm

Steward of the Land

Hartsock Ag, John & Curtis Drummond, Wiseheart Farms, John & Susie Dunlap, Arnold & Diane Gabriel, Gregg & Teresa Mayberry, Clyde & Leslie Ohnewehr, Don Shaw

Soil and Water Protector

Pickaway County Visitors Bureau, Ashley Hansen, Laurina Harper, Doug & Vicki Kohli, Anita Kohn, Paul Marshall, Todd Millard, James Trimmer



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