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Upcoming Events August 15th

Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 7:30 am

August 24th, 2017

73rd Annual Meeting and
Supervisors Election

September 4th

Labor Day Holiday
OFFICE CLOSED

September 8th

Ag Day for Pickaway County
4th Graders

September 19th

Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 7:30 am

September 19th-21st

Farm Science Review At Molly
Caren Agricultural Center

October 17th

Board of Supervisors
Meeting - 7:30 am

October 18th-20th

Circleville Pumpkin Show

73rd Annual Meeting/Banquet *August 24th, 2017*

Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Supervisor Election 5:30-6:30 pm

***Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church
318 Tarlton Road, Circleville***

Tickets \$15.00

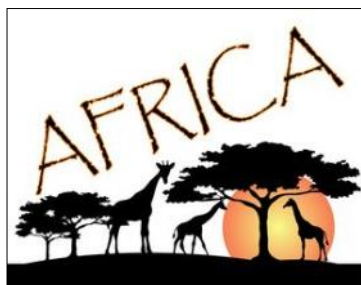
Reservations Due August 18th, 2017

****Purchase tickets at our office or return the order form
on Page 2 with payment by August 18th***

Topic of the Evening:

***"Exploring the National
Parks and Natural World of
Southern Africa"***

James Pierce



Menu

Baked Steak or Baked Chicken
Mashed Potatoes
Noodles
Green Beans
Tossed Green Salad
Rolls & Desserts
Refreshments

***Catered by:
Emmett Chapel UMC
Women's Society***

(See page 2 for ticket order form)

Annual Meeting & Banquet

Annual Meeting/Banquet Ticket Order Form—Due by August 18th, 2017

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

OF Meal Choice: Baked Steak _____ Baked Chicken _____

Total # of Tickets _____ x **\$15.00** = \$ _____

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

Introducing our new section:

Technical Corner:

Why is soil testing important? Your soil may not hold all the nutrients your plants need to grow to their full potential. A soil test is a great way to measure your soil's fertility and health. Without a test, you will be guessing how much nutrients and fertilizer to apply. Having your numbers right is important because each component of soil plays a vital role in plant growth and health. Our office is now offering soil sample packets to the public, please feel free to stop and pick one up today!

Element	Job in Plants	Not Enough	Too Much	Environmental Issue
Nitrogen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Key to plant growth – Major components of chlorophyll – Found in plant proteins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Poor plant growth – Pale green to yellow leaves from a lack of chlorophyll 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Makes plants more susceptible to pests and diseases – Excess foliage and stem growth resulting in a weak stem and poor fruit and flower production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Excess can leach and create ground and surface water quality issues
Phosphorus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Helps transfer energy from sunlight to the plant – Stimulates early root and plant growth – Promotes maturity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Stunted growth – Take longer to reach maturity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Inhibit plants from taking up micronutrients such as iron, zinc and manganese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – One of the main contributors to algae blooms in our lakes and rivers when excess phosphorus reaches water
Potassium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increases plant vigor – Increases disease resistance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scorching of plant leaves – Stunted growth – Poor resistance to temperature changes and to drought – Poor resistance to pests – Loss of leaves 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Inhibit plants from taking up other nutrients such as nitrogen, magnesium and manganese 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Can cause buildup of highly soluble salts

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 :Bill Black, Steve Hawkins, Barbara Martindale, Clyde Ohnewehr and Matt Anderson. 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.

Bill Back, Steve Hawkins and Wesley Ebenhack have accepted the nomination to run for the Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors. The two elected supervisors will begin his/her term January 1, 2018. The Pickaway SWCD Annual Supervisor Election will be held from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Thursday, August 24th, 2017. Voters will have the opportunity to cast their vote in the privacy of a booth in the foyer of Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church located at 318 Tarlton Road, Circleville. You do not have to attend the meeting to cast a vote. Results of the election will be announced during the evenings 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 August 3rd and August 21st. If voting at the District office you must do so between August 3rd and 3pm August 24th.

Applications for absentee ballot will be available at the Pickaway SWCD office between the hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm - Monday - Friday, and on the website at www.pickawayswcd.org beginning August 3rd. Absentee ballots will **not** be accepted at the meeting. Any questions please call the office at 740-477-1693.



Voting for Supervisor

When: August 24th - 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Where: Emmett Chapel United Methodist Church
318 Tarlton Road, Circleville

Voting by Absentee Ballot

Voting Absentee by Mail: Request for Ballot must be received at the District office between
August 3rd and August 21st

Voters May Vote for Two (2) Candidates

Voting Absentee at the District Office: August 3rd through August 24th
(no later than 3:00 pm on the 24th)

No Absentee Ballots will be accepted at the Annual Meeting

Meet The Candidates

Voters may vote for two (2) candidates

Bill Black

I am currently the Chairman and Fiscal Agent of the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. I have served as a supervisor on the Pickaway SWCD Board for the past eighteen years.



I am the Treasurer of the Area 5 SWCD Board of Directors. The Area 5 Board of Directors is instrumental in making decisions on policy and procedures to better guide the seventeen Area SWCDs in their effort to serve their customers.

I have been a 4-H Advisor for the past 7 years. I am the President of the Teays Valley Young Farmers Club.

My dad, Bob Black, and I farm approximately 1,300 acres. All soybean, wheat, and corn acres that are no-till or minimum till.

I am married to Lynn and we have 2 children, Sydney and Ross, and we reside in Harrison Township.

Steve Hawkins

I was raised on a farm in Brown County and that background set my future in attending The Ohio State University, majoring in Animal Science and Agricultural Education. I began employment with the Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District as their District Administrator then was hired by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Conservation as a Program Specialist. Through my work experience as an advisor to more than half of the soil and water conservation districts in the State and trainer of SWCD supervisors

I know all aspects of the position relating to supervisor responsibilities. Having worked at the area and state levels I know their funding structure and applicable laws they operate under.



I have gone to Washington D. C. with soil and water conservation supervisors representing Ohio's input on Farm Bill programs. I developed the funding formula for funding soil and water conservation districts in Ohio. I have met with county commissioners throughout Ohio seeking funding for soil and water conservation districts. I have attended more than 2,000 SWCD board meetings as an advisor to soil and water conservation district boards.

I have been a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Pickaway County Juvenile Court Advisory Committee, the Pickaway Catholic Men's Club, and the Circleville Girls Softball Board. I am Past President of the Parent Teachers Organization for Nicholas Drive Elementary and Past Member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. I have served on many Ohio Federation and Soil and Water Conservation committees. I have been a Circleville Youth Soccer and Girls Softball Coach. Steve has been married to Sharon for 40 years and have three daughters Bethany, Andrea and Jennifer.

Wesley Ebenhack

I grew up and continue to live on my family farm in Southern Pickaway County. Always having a love for the farm along with my passion for plants and the outdoors helped me to decided to start taking over the farm. After four years, I have a hay growing operation and produce farm that consists of several acres of blackberries, black raspberries, strawberries, peaches, apples, pumpkins and cutflowers.



I am a current member of the Circleville Sunrise Rotary Club, and a Pickaway County Farm Bureau Board Member.

I have seen how individuals make mistakes and how bad practices have harmed the environment and how conservation practices and other less harming practices have helped improve our impact on the environment. I would like to help educate individuals with the hopes to change their way of thinking so they take on more conservative practices.

If elected, I will show how I care about our environment and utilize the knowledge and skills that I have acquired from other business operations and running a farm.

Soil and Water Stewardship Celebration & Poster Contest



Circleville Middle School Winners

L-R 1st Place (7-9th Grade)
Gretchen Search
1st Place (4-6th Grade)
Sabrena Funk
Honorable Mention (4-6th Grade)
Katelyn Folkes



Saltcreek Intermediate Winners

L-R Honorable Mention (4-6th)
Camryn Ross
2nd Place (4-6th Grades)
Brock Pugh
Honorable Mention (4-6th Grade)
Jesse Powell
Honorable Mention (4-6th Grade)
Iva Marshall



McDowell Middle School Winners

L-R 2nd Place (7-9th Grade)
Emma MiKibben
Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Genevieve Carstensen
Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Allyson Cotton
Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Rachel Townsend
Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Madelyn Stehly

Pickaway SWCD wants to remind you that each of us has a responsibility to be a good steward of natural resources. The 62nd Annual Soil & Water Stewardship Week was celebrated April 30th through May 7th, 2017. This year's theme of the 2017 Soil and Water Stewardship Celebration and Poster Contest was "Healthy Soils are Full of Life".

Soils are the foundation for everything that we are and do. From the clothes we wear, the food we eat, to the houses we live in, every person and thing gets its start from the soil! Healthy soils are important for growing our food. We need healthy food to live and grow. Plants need healthy soil to live and grow. Some foods we eat grow above the ground (like tomatoes), while others grow below the ground (like potatoes).

Sherrill King of FSA, Will Newman of Pheasants/Quail Forever and Joy Sharp of OSU Extension, judged the entries from 147 Pickaway County students. They chose first, second, and honorable mention posters. First place in the 4th - 6th grade category went to Sabrena Funk of Circleville Middle School, the second place award was given to Brock Pugh from Saltcreek Intermediate. Honorable Mentions were awarded to three Saltcreek Intermediate students, Camryn Ross, Jesse Powell and Iva Marshall. Katelyn Folks from Circleville Middle School also received an honorable mention.

Gretchen Search of Circleville Middle School received first place in the 7th– 9th grade category. Second place went to Emma McKibben from McDowell. Four McDowell Middle School students received Honorable Mentions: Genevieve Cartensen, Madelyn Stehly, Rachel Townsend, and Allyson Cotton.

All winning posters were displayed at the Pickaway County Library and copied into a placemat distributed at Captain D's and Bob Evans during Soil & Water Stewardship Week. The first place posters advance to the State Contest with a chance to advance to the National Contest.

Natural Resource Project winners from the 2017 Pickaway County Fair

Montana McFarland, Pickaway SWCD Education/Outreach Coordinator performed the duties of judge for the

Natural Resource projects at the 2017 Pickaway County Fair. She judged 8 different Natural Resource projects, which included Ohio Birds, Grow Your Own Vegetables, Why Trees Matter, Exploring the Outdoors, Bee Keeping, Fishing for Beginners, Fishing for Intermediate, and Exploring Ponds. Eleven 4-H members presented their projects to her one-on-one. After all the projects were judged, Montana presented an Overall and Runner-Up awards to the top two Natural Resource Projects presenters. The Overall winner was presented to Braden Fairbanks from Madison Livewires 4-H Club. Braden excelled in both of his projects: Exploring Ponds and Fishing for the Intermediate and Ambrosia Havan from Scioto Scrappin' & More received Runner-Up for her performance in Why Trees Matter and Ohio Birds.



Overall Winner
Braden Fairbanks



Runner Up Overall
Ambrosia Havan

Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship



Our second annual Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship was presented to Jared Minor, a 2017 Westfall High School Senior. Jared plans to major in Agricultural Engineering and will begin his classes in the fall of 2017. He has served as a leader within the organizations that he participates in. His leadership roles consist of him being a chapter officer for the Westfall FFA chapter, his 4-H club President, Student Council Vice President, Team Captain of his varsity soccer team, and was honored to be chosen as the 2016 Pickaway County Fair King and Buckeye Boys State Delegate. Along with his leadership, Jared is a top caliber marksman, and has competed in the Jr. Olympics State Championship, along with other prestigious competitions. The Pickaway SWCD Scholarship committee had a tough choice to make from all of the qualified applicants, but Jared became the top participant. We wish him all the best in the years to come with school, leadership and service opportunities.

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

Qualifications/Applications will be accepted from students meeting the following qualifications:

1. Will be attending a 2 or 4 year college or university in the fall.
2. Must be a senior at a Pickaway County High or Home School.
3. Must be enrolling in an Agriculture or Natural Resources major

Conditions of the scholarship: The award will be used towards the student's tuition and fees. Once the student receives their first semester bill it will be their responsibility to turn it into the district. We will then submit payment directly to your school's registrar's office.

Any upcoming 2018 Pickaway County High or Home School Senior should check with school counselors and our web site in the Spring of 2018 for an application.

Affiliate Annual Membership

_____ Future Conservationist (Student) \$10.00

_____ Steward of the Land \$100.00

_____ Soil & Water Protector \$ 30.00

_____ Corporate Member \$250.00

How do you want your membership listed?

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ *Your contribution is tax deductible. Thank You!*

Other Agency Briefs



Rob's Retirement

Rob Skidmore retired from the Natural Resource Conservation Service on April 1st after serving the agency for 33 years (1984-2017) and three years serving for the Pickaway SWCD (1976-1979). Rob worked continually on developing conservation plans across the county. We would like to thank Rob for his 36 years of combined service to conservation efforts in Pickaway County.

On February 6th, Pickaway SWCD welcomed Arista Hartzler to the team as a District Technician.

Arista is a 2013 Graduate of Logan Elm High School, and a recent graduate of Ohio University where she received a degree in Environmental Geography, with a minor in Environmental Plant Biology along with receiving a GIS certificate.

Arista also served as the districts intern last summer and is excited to work on planning, developing and implementing projects across the county.



On April 5th, Pickaway SWCD also welcomed Montana McFarland to the team as the Education/ Outreach Coordinator. Montana is lifelong Pickaway County resident, Westfall High School 2013 graduate, and a recent graduate of Wilmington College where she received a degree in Agriculture concentrating in Business with minors in Political Science and Sustainability. Montana will be providing classroom programs, field days, adult workshops, tours, poster contests and other conservation education needs.

On May 15th, NRCS welcomed Kathryn Boening to the team as a Pathways Intern Soil Conservationist. Kathryn, is originally from Plymouth, Wisconsin and is currently studying Ecological Engineering at The Ohio State University. Kate is excited to play a role in improving the environment here in Pickaway County through technical methods.



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Phil Roe, Agriculture Conservation
Experienced Service Enrollee
Kathryn Boening, Pathways Intern-Soil Conservationist

Will Newman, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist
Pheasants/Quail Forever

Affiliate Members

Corporate Members-C. Randal and Cindy Metzger, Ohnewehr Family Farms, Pickaway Farms,
The Savings Bank, and Wayne Vickers

Steward of The Land-John & Curtis Drummond, Hartsock Ag-Tim & Tom Hartsock, and Shaw Farms

Soil and Water Protector-Doug & Vicki Kohli, and Wiseheart Farms

All programs, services and assistance provided by the Pickaway SWCD are available to everyone without regard to race, creed, color, handicap, sex, age, or national origin.

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