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Upcoming Events

July 4
Independence Day
OFFICE CLOSED

July 19
Board Meeting - 8 a.m.

July 19-21
Experience Earth Day Camp

July 22
Jr. Experience Earth Camp

August 16
Board Meeting - 8 a.m.

August 30
RSVPs for Annual Meeting &
Banquet Due to Office

September 5
Labor Day
OFFICE CLOSED

September 7
Joint Annual Meeting &
Banquet with Pickaway
County Farm Bureau

September 20
Board Meeting - 8 a.m.

September 30
Pickaway County Ag Day

October 10
Columbus Day
OFFICE CLOSED

October 18
Board Meeting - 8 a.m.



Joint Annual Meeting & Banquet with Pickaway County Farm Bureau

Please join us for our joint Pickaway SWCD and Farm Bureau Annual Meeting & Banquet on September 7 at Flora and Field.

Date & Time

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

SWCD Supervisor Election & Social Hour from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Location

Flora & Field
21748 Deer Creek Road
Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

Attendance is Free of Charge

Reservations due Tuesday, August 30

Please call either PSWCD (740-477-1693) or PCFB (740-474-6284) by August 30 to RSVP

Menu

Pulled pork, baked chicken, green beans, mac and cheese, salad, brownies and cookies, refreshments
Catered by Elegant Eats

Evening Events

SWCD Supervisor Election
PCFB Policy Voting & Trustee Elections
OSU Extension Hot Topic Presentation
SWCD Awards & Recognitions



FOUNDATION

Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisor

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: Jonathan Lohstroh, chair; Matt Anderson, vice chair; Dewey Mann, secretary; Bill Black, treasurer/fiscal agent; and Brian Reid, 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 and Andrew “Dewey” Mann have accepted nominations to run for the Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors. The two elected supervisors will begin their term January 1, 2023. The Pickaway SWCD Annual Supervisor Election will be held from August 9 through September 7, 2022. Voters will have the opportunity to vote in the office, by mail, or at our Annual Meeting and Banquet on September 7 at Flora & Field, 21748 Deer Creek Road, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143 . Results of the election will be announced after the votes have been tallied, which will be on or after September 7, 2022.

There are three (3) ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

- 1. Mail in Voting** - Absentee voting is available from [August 9, 2022 through September 7, 2022](#). Residents wishing to vote absentee may request a ballot application and ballot from Pickaway SWCD by any of the following:
 - Mail - 110 Island Road, Suite D, Circleville, OH 43113
 - Email - katerina-sharp@pickawayswcd.org
 - Phone - 740-477-1693

Upon request for the absentee voting, the SWCD will provide a ballot application, election ballot, and ballot envelope to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be returned to the SWCD office by 3:00 p.m. on September 7, 2022.

- 2. In Person Voting at the Office** - Voting may take place at the Pickaway SWCD office from [August 9, 2022 through September 7, 2022](#). Voting may take place from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on all days except September 7, when in person voting at the office will end at 3:00 p.m.

- 3. In Person Voting at the Annual Meeting & Banquet** - Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting & Banquet located at Flora & Field, 21748 Deer Creek Road, Mt. Sterling, OH 43143 on [September 7, 2022](#) from 5:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Voters May Vote for Two (2) Candidates

Meet the Candidates

Matt Anderson

Matt Anderson has been involved in his family’s grain farming operation and equipment dealership for over 30 years. He graduated from Westfall High School in 1996 and earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Ag Business and Crop Science from The Ohio State University in 2000. Matt’s initial interest in becoming a member of the board was twofold. Being a farmer, he feels it is part of his responsibility of practicing good agronomic husbandry to be educated in all aspects. Soil and water health and management are big parts of that. His time as a member of the board has afforded him the opportunity to educate himself and to pass that knowledge on to others. Matt and his wife, Heather, live on a farm just outside of Five Points with their two children, Audra (13) and Graham (11).



Andrew “Dewey” Mann

Andrew “Dewey” Mann currently serves as Director of the Waterman Agricultural and Natural Resources Laboratory, and Interim Director for the Chadwick Arboretum and Learning Gardens, at The Ohio State University. Formerly, Dewey taught in the Agricultural Systems Management (ASM) program for nine years, with a focus on teaching and student advising. He resides east of Circleville, OH on a small farm with his wife Kathy, and two sons Miles (8) and Neil (6). Growing up on his family’s diversified row-crop and livestock farm in northern Missouri greatly impacted his experience and passion for production agriculture, machinery systems, and environmental stewardship. Dewey appreciates the opportunity to serve in his community, and connect with those around him. He and his family are active members of the Village Chapel church.



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activities!

Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarships

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 seventh annual Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship was presented to three deserving students here in Pickaway County. Our office awarded **Kelsey Whittington** and **Julia Kitchen** of Logan Elm High School and **Adriahna Karr** of Westfall High School each with a \$1,000 scholarship.

Kelsey Whittington is a graduating senior from Logan Elm High School where she has been involved in the National Art Honor Society, Key Club, Yearbook Club, National Honor Society, and Varsity Golf and Tennis. Kelsey has also worked part time while in school. This fall, she plans to attend Hocking College to earn a degree in Wildlife Resources Management.

Julia Kitchen, a graduating senior from Logan Elm High School, has been an active FFA and 4-H member, worked part time, and has also been a part of Junior Fairboard National Honor Society, and the Bowling team. Julia plans to attend The Ohio State University ATI this fall to obtain a degree in Agricultural Education.

Adriahna Karr is a graduating senior from Westfall High School. She played varsity soccer in high school, was a part of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America organization at Pickaway Ross, and has worked part time the past four years. Adriahna plans to attend Columbus State Community College this fall to major in Environmental Science.

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!

Any upcoming 2023 Pickaway County High School or Home School Seniors should check with school counselors and on our website in the Spring of 2023 for an application.



Farm 4R Future

The 4Rs. For many of us the first thought that comes to mind is the old “School Days” tune and the golden rule of learning reading, ‘riting, ‘rithmetic and everyone’s favorite, recess. While no doubt these things were all important to us as children, the golden rule for agriculture today is the 4Rs of nutrient stewardship: Right fertilizer source at the Right rate at the Right time and in the Right place. Properly managed fertilizers support agricultural systems that provide economic, social and environmental benefits. On the other hand, poorly managed nutrient applications can waste time and money while increasing nutrient losses, potentially degrading water and air. 4R nutrient stewardship requires the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that optimize the efficiency of fertilizer use. The goal of fertilizer BMPs is to balance amount of fertilizer added with crop requirements and to minimize nutrient losses from fields. Selection of BMPs varies by location, and those chosen for a given site are dependent on local soil and climatic conditions, crop management conditions and other site-specific factors. Other agronomic and conservation practices, such as no-till farming, cover crops, buffer strips, and crop rotation play a valuable role in supporting 4R nutrient stewardship. As a result, fertilizer BMPs are most effective when applied in conjunction with other agronomic and conservation practices. Combining these practices not only fosters nutrient stewardship, but can increase yields and improve soil health and resiliency in the long term. Additional reading: ohioline.osu.edu/factsheet/agf-509



Your decisions will affect *his* yields
Farm 4R Future

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for clean water .org

 RIGHT SOURCE Matches fertilizer type to crop needs.	 RIGHT RATE Matches amount of fertilizer to crop needs.	 RIGHT TIME Makes nutrients available when crops need them.	 RIGHT PLACE Keeps nutrients where crops can use them.
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Old or New Tile & WW Records

If you have any old or new tile and/or waterway records you would like us to scan and preserve as an electronic format to be stored in our office, please call our office at 740-477-1693. Paper records don’t last forever!

Quarterly E-Newsletters

We email a quarterly newsletter to everyone on our email list in January, April, July and October of each year. The January and July newsletters are the only two that are also printed and sent by mail to everyone on our mailing list. If you only receive our two newsletters that come in the mail but have an email address and would like to receive all four of our quarterly newsletters via email instead of or in addition to the printed newsletters in the mail, please let Katerina know by email at katerina-sharp@pickawayswcd.org. This email list is not shared with anyone.

Pickaway County Fair

We had another great week at the Pickaway County Fair! Our tent was quite busy every day with Cloverbud activities taking place at the tent each morning, then Pickaway Soil & Water Conservation District, Pickaway County Park District, and RPHF Solid Waste District in the tent the rest of the day with activities and displays. Thanks to all who visited! We had around 700 visitors at our tent throughout the week.



4-H Natural Resource Project Winners

Congrats to Anam Havan and Brylee Brunton for being named as our Best and Runner Up Overall Natural Resource Project Winners!

Pickaway SWCD judges the 4-H Natural Resource projects each year, and each year we choose our top two standout members for these awards. This year we judged 22 members in the following areas: insects, fishing, geology, beekeeping, birds, and explore the outdoors. All the 4-H members we judged put in a lot of great work on their projects!



Jr. Conservationist Program

The Jr. Conservationist Program is a do-it-yourself conservation camp hosted by Pickaway SWCD, Park District and RPHF Solid Waste District. Designed to encourage families to spend time outside in the summer, you can register to participate and be eligible for a free hat and button if youth complete the required number of activities from each topic category: Animals, Plants, Soil, Water, Exploration and Community. Details and the activity list can be found on our website: www.pickawayswcd.org/jr-conservationist-program.

Proper Management of CRP Grass Cover

In the past, aesthetic mowing of CRP grass cover was a widely accepted practice by many participants. Today with more research and understanding, it has been shown that properly managed grass cover will reduce soil erosion, improve water quality, and is more beneficial to wildlife than annually mowed grass covers.

Wildlife, especially grassland birds including pheasants and quail, and pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, view properly managed CRP cover as a source of food and habitat suitable to raise their young. Wildlife will not be attracted to CRP cover if plants are not allowed to mature. Game birds and bees are disappearing because of habitat loss.

Properly managed grass cover does not include noxious weeds such as thistle and teasel or woody species like trees and multiflora rose. These noxious weeds must be controlled. This can be done in several ways. Mowing of CRP cover, not to exceed 20% of the total CRP acres in a field, is permitted. This activity must be included in your conservation plan and be conducted outside of Ohio's primary nesting season (March 1st – July 15th). The location of this mowing shall be changed from year to year. Another option to control noxious weeds is by spot mowing affected areas or spot spraying of an approved herbicide. These treatments will have a minimal effect on the CRP practice cover's ability to meet the purposes of erosion control, water quality, and wildlife habitat.

Unauthorized disturbance of CRP cover is considered a violation of the terms and conditions of the CRP contract and conservation plan. Violations could potentially result in hefty penalties including contract termination and refund of all contract related payments.

Properly maintained CRP cover can be very attractive if noxious weeds and invasive species are controlled and grasses and wildflowers are allowed to mature. Please scout your CRP fields before weeds go to seed. Contact your local FSA office for permission to spot treat your CRP grass cover during Ohio's primary nesting season (March 1st – July 15th). Plan to have your CRP cover assessed for the need of mid-contract management activities that are designed to enhance your CRP cover for wildlife. Mid-contract management is a contractual obligation that is outlined in your CRP-1 Appendix and conservation plan.

Contact your USDA County office for more information on proper maintenance and management of CRP practice cover. The number for Pickaway County is 740-477-1691.



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Pickaway County Agencies-Phone Numbers

Farm Service Agency	740-477-1691
Pickaway County Commissioners	740-474-6093
Adam Komar -ODNR Service Forester	740-961-0194

Affiliate Members 2022

Corporate Members

Anonymous (1), Columbus Turf Nursery, LTD., Honeyrun Farm, Lightning Tree Barn, LLC, Pickaway Farms - Jay & Marci Wippel, Pickaway County Farm Bureau, Randy & Cindy Metzger, Richard & Judy Clifton, Ruff Agri-Services LLC, The Savings Bank, Vickers Farms

Steward of the Land

Clyde Ohnewehr, Crawford Apiaries, Dunlap Farms-John & Susie Dunlap, Drummond General Partnership, Hartsock Ag, Laurina Harper, Musselman Farms LLC, Pickaway County Banking Center, Shaw Farms, Tim & Amy Colburn, Wiseheart Farms

Soil and Water Protector

Anonymous (2), Darren & Susan Metzger, Doug & Vicki Kohli, John & Kathy Ellis, Mark & Toni Schein, Paul Marshall, Thomas E. Ebenhack

Future Conservationist (Students)

Clara Wilson, Maggie Wilson, Mark Wilson, Reese Moehl, Zac Scott, Zoe Scott, Trey Dille, Trenton Dille, Mackenzie Dille

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