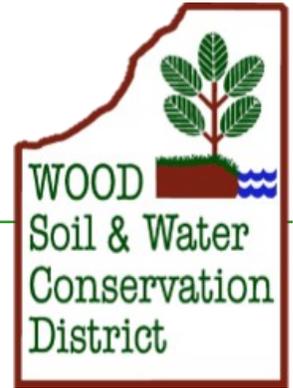


Eye On Conservation

Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



For Your Health & Safety

The Wood SWCD and NRCS offices continue to conduct in-office business during the COVID-19 pandemic regulations. To follow protocol, please contact the office for an appointment or a notice that you will be visiting. Masks are required. If you are feeling ill or exhibiting symptoms, please do not come in. The staff will work with you for curbside pick-up and drop-off if you'd prefer.



The monthly regular Board of Supervisor meetings continue to be held the third Friday of each month. In following protocol for proper social distancing, and with the resolution passed for holding public meetings, the district meetings are held via Zoom. Contact the district for instructions to participate.

Group in-person programs and events are on hold until further instruction from the state and county officials. The intention is to resume education and producer events and programs as soon as possible. The Wood SWCD Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet for 2020 is cancelled. However, the election for the Board of Supervisors will still take place. See the enclosed election information to for nominees and voting.



Follow the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District on Facebook for up-to-date information and announcements.

OFFICE HOURS
7:30 AM —4:30 PM
MONDAY—FRIDAY

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The Wood SWCD
Board of Supervisors holds regular monthly meetings the third Friday of each month at 8:00 AM at the district office.

2020 Board of Supervisors
Front L to R: Bernie Scott, Lee E. Sundermeier, and Kris Swartz
Back L to R: Ron Snyder and Dylan Baer



“Boots on the Ground” by Jeremy Gerwin

It is always important to remember safety around the barnyard, especially when young children are present. I've instilled in my children that I need to be able to see them at all times if they are with me out in the barn, and they do an excellent job with this, even my two-year-old. However, I still did have an incident occur at my house on April 6 that could have ended a lot worse than it did.

My son Grayson and I were enjoying a nice sunny, quarantined day at home when I decided it would be a great afternoon to get a topographic survey done. I had a bare field of soybean stubble around my house, so I figured why not get it done. I have a John Deere gator (an old slow one) that Grayson loves to ride on with me so he came along and received his first lesson on surveying. We spent the next half hour driving the field. After I finished up I thought to myself, Grayson's about the same age I started mowing grass and doing those type things when I was young, so I asked him “Grayson would you like to putt along on the gator with me?” That's when I left out an important detail.

Grayson was ecstatic and said yes, so I got off the driver's seat and was getting the survey instrument situated when he jumped on and off he went. My attempt to yell at him to stop couldn't be heard, and I'm not quite as fast as I used to be either. I failed to do two things, put it in park and tell him not to do anything until I was sitting there with him. Children aren't mind readers, and something I thought he would just do didn't happen. Grayson's gator ride lasted about 20 seconds, as he made a gradual right-hand turn and ended with the front of the gator stuck in the side of my barn.

Luckily Grayson was not injured more than a few bumps and bruises. I had been considering adding a sliding doorway in my barn in the exact location where Grayson hit it, so in the end everything worked out ok. Grayson also asked for driving lessons on the gator before he drives it again, which will not be any time too soon.



The take home message is to make sure you explain everything with your kids when it comes to farm safety. I'm reminded all the time that my children are always listening and paying attention to every little thing I'm doing (some good and some bad), so too much information isn't a bad thing. You cannot assume anything with them, because in the thrill of excitement things are forgotten. My lack of explaining everything and thinking he should just know not to move till I'm sitting there with him could have ended a lot worse than a new barn door.

“Boots on the Ground” is an addition to our quarterly newsletter highlighting an experience, quotes, quips, and commentary offered by the supervisors and staff of the district.

Cover Crop Champions

The Conservation Action Project (CAP) is working with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to help answer questions about cover crops. They have selected three producers from the CAP area which is represented by the following seven counties: Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Paulding, Williams, and Wood.

Les Seiler of Fayette, Ron Snyder of Pemberville, and Kent Sonnenberg of Holgate are the CAP Cover Crop Champions.

Together these champions have over 100 years of farming experience and over 30 years of cover crop experience.

If you have questions about cover crops, want a sounding board for ideas or just want to know how it is working on different operations, contact Abby Wensink at 419-354-5517 #4 or by email abbywensink@woodswcd.com to get in contact with these cover crop champions.



NWF Cover Crop Champions in Moline, Illinois



In February, Ohio Department of Agriculture announced the 4-year H2Ohio program to help farmers offset the costs of conservation practices that help reduce phosphorous losses. Northwest Ohio farmers responded with unexpected enthusiasm and far exceeded enrollment goals. Many things have changed since then, but the H2Ohio program still exists.

Due to the disruption of the pandemic, the 2020 practices have been canceled. Funding is in place for the practices producers committed to for 2021, and there is an effort to secure additional resources for 2022 and 2023. At this time, Wood SWCD is in the process of working with producers on the reapplication process, and is not accepting new applications.

CRP Mid Contract Management



Thank you to Bostdorff Greenhouse Acres for partnering with the Wood SWCD as a local vendor for the Conservation Reserve Program Contract Management forbs planting. Nearly 3,000 native forbs were planted in the CRP grass filter strips in an effort to improve wildlife habitat and increase plant diversity in an otherwise grass dominated area.

The local ag agencies work together to meet contract requirements and promote best management practices for conservation and quality crop production.

Become a Jr. Conservationist!

The Northwest Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Districts are pleased to offer a free at-home 'Do-It-Yourself Jr. Conservationist' summer program. The program's hands-on activities and registration can be found online at www.lucasswcd.org/jrcc.html. The soon-to-be Jr. Conservationist will have fun learning about soil, water, plants, animals, community, and nature exploration by completing the required number of activities in each category and submitting photos of yourself doing the activities or photos of the completed projects by Friday, August 28th. This program is open to any youth, even if you do not live in NW Ohio.

Upon completion of the program and received photos, you will be sent a complimentary certificate. Jr. Conservationist t-shirts are available for \$10.00. The first 20 participants from Wood County who register and complete the program will receive a free t-shirt! If you don't wish to register or receive a t-shirt and certificate, you can still enjoy any of the activities on your own at no cost.

Visit www.lucasswcd.org/jrcc.html to register online. As you complete the program, submit photos to julielause@woodswcd.com. Contact Julie at 419-354-5517 #4 with questions. Have a fun summer!



A DO-IT-YOURSELF CAMP!

Complete the activities for free and receive a certificate, plus the additional option to order a t-shirt for just \$10.00 (\$15.00 if shipped)

For details, visit the [website:](https://www.lucasswcd.org/jrcc.html)
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Ohio's Historic Family Farms



Wood County is honored to have 51 Historic Family Farms awarded in the state of Ohio. The United States agricultural industry remains an essential part of the global economy. Recognizing the history of our local family farms reminds us of the determination, ingenuity, and challenges the generations before us endured as the many farmers immigrated to the U.S. seeking a new life.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture recognizes the many social, economic, and historic contributions made by Ohio's founding farm families. Ohio's Historic Family Farms program was developed as a way to honor these families for their enduring legacy to our state.

The program grants three designations based on the number of years of same-family ownership:

- Century Farms (100-149 years);
- Sesquicentennial Farms (150-199 years); and
- Bicentennial Farms (200 years and more).

Qualified registrants receive an heirloom certificate signed by the Governor of Ohio and the Director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Follow the link on the Wood SWCD website to download and print the registration form to apply. A hard copy may be requested by calling 614-752-4505. Contact the Wood SWCD for assistance: 419-354-5517 #4 or wcdswcd@woodswcd.com

Pop-Up Meetings

With social distancing still in place the regular monthly Bdubs meetings are now being held on Zoom. This is an easy way to connect with others from **WHEREVER** you are. You can be in the tractor or combine and mute yourself but still get to listen to what others have to say and join the conversation when you want.

This link can be emailed to you or found on Facebook. If you have questions call the office and we can help you get set up on Zoom.

Follow the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District on **Facebook** or **TEXT @swcdfarm to 810-10** to be added to a text message group that will keep you up to date on producer programs and happenings.



Wood County Fair

The Wood SWCD will not be have a tent at the 2020 Wood County Fair. However, the county FFA Chapters are creating a display featuring local ag products and ag fun facts. Be sure to stop by the Jr. Fair building to see the FFA and 4-H displays.



Wood Soil & Water Conservation District 2020 Election for the Board of Supervisors

Election Legal Notice

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor. The term of current supervisors, Bernard Scott and Ron Snyder, expire December 31, 2020.

There are two ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

- 1) At the SWCD office from August 27 until September 10 during normal business hours; or
- 2) Voting absentee from July 29 until August 26, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the 1616 E. Wooster St., Suite 32 Bowling Green, OH 43402, by calling 419-354-5517 #4, or email wcsxcd@woodswcd.com. Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by August 26.

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Nominees are:

Matthew Davis, Logan Riker-Chamberlain, Brian Stickle

Why they choose to serve?

Serving on the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors is voluntary. Each board member shares a genuine concern for the protection and conservation of our local soil and water resources. Each board member considers this position an opportunity to share ideas, provide solutions, implement projects, and educate the community to benefit not only the county residents but the entire region.

Please talk to a current board member or contact the Wood SWCD office if you are interested in serving on the board of supervisors.





Wood Soil & Water Conservation District 2020 Candidates for the Election of Supervisors



Matthew Davis is the farm manager for the OSU Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Northwest Agricultural Research Station, is a Certified Crop Advisor and is the fiscal officer for Henry Township. Matt and his wife Monica are members of Good Shepherd UMC where he serves as the treasurer. Time with his family is valued the most, and he enjoys traveling to visit new places.

Matt's goal as a Wood SWCD supervisor is to "continue the tell the story of conservation and stewardship of our soil as a resource. To educate the non-ag community on what our industry is doing to maintain and improve the quality of life in Wood County."



Logan Riker-Chamberlain of Riker Farm Seed, a local family grain farm and seed cleaning operation is an account manager and marketer for Alliance Data Card Services. Since 2017, Logan has served on the board for the Ohio Farm Bureau. She and Nolan, her husband, enjoy spending time with family. Logan plays and coaches volleyball and likes to ski out west.

"The Wood SWCD plays a very important part within our county, educating on the importance of conservation for future generations. I look forward to helping guide the SWCD in continuing to be a great resource for local farmers."



Brian Stickel, is a fourth generation farmer from rural Bowling Green. As a partner at Stickel Farms, the diversified operation focuses on grain and vegetable production, feeding beef cattle and a custom hay and straw business. Brian serves on the Webster Township Zoning Board. His professional memberships include the Wood County Farm Bureau and Ohio Soybean Association. An Ohio State University alumni, Brian was an active member of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. Brian and his fiancé, Hannah Birkholz, are members of St. Marks Lutheran Church. Brian enjoys spending time with family, traveling and skiing.

Among many factors in personal and professional growth, Brian believes continuing education is critical to progressive opportunities and outlooks for agriculture. "I view this opportunity to serve on the Wood County SWDC board to channel information to help guide perspective and growth for the benefit of our soil and water quality in Northwest Ohio. Working side by side with other industry representatives will aide in the ability to continue to promote the future of agriculture. "



Need to Know...

Items for Sale

Floating Pond Filter	\$250.00
Pond Filter Float	\$140.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 60.00
Pond Safety Kit	\$150.00
Ring Buoy	\$ 70.00
Deep Water Sign	\$ 14.00
Rope (per foot)	\$ 0.25
Tile Probes	\$37 & 39
Soil Test Probe	\$ 63.00
Flags	\$ 0.10 ea
100 5x8	\$ 10.00
6' field flag	\$ 7.00
Nut Wizards®	\$ 40-45
Compost Bin	\$ 50.00
Rat Guards	
4" stainless steel	\$ 7.00
6" stainless steel	\$ 10.00
8" stainless steel	\$ 12.00
10" stainless steel	\$ 18.00
12" stainless steel	\$ 28.00
15" mild steel	\$ 25.00

(Cash or Check payable upon receipt)

Equipment for Rent

Great Plains Drill

(for CRP Practices only)

- 10' working width
- 7 1/2' row spacing
- Minimum 65 hp with live hydraulics

Rental Rate is \$10.00/acre (\$50 minimum)

Delivery Charge \$20.00

Cleanout Charge \$25.00 (if applicable)

Dibble Bar

\$40 Refundable Deposit

Tree Planter

(for large planting projects)

\$25.00 First Day

\$45.00 Each Additional Day

For Use by Wood County Residents and Landowners

UPCOMING EVENTS

Election for the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors

Absentee voting is July 29 through August 26.

Request a ballot by mail, phone, email, or in person.

In-person voting begins August 27 through September 10 during regular business hours.

Visit the **Wood SWCD website for additional information.**

District Staff

Jim Carter, District Administrator/Drainage & Engineering Coordinator

Jeremy Gerwin, Resource Protection Specialist

Beth Landers, Resource Protection Watershed Specialist

Julie Lause, Administrative Assistant & Outreach Coordinator

Abby Wensink, Resource Protection SWAT Technician

Beth Anne Keller, WLEB Nutrient Management Technician

NRCS Staff

Becky Duncan, District Conservationist

Kelly Copeland, Resource Conservationist

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