

CLARK Conservationist

CLARK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Clark SWCD Annual Meeting



The Clark SWCD Board and Staff would like to invite you to attend the 76th Annual Meeting of the Clark SWCD on September 11, 2018. This event will be held at the Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center located in downtown, 275 South Limestone St., Springfield, Ohio.

We will be serving a buffet style dinner at a cost of **\$5.00 per ticket** served by Lyons Catering of Christiansburg. The menu will include pork chops and chicken breasts, along with several side dishes and dessert.

We will also be hosting the **Feds Feed Families** food drive in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the meeting and you will receive a door prize. All donations will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Springfield.



John Detrick, Chairman of the Clark County Bicentennial Committee and former Clark County Commissioner, will be the Keynote Speaker for the evening. Mr. Detrick will speak about the founding of Clark County in 1818 and the historic importance of agriculture to our community.



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Registration to attend this year's meeting can be made in advance by sending in the reservation form, located on page 5, by **Friday, September 7, 2018**. For more information regarding the annual meeting, please call the Clark SWCD Office at 521-3880.

Board of Supervisors Election

An election for Board Supervisor will be conducted at the Clark SWCD's Annual Meeting. This year's election has **Evan Delk** and **Brent Pence** vying for one position on the elected five-member board.

The elected candidate will serve a three-year term starting in 2019.

The election will be held on **September 11, 2018** at the Annual Meeting or you may vote via absentee ballot prior to that date.

Information concerning the nominees along with voting procedures are featured below.

Voting Procedures

County residents attending our annual meeting will find the voting process for SWCD board members to be similar to voting in previous elections. You must be at least 18 years of age **and** reside within Clark County to be eligible to vote.

However, those who are firms, corporations, LLCs, trusts, and non-residents that own or occupy land(s) in Clark County can also vote. **These entities MUST have a signed and notarized affidavit designating a voting representative to be able to vote at the annual meeting or by absentee ballot.**

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting, there are two different ways to cast an absentee vote. Anyone who wishes to vote absentee by **mail** is required to fill out a **Request for Absentee Ballot** form no earlier than 21 days prior to the election and the Clark SWCD office must receive the request no later than 5 days prior to the election. The second option is, an absentee vote may be cast in **person** at the Clark SWCD office. A completed **Request for Absentee Ballot** form must be received no earlier than 21 days prior to the election and no later than **2:00 P.M. on September 11, 2018.**

If you would like more information about the election or have questions about these proceedings, please contact our office at 521-3880.

CLARK COUNTY **Farm Bureau**
Together  farmers

TIRE AMNESTY DAY

Do you have old tires around your property that you need to get rid of? We can help! Clark County Farm Bureau is holding a Tire Amnesty Day.

The Farm Tire Recycling day will take place **August 25, 2018** from **9:00 a.m.-12 noon** at the Clark County Fairgrounds. You must be a Clark County resident in order to participate in this program. Proof of residency will be required at the event.

For more information, please read more below, call our office at **937-335-1471** or email clark@ofbf.org.



2018 Board of Supervisors Candidates



Evan Delk and wife, Nicole, live in Green Township and are anticipating the birth of their 1st child in September. Evan earned an associate's degree at Clark State in Agriculture Business and is the Vice President of Sales & Marketing at Integrated Ag Services. His hobbies include water sports, hunting, golf, and hanging out with friends.

Evan enjoys working with and helping people. His 13 acre farming operation is something he mainly does for fun. He likes to sit on the other side of the table and put his farmer cap on outside of the Agricultural consulting he does every day for a living. Evan likes to try new products and practices to see what works and what doesn't work.

Evan would like to serve on the Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors to get more involved in the agricultural community and to help oversee the work that is being done in Clark County. Soil and Water is a major topic in the agricultural industry right now with our current water quality issues. He wants to be on the forefront of these issues to help resolve them and make sure we as farmers are doing the best for our environment but at the same time maintaining the highest yields to help feed the world! Soil and water is the foundation of our future, we need to find profitable practices that will help maintain the highest quality of soil and water for many generations to come. He believes by being on the Board of Supervisors, he can help bring ideas to the table and hopefully learn from others on the board as well.



Brent Pence and wife, Christine, reside on their 400 acre farm in Pike Township. They have a 15 year old daughter, Paige who spends most of her time showing sheep, goats, hogs and cattle throughout Ohio and United States. Brent is a full time farmer, Christine is employed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture and Paige attends Miami East High School.

The Pence family produces 3,000 acres of corn, soybeans, and wheat in Clark, Greene, Champaign and Miami Counties. A no-tillage program is primarily utilized with many farms continuously no-tilled for over 30 years. Nearly all of the operated land has been enrolled in the Conservation Security Program (CSP) and over 10 acres have been converted to grass waterways and buffers. Additionally, they are proud members of the American Boer Goat Association (ABGA) and have been active showing at the sanctioned shows.

Brent's hobbies include hunting and spending time with family traveling to livestock shows. He is presently a Clark SWCD Supervisor. His family are members of the Xenia Faith Community United Methodist Church.

Currently, the Pencses are finalizing the process to devote one of their 163 acre farms into the Tecumseh Land Trust Farmland Preservation Program.

Brent would like to continue serving on the Board of Supervisors due to his devotion of protecting water quality and reducing soil erosion, evident through his implementation of conservation tillage techniques, installation of Best Management Practices and use of the most up-to-date technology.

2018 Conservation Scholarship Winners



Courtney Lopez



Taylor Schilling

The Clark SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff are proud to announce that Courtney Lopez and Taylor Schilling are the recipients of the 7th Annual Clark SWCD Conservation Scholarship for 2018.

Courtney is a 2015 Graduate of Kenton Ridge High School and is currently a junior at Wittenberg University majoring in Environmental Science with a minor in Biology. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta Sorority and plans to use her degree to focus

on the conservation side of biology to preserve the land for generations to come.

Taylor Schilling is a 2017 graduate of Northwestern High School and is currently a sophomore at The Ohio State University Majoring in Animal Science with a minor in Meat Science. She is a member of the Saddle & Sirloin Club and Collegiate Ohio Agri-Women at The Ohio State University. Taylor plans to use her degree to help educate the nation and deplete the false accusations on agriculture.

CONGRATULATIONS COURTNEY AND TAYLOR!



100 Year Storm

What is a 100-year storm event?

For Clark County it's 5.44 inches of rainfall over 24 hours.



A 100-year storm refers to rainfall totals that have a one percent probability of occurring at that location in that year. Encountering a "100-year storm" on one

day does not decrease the chance of a second 100-year storm occurring in that same year or any year to follow. In other words, there is a 1 in 100 or 1% chance that a storm will reach this intensity in any given year. Likewise, a 50-year rainfall event has a 1 in 50 or 2% chance of occurring in a year. Each locality has its own criteria for how much rain must fall within 24 hours to classify as a particular rain event. See chart below for other rainfall events.

Likewise, there are similar classifications for 100-year flood events. The term 100-year flood is used in an attempt to simplify the definition of a flood that statistically has a 1-percent chance of occurring in any given year.



Recurrence intervals and probabilities of occurrences		
Recurrence interval, in years	Probability of occurrence in any given year	Percent chance of occurrence in any given year
100	1 in 100	1
50	1 in 50	2
25	1 in 25	4
10	1 in 10	10
5	1 in 5	20
2	1 in 2	50

The actual number of years between floods of any given size can vary because the climate naturally varies over time. Large floods or rain events can occur in successive or nearly successive years. It should be noted that not every 100-year rainfall event leads to a 100-year flood. Local circumstances may allow for a less severe storm to lead to severe flooding. https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/wi/programs/?cid=nrcs142p2_020752

Annual Meeting Reservation Form



Clark Soil & Water Conservation District
76th Annual Meeting
RESERVATION FORM
Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts and Conference Center
275 South Limestone Street • Springfield, Ohio

Name(s) of Attendees _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of Tickets _____ X \$5.00 = \$ _____

*Make checks payable to **Clark SWCD** and send to:*
Clark SWCD • 3130 East Main Street • Springfield, OH 45505





CLARK SWCD TO HOST MILKWEED SEED POD COLLECTION STATION



Collecting Seed Pods

To help foster the creation of habitat for the monarch butterfly, OPHI in cooperation with Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts is organizing a **Statewide Milkweed Pod Collection** this year starting **September 1st and ending October 30th**. Milkweed is essential to the survival of Monarch Butterflies in Ohio and Ohio is a priority area for Monarchs. The monarch butterflies that hatch here in the summer migrate to Mexico for the winter and are responsible for starting the life cycle all over again in the spring. During September and October everyone is encouraged to collect milkweed pods from established plants and drop them off at the nearest pod collection station. The majority of Ohio Counties have a Milkweed Pod Collection Station most of them being located at the local Soil and Water Conservation District office. You can find the location of your local SWCD office:

<https://agri.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/oda/divisions/soil-and-water-conservation/find-a-local-swcd>



Monarch caterpillar foraging on milkweed

- To collect the seed pods from a milkweed plant it is best to pick them when the seed inside is brown. Do not collect pods when seeds are white or cream colored. Greenish-yellow or yellowish-brown pods can have mature seeds in them. So the best advice is to wait until they turn yellowish-brown and then start checking the inside of the pods. If the center seam of the pod pops with gentle pressure, and the seeds are dark brown (not milky brown) then the pods are ready for harvesting.
- It is best to collect pods using paper bags or paper grocery sacks.
- Avoid using plastic bags because they attract moisture. Store seeds in a cool, dry area until you can deliver to the closest pod collection area.
- Harvesting pods from milkweed plants does not have any effect on the population of milkweed in established areas.
- All milkweed pods collected during this time will be processed by OPHI partners and all of the seed collected will be used to establish new plantings and create additional habitat for the Monarch Butterfly throughout Ohio.

When collecting milkweed pods wear appropriate clothing for the outdoors. It is recommended that you wear disposable gloves when picking and handling pods. Questions or for more information on pollinators contact your local SWCD office or OPHI at (614) 416-8993.



Clark County Bicentennial Celebration

Clark County is celebrating a major milestone in 2018 – its Bicentennial. As part of its 200th birthday celebration, the county will be hosting a free Bicentennial Farms Open House from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 to help commemorate the county's rich agricultural history. Clark County has 39 certified Century Farms, the most of any county in Ohio, according to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

The tour will consist of visiting five of the county's 200-year-old farms, including Wallace Farm (1802) on Union Road, Wolfe Farm (1805) on West National Road, Hardacre Farms (1811) on North Hampton Road, Stickney Farm (1805) on Neer Road and Grandview Farms (1811) at both 5890 Moorefield Road and 5050 Moorefield Road. All five farms will be open to the public and owners will be available to answer questions about the historic structures on their properties.

Clark County has received more awards for farmland preservation than any other county in the state. It also has more than 2,500 acres of protected farmland, the most of any county in the state, according to the Tecumseh Land Trust.

For more information, call Public Information Office Michael Cooper at 937-521-2031.



Feds Feed Families Food Drive

Once again, USDA will lead the 2018 Feds Feed Families (FFF) campaign with the support of the Chief Human Capital Officers Council and other agency partners. This year's campaign begins on July 15, 2018 and ends on October 18, 2018.

Feds Feed Families was created to help food banks and pantries stay stocked during summer months when they traditionally see a decrease in donations and an increase in need. In Washington, D.C., the Capital Area Food Bank receives collections and distributes them through its network of more than 500 partner organizations. Through the amazing generosity of federal employees, the annual food drive has collected nearly 80 million pounds of food since the campaign began in 2009. Last year more than 10.4 million pounds were donated and provided to food banks and pantries.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2017 campaign and we look forward to another exciting and successful campaign this year! Follow us on **Twitter**, **Instagram**, and like us on **Facebook** for the latest updates.

Thanks to the Clark County Commissioners

The Clark SWCD Board & Staff would like to thank the Clark County Commissioners for their continued support of local conservation. Funding for the Clark SWCD begins at the County level where appropriations are matched by the State through the Ohio Department of Agriculture-Division of Soil & Water Resources.





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