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Mission: To increase public awareness and provide technical assistance in conserving our soil, water, and other natural resources.

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**GLENFORD FORT “FRIENDS”**

The Glenford Fort has seen many visitors in the last couple of years. There have been hiking events and we have opened it up for permit access. Every once in a while, we get a request for a guided tour from a group. Several weeks ago, a nice lady gave us a call and wanted to visit the “Fort” with her grandkids and some friends. She then asked if there was any way possible to have someone from our office lead a group. She thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to get them outside and away from the “screens” (TV, computers, phones, and video games). We called Steve Glade, Perry SWCD Associate Board Supervisor and OCVN, to see if he would be willing to help me out. We set a date thinking it would only be 6 or 7 people. Lo and behold, 22 people showed up.

We hiked and explained all the significant features such as the “Boulder Field” with slumping rocks, the “Lone Wolf” trees, and of course the Adena-Hopewell culture and why they settled here. Steve brought his atlatl to let the kids try their skills. When asked who this group was, we were told it was just a group of friends that either have gone to school together or played sports with one another and have known each other for most of their lives. The ages ranged from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It was a good day to get away from the “screens”.

**MEET AND GREET**

WHERE: 212 S. Main Street New Lexington, Lower Level

WHEN: August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

WHO: The public

WHY: To check out the Perry SWCD and OSU-Extension new office space. There will be light refreshments.

July 2021

Board of Supervisors:

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PERRY SOIL AND WATER

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**2021 PERRY SWCD ANNUAL MEETING**

Are you ready for some fun? The Perry SWCD will be hosting their 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on August 7, 2021 11 am to 4 pm at the Perry County Gun Club (4957 Twp. Rd. 149 NE New Lexington, OH 43764). It is open to the public and it is totally free!

- 11 am – 1 pm Fishing for all ages (bring your pole, tackle, and bait)
- 11 am “Conservation Planning on Private Lands”–Joe Koehler and Emily Price,NRCS
- 11:30 am – 3:30 pm Voting for Board of Supervisors (info inside)
- 12 pm – 3 pm Food will be served “Grill Out” style
- 1 pm – 3 pm Kayaks/Canoes – Boats, paddles, life jackets will be provided
- 3 pm “Ponds” – Ted Wiseman, OSU-Extension

We will also have displays set up from other organizations such as Perry County Waste Reduction and Recycling, Perry County Parks District, Perry County Health Department, Sunday and Monday Creek Watershed groups, and Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalists (OCVNs).

Again it is all free, so come on out and enjoy some time with us. We are not asking for reservations, however, if you think you might attend, please give us a call for food planning purposes.





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**BUCKEYE LAKE WATER MONITORING UPDATE**


For one full year now, Perry SWCD has tested Buckeye Lake’s water quality on a bi-weekly basis. In partnership with Buckeye Lake for Tomorrow, which funded equipment and lab analysis costs, it was our goal to establish a baseline of data for determining the nutrient concentrations filtering through the Buckeye Lake watershed and into the lake itself. The harmful algal blooms that close beaches during the summer are driven primarily by nitrates and phosphates, so reducing nutrient runoff will be needed to reduce algae. Knowing how much runoff regularly flows through will let us target the areas in most need of improvement.


Using portable monitoring gear (called colorimeters), we tested nitrate and phosphate levels at several locations in the watershed. Some of these locations were close to the lake while others were further away near tributary headwaters. Having a variety of locations allows us to pinpoint where the highest concentrations are coming from. Not surprisingly, the highest concentrations were found where the most water was flowing. Honey Creek, one the biggest tributaries to the lake, was one location with substantial nutrients, as was the Feeder Canal which is the main waterway coming in from the west. In addition to collecting tributary data, we also confirmed that the time of year has an effect on nutrient concentrations. In general, spring and summer have higher nutrient loads while autumn and fall do not. There are some sites that did not follow this trend, but we can expect warmer, rainier months to see more nitrates and phosphates.


Because reducing algal blooms is our main goal, it was important to test for algae too. We do not have the equipment to analyze algae samples ourselves, so we sent sample bottles to a certified lab to inform us what the algae concentrations were. We plan on performing this routine seasonally. So far, our collection sites have not yielded any worrying results, but there is still room for improvement. The data we have collected so far will go a long way in informing us where to install nutrient reduction projects and eventually reduce harmful algal blooms.

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**POLLINATORS MATTER. BEE APPRECIATIVE. BEE THE SOLUTION**

A bee-less future would sting us all. The decline of bees and other pollinator populations threatens our global food security and here's why.

Pollinators contribute to ecosystem health and a sustainable food supply. Honeybees, native bees, birds, bats, butterflies, and other animals are all required for more than 80% of the world’s flowering plants to reproduce. This includes food crops.

Who’s in a better position to benefit from safeguarding pollinators than agricultural producers, forest landowners and beekeepers?

Caring for pollinators also helps protect our ability to grow food and producers’ bottom lines while ensuring the marketability of other agricultural goods throughout the nation.

No single issue can be blamed for the pollinator decline. But here are five tips you can include in your daily land management as part of the solution.

- Diversify and beautify your land:** Offer your land as an oasis for pollinators by planting a diverse mix of flowering plants that sustain and enhance pollinators. This way, you can assist the production of healthy fruits and vegetables to improve your bottom line.
- Protect nesting sites:** Protect flowering plants and potential pollinator nesting sites, such as areas of undisturbed ground and native vegetation.
- Carefully use chemicals:** Pollinators can be sensitive to chemicals. So, try a natural, pollinator-friendly alternative on your land or when using pesticides, herbicides, or insecticides, please do so carefully.
- Support Bee Better Certified producers:** Become a Bee Better Certified producer or buy produce from farms that support bees. Products that are Bee Better Certified are grown on farms that use pollinator-friendly conservation practices.
- Buzz on:** Spread the word about these tips and the conservation programs available to help you and your neighbors implement pollinator-friendly practices on your land.

And before you take that third bite of food a pollinator has gifted you, see how the conservation resources offered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) can help you implement those tips on your land.

USDA works closely with agricultural producers and forest landowners to help increase pollinator habitat in targeted areas.







USDA offers conservation programs that provide financial incentives and technical assistance to farmers and forest landowners through the Natural Resources Conservation Service(NRCS).

NRCS programs like the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) help improve pollinator habitat and their food sources by assisting with planting cover crops, wildflowers, and native plants in buffers and areas not in production.

USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) also helps producers enhance pollinator habitat on their land through the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). Producers and forest landowners voluntarily convert highly erodible cropland or other environmentally sensitive land to permanent vegetative cover like perennial grasslands, which are full of native forbs and legumes that are critical to the health of honeybees and wild pollinators.

FSA also supports livestock, honeybee, and farm-raised fish producers with emergency assistance through its Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-raised Fish (ELAP) program. ELAP provides financial assistance to producers who are experiencing honeybee losses from their hives for honey production, pollination or honeybee breeding.

For more information about pollinators and what you can do to help, please contact NRCS in Somerset at (740) 743-1616 or FSA in Lancaster at (740) 653-4012

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## 2021 PERRY SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CANDIDATES

**Dennis Young** – Dennis and his wife, Suzan, reside in Reading Township and have three children, Stephanie, Lee, and Shannon. They also have eight grandchildren. They own 160 acres and rent out land and buildings for crops and pasture. Some of the conservation practices that the Youngs incorporated into their operation are no till, wood lot management, and intensive grazing management. They also have heavy use pads, haul roads and water lines throughout the farm for intensive grazing purposes. Dennis is involved with Ohio Forage Growers Council, Innovative Farmers of Ohio, the Somerset Zoning board, Perry County Farm Bureau, Pewter Ware Collectors Club, Flow Blue Collectors Club, Somerset Street Association/Crime Watch and Certified CERT member. "I think it is imperative that we conserve our natural resources if we want to continue to live on this planet. Since our farm has been in our family for over 100 years, each generation has striven to protect it and also make it more productive."

**Robert Foster** – Rob and his wife, Heather and three children; Genevieve, Faith, and McCormick, reside on a small farm outside of Somerset, Ohio. Rob and his family raise Suffolk and Hampshire Club Lambs to sell to 4-H and FFA students, Heather is a VoAg teacher at New Lexington High School. Additionally, Rob works at the City of Columbus Water Department where he is a supervisor. On top of working in Columbus and farming, Rob also is a licensed Auctioneer and Real Estate Agent for The Realty Group-Foster and Associates. Rob is passionate about protecting the land, water and the environment. When he became a real estate agent, his main goal was to keep farms together and preserve that family farm tradition for future generations. Rob and Heather are raising their children on a farm to instill those same values that they both had growing up and to teach them the value of hard work and appreciation of God's precious soil and water.

**Malynda (Mindy) Franks** - Mindy and her husband, Mark, reside in Mt. Perry. Mindy wants to live in a world of innovation where taking care of each other and our surroundings comes first. She considers herself new to Perry County since 2014 when she sold her farm in Muskingum County where she reared her children. In looking to become involved in activities and projects around the area, Mindy became an Ohio Certified Volunteer Naturalist (OCVN) in April 2017 and recently became President of the Perry County Chapter of the OCVNs. Her career as an Administrative Assistant for the State of Ohio is winding down with more than 25 years of experience reading, writing, and providing non-legal interpretation of Ohio law, so she is familiar with governmental processes and hopes her knowledge can assist in a positive way. Mindy says that her personal mission statement is "to use my gifts of imagination, analysis, creativity, and visualization to make change in the world for the better, and to nurture, encourage and inspire others to do the same in their own way."



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### Election Notice

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Perry 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 Perry Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor.

There are 4 ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

- 1.) At the SWCD office (212 S. Main Street, Lower Level, New Lexington, OH 43764) from Wednesday, August 4, 2021 until Thursday, September 2, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; or
- 2.) At the SWCD Open House/Annual Meeting, which will take place at the Perry County Gun Club on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; or
- 3.) At the Perry SWCD/OSU Extension Meet and Greet which will take place at 212 S. Main Street, Lower Level, New Lexington, OH 43764 on Friday, August 27, 2021 from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; or
- 4.) Voting absentee from Wednesday, August 4, 2021 until September 2, 2021 by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SWCD office at the following address 212 S. Main Street, Lower Level, New Lexington, OH 43764, by calling the office at 740-721-0703 or 740-721-0878 or email [perryswcd@gmail.com](mailto:perryswcd@gmail.com). Absentee ballots must be received by the SWCD office by Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Two Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

Nominees are:

1. Rob Foster
2. Mindy Franks
3. Dennis Young