

74th Annual Banquet

Please join the Gallia Soil and Water Conservation District for our 74th Annual Meeting and Board of Supervisors' election on **Thursday, October 25, 2018**, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1110 First Avenue, Gallipolis, Ohio. The evening will begin with onsite voting at 6:00p.m. We invite you to enjoy an evening of networking, food, and our conservation awards ceremony. Gallia County residents and/or land-owners who are at least 18 years of age are eligible to vote. Eligible voters who will not be attending the Annual Meeting can still cast their vote by requesting an application for an Absentee Ballot. The Absentee Ballot can be obtained by calling the Gallia SWCD Office at 740-446-6173 or writing/visiting the office at 111 Jackson Pike, Suite 1569, Gallipolis, Ohio, 45631. The **Absentee Ballot process** will begin on **10/04/18** and must be submitted to the Gallia SWCD no later than 2:00 p.m. the day of the Annual Meeting (**10/25/18**). If submitting by mail the ballot has to be postmarked by **10/25/18** in order to be counted. Tickets for the Banquet are \$12.00 for adults, \$6 for children ages 5-12, and children age 4 or younger are free. These tickets can be purchased by visiting the Gallia SWCD Office or completing & returning the affiliate membership form (included in this newsletter). See the following Board Candidates biographies:



Eric Clary was born and raised in Gallia County. He has been married to his wife Paula for the past 23 years and they have two children, Michaela (18) and Wyatt (13). After graduating from Gallia Academy and Buckeye Hills Career Center, he started his career in the HVAC field. He moved his growing family to North Carolina in 2000 after accepting a job at Nucor Steel Plate Mill in Hertford County, North Carolina. In 2002 he was promoted to HVAC Supervisor where he learned to deal with many different situations and personalities over that time. A work related MVA in 2007 cut his HVAC career short and it was decided that the family move back home after 10 months of surgeries and rehab. After moving back to Gallia County, he wanted to follow his passion for wildlife conservation and continued his involvement with the Gallia County Conservation Club where he has attended meetings since he was a child in the 1970's and a member since 1988. In 2014 he became Treasurer and Grant

Coordinator for the Club and still holds that position. Eric has also taken up many different volunteer positions since moving back. He is a Hunter Education Instructor for the Ohio Division of Wildlife, a NASP (National Archery in the Schools Program) Basic Archery Instructor, and a Passport to Fishing Instructor. Over the years he, along with the Gallia SWCD, held classes on all of these for children at the local schools as well as different events throughout the year, for 500-1000 kids annually. Eric has been a volunteer for the OSU Extension Office for many years and is a 4-H Advisor for the Gallia Shooting Aces 4-H Club. This is a new shooting sports club, where he is also a certified 4-H Instructor in Archery, Pistol, and Shotgun. He volunteers many days at Canter's Cave 4-H Camp during the year and truly enjoys all his time that is spent helping the kids and fellow advisors. With the help of the Gallia SWCD and OSU Extension, Eric coordinated the new Land Lab area at the Gallia County Fairgrounds pond. This new shelter and its surroundings will offer Conservation and Education events for years to come, and Eric hopes this will teach our children on the importance of a clean, well balanced, and productive environment. Eric is also a proud member of Morning Dawn #7 F&AM, the Valley of Gallipolis AASR, and the Gallipolis Elks #107.



Kyle Deel and his wife Sarah reside in Vinton, Ohio, with their three children Logan, Lane, and Lucy Deel, being the 3rd generation to operate the family farm. Kyle has been very active in the community where he served on the Gallia County Fair Board for 12 years. He has been a 4-H advisor for the past 9 years, and coaches several youth sports teams. Kyle was very active in 4-H and FFA growing up which led him in to the show pig business. The family currently houses 45 sows and sells showpigs to many parts of the country. They currently run 30 commercial cows on the original part of the family farm. They currently grow 100 acres of row crops along with Kyle's parents, Fred and Mary Deel, where they practice no-till conservation and minimum till. Kyle and Sarah are currently working on several upgrades to the farm including rotational grazing, spring development, waterline and tanks, and a heavy use pad with a service road.



Danielle Sanders lives on a small productive farm in Gallia County with a hand full of brood commercial beef cows and has worked with hundreds of replacement dairy females at all stages of age, from bottle calves to breed ready yearlings. Her past work has also included working with a herd of brood ewes, where she helped with lambing and everyday care. She has a good understanding of using farm equipment such as tractors, hay equipment (wet wrapping and dry), skid steers, and much more. She is employed at Gallia County Department of Job and Family Services. She is currently the Secretary of the Gallia County Cattlemen's Association and an adult advisor for the Gallia County Jr fair youth board. She graduated from the University of Rio Grande with a bachelor's degree in Accounting. She was very active in 4-H, showing cattle each year. She was a four year member of the Gallipolis FFA Chapter where she served as Sentinel and Treasurer. She also participated in soil judging, livestock judging, and the parliamentary procedure team. She earned her State and American FFA degrees with Market steers and working on a small family farm in Gallia County.

Ohio NRCS Announces New EQIP Application Deadline

COLUMBUS, OH, Sept. 11, 2018 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced **Friday, October 19, 2018**, as the deadline to submit applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Ohio.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program which helps producers make conservation work for them. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations. Through EQIP, NRCS provides agricultural producers with financial resources and one-on-one help to plan and implement improvements, or what NRCS calls conservation practices. Using these practices can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat, all while improving agricultural operations. Through EQIP, you can voluntarily implement conservation practices, and NRCS co-invests in these practices with you. Financial assistance is now available in a variety of agricultural categories such as cropland, forestry, pasture operations, and organic. Several special projects are also available which address water quality, forestry management, improving pollinator populations, applying best management practices and many more. All available agricultural categories are listed on the Ohio NRCS website under "[EQIP Application Deadlines](#)." To participate in USDA conservation programs, applicants should be farmers or farm or forest landowners and must meet eligibility criteria. Applications signed and submitted to NRCS by the October 19 deadline will be evaluated for fiscal year 2019 funding. To learn more about EQIP or other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit [Get Started with NRCS](#) or visit your local [USDA Service Center](#). The contact information for the Gallia County office is 740-446-6173 ext. 3208. The contact information for the Lawrence County office is 740-867-4737. Usually, Ralph is in Gallia on Monday & Tuesdays and Lawrence on Wednesday & Thursday, Fridays vary.

For more information, check out their website at www.nrcs.usda.gov

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* Gallia County Cattlemen's Association *
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* Robert and Vickie Powell *
* Thomas Do-It Center *
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* United Producers *
* Woodward Ohilco Farms *
* Copper Level *
* John Cardwell *
* Clearview Farms *
* Country Crane Service-Tom Stump *
* Sharon Cremeens *
* Farm Credit Mid-America *
* Gallia County Conservation Club *
* Ray and Janet Hughes *

Drive/ Bus Tour (formerly known as Farm City Day)

The Gallia Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) would like to thank all our hosts, supporters, and participants for making our first Drive-It-Tour/ Bus Tour/ Farm Tour successful! A special thank you to our hosts: Greenlee Family Farms, Merry Family Winery, MPW, Foster Sales, Faith Baptist Church, Bossard Memorial Library, Steve Evan's, Gallia County Conservation Club, Ohio Division of Wildlife, R & C Packing, & Vernon Jones. We also want to thank our food sponsors: Gallia County Farm Bureau, Ohio Valley Bank, & Holzer Health Systems. A special thank you to South Gallia FFA students who helped build the milking cow display and Bryant Farm & Lawn Care for sponsoring the Sheriff escort keeping everyone safe on the roads. A very special thank you to our bus drivers: Jim McCormick, Linda Watson, & David Pope, who volunteered their time and the Gallia County Local School Systems who allowed them to freely use the buses. We also want to thank Mike Thompson for helping video this event to encourage other farms to sign up in the future. Check out our Facebook (Gallia SWCD) or our website www.galliaswcd.com for the documentary video coming soon.

Beekeeping 101– Everything you need to know to get started in Beekeeping. Chris Blank will be presenting the class at the Gallia County Extension Office. There will be 4 total classes from 6-8 pm on following dates:

October 22– History of Beekeeping, Bee Biology, Seasonal Cycles

October 29– Beekeeping Equipment and Beekeeping Pests

November 5– Beekeeping Diseases and Hive Basics

November 12– Basic Beekeeping and Hive Management

The class will cost \$20 per person and will include class materials in a notebook and refreshments for the night. Please sign up by October 19, 2018. For more details or to sign up call OSU Extension Gallia County 740-446-7007



2018 Affiliate Membership

Deadline October 24, 2018

By becoming an affiliate member, you help to support the Gallia Soil & Water Conservation District's natural resource education program, and outreach efforts. If you wish to support the District, please make your check payable to Gallia SWCD. This membership entitles you to the following:

_____ \$30.00-\$49.00 Receive a certificate and one banquet ticket.

_____ \$50.00-\$99.00 Same as above plus recognition in newsletters and displays.

_____ \$100.00 + Same as above, plus second banquet ticket free and put on plaque in our office under the Ag Honor Roll.

The Ag Honor Roll:
Bronze \$100 to \$199
Silver \$200 to \$499
Gold \$500 and up

Wording for plaque: _____

Return to: Gallia Soil and Water Conservation District
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Gallipolis, OH 45631

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At First Church of the Nazarene in Gallipolis, OH 45631

Your ticket(s) must be presented at the door. Prices are as follows:

Adults =\$12 Children (age 5-12) =\$6 Children under 4=free

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____ State _____

_____ Total Payment Enclosed

Invasive Species Spotlight:

If you think you have Hemp Dogbane and want to know how to control it or need help identifying the plant, please contact our office 740-446-6173 ext. 3.

Photo credit <http://www.oardc.ohio-state.edu/weedguide>



Livestock Skill-A-Thon Winners

- 1st place Sr. Beef– Jordan Johnson, 2nd place - Erin Pope, 3rd place – Emily Dahse
- 1st place Sr. Sheep– Erin Pope, 2nd place – Justin Butler, 3rd place – Jordan Johnson
- 1st place Sr. Swine– Justin Butler, 2nd place – Erin Pope, 3rd place – Emily Fallon
- 1st place Sr. Goat– Jordan Johnson , 2nd place – Justin Butler 3rd place – Lily Rees
- 1st place Jr. Beef– Beau Johnson, 2nd place– Evan Pope, 3rd place-Bryce Hines
- 1st place Jr. Sheep– Beau Johnson, 2nd place-Evan Pope, 3rd place-Reece Butler
- 1st place Jr. Swine– Makayla Bryant, 2nd place– Beau Johnson 3rd place-Evan Pope
- 1st place Jr. Goat-Haley Canaday 2nd place-Evan Pope 3rd place-Beau Johnson

Hay Winners

Class 1 Legume hay 1st place: Blaise Davison, 2nd place: Nathan Michael, 3rd place: Jaret Boothe

Class 2 Grass hay 1st place: Jaret Boothe, 2nd place: Jacie Boothe, 3rd place: Jonas McCreedy

Class 3 Mixed Hay 1st place: Erin Pope Class, 3 2nd place: Reece Butler, Class 3 3rd place: Evan Pope, Overall Winner: Erin Pope

Pictured to the left is Gray Truance, Board Member, Erin Pope, the overall hay winner, Josie Jones 2nd runner up in Miss Gallia County and Alexis Wothe Miss Gallia County 1st runner up.



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Mark Your Calendar

October 8th– Office CLOSED for holiday.

October 11th– Board Meeting

October 25th– 74th Annual Banquet

November 12th– Office CLOSED for holiday.

November 21st– Office CLOSED for holiday.

November 22nd– Office CLOSED for holiday.

December 24th– Office CLOSED for holiday.

December 25th– Office CLOSED for holiday.

December 31st– Office CLOSES at noon.

January 1st– Office CLOSED for holiday.

Watch for tree sale coming soon.

Gallia SWCD Staff

Raina Fulks, Floodplain Administrator, ext. 3205

Nick Mills, District Administrator ext. 3206

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Garrett Fulk, Technician ext. 3207

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Our Website: www.galliaswcd.com

Our Facebook page: [Gallia SWCD](#)

NRCS & USDA Staff

Ralph Crawford, District Conservationist, ext. 3208