



Stark SWCD Election Time

Stark Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and Stark County Farm Bureau will hold a Joint Annual Meeting at Amish Door in Wilmot on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:45 p.m. The joint business meeting begins immediately following dinner.

Stark SWCD will hold a supervisor election at the meeting for two positions on the Board of Supervisors for three year terms beginning January 1, 2019. Voting starts at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person for Farm Bureau or SWCD members and \$25 for non-members.

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting but want to vote, you may request an absentee ballot starting August 21, 2018 and no later than September 4, 2018. Ballot request forms are available by calling the office (330.451.7645), printing the form from our website (www.starkswcd.org), or coming into the office (Monday to Friday from 8:00 to 4:30).

Ballots must be returned to the SWCD office no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 11, 2018.

You must be a Stark County landowner or resident and be over 18 years of age to vote in the election.



Meet the Candidates



CANDIDATE



Rodney Campbell

Rodney resides in Minvera with his wife, Cindy, and their three children. He grows corn, beans, and wheat as part of the Campbell Bros. Farms in Homeworth, Ohio. The Campbell Bros. Farms have installed many conservation practices over the years and were named Cooperators of the Year in 2017. In addition to grain farming, Rodney also milks 70 cows.

Rodney served on the Board of Supervisors from 2001 to 2016 and is currently finishing the term of a supervisor who resigned.

He is an active member of the Stark County Farm Bureau.

Rodney is concerned about the increasing development in the county and is an advocate of farmland preservation.

CANDIDATE



Alicia Dickerhoof McCracken

Alicia resides in Beach City with her husband, Dan, and their five children. The family raises meat goats and beef cattle. Alicia comes from a family of conservation farmers. Her dad, Jerry Dickerhoof, won Stark County Cooperator of the Year in 2001, and the family won an Ohio Conservation Family Farm Award in 1994.

Alicia is the retail store manager for PBSanimalhealth and previously interned with Holmes Soil & Water.

She is a member of American Boer Goat Association, Ohio Holstein Association, and Stark County Agricultural Society. She is also a board advisor for R.G. Drage Animal Science Program.

Alicia wants to pass on the same care for the land and environment that her father and grandfather showed so that her kids can farm in the future.

CANDIDATE



Ann Wolfe

Ann lives in Nimishillen Township with her husband, John. They have three grown children. Ann worked for 30 years for various companies as a graphic designer and copywriter. She now works on the family's farm operation, alongside her husband, John's brother, and their father. They milk 130 Holsteins and grow acres of corn, beans, wheat and hay. They were named Cooperators of the Year in 2013.

Ann is a 4-H advisor, chairs the Stark County 4-H Home Economics Committee, serves on the Stark County-OSU Extension Board, and is an active member of the Stark County Farm Bureau where she previously served on the county board of directors.

She is interested in increasing awareness among residents and funders on the important work the District does to protect and preserve natural resources in the county.



Upcoming Events

Summer 2018

- **Stark SWCD Board Meeting - August 15, 2018**

8:45am @ USDA Service Center, Massillon, Ohio

- **Contractor's Workshop, BMP's of Erosion and Sediment Control - August 22, 2018**

11:00am - 12:30pm @ The Building Industry Association 4344 Metro Circle NW , North Canton, Ohio

Stark Soil and Water in collaboration with the Building Industry Association of Stark & East Central Ohio, is hosting an annual and informative workshop designed to make compliance with Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) efficient and effective. Compliance with and adherence to the SWPPP is a basic requirement of a General Construction Permit for the disturbance of one acre or greater of soil in Ohio.

The workshop is free of charge and a light lunch with refreshments will be served during the workshop.

1.5 hours of Continuing Education Credit will be earned by attending.

Anyone interested in attending should RSVP by calling the Stark Soil and Water office at 330.451.7645 by August 15, 2018.

- **Eastern Ohio Grazing Council's Pasture Walk - August 23, 2018**

6:00PM - 8:00PM @ 11356 Georgetown St. NE. Louisville, Ohio

Join us for Eastern Ohio Grazing Council's Pasture Walk August 23, 2018 from 6-8pm at 11356 Georgetown St. NE Louisville, Oh 44641. We will be touring Doug Weingart's cow-calf operation where he currently raises 26 beef cattle on 28 acres using intensive grazing management. Current rotations are 1-2 days and are split into 19 paddocks. Doug will speak about his watering system and rotation planning. Eastern Buckeye Veterinary services will talk about AI programs and the importance of a herd health program. Food and refreshments are provided. Please bring a chair if you wish to sit!

RSVP by calling Carroll SWCD at 330.627.9852.

- **Stark County Fair - August 28th - September 3, 2018**

- **Stark Crop Producers' Breakfast - September 6, 2018**

8:00am @ Thompson's Dairyland 7519 Columbus RD NE Louisville, Ohio 44641

The topic of discussion will be field drainage. Come learn some Best Management Practices that will help better manage water on the farm. *Meals are optional and at your own expense.*

- **Stark Crop Producers' Breakfast - October 4, 2018**

8:00am @ Thompson's Dairyland 7519 Columbus RD NE Louisville, Ohio 44641

The topic of discussion is successfully establishing cover crops. Come pick some brains and learn the best methods for achieving a successful crop. *Meals are optional and at your own expense.*

Farm Science Review

Stark SWCD, Stark County Farm Bureau, and OSU Extension will again be sponsoring the annual Farm Science Review Bus Trip! The cost will be **\$35** per person which includes breakfast, bus ride, admission ticket, & buffet dinner at Der Dutchman.

Sponsored By:
Stark SWCD
OSU Extension
Stark County Farm Bureau

Schedule of Events for Wednesday, September 19, 2018

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| 5:15 am | Meet at Stark USDA Service Center parking lot for coffee & doughnuts |
| 5:30 am | Depart |
| 8:00 am | Arrive at Farm Science Review |
| 4:00 pm | Meet at Gate C to board the bus |
| 5:30 pm | Supper at Der Dutchman (Bellville) |
| 8:00 pm | Return to USDA Service Center parking lot |

Please remember this is a first come first serve event with limited seating.

Please RSVP and purchase your seat by no later than

Friday, September 14, 2018.

NO REFUNDS

