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Welcome to *Focus*, our E-Newsletter

Annual Supervisor Election!

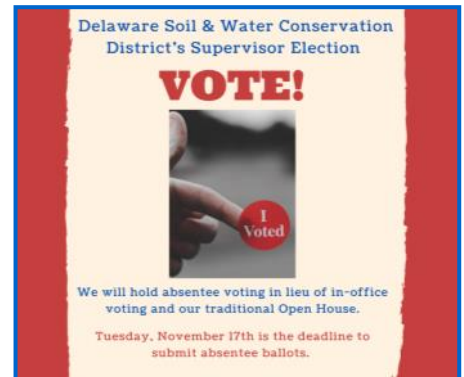
The Delaware SWCD's Supervisor Election is underway. Due to COVID-19 challenges, the SWCD will hold absentee voting in lieu of our in-person voting and traditional Open House. Tuesday, November 17th (4:30 p.m.) marks the deadline for which ballots need to be received by our office. Eligible voters can request an absentee ballot for themselves and any qualified electors in the same household (please provide the name of each qualified elector in the request). Requests can be made by:

- Calling us at 740-368-1921
- Completing the "Contact Us" form on our webpage
- Mailing a request via the U.S. Postal Service to 557 A Sunbury Road, Delaware, OH 43015
- In-person at our office, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Two individuals are running for the position:

Randy Leienberger and wife, Joyce, produce corn, soybeans, and wheat on their approximately 1,500-acre farm. They are residents of Oxford Township. Ohio State University (OSU) Buckeye fans at heart, their two daughters attend OSU in Columbus and OSU's Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, respectively, both majoring in agriculture. The farming operation includes strip-till and no-till conservation methods and systematic tiling. Randy utilizes drone technology to map tile systems in his fields for maintenance purposes.

Charlie Reffitt and his wife, Crystal, moved to Delaware County a few years ago. Charlie serves as manager of Hondros Farms, which primarily produces Angus/Wagyu cross cattle to sell in the specialty meat market. Charlie and his wife love the outdoors, having friends over, and checking the cattle. He enjoys hunting when not in the fields in the fall. Charlie said, "I'm interested in this position to become more involved in the community, meet new people, and to help make good decisions for the community."



In The Press

A variety of natural resources topics (written by our staff) are available, courtesy of the Delaware Gazette:

- [DSWCD Board of Supervisors Election Commences](#)
- [Time to Forage for Fall Edibles](#)
- [Stormwater Runoff Can be Harmful](#)
- [Celebrating One of Country's Oldest Snack Foods](#)

What's on Your Gift-Buying List?

This holiday season, go green and buy a conservation-oriented gift for a loved one. Our office has rain barrel kits (in terra-cotta or granite gray colors) for \$100 and Sure-Close brand kitchen countertop collection bins (1.9 gallon capacity) for only \$10. Our well-behaved elves will be happy to load purchases in your car.

Farmer Leadership in Watershed Management Training

This free virtual training will help farmers like you tap their leadership potential and gain the knowledge they need to make a difference for their farm and communities. [Read More Here >](#)

In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers. They know it is time to be still. – Cynthia Rylant



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