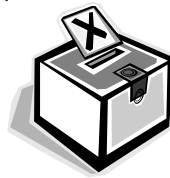


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Mark Your Calendars

- October 8 - Board Meeting
- October 12 - Columbus Day - Office closed
- October 15 - Annual Banquet & Meeting
- October 27/29/31 - Vinton County Grazing School
- November 7 - Forestry Workshop
- November 11 - Veterans' Day - Office closed
- November 19 - Board Meeting
- November 26 - Thanksgiving Day - Office closed
- December 17 - Board Meeting
- December 25 - Christmas Day - Office closed
- January 1 - New Years Day - Office closed

Forestry Workshop Announced

Dead or Alive: How, When and Why To Cut That Tree!

A forestry workshop on the devastating effects of Emerald Ash Borer on both Urban and Rural forests. This workshop will be held on November 7, 2015, at the Athens County OSU Extension Office. Keep checking our website for more information or call our office at 740-797-9686.



Grazing School Announced



The Vinton County SWCD will be hosting a Basic Grazing School on October 27th, 29th and 31st. Topics covered will include economics, animal nutrition, soil fertility, forage species selection, paddock design, conservation practices, plant growth, fencing and watering systems. For more information or for a registration form, visit our website at athensswcd.org.

Conservation News

Athens Soil and Water Conservation District

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Mission: Provide leadership by promoting the wise use and enhancement of Athens County's natural resources for current and future generations.

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Annual Meeting and Banquet

Join us in celebrating 69 years of conservation accomplishments!

When: Thursday, October 15, 2015
Where: The Plains United Methodist Church
3 N. Plains Road, The Plains, Ohio
Time: 5:45 - 9:00 p.m.
Cost: \$12.00 for adults
\$6.00 for children 12 and under



Agenda: 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. - SUPERVISOR ELECTION VOTING ONLY

***Candidate and voting information on pages 2 and 3*

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Served meal - baked steak, mashed potatoes, noodles, green beans, cole slaw, hot rolls, desserts, coffee and tea

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. - Presentation of Awards (conservation contest awards, outstanding cooperator of the year award, hay show awards, scholarship recipients, conservation educators and forestry award)

Election results, door prize and raffle drawing

Contact 740-797-9686 ext. 111 by October 8, 2015 to register!

Athens Soil and Water Conservation District's 69th Annual Meeting and Banquet

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

#of ADULT tickets _____ x \$12.00 = \$ _____

#of YOUTH tickets _____ x \$ 6.00 = \$ _____

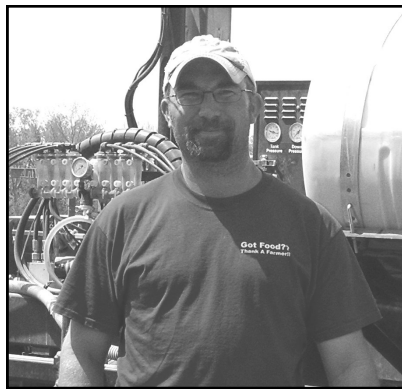
Complete form, make check payable to Athens SWCD and return to:
Athens SWCD
69 South Plains Road
The Plains, Ohio 45780

Due in office no later than October 8, 2015

Equal Opportunity

All programs and services of the Athens Soil and Water Conservation District and the USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or handicap.

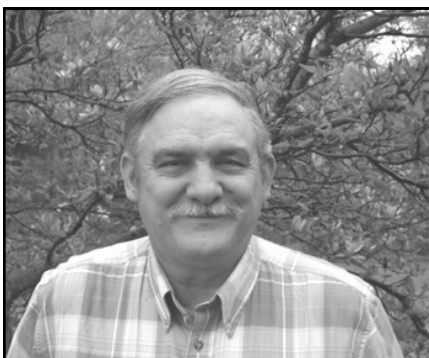
Meet the Candidates....



Kelly Abfall - Kelly is a full time grain and beef farmer, with approximately 800 acres in row crops and about 200 acres of hay and pasture in Athens, Meigs and Vinton counties. Practicing no-till on the majority of his acreage, he grows corn, soybeans and wheat. He also feeds about 100 head of beef cattle per year on their Alexander Township farm. Kelly grew up in Canaan Township on his family's part-time farm, where he developed a passion for agriculture at a young age. He graduated from Athens High School in 1998 and went on to The Ohio State University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 2003. He then returned to Athens County to begin his own farm. In 2013, Kelly and his wife Michelle were selected as Athens SWCD's Conservation Cooperators of the Year, and in 2014, they won the Ohio Farm Bureau Outstanding Young Farmer contest. Kelly and Michelle have a 6 year old son Riley, and 4 year old twins Kyle and Megan.



Glenn K. Lackey - Glenn has been a resident of Rome Twp. in Athens County since 1973. He attended Bluffton College. Glenn is an owner in his family farm, known as Red Bird Ranch, which consists of approximately 1,000 acres of beef cattle, row crops, hay and pasture. Prior to coming to Athens County, the Lackey's farmed in Franklin County. Red Bird Ranch has been a cooperator with the Athens SWCD office for 42 years. Organizations in which Glenn has or is currently serving include: Athens County Planning Commission, Ohio Farmland Preservation Board, Athens County Farm Bureau serving in various capacities, Ohio Farm Bureau member, American Farm Bureau Natural Resources and Livestock Advisory Committee and a member of the Canaanville United Methodist Church. Glenn has served on the Athens SWCD Board of Supervisors for the past 6 years. Glenn and his wife Bonnie have two sons, Brandon and Kavon.



Gary Willison - Gary graduated from The Ohio State University, where he received his bachelors and master's degree in Forest Management. He retired from the US Forest Service after 43 years, where he managed the forest resources in four national forests. On the Wayne National Forest he managed a Watershed Team that completed 54 abandoned mine land projects which greatly improved water quality in the Monday Creek Watershed. He also managed the US Route 33 Bypass around Nelsonville for the Wayne. Working closely with ODOT to minimize the highway's effects to soil and water resources and wildlife. Currently he is a forestry instructor at Hocking College and a consulting forester in Southeastern Ohio. Gary has served on the Athens SWCD Board of Supervisors to fill a vacant position. Gary lives on a farm in Rome Township with his wife and two sons.

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Election - Voting Information...



2015 Election Notice

The Athens Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will hold an election of two supervisors to serve a three year term beginning January 1, 2016. The terms of Glenn Lackey and Gary Willison will end on December 31, 2015. The nominees for the District Board of Supervisors are Kelly Abfall, Glenn K. Lackey and Gary Willison.

Residents and landowners, at least 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States, as well as firms or corporations that own or occupy land in Athens County may vote in this election. A non-resident landowner, firm or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. You may obtain an affidavit from the Athens SWCD office.

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

- 1) At the Annual Meeting and Banquet from 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2015.
- 2) At the SWCD office until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2015.
- 3) Vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee ballot request form(s) from the Athens SWCD office, 69 S Plains Road, The Plains, Ohio 45780.

How to Request an Absentee Ballot:

- 1) In writing, no more than 21 days prior to the election and the District office must receive the request no later than 5 days prior to the election.
- 2) In person, no more than 21 days prior to the election and no later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Absentee ballot requests cannot be faxed or filed electronically as it must contain an original signature. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Athens SWCD office by 4:00 pm on October 15th to be counted. Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

COVER CROP TIME!

August and September - Consider planting the following cover crops:

- Oilseed Radish
- Annual Ryegrass
- Cereal Rye
- Oats
- Barley
- Crimson Clover

October - Consider planting the following cover crops:

- Cereal Rye
- Winter Wheat (seed after Hessian fly free date of October 2nd)

November is still not too late! Consider planting Cereal Rye!



For more information on cover crops visit our website link to our new publication *Cover Crops for Southeast Ohio* or call the office to request your copy today!

SWCD Sponsors RAFFLE

The Athens SWCD is raffling two items to be given away at their annual banquet and meeting in October. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to defray the cost of this year's banquet.

Items for raffle are:

\$50 Gift Certificate to The Athens Farmers Market

Or...

\$200 Gift Certificate to Ohio Valley Trading and Exchange

The drawing will be held at the end of our annual meeting and banquet on October 15th. Tickets may be purchased from any SWCD Supervisor or staff, at the SWCD office and at the banquet. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six (6) for \$5.00. Need not be present to win.