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# HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR

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## 2016 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*John Ganz* Chairman  
*Dan Stevens* Vice Chairman  
*Don Sweeting* Secretary  
*Brad Harris* Treasurer  
*Gerald Martin* Special Projects

## 2016 SWCD STAFF

*Chad Stang* Manager  
*Lori Liles* Technician  
*Mitchell Otto* Technician  
*Ron Ritz* No Till Specialist  
*Aaron Robinson* Ditch Maintenance Supervisor  
*Alisa Schaffer* Administrative Assistant

## ERIE BASIN R.C.&D.

*Greg Small* Coordinator

## 2016 NRCS STAFF

*Kevin Kaltenbach* District Conservationist  
*Diana Avellanet-Echevarria* Soil Conservationist

## 71ST ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET DECEMBER 8, 2016

*The Public is Welcome  
 to the  
 Huron Soil and Water  
 Conservation District's*

*71st Annual Meeting  
 and Banquet*

*held on December 8,  
 2016*

*at the Huron County  
 Fairgrounds EXPO  
 Building*

*Voting for 2 Supervisors  
 from  
 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.*

*Catering by Tom  
 Schwan,  
 Bone Boys BBQ  
 of Bellevue, OH*

*Tickets are \$15.00*

*Deadline to purchase  
 for  
 catering purposes  
 December 1, 2016*

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 Banquet  
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The Huron Soil and Water Conservation District's Scholarship Committee selected Kaylee Musso, daughter of Bridget and Raymond Musso, as the 2016 Huron Soil and Water Memorial Scholarship recipient.

Kaylee is a Junior studying Agriculture Business at Wilmington College with a grade point average of 4.0.

Kaylee has a growing passion for agriculture, and she understands the need for prospective job seekers teaming up with the agricultural related business industry.

To prepare her for a career in agricultural marketing, Kaylee has been involved in 4-H both at the county and state level, involved with local, state, and national Business Professionals of America, earned 53 college credits as a high school student, held various leadership positions at EHOVE Career Center, and is involved in Ag related organizations at Wilmington College.

From 2010 to present, Kaylee has volunteered 600 hours to Stampede of Dreams Therapeutic Riding Program.

Kaylee's work experience consists of Administrative Assistant for Riley Contracting, Executive Assistant for Wooden Horse Corporation, and Marketing for Ag Credit.

Congratulations Kaylee Musso!

# BOARD SUPERVISOR ELECTION

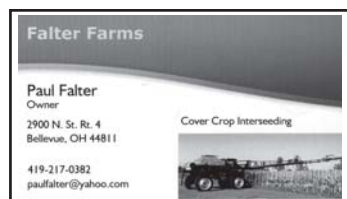
The Huron Soil and Water Conservation District was formed in 1945, making this its 71st year in existence. The District is governed by a five member board of supervisors, elected to three year terms, expiring December 31st. Current board members are Chairman John Ganz, Vice Chairman Dan Stevens, Secretary Don Sweeting, Treasurer Brad Harris, and Special Projects Member Gerald Martin.

The board of supervisors seek funding and set program and priorities to fulfill its mission of protecting the county's natural resources.

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of two supervisors in accordance of Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Eligible voters of the 2016 election will cast two votes from three nominees on the official ballot. The 71st Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held December 8, 2016, at the Huron County Fairgrounds EXPO Building with voting from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Voting by absentee begins November 17, 2016.



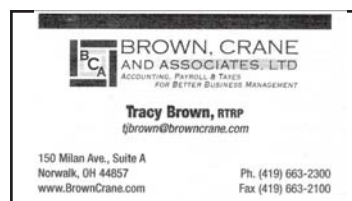
**Huron County Residents** 18 years of age or older who are legal residents of the county may cast two votes (out of three nominees). Landowners or land occupiers in Huron County may vote once as a landowner/land occupier, regardless of the number of parcels owned, leased, or rented.

**Non resident land occupiers** 18 years of age or older may cast one vote in each county the voter leases, rents, or is a tenant, after filing an official notarized affidavit certifying land occupier status prior to registering to vote.

**Corporations, Firms, or LLCs** may cast one vote as a landowner or land occupier, regardless of the number of parcels owned or leased by filing an official notarized affidavit verifying status of land ownership or land occupier prior to registering to vote. The affidavit must identify a specific individual 18 years of age or older who will cast the corporations vote and signed by the appropriate corporate officer, LLC officer, or trustee.

### 3 WAYS FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO VOTE

1. One may vote in person at the Annual Meeting on December 8, 2016, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
2. One may vote in person at the Huron S.W.C.D. office beginning November 17, 2016 and until December 8, 2016 no later than 2:00 p.m.
3. One may vote absentee by first requesting the proper request form beginning November 17, 2016.



# BOARD SUPERVISOR NOMINEES

**Ross Painter** resides in Norwich Township with his wife Lindsay. Ross graduated from the University of Findlay in 2010 with a Bachelor Degree in Animal Science. He worked on campus as an Assistant Manager of the Animal Science Building. Ross currently works for Gore Concrete. In 2009, Ross started a farming operation consisting of corn and soybeans. Ross is engaged in conservation efforts, working with the Farm Service Agency, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Huron County Soil and Water Conservation District. Ross enjoys farming, hunting, and spending time with family and friends. Ross and his wife attend St. Francis Xavier Church in Willard, Ohio.

**Dan Stevens** with his wife Nicole, daughter Emily, and son Tate live in Hartland Township. Along with his father Doyle and brother David, Dan manages a 2,000 acre corn, bean, and wheat rotation. The farming operation also includes a few sheep, a few hogs, and cows. They practice conservation tillage by no tilling most of their beans, all of their wheat, half of their corn, and a few acres of hay. The Stevens trio install approximately 100,000 feet of subsurface tile annually. Dan is a graduate of Western Reserver High School and Ohio State ATI, where he earned an Associate Degree in Crop Management. He is a member of the Huron County Farm Bureau and the Continental Dorset Club. Dan has been a Trustee of the Hartland Center Community Church for about fifteen years.

**Don Sweeting** with his wife Sandy and daughter Summer live in Fairfield Township. Don manages 450 acres of cropland raising corn, soybeans, and alfalfa hay. He has a 40 head Angus Cross Beef cow herd, and he finishes out the calves produced. Don uses vertical till on his corn, no tills his beans, applies winter cover crops, installs grass waterways where needed, and he has several grass filter strips. Don has also installed an animal waste storage structure, utilizes variable rate technology, and practices intensive grazing. Don is a Huron County Farm Bureau Member, a Fairfield Township Trustee, an Auctioneer, a Realtor, and an active member of the Cattlemen's Association.

### TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO BECOME A CERTIFIED FERTILIZER APPLICATOR IN OHIO

submitted by Mike Gastier, OSU Educator 419-668-8219

**Do I need agricultural fertilizer certification?** Fertilizer certification is required if you apply fertilizer (other than manure) to more than 50 acres of agricultural production grown primarily for sale. If you hire a co-op or other custom applicator to make your fertilizer applications, you do not need the certification.

**Do I need the certification if I raise forage for my livestock?** The term "agricultural production" is defined as the cultivation, primarily for sale, of plants or any parts of plants on more than 50 acres. If you raise forage (e.g., hay, silage, corn) for use on your farm, and have questions about fertilizer certification, please contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture by phone at 614-728-6987 or you can email <http://pesticides@agri.ohio.gov>.

**When do I need the certification?** Individuals are encouraged to obtain certification as soon as possible or when renewing their pesticide applicator license. The certification must be obtained by September 30, 2017. For more information and details, go to <http://nutritioneducation.osu.edu>

**Local 2017 Certification Opportunities:** February 14th @ Attica Fairgrounds @ 1:00 p.m.; February 16th @ Ripley Church at 1:00 p.m.; February 23rd @ Huron County Admin. Building @ 1:00 p.m.; March 21st @ New London North Central Ag @ 1:00 p.m.; March 29th @ EHOVE in Milan @ 6:00 p.m.

Fertilizer Certification is free. There is a charge for Pesticide Recertification held in conjunction with these meetings. **Call Huron County Extension at 419-668-8219 to register.**