

Fairfield SWCD 81st Annual Meeting

When: Thursday, September 12, 2024

Where: Wagnalls Memorial Library Community Room
150 E. Columbus Street
Lithopolis, OH 43136

Time: 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20 - RSVP by Friday, August 30 (reservation form below).

Agenda: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. -- Board of Supervisors Election
6 - 6:45 p.m. -- Buffet meal catered by Cheers Chalet (apple bourbon chicken, loaded mashed potatoes, country green beans, drinks and desserts)
6:45 - 7:15 p.m. -- Conservation Awards
7:15 - 8:00 p.m. -- Emily McClay of Wagnalls Memorial will take us on a tour of the library sharing the unique history of the building and architecture, art on display, and Mabel Wagnalls family who started it all.



Photo from The Wagnalls Memorial Facebook page



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

Total Number of Tickets _____ **x \$20.00 = \$** _____

PLEASE MAIL AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **Fairfield SWCD, 831 College Ave., Suite B, Lancaster, OH 43130**

RSVP BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

SORRY, TICKETS CANNOT BE REFUNDED.

Please note: You will not receive a confirmation notice.

SUPERVISOR ELECTION INFO...CAST YOUR VOTE

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within the Fairfield SWCD and are 18 years of age or older may vote for supervisor.

There are three (3) ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

1. At the Fairfield SWCD office from August 14 until September 12 during normal business hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday - Friday; or
2. At the SWCD Annual Meeting, which will take place at the Wagnalls Memorial on Thursday, September 12 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.; or
3. Voting absentee from August 14 until September 12, by requesting the Ballot Application and Election Ballot from the Fairfield SWCD office at 831 College Avenue, Suite B, Lancaster, OH 43130, by calling (740) 653-8154, or by emailing boardelection@fairfieldswcd.org. Absentee ballots (mailed or delivered in-person) must be received by the Fairfield SWCD office by 4 p.m. on Thursday, September 12.

Two supervisors will be elected to three-year terms commencing January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2027. Nominees are: Linda Claypool, Clarissa Lawlis and Doug Tenney (see bios below).

MEET THE CANDIDATES

LINDA CLAYPOOL

Linda is a lifelong resident of Hocking Township in Fairfield County. She graduated from Lancaster High School and Ohio University. Linda and her late husband Dan have a son Jason, his wife Michelle and two granddaughters Ashley and Carley. She started as a legal secretary before spending 15 years in commercial banking as a loan officer and manager. Prior to retiring in November 2017, she spent more than 26 years with USDA, Farm Service Agency assisting farmers with financial needs related to farm operating and real estate purchases.

Linda is currently a Farm Bureau member and a member of the Hocking Township Board of Appeals, having served the township on various boards for several years. In past years she has been a member of the American and Ohio Bankers Association, National and Ohio Realtors Association and National/Ohio Association of Credit Specialists. Linda has served two three-year terms and is currently Treasurer of the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors.



CLARISSA LAWLIS

Clarissa has lived in Fairfield County for most of her life. She graduated from Liberty Union High School, and earned her Bachelor's degree in Zoology and a master's degree in Environmental and Natural Resources from The Ohio State University.

Clarissa has always had a passion for the outdoors and agriculture. Growing up, Clarissa was active in the Girl Scouts, 4-H, and FFA. She carried her love of the outdoors into her career. She was a research associate and an aquatic science instructional aide at OSU's main campus.

Clarissa has worked as a malacologist for more than a decade for Lewis Environmental Consulting, conducting aquatic surveys for various clients. Clarissa cares greatly for the environment, and she is eager to use her knowledge and experience to benefit the Fairfield Soil and

Water Conservation District.

DOUG TENNEY

Doug grew up on a dairy farm in Knox County, active in 4-H and FFA. He is an Ohio State graduate with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics. Doug has continued his connection with the university by serving on the alumni board of ATZ/FarmHouse Fraternity for 33 years, building relationships with generations of students.

A Fairfield County resident for 43 years, Doug has a true heart for the agricultural community as a local grain marketer and commodity broker. Quality and conservation of our soil and water are key concerns of the producers he serves daily.

Doug is a current member and supporter of the Ohio 4-H Foundation Board, past member of the Fairfield County Extension Advisory committee, and Lithopolis Village Council. He is a longtime columnist for Ohio's Country Journal and a 1999 graduate of the OSU LEAD program.

Doug is an involved member of the Lancaster Vineyard Church. He is an avid cyclist, regularly pedaling the back roads of our county, often seeing the devastating effects of soil erosion on farmland. Doug has served one three-year term and is currently Chair of the FSWCD Board of Supervisors.

