SENECA Conservation District
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Meet the Candidates in the Board of Supervisors Election



Shayden Heiser

Attica resident Shayden Heiser is a row-crop and cattle producer. He is a 2022 Seneca East High School graduate and attended Terra State Community College to obtain an associate's degree in agribusiness. He farms with his father, Irv Heiser, and they grow row-crop corn, soybeans and wheat.

Shayden and his father continue to learn on their operation as far as finding the most useful and efficient ways to produce their crops. Over the last three years, they have started to apply cover crops after harvest primarily, and they are finding this practice to work well with their no-till planters. It allows them to save time and fuel.

They also practice minimum tillage methods before spring planting. Although these methods are never perfect in any given year, Shayden says he looks forward to being a part of the board of supervisors to continue to learn and apply these skills back on the farm to be successful.

Shayden says he believes Seneca County has many diverse resources that people need to preserve, whether it is through effective drainage practices, erosion control or maintenance of ditches and waterways. He is hoping that Seneca County farmers and ranchers can be connected with this changing information.

Together, people can use the most useful and innovative practices to control the resources upon which they have to grow crops and raise livestock.



Dennis Reer

Venice Township resident Dennis Reer grew up on the family farm in Crawford County before moving to Seneca County nearly 30 years ago.

Dennis spent two years in the machine trades program at Pioneer Career and Technology Center and graduated from Buckeye Central High School in 1990. He worked as a machinist for 13 years, while working on the family farm, and started working as a highway technician 4 at Ohio Department of Transportation in Huron County in 2001.

He moved to Seneca County in 1997 and bought his first acreage to farm in 2000. He created 5R Farms in 2007, is starting to expand and will be farming 400 acres in Seneca County.

Everything the operation does is no-till, cover crops and planting greens. Dennis has been involved in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and H2Ohio program, and he installed a filter strip on his farm about 25 years ago.

Dennis raises cattle and pigs on the farm. He is married to Debbie. All three children – Emily, Joseph and John – are involved in the operation. Dennis was involved in 4-H and FFA and has been involved on the Attica Independent Fair Board for 26 years, serving as president for a couple of years.

He said he has a passion for conservation and wants to do his part to have Seneca County keep moving forward in conservation.

Individuals who own or occupy land within Seneca County and are 18 years old or older may vote in the election. Cast a ballot at the SCD office, 3140 S. SR 100, Suite D., Tiffin, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, Nov. 12-Dec. 11. Or, vote absentee from Nov. 12-Dec. 11 by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the SCD office by calling (419) 447-7073 or emailing mmetzger@senecaswcd.com. Absentee ballots must be received by the SCD office by 4 p.m. Dec. 11. Two supervisors will be elected to a three-year term, Jan. 1, 2027-Dec. 31, 2029.