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resources in Steuben County.

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Check out the new Steuben County SWCD billboards on Hwy 20 & I-69.

The Hwy 20 billboard is located near the IN/OH State line (entering Indiana from Ohio); the I-69 billboard is located at the U.S. 20/I-69 exit for Angola.



The Steuben SWCD web page is under construction.

We apologize for this ongoing inconvenience.

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2019 Contractor Workshop

The City of Angola-Trine University MS4 (*Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System*)/ Storm Water Department and the Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District invite all contracting and excavating professionals to join us for our **second annual** Contractor Workshop.

STEUBEN COUNTY CONTRACTOR LUNCH & LEARN WORKSHOP

Friday December 6th, 2019

10:00 am — 12:00 pm

Trine University, MTI building,

1215 Thunder Drive,

Angola, IN 46703



Commonwealth Engineering, INC. will be providing federal permit updates & discuss the importance of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans . Professionals will be on-hand to answer your construction site sediment and erosion control questions.

Enjoy a free lunch following the event.

An RSVP is required for event by December 2nd, 2019

**RSVP for lunch to: Steuben County Soil & Water Conservation District
(260) 665-3211 ext. 3 or Email tara.lee@in.nacdnet.net**

Farm Service Agency Updates *Please call the office, (260-665-3211, ext. 2) for more details.*

1. **Election Time is Almost Here - Meet the Candidates!** The **FSA County Committee Election** is almost upon us. Ballots will be mailed out November 4th. The last day to return these ballots will be December 2nd. **The 2019 election in Steuben County will be held for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2, which includes Jackson, Pleasant, Scott, and York Townships.** This year we have four candidates running for the position. In order to help you learn a little bit more about them, we asked them to tell us a little about themselves.

Let's meet the Candidates!!

- Incumbent **Aaron Pfafman** has operated Pfafman Brothers Farms, with brothers Kent and Norman, since 1980. Nephew Steve joined the operation in 2018, and together they farm 1,500 acres in Steuben and LaGrange Counties, growing corn, soybeans, wheat, hay, and operating a dairy operation.
Aaron and his wife, Linda have been married 46 years, and have raised four daughters. In addition to serving on the FSA County Committee, he has served on the Prairie Heights School Board. Aaron and Linda are also members of the Stroh Church of Christ.
- **Terry Lee Dailey** was born in Kendallville to Bob and Iola Dailey and grew up on a dairy and crop farm. He attended Salem Center Elementary and graduated from Prairie Heights High School in 1970. While in high school, he was very active in FFA all four years, as well as many other activities. He was involved in the planting and harvesting of the school's crops, as well as his parent's crops.
After graduation, he worked for Richard Frey on his farm, in addition to his parent's. In 1972, he married Eloise Frey, and moved across the road from his in-laws; just down the road from his parents. In 1973, his father-in-law passed away, and Terry began managing his farm. He purchased his own 120 acres around 1980 and started milking at his residence. He continued to do so until about 20 years ago, growing strictly crops since then.
Terry and Eloise have two daughters, Shannon Duhaime of Ontario, Canada and Robin Nickols of Hamilton, Indiana. They are also the proud grandparents of three grand-daughters.
- **Richard Somerlott** is a 1963 Angola High School graduate, and a Vietnam Veteran. He has been married to wife Carol for 51 years, and has one son, Timothy. He has been a lifelong farmer of wheat, corn, and soybeans, has raised Holstein Steers, and produced maple syrup.
Richard retired as a mechanic from the Steuben County Highway Department in 2010. He has been involved in many organizations over the years including serving as a Board member of Steuben County Farm Bureau, President of the Board at the Metz Christian Church, and a former Superintendent of the Small Engine Repair project with Steuben County 4-H. He is also a NASCAR fan.
- **Anita Stock** was born and raised on a farm near Hoagland, Indiana; helping on the farm growing up. She married her husband, Jim, in 1959, and he helped his father farm his parent's property in Pleasant Lake. They lived in Hoagland until 1961 when Jim was hired to work at the bank in Angola. In 1962, they bought the farm she currently resides on, growing corn and soybeans.
Anita was a stay-at-home mom after having four children, and worked the fields while Jim worked at the bank. They also had some beef cattle for several years in order to give their children the experience of having to take care of the cattle. As the years went on, Jim's work at the bank was increasing, so they decided it was time to hire out the farming. Jim eventually retired from the bank and he and Anita became real estate agents. He has since passed away.
Anita is a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church and is involved in many capacities at the church. She is an active member of the Psi Iota Xi Auxiliary and has retired from being a real estate agent.

If you live in LAA 2, make sure to vote when you receive your ballot. For more information about FSA County Committees, visit fsa.usda.gov/elections.

2. **Small Grains Certification Deadlines:** Producers who have fall-seeded **wheat, rye, or other small grains** for harvest or cover crops need to certify this acreage in our office by **December 15, 2019**. Michigan has a November 15, 2019 deadline, so please keep this in mind if you farm any Michigan ground.
3. **2019 and 2020 Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) / Price Loss Coverage (PLC)** signup has opened. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) reauthorized the ARC and PLC programs with modifications for the 2019

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2019 Affiliate Members

Angola American Legion	Franklin Paul Group LLC
Angola Seed & Supply, LLC	Hoham Feed & Seed
Aquatic Enhancement & Survey, Inc.	Kevin Northup Excavating
Carper Farm Supply, Inc.	Lake George Conservancy Inc.
City of Angola/Trine University MS4	Lake James Association Inc.
Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy	Peter Mountz
Bill & Diana Clingan	Sue A. Myers
Daft Erosion Control LLC	Sheets LP Gas, L.P.
Tom & Marilyn DeWeese	Steuben County Lakes Council
Edon Farmers Co-Op	Stroh Farm Supply
Farm Credit Mid-America	John Williamson

The Steuben SWCD would like to thank all of our presenters & participants for a great 2019 Steuben County Life Program!!



Farm Service Agency updates

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through 2023 crop years. The ARC program is an income support program that provides payments when actual crop revenue declines below a specified guaranteed level. The PLC program provides income support payments when the effective price for a covered commodity falls below its effective reference price.

Program election and enrollment for 2019 began September 3 and will continue until **March 15, 2020**. All farm producers with interest in the cropland must make a unanimous election in 2019 of either ARC-CO or PLC on a crop-by crop basis; or ARC-IC (Individual Coverage) for all covered commodity base acres on a farm. This election will apply to the farm for 2019-2023. Enrollment in the program is required yearly. For program year 2020, following a valid election for 2019, enrollment will continue until June 30, 2020. Owners will also have a one-time opportunity to update PLC Yields of covered-commodity base crops for the 2020 year, regardless of program election.

There are several other changes in these programs, so please make an appointment with us to go over these changes. Also, remember to consult with your crop insurance agent to decide which election will be best for you. Election and enrollment can impact eligibility for some forms of crop insurance. Please visit fsa.usda.gov for more information on these programs.

Cedar Creek Streambank Project



located behind Waterloo's Water Pollution Control Plant. This site was chosen because flooding had caused the creek's west bank to erode to within 10 to 12' of a treatment tank (see "before photo").

In 2017, the DeKalb & Steuben SWCD's partnered on a Clean Water Indiana (CWI) grant. Part of the grant included funding for a streambank stabilization demonstration project.

On Friday, October 25th, the completion of a month-long stream bank stabilization project along Cedar Creek in Waterloo was celebrated. The site is

This project highlights environmentally-friendly practices for stabilization, including using log revetments backfilled with root wads and clean clay material and the live fascine system, used to protect the bank from washout, particularly at the creek edge where water levels fluctuate. Willow branch cuttings were planted along the bottom slopes which will reduce erosion (see "after photo").

We want to thank all of our partners that assisted with this project, including the DeKalb County Surveyor & Staff, Knott Excavating, Inc., Cedar Creek Drainage Board, Waterloo WPCP and the CWI Grant program.





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Upcoming Events

- November 11th County Offices Closed
Veteran's Day Holiday
- November 13th Steuben SWCD Board Meeting
5:00 PM @ Angola USDA Service Center
- November 28-
November 29th County Offices Closed
Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- December 6th Contractor Workshop
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Trine University -
MTI Center in Angola, IN
- December 7th Steuben County Lakes Council Meeting
8:30 AM at the First Congregational
United Church of Christ in Angola, IN
- December 11th DeKalb/Steuben Cover Crop Winter Meeting
8:30-10:30 AM Rieke Park Lodge in Auburn
- December 11th Steuben SWCD Board Meeting
5:00 PM @ Angola USDA Service Center
- December 13th Contractor Workshop
Snow Date
- December 24-
December 25th County Offices Closed
Christmas Holiday
- January 1st County Offices Closed
New Years Day Holiday

Times and places of meetings subject to change.

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