

63RD ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET

When: Thursday, September 14, 2006

Where: Alley Park/Goslin Nature Education Center
2805 Old Logan Road SE, Lancaster

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

Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under

Agenda: 5:30 - 6 p.m. – Board of Supervisor's Election
6 - 7 p.m. – Buffet meal of lasagna/pork roast, red skin potatoes,
green beans, tossed salad, rolls with butter, drinks, and desserts
(Fairfield County Century Farms will be featured throughout dinner)
7 - 7:45 p.m. – Joe Steiger, Retired FSWCD Soil Scientist
7:45 - 8:30 p.m. – Conservation awards, election results, and
door prizes

Entertainment: Joe Steiger, Retired Soil Scientist



Joe Steiger has been a soil scientist for NRCS (over 30 years) and SWCD (10 years) and has worked in many different counties. He will give a presentation on the five landforms that exist in the state of Ohio, all of which are found in Fairfield County. Those landscapes include the Hocking Hills, stream valleys, glaciated highlands, glaciated lowlands, and lake bed plains. Joe will have a PowerPoint presentation complete with pictures to explain what these landscapes look like today and also talk briefly on how they have changed over time to become what they are

today. Come learn about the landscapes and soils of Fairfield County.



Come See Us at the Fair

We will be in our usual spot at the Fairfield County Fair from October 8 through 14, 2006, in the 4-H building. Don't miss this year's display and your chance to win some great giveaways!

Request for Absentee Ballot

Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District

Please send an absentee ballot for the Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors election that will be held on September 14, 2006.

I am a qualified voter of the Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District because:

- I live within the borders of Fairfield County.
- I own property within the borders of Fairfield County.

Please send a ballot to:

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature _____

Note: Thank you for your interest in the election of the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors. In order to allow sufficient time for mailings, this form must be postmarked by September 1, 2006. If you are unable to meet this deadline, you may come in person and vote absentee at the Fairfield SWCD office at 831 College Avenue in Lancaster until 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2006. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 years of age or older on the day of the election. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at (740) 653-8154 or 653-5320.

Return this form to: Fairfield SWCD
831 College Avenue, Suite B
Lancaster, OH 43130

SWCD Election

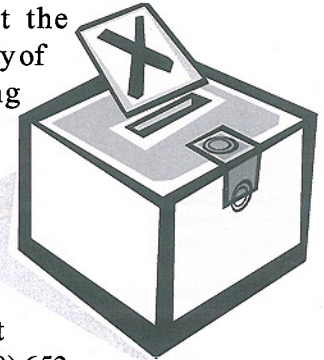
Fairfield County residents attending this year's Annual Meeting/Banquet will find the voting process for SWCD board members to be very similar to voting in the general election.

Upon arriving at the Annual Meeting/Banquet, attendees will immediately be directed to the election registration table where election officials will find your name in the election registry. Voters will sign next to their name to verify their eligibility, be given a ballot and proceed to a nearby voting booth, where they will mark their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box.

This year's election will be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. We will be electing two board members. The nominees are John Albert of Lancaster, Kelly Hurst of Lancaster, and Richard "Dick" Kilbarger of Bremen.

Fairfield County residents and landowners have two other options for voting for Fairfield SWCD board members. They may call or stop by the Fairfield SWCD office to request an absentee ballot or cast their vote at the FSWCD office on the day of the annual meeting between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

If you would like more information about the election or have questions, please contact the SWCD office at (740) 653-8154.



Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District's 63rd Annual Meeting/Banquet Thursday, September 14, 2006

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Please mail and make checks payable to: *Fairfield SWCD*
831 College Ave., Suite B
Lancaster, OH 43130

Reservation deadline is **Friday, September 8, 2006.**

Sorry, tickets cannot be refunded.

Please note: You will not receive a confirmation notice.

Number of reservations:

_____ Adults @ \$10 ea. = \$ _____

_____ Children @ \$5 ea. = \$ _____
(10 years and under)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Meet The Candidates

John Albert



John and his wife Cindy, together with their four young daughters (Caitlin, Abby, Emma and Ava) live in Pleasant Township. John spent four years in the USAF before taking a position with General Dynamics which he held for fifteen years. John founded Advint in 1999, after deciding to raise their family in Ohio, and is VP of Engineering and Operations. Advint is a rapidly growing engineering firm with 20 employees. John holds a BSEET from Franklin University. He and his family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lancaster and his children attend St. Mary's school.

John has been Chairman of the local Quail Unlimited (QU) Chapter, Ohio Valley, since its inception three years ago. He has been active in habitat restoration and conservation practices for over ten years in many different conservation organizations. John has applied many of these practices on his farm, such as wetland restoration, buffer strips, food plots, etc. in order to gain knowledge on their inner workings and now assists others through the local QU chapter. John has been very vocal in promoting CP33 to local landowners in order to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to restore critical buffer strips to our landscape. He has also been active in youth activities, coordinating and providing numerous bird hunts, shoots, and dog training sessions. John also resurrected in 2006 in conjunction with local fifth graders a local Bob White Quail whistle count to assist in tracking the success of local habitat restoration projects and will be hosting various wildlife activities on his farm for local youth school projects.

Kelly Hurst

Kelly has lived in Fairfield County for 34 years. She lives in Lancaster and has four children ages 13 to 20. For the past 3 years she has worked for the Fairfield Department of Health. Her responsibilities include injury prevention education. She coordinates driving safety campaigns and childhood safety projects including the Farm Safety Roundup day camp. She has previously worked in the area of environmental education and provided recreation services for the Fairfield County Board of MRDD.



She is currently a member of the following community organizations: Lancaster Area Chamber of Commerce Safety Committee, Coalition for a Drug Free Fairfield County. Kelly previously served on the Fairfield County Community Plan Committee and Transportation Guiding Group. Her board experience includes: New Horizons Board of Directors, 1981-1984; Lancaster Transit Board, 1998-2000; Olivedale Senior Citizens of Fairfield County Advisory Board, 2000-2003; Safe Communities/Safe Kids Coalition president, 2003-present, and currently serves as the Treasurer/Fiscal Agent for the Fairfield County SWCD Board of Supervisors, 2004-present.

Kelly is a previous recipient of the Fairfield SWCD's Hochockin Award, and EECO's Christy Dixon Award, both for environmental education. She is an active volunteer with the Fairfield County Recycling and Litter Prevention Program, Ohio Division of Wildlife, Leopold Project, Fairfield SWCD Education Subcommittee (2000-present), Fatherhood Initiative Committee, Fairfield Family Festival Steering Committee (2002-2005), and Fairfield County Red Ribbon Festival for drug prevention (2000-present).

Richard "Dick" Kilbarger



Dick lives in Rushcreek Township on the family farm. He and his wife Debbie have two daughters, Molly (15) and Kayla (13). After attending The Ohio State University, Dick worked for the Westerman Companies as a sales and service representative as well as farming part-time. In 1981 he bought 132 acres in close proximity to the family farm and began incorporating conservation practices that included contour strips, spring developments, waterways, and no-tilling.

In 1987 he left the off-farm employment and began farming full-time. Dick is a member of the Fairfield County Farm Bureau, Fairfield County Cattlemen's Association, Fairfield Union Levy Campaign Committee, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bremen, and St. Mary's Finance Committee. Also, he and his family have been involved with the Adopt-a-Highway Program with ODOT for the past several years.

He raises corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. They run a commercial cow-calf operation of 120 angus cattle. Dick and Debbie received the Cooperator of the Year Award from Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District in 2003 for their intensive grazing practices.

Ohio's Early Migratory Bird Season Dates Approved

The Ohio Wildlife Council has approved the state's early migratory bird hunting seasons for this fall, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. September 1 will kick off the state's hunting seasons with the opening of dove, Canada goose and rail, moorhen and snipe. Squirrel hunting season also starts that day. Ohio's dove hunting season runs September 1 through October 15 and November 11 through November 25, with a daily limit of 15 birds and possession limit of 30 birds. Canada geese may be hunted statewide September 1-15 during the special early season, with a daily limit of three birds and possession limit of six birds after the first day. The daily bag limit is two Canada geese for birds taken in the Crane Creek/Ottawa, Mosquito Creek and Killdeer Plains mandatory reporting zones. The Mercer goose-reporting zone will not be open during the early Canada goose season.

The early teal hunting season will be open September 2 through September 17, with a daily bag limit of four birds and possession limit of eight after the first day. Waterfowl hunters must have a valid hunting license in addition to a state wetlands habitat stamp endorsement, a federal duck stamp and a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification. Everyone who intends to hunt migratory game birds must obtain a new Harvest Information Program certification.

Sora rails, Virginia rails and moorhens may be hunted September 1 through November 9, with a daily limit of 25 rails and 15 moorhens. Hunting season for snipe will be September 1 through November 26 and December 9-28, with a daily bag limit of eight.

The woodcock-hunting season is open October 14 through November 26, with a daily bag limit of three birds and a possession limit of six birds. Hunting hours during the seasons for rails, moorhens, snipe, woodcock, teal, doves and Canada geese are sunrise to sunset. The only exceptions will be on wildlife areas that have specially posted hunting times for doves. The 2006 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons brochure will be available by mid-August at license outlets, Division of Wildlife district offices or by calling 1-800-WILDLIFE.

Fairfield SWCD Scholarship Awarded to Josh Messerly



Josh Messerly, son of Martin and Nancy Messerly, was selected to be the recipient of the Fairfield SWCD \$500 college scholarship. Josh lives on East Mulberry Street in Lancaster. He graduated from Lancaster High School this past June, and will be attending Wilmington College in Wilmington, Ohio, this coming fall. Josh will study AgriScience/Turfgrass Management.

Josh credits his interest in natural resources to spending family time at Lake Erie as a child and his FFA classes at LHS the past four years. "All of these things taught me how to preserve and enjoy what the land has to offer, and I always felt that it was things that I can use in my life", said Josh. He also enjoys outdoor activities, golfing, fishing and sports.

Applications for next year are available for any graduating senior at the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District office in Lancaster, from our website at www.fairfieldswcd.org or your high school guidance office. They are due to the SWCD office by March 31 of any current calendar year. Applicants need to be pursuing a degree in the fields of Agriculture, Conservation, or Natural Resources.

Check Trees for Insect Invaders

It's perfectly normal for trees to have a few insects munching on their leaves or burrowing into their bark. Usually they coexist naturally as part of the same ecosystem. Unfortunately, when insects are introduced into new areas, they don't always have natural predators or environmental conditions to keep populations balanced. That's why it's important to avoid bringing nonnative tree pests into Ohio and to act quickly to control them if they're found.

To protect your woodlands and ornamental trees, watch for unusual insect infestations. Over the last few years, Ohio has seen increasing damage from nonnative pests, including the following:

Gypsy Moth - The Gypsy Moth caterpillar eats leaves of many species of trees and shrubs, but its favorite is oak. After a couple years of defoliation, even a healthy tree can be killed. Populations are already established in 43 Ohio counties. The Ohio Department of Agriculture uses aerial spraying to suppress the pest in some wooded areas and also treats isolated populations in areas where the pest isn't yet established.

Emerald Ash Borer - So far this pest has been identified in ash trees in Lucas, Defiance, Paulding, Wood, and Franklin Counties, but it may be in other counties too since this article was written. Most infestations have been traced to ash firewood or trees brought to Ohio from Michigan. Since Emerald Ash Borer infestations are fatal, infested trees must be destroyed to keep the pest from spreading. The ODA has quarantined movement of firewood and other wood products in some parts of the state.

Beech Bark Disease - This disease is caused by both beech scale insects and fungi that infect wounds left by the feeding insects. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry is watching beech trees in northeast Ohio closely for this problem because the scale insects have been found in a few counties and the disease is killing many trees in Michigan. Individual trees can be saved with insecticide, but widespread treatment of wooded areas isn't financially feasible.

For more information on these and other pests causing concern in Ohio, contact www.dnr.state.oh.us/forestry/health/ and www.ohioagriculture.gov/, or call the Soil and Water Conservation District office at 740-653-8154.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Set

The annual Fairfield County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held on **Saturday, August 19, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds in Lancaster. Residents in the Coshocton/Fairfield/Licking/Perry Solid Waste District may attend the event.

Items labeled flammable, corrosive, reactive, toxic, or poisonous typically found in your garage, basement, under sinks, and in your bathrooms will be accepted. **DO NOT BRING EMPTY CONTAINERS, DRIED PAINT OR OTHER NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE.**

No business, school or industry waste will be accepted. Also, **TIRES, APPLIANCES, ELECTRONICS AND PAINT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** When paint is dried out into a solid form, it is no longer hazardous and can be thrown out with your normal trash. It can be dried out by pouring kitty litter, saw dust, oil absorb or commercial paint hardeners into the paint can and mixing it with the paint. Also, if there is not much paint left in the can, the lid can be left off to let it dry out.

This event is sponsored by the Solid Waste District and coordinated by the local litter prevention program. For more information on the kinds of items accepted at the collection day, please call the Fairfield County Community Action Recycling & Litter Prevention Office at (740) 681-4423.

