

## 66TH ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET

**When:** Wednesday, September 9, 2009

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

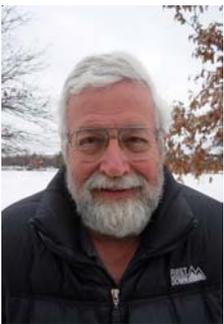
**Time:** 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$12 for adults, \$7 for children 10 and under

**Agenda:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. -- Board of Supervisor's Election  
6 - 7 p.m. -- Buffet meal of Italian chicken breast/roast beef, red skin potatoes, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, fresh fruit, rolls with butter, drinks, and desserts  
7 - 7:45 p.m. -- David Horn, Director of Ohio Biological Survey  
"Pollination: The Real Story about the Birds and Bees"  
7:45 - 8:30 p.m. -- Conservation awards, election results, and door prizes



**Speaker:** David Horn



David Horn has recently retired as professor of entomology at Ohio State and currently is Director of the Ohio Biological Survey. He has done research on biological control of insect pests and impact of prescribed burning and utility right-of-way construction on forest insects. He is also directing efforts to reintroduce the endangered American burying beetle to southeast Ohio. He is active in Columbus Audubon, the Ohio Lepidopterists and the Ohio Ornithological Society, among other groups. His family is from New England but he has lived in Ohio long enough to call it home (after 37 years of season tickets in Ohio Stadium).



**Come See Us at the Fair**

We are now located in the Commercial Building which was formerly the Jr. Poultry Building. The fair will run October 11 through 17, 2009. Don't miss this year's display and your chance to win some great giveaways!

## DEER DAMAGE CONTROL AND FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Many Fairfield County producers experience deer damage in nurseries, orchards and row crops each year. The degree of damage depends upon what other plants are available for deer to feed on, proximity of the area being browsed to woody escape cover and the local deer population.

One means to deal with deer damage during the growing season is out of season control permits. These allow a landowner to harvest deer outside of normal sport hunting seasons under closely controlled permits. These are valid after bowhunting season ends in late winter through the last Saturday in September, when the 2009-2010 bowhunting season starts again. Landowners often ask questions about what they can do with the deer harvested under these controlled permits. A common misconception is that the deer cannot be used. However, using the deer meat is encouraged whenever possible. While many of the deer that are causing damage are taken during the warmer summer months, with quick cooling and proper care, the meat can be used.

In 2008-09 the Ohio Division of Wildlife began a pilot project to help offset hunger in Ohio. The Division of Wildlife collaborated with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) in an effort to assist with the processing costs associated with donating venison to food banks and pantries. The cost to process a deer carcass can range from \$50 to \$110 for many processors. A \$100,000 subsidy grant was provided so that funds generated by donations to FHFH could be matched. Last year deer hunters donated more than 54,800 pounds of venison to Ohio food banks. A total of 1,096 deer were donated during the sport hunting season alone.

Locally the Fairfield County Farm Bureau contributed funds to the FHFH program for processing. In 2008-2009, over 3,000 pounds of meat were donated in Fairfield County. Two local processors are participating in the donation program, Rienschild's Meats in Bremen and Bowers and Sons in Millersport. For the details on venison donations, please phone them directly at (740) 569-4060 and (740) 467-3800. Both require that the deer are field dressed before being dropped off for processing. The Fairfield County coordinator for FHFH is Jeff Fornshell. He can be reached at (740) 407-8247 or via e-mail at loanman43105@yahoo.com. Please consider making a donation locally to help hungry families.

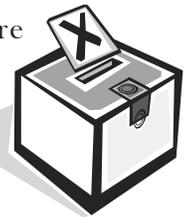
## SWCD ELECTION

### Cast Your Vote

The Fairfield SWCD will hold an election for two Board supervisors from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at the 66th Annual Meeting/Banquet being held at Alley Park. The nominees for this year's election are John Albert of Lancaster, Ray Baskin of Lancaster and Mike Wolfe of Baltimore.

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Fairfield County and are 18 years of age and older may vote. A non-resident landowner, firm, or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot. Fairfield County residents and landowners have three ways to cast a ballot: 1) at the annual meeting; 2) at the SWCD office until 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009; or 3) vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee request forms from the Fairfield SWCD office at 831 College Ave., Suite B, Lancaster, OH 43130 or by calling (740) 653-8154.

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



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## Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District's 66th Annual Meeting/Banquet Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

*Number of reservations:*

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ \$12 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children @ \$7 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(10 years and under)

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation deadline is **Friday, September 4, 2009.**

Sorry, tickets cannot be refunded.

*Please note: You will not receive a confirmation notice.*

# 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 and Fisher Catholic schools.

John has been Chairman of the local Quail Unlimited (QU) Chapter, Ohio Valley, since its inception six 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 Bobwhite Quail whistle count to assist in tracking the success of local habitat restoration projects. He will be hosting various wildlife activities on his farm for local youth school projects. John has been on the SWCD Board for one three-year term, currently serving as Treasurer-Fiscal Agent.

## *Ray Baskin*



Ray and his wife Debby have been residents of Fairfield County for 44 years. Debby is an Ohio native while Ray was born in Texas and lived in numerous locations as part of a military family. His children, Elizabeth and Kevin, are married with families in the county as well.

After graduating from The Ohio State University in City and Regional Planning, Ray worked for 33 years for the Columbus Department of Development. Much of that time was spent preparing and presenting recommendations at public hearings with City boards and commissions. Locally he served Pleasant Township as zoning inspector and most recently as Zoning Commission chair during revisions to the zoning code.

Current membership in community organizations include the Carroll Lions Club, Lancaster Men's Chorus, First United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and the Olivedale Senior Center. One of the nice things about being retired since 2004 is the ability to spend more time singing tenor as part of the Hilltop Quartet, church and Masonic choruses.

## *Mike Wolfe*

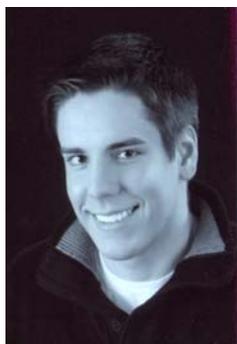


Mike was born and raised on his family farm located just east of Baltimore. Mike and his wife Maria, along with their children Tommy and Anna, live on the farm purchased by Mike's grandfather Merrill Wolfe in 1929.

Mike graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in agronomy and then returned home to farm with his father Roger Wolfe. Mike raises corn, soybeans and wheat using no-till and strip-till. He has implemented many conservation practices including drainage tile, grassed waterways, WASCObS, buffer strips and a chemical containment system. Mike also does excavating work for area farmers.

Mike is a member of Thurston United Methodist Church, Fairfield County Farm Bureau, Ohio Corn Growers Association, Ohio Soybean Association and Liberty Union Young Farmers. He has served as president of the Fairfield County Farm Bureau and Fairfield County Pork Producers and on the policy development committee for the Ohio Farm Bureau. Mike is currently serving as chairman of the Walnut Township Zoning Commission.

## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



**Trey Miller**, son of Steve and Debra Miller, was selected to be one of the 2009 recipients of the Fairfield SWCD \$500 college scholarship. Trey lives on Reynoldsburg-Baltimore Road in Baltimore. Trey graduated from Liberty Union High School this past June, and will be attending The Ohio State University Columbus campus this coming fall. He will study Agribusiness and Applied

Economics. He hopes to expand his knowledge of agricultural marketing, finance, and foreign markets.

Trey was very active in FFA serving on numerous committees, Parliamentary Procedure, and State Soil Judging Teams. In 4-H Trey enjoyed showing hogs and sheep. He was simultaneously involved with various high school sports.

Trey credits his interest in natural resource conservation to winning a conservation poster contest in the third grade. Not only did he win the contest for his division but he was able to ride in the Christmas parade in Lancaster that year.



**Scott Praither**, son of Debi Praither, was selected to be one of the 2009 recipients of the Fairfield SWCD \$500 college scholarship. Scott lives on Carroll Eastern Road in Carroll. He graduated from Bloom-Carroll High School this past June and will be attending The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, this coming fall. Scott will study Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering.

Scott was very active in 4-H and FFA and has earned his State FFA Degree. He was awarded a Governor's Award in Science and was a State Science Fair participant. His special interests include reducing vehicle emissions and the research he has completed in that area, hydroponic sewage systems and microbial fuel cells.

Scott credits his interest in natural resources conservation to the time when his high school chemistry class visited OSU for a behind the scenes look at the Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering program. He knew then of his passion for the environment and wanting to attend college to pursue further studies.

Applications for next year are available at the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District office in Lancaster, on-line from our website at [www.fairfieldswcd.org](http://www.fairfieldswcd.org) or your high school guidance office. They are due to the District office by March 31st of any current calendar year. Applicants need to be pursuing a degree in the fields of Agriculture, Conservation, or Natural Resources, and must be a Fairfield County graduating senior.

## LOCAL FARM DONATED

Preserving prime farmland can be an individual, family, or community decision and Tom Dixon, with the support of his family and the community, placed permanent protection on 312 acres of Walnut Township's prime farmland this week. Tom Dixon said, "I want this land to be available for my neighbors to farm and to help keep farm ground affordable for the next generation." The Dixon farm covers an area that is nearly half a township section, located just west of SR 37 and north of SR 204.

Walter Gabriel, Walnut Township Trustee said, "We will support what landowners want to do to protect their farm ground." This easement brings the total of permanently protected prime farmland in Walnut Township to 821 acres. The township also holds 1,171 acres in an agricultural security area that has pledged not to initiate nonagricultural development for the next 10 years. This begins a solid foundation which supports the protection of prime farmland that is the economic engine of the community for generations to come.

The Dixon farm is the first conservation easement donated to the Fairfield Land Preservation Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit land trust which will monitor the farm to assure that future owners protect its conservation values. If you have an interest in farmland preservation, please call the Fairfield SWCD office at (740) 653-8154.



The Dixon Family

# LANDOWNER STREAM MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Living along a river can be a source of pride for a landowner. It can also be the source of many questions. This information was developed to help answer some more commonly asked questions about managing property along a river. Rivers function the way they do for a reason. Changing their physical condition has varying consequences for other landowners and the aquatic wildlife. Resource professionals are available to help you accomplish your property management objectives and protect the integrity of your creek. Permits may be needed for various activities and are noted accordingly. This information is subject to change and was last updated in March 2009.

## ***Can I remove logjams?***

A property owner or a separate entity with the property owner's permission may be able to remove logjams from a stream. Contact the US Army Corps of Engineers to explain your method of removal and inquire about whether a permit is needed. Also contact the Ohio Division of Natural Resources (ODNR) Forester with questions on possible uses of the woody material. Contact the floodplain administrator about where to place removed materials.

## ***Can I remove fallen trees?***

Property owners can remove fallen trees from a river. Removal is highly recommended in cases where the fallen tree lies partially or entirely across the river and blocks flow. This blocked flow can lead to bank and floodplain erosion. If the tree roots are securely anchored in the bank, removing the tree top and leaving the roots will help stabilize the bank. For removal of a few trees, contact a local tree service or arborist. Contact the floodplain administrator about where to place removed materials.

## ***Can I place fill in the river?***

Placing fill material along a river must be permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Ohio EPA. This activity is also subject to local floodplain and zoning regulations. Contact the Corps of Engineers, your county floodplain administrator, and your township or county zoning inspector for details.

## ***Can I remove gravel bars or other material from the river?***

Moving or removing material such as sand or gravel bars from a river may require permitting by the Corps of Engineers and the Ohio EPA. Contact the Corps of Engineers for details on permitting activities in streams. The Ohio Division of Mines and Reclamation must be contacted for a surface mine permit. Contact the Soil and Water Conservation District for technical assistance in assessing the environmental impacts of altering gravel bars.

## ***Can I stabilize the river bank?***

Resource professionals should evaluate bank erosion areas before any type of stabilization practice is attempted. If stabilization is determined to be possible for a site, the stabilization method will dictate what types of approvals are needed. The county floodplain administrator must approve every type of project, and some projects may need Corps of Engineers and Ohio EPA approval and possible permits.

## ***Can I remove live trees along the creeks?***

Live trees can be removed from along a river. However, there may be legal restrictions in addition to the wildlife habitat loss and water quality benefit reduction. If the tree and its roots are to be removed, contact the Corps of Engineers. Call the local NRCS office to find out if a wetland determination must be done. If you are interested in harvesting trees for profit, contact the forester, an informational pamphlet is available. If you are on non-agriculturally zoned land, check with your county or township zoning inspector to determine if any restrictions apply. If you remove a tree from the stream bank, leaving the stump and roots is highly advisable to help protect the bank from erosion.

## ***Can I construct a permanent creek ford (shallow crossing)?***

A permanent creek ford must be permitted by the Corps of Engineers and Ohio EPA. Contact the Corps of Engineers for details on what type of permitting is required. The construction method and permanent alteration of the channel may have an adverse impact on the creek. This activity would also be subject to any local floodplain and zoning regulations. Best Management Practice (BMP) guidelines are available for temporary crossing designs used during logging operations.

### **Contacts:**

- Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency  
(740) 654-4357
- Fairfield County Regional Planning (Floodplain Admin.)  
(740) 687-7110
- Township Zoning Inspector (see your local phone directory under government)
- ODNR/Division of Mines & Reclamation - Robert Lasley  
(614) 265-6633
- Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, 401 Unit  
(614) 644-2001
- ODNR Forester Dave Murray (740) 774-1596 ext. 9
- ODNR Urban Forester Lisa Bowers (614) 728-4210
- US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District  
(304) 399-5210
- Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District/NRCS  
(740) 653-8154

## **NEW PROGRAM UNVEILED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OF OHIO'S WILDLIFE**

The new Ohio Wildlife Stamp, available for purchase in March of 2010, is a new tool for Ohioans to help conserve, enhance and restore native wildlife and its habitat, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife.

“We’ve developed this stamp because we know there are Ohioans who want to contribute to wildlife conservation efforts,” said David M. Graham, chief of the Division of Wildlife. “For years the funding for these wildlife projects has come from Ohio’s hunters, trappers and anglers. This stamp will allow wildlife enthusiasts the opportunity to directly impact the future of Ohio’s native animals.”

The Ohio Wildlife Stamp will cost \$15. Of that amount \$14 goes directly to supporting Ohio’s wildlife, and \$1 to the license vendor as a handling fee. The photo of a Baltimore oriole, selected through a contest, will appear on the first stamp; a different Ohio species will be featured on the stamp each year. Stamp sales will begin on March 1, 2010. They will be available for purchase online at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) and at participating license vendors around the state.

No taxpayer dollars are used to fund wildlife projects in Ohio. One funding source is the voluntary contributions made to the Division from the state income tax check off. Ohioans also support conservation efforts by purchasing the cardinal and bald eagle license plates. These funds are vital to wildlife conservation, but they are not enough.

Ohio’s hunters and anglers have shouldered most of the responsibility for conservation projects. Through the purchase of licenses and permits, these outdoorsmen and women have funded the restoration of the bald eagle and river otter, as well as the acquisition of critical habitats and development of educational materials. Those funds also provide required matching dollars for federal grants.

Competition for these dollars is growing and there simply isn’t enough funding to meet all of the needs for Ohio’s wildlife. “Ohioans who make the decision to buy the Ohio Wildlife Stamp will take an active role in investing now for tomorrow’s Wild Ohio,” said Graham. For more information, visit [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com) or call 1-800-WILDLIFE.

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## **WEB-BASED LICENSE AND GAME CHECK SYSTEM TO BE ONLINE MARCH 1, 2011**

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Wildlife has entered into a contract with The Active Network, Inc. to build and implement a Web-based license sales and game check system. The new system will replace the existing hunting, fishing and trapping license/permit sales system on March 1, 2011.

“This new Web-based license and game check system will strengthen and enhance the Division’s fish and wildlife management abilities,” said David M. Graham, chief of the Division of Wildlife. “Sound wildlife management ensures healthy, sustainable wildlife populations for the benefit of anglers, hunters, trappers and wildlife watchers.”

The new system will incorporate better management and integration of license sales information, hunter education, publication distribution and tracking, special permitting initiatives, controlled hunt allocations, arrest report tracking and improved game check processes – all in real time.

The new system will cost \$16.3 million over 8 ½ years. Funds to pay for the new system will come from the Wildlife Fund. Money generated from the sale of fishing, hunting and trapping licenses make up the Wildlife Fund. State tax dollars are not part of this fund.

Prior to the March 1, 2011, implementation date, a number of pilot projects will be implemented to ensure the new system’s readiness.

Hunters, trappers and anglers will see minor changes in the appearance of their license, but the licensing process will remain the same. Deer and turkey hunters will be introduced to a new system that will allow them to easily and conveniently check game at a license vendor, by phone or on the Internet.

A proposed change to the Ohio Revised Code, currently in House Bill 1, would allow resident landowners the convenience of automated game checking that all other hunters in Ohio would have, but would require them to acquire a free deer or turkey permit in order to use the system.

The Active Network is the largest global provider of integrated technology solutions, marketing services and online media properties that encourage and enable participation in activities and events. The Active Network is either maintaining or developing automated hunting and fishing licenses systems for 26 states.

Any customer that would like more information can log on to the Division of Wildlife’s web site at [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com). Once on the Division’s home page, visitors should click on the “[Proposed New License Sales and Game Check System](#)” line under the Ohio Wildlife News heading. As the new system moves through development, the [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com) Web site will keep customers updated.

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*The Conservation Stewardship Program (CStP) sign-up is coming soon. Authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill, CStP rewards farmers for existing conservation practices applied. Check the FSWCD ([www.fairfieldswcd.org](http://www.fairfieldswcd.org)) or Ohio NRCS ([www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov)) web sites for more information.*