

67TH ANNUAL MEETING/BANQUET

- When:** Thursday, September 9, 2010
- Where:** Alley Park/Goslin Nature Education Center
2805 Old Logan Road SE, Lancaster
- Time:** 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- Cost:** \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 10 and under
- Agenda:** 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. -- Board of Supervisor's Election
6 - 7 p.m. -- Buffet meal of lasagna/baked ham, red skin
potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, fresh fruit, rolls with butter,
drinks and desserts
7 - 7:45 p.m. -- Dale Arnold, Director of Energy Services
Ohio Farm Bureau Federation
7:45 - 8:30 p.m. -- Conservation awards, election results and door prizes

Speaker: Dale Arnold, Director of Energy Services, OFBF

Dale has been Director of Energy Services for the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation since 1995. He has been responsible for several self-help electric and natural gas aggregation groups and has lead projects on electric load profiling, energy efficiency, on-site generation, special metering, interconnection and related issues. Dale represents farm, small business and residential energy consumers on several advisory boards and working groups organized by public utilities, the Ohio Consumers Counsel, the PUCO and the Ohio Department of Development. The Ohio Farm Bureau has over 225,000 member families statewide. Dale works through the organization's extensive policy development process to help its leaders create effective energy policy on local, state and national levels. He has authored Farm Bureau position papers advocating a Diversified Energy Portfolio using domestic oil and coal resources, nuclear and renewable technologies to help consumers control energy costs. He is a native of Knox County, where his family can trace their involvement in Ohio agriculture starting in the 1820s.



Come See Us at the Fair

The Fairfield County Fair will run October 10 through 16, 2010. Don't miss this year's display and your chance to win some great giveaways!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Bonny Calderwood



Bonny lives in Pleasant Township with her husband, Kevin, and two children, Melinda and Robert. She teaches fourth grade at Liberty Union-Thurston School District and will begin her 33rd year this school term.

Bonny was active with the K-9 Krazy 4-H Club as an advisor and on the County 4-H Dog Committee. She belongs to the Ohio Valley Muzzleloaders, the National Muzzleloading Rifle Association, and the Christian Family Pioneers. Her muzzleloading experience keeps her active with organizing shooting events as well as helping Pheasants Forever with their muzzleloading activities. Bonny is also very active on the Education Subcommittee for the Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District.

Bonny enjoys music and is an active member of the Lancaster Community Band where she plays French Horn. She is also a member of the Millersport Community Theatre where she participates in the Millersport Minstrel. Bonny enjoys singing at the Little Country Church where she and her family are members.

In 2006, Bonny was given the Conservation Education Teacher of the Year Award by the Fairfield Soil & Water Conservation District. She has been on the SWCD Board for one three-year term, currently serving as Secretary.

James Grilliot



James lives in Rushcreek Township with his wife Christine. He was born and raised in Ohio, but his graduate schooling took him to St. Louis, Missouri and Toronto/Ontario, Canada. James and his family, including their two sons Matthew and Michael, lived in Lancaster for sixteen years and for the past six years have lived just east of Bremen.

Dr. Grilliot is currently Co-Director of Fairfield Spine Center, Natural Wellness Centre and Director of Radiology Impressions, a diagnostic imaging interpretation service. Along with being busy in his clinical practice, Dr. Grilliot and Christine both were extremely involved in Boy Scout Troop 5. He is a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau, Pheasants Forever, Quality Deer Management Association and Ducks Unlimited. James is also a lifetime member of Sertoma, a local civic group.

One of Dr. Grilliot's greatest passions is incorporating environmental conservation onto his farm and creating wildlife habitat. James and Christine are proud to have received the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District's Cooperator of the Year Award in 2007 for their conservation practices implemented at Wild Wing Meadows Tree Farm.

Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District's 67th Annual Meeting/Banquet Thursday, September 9, 2010

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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 @ \$6 ea. = \$ _____
(10 years and under)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Reservation deadline is **Friday, September 3, 2010.**

Sorry, tickets cannot be refunded.

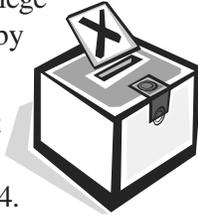
Please note: You will not receive a confirmation notice.

SWCD ELECTION

Cast Your Vote

The Fairfield SWCD will hold an election for one Board supervisor from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 2010, at the 67th Annual Meeting/Banquet being held at Alley Park. The nominees for this year's election are Bonny Calderwood of Lancaster and James Grilliot of Bremen.

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 Thursday, September 9, 2010; 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.

2010 CENTRAL OHIO URBAN FORESTRY CONFERENCE AT ALLEY PARK

Mark your calendars! On Thursday, October 28, 2010, there will be a 2010 Central Ohio Urban Forestry Conference at Alley Park Goslin Nature Education Center in Lancaster. The event will start at 8:30 a.m. and end around 3:15 p.m. Some of the topics being discussed are: Land Management & Water Quality, Ohio's Forest Birds, Implementing Stream Corridor & Tree Canopy Expansion, EAB Update, Preservation of Urban/Suburban Forest Lands through the Clean Ohio Program, Fairfield County Streambank Restoration Project and there will be an Interpretive Walk.

The cost will be \$25 and registration is required. Refreshments and lunch will be provided with the cost of the event. Please contact Lisa Bowers, ODNR Urban Forester, at (614) 728-4210 or the Fairfield SWCD office at (740) 653-8154 with questions and registration information.

The Fairfield SWCD would like to thank the Bovings and Wolfingers for their assistance in planting demonstration plots at Lockville Park and Olivedale Senior Center.

FORESTRY WORKSHOP BEING HELD

A Forestry Workshop will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2010, from 8 a.m. - noon at Hocking State Forest, 19275 S.R. 374 in Rockbridge, Ohio.

This workshop is sponsored by Hocking, Vinton and Fairfield SWCD's. Please call the Hocking SWCD office at (740) 385-3016 to register.



ODNR HOSTS STATE FOREST OPEN HOUSES

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Forestry is holding a series of five open house meetings in July and August. The public is invited to attend and ask questions or submit written comments on management plans that will be available for all 20 state forests. The closest locations to this area are:

Tuesday, August 3, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Athens District Office
360 E. State St., Athens, OH

Thursday, August 5, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Shawnee State Forest
13291 U.S. 52, West Portsmouth, OH

Each year the ODNR Division of Forestry hosts open houses for interested citizens and neighbors, and displays planned forest management projects for the upcoming year. These proposed projects include timber harvesting, prescribed burning, timber cruising, grapevine control, recreation trails and facility maintenance.

Comment cards will be available during the open houses for visitors to provide feedback on state forest management. The Division's 2010 Open House information is currently posted to its Website at www.ohiodnr.com/forestry.

Ohio grows more acres of trees than corn and soybeans combined. The ODNR Division of Forestry works to promote the wise use and sustainable management of Ohio's public and private woodlands. To learn more about Ohio's woodlands, visit the Division of Forestry's web site at www.ohiodnr.com/forestry.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



Tyler Genders, son of John and Karen Genders, was selected to be one of the two 2010 recipients of the Fairfield SWCD \$500 college scholarship. Tyler lives on Swain Road in Amanda. He graduated from Amanda Clearcreek High School this past June and will be attending the University of Indianapolis this coming fall. Tyler will study Environmental Science.

Tyler was a very conscientious student, as well as a student athlete at ACHS. He was a member of the National Honor Society. In FFA Tyler was not only an active member, but was consistently one of the top students in class. Tyler served as Chapter President this past year. During his involvement in FFA he participated in the Environmental and Natural Resources contest.

Tyler credits his interest in natural resources conservation to his dad, who taught him the value of the natural world through hunting, fishing, and trapping.



Taylor Justice, son of Kim and Steve Justice, was selected to be one of the two 2010 recipients of the Fairfield SWCD \$500 college scholarship. Taylor lives on Sheets Road in Lancaster. He graduated from Liberty Union High School this past June and will be attending OSU ATI this coming fall. Taylor will study Livestock Science, with a focus on genetics.

Taylor was very active in FFA, serving as President this past year. He had the Chapter participate in three completely new Career Development Events that they had never competed in before. He organized group practices and found support in the community to help obtain the knowledge the team needed to be successful in these events. As a result, the team qualified for state competition.

Taylor credits his interest in natural resources conservation with his involvement in FFA and his desire to raise cattle. With only a small amount of ground to graze the cattle on, Taylor, with the help of Fairfield County Extension, took it upon himself to try rotational grazing. He also had a pad installed to reduce erosion in the areas where the cattle congregate.

POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Brett Herring (left) and Alaina Berry (right) were the 4th to 6th grade category local winners for this year's National Association of Conservation Districts annual poster contest entitled "Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats".



Alaina's poster also advanced to win 2nd place statewide for her age category. Posters will be able to be viewed at our annual banquet and meeting on September 9, 2010, and in our fair booth in October. Both girls attend Rushville Middle School.

Jessica Costello, a 7-9th grade entry from Bloom-Carroll Jr. High, also placed first in her category with the Fairfield SWCD. Jessica sent us a digital entry. The contest boasts a different theme each year and is sponsored by the Fairfield SWCD through the art departments of the schools.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR 2010

Five environmental education enrichment projects were awarded \$500 each from the Fairfield SWCD to work with their students in the area of science and natural resources. Rushville Middle School 6th grades will be doing a project entitled "Earth Day Land Lab" in which they spend a day at the land lab studying nature as well as building a bluebird box to take home and put up. The Child's Play Learning Center in Pickerington is an early childhood center that will be doing a project called "Outdoor Learning Environment - Life Lab" in which the children not only go outside to learn about plants and animals, but they will also take part in gardening, harvesting, and eating healthy foods from the garden. Our third and fourth recipients are from General Sherman and Sanderson schools in the Lancaster City School system. General Sherman Junior High students will learn about water chemistry and water quality from a variety of sources in a project called "Analysis of the Hocking River and Local Freshwater Sources". They will be doing a lot of water sampling and testing. Sanderson 5th grades will take part in bird study, feeding, physical characteristics, and identification, in their project "Exploring the World of Birds". Fairfield Christian Academy is working on a project entitled "Enhancement of Environmental Education by the use of field trips" that will supplement their science curriculum and studies at their own school land lab with a field trip to another environmental education site in Fairfield County. First grade students travel to both Alley Park for an environmental education day of study, and Slate Run or Chestnut Ridge Metro Park to learn about the value of wetlands firsthand.

Please call the SWCD office at (740) 653-8154 to ask about deadlines and requirements for the 2011 round of grants. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients!

"STREAMLINING" MANURE NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

Complete a manure nutrient management workbook now. We'll pay for your manure and soil test and you receive up to \$300 from SWCD for doing it!

Livestock manure has always been an important source of fertilizer for crops in Ohio. However, Ohio agriculture is under increasing environmental, social, and economic pressure to apply manure in ways that maximize the utilization of nutrients, protect surface and ground water, and provide assurance to the public that steps are being taken to prevent pollution from affecting their health and the environment.

While many of Ohio's livestock operations have developed written plans or strategies to properly utilize manure, the majority have not. There are many possible reasons for this lack of planning. However, few producers have had the expertise, training or tools needed to help them develop their own nutrient management plans.

To help remedy this problem and to get more producers engaged in nutrient management planning the OSU Extension Environmental Management Team developed an easy to use nutrient management workbook. The nutrient management workbook enables producers applying livestock manure to quickly and accurately develop their own manure management plans. By following the steps outlined in the booklet and completing the enclosed worksheets, producers are able to balance available manure nutrients to the nutrient needs of the crops to be grown during the year. The workbook also focuses on basic issues that help minimize the risk of runoff and pollution associated with land application of animal manure. Paper copies of the workbook are now available for producers to use and an electronic version of the nutrient management workbook is coming soon.

A nutrient management plan can provide some opportunity for protection against nuisances and can also help promote a positive image of environmental stewardship. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water Resources, encourages livestock producers who do not have nutrient management plans to use the nutrient management workbook and work with their OSU Extension or SWCD office on getting a plan developed for their farm operation.

OSU Extension in Fairfield County along with Fairfield SWCD have received grant funding which can help. The grant will pay for manure sample analysis and soil tests for the first 15 local participants who agree to complete a manure nutrient workbook. Contact Curt Stivison at (740) 653-8154 or Stan Smith at (740) 653-5419 for details on getting started.

In addition, while funding lasts, the Division of Soil and Water Resources is offering one time payments ranging from \$100 to \$300 for producers that use manure as a fertilizer source and complete the nutrient management workbook and use it as the basis to develop an SWCD Board approved plan. Producer payments are based on the pounds of P205 the individual actually land applies under his/her NMW plan. In order to be eligible for funding a nutrient management plan must be approved by the Fairfield SWCD board of supervisors, the plan must include:

1. Soil tests for fields included in the plan that are dated no more than three years prior to approval. Remember, from the grant we will pay for any soil and manure samples which are being tested presently.
2. Completed nutrient management workbook field sheets for each field where manure application is planned.
3. Maps of each field where manure is to be applied (sensitive areas should be identified).
4. Agreement to NRCS practice standards for manure application, signed by the board and producer.

Producers that already have approved nutrient management plans by the SWCD Board of Supervisors are not eligible to receive funding. For more information on the Nutrient Management Workbook contact Fairfield SWCD at (740) 653-8154 or OSU Extension in Fairfield County at (740) 653-5419. The first 15 participants will also receive copies of the nutrient management workbook for free. Additional workbooks may be purchased from OSU Extension for \$3 per copy.

STAFF RECOGNIZED FOR SERVICE

In early June, several Fairfield SWCD staff were recognized by the county for achieving some milestones in their years of service to the county. Amy Boyer, District Engineer, celebrated her 10th year with the District. Amy started as an engineering technician in July of 2000 and was promoted to District Engineer three years ago by the Board of Supervisors. In her current role, Amy leads our engineering team and designs a wide variety of conservation projects.

Chad Lucht, Urban Specialist, celebrated 20 years in public service, nine of which have been with Fairfield SWCD. Prior to coming to the District, Chad worked at the OSU Piketon Research Center. In his position, Chad runs our urban site inspection program and works closely with Fairfield County Utilities, Fairfield County Engineer's staff, and other agencies on construction site management and erosion control.

Curt Stivison, Engineering Technician, celebrated 10 years with the District. He started with the District in 2000. In addition to his engineering and surveying work, Curt also has a strong interest in grazing systems. He's presented information over the years to many county producers that have or are interested in prescribed grazing systems.

A SUSTAINABLE PATTERN OF PROTECTION

Fairfield County recently received notification that an additional 354.2 acres will be added to the inventory of protected prime farmland through the 2010 Clean Ohio, Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. These three farms will be adding to the protected farmlands in Richland and Walnut Townships. The permanent protection of farmland in Walnut Township began with the Agricultural Security Area created several years ago between Thurston and Millersport, and the portion of Richland Township around the Rushcreek Lake Conservancy District property and the associated floodplains of the Little Rushcreek.

“We continue to see new faces and conservation minded communities seeking out these programs,” said Jonathan Ferbrache of the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District. Fairfield County completed 29 separate applications (the largest number in the State) for the 2010 funding round representing all but Violet and Berne Townships.

“We continue to look at the future of agriculture here and the need to also protect our grasslands to assure they are available for livestock grazing, hay production and wildlife habitat” said Ferbrache. The permanent Grassland Reserve Program administered by the Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation service is hoping to protect an additional 124.9 acres in the rolling hills of Hocking and Rushcreek Townships during the next year.

Assuming everything stays on track, these newest protected lands will bring Fairfield County to over 2,851 acres of farm land protected through five different government partnerships and three local land trusts. Linking our protected prime farmland, grassland and forest land to our existing parks, preserves, conservancy districts and floodplains is critical to water quality, wildlife movement and habitats”, according to Ferbrache.

“To assure long-term sustainability of a diverse agricultural base and natural resources protection we will continue to follow our County Comprehensive Plan to guide those efforts. The County’s development plan places a strong emphasis on protecting our county’s critical resources. The Clean Ohio Fund has been a great tool in implementing our plans goal to protect farmland in Fairfield County” said Holly Mattei Executive Director of the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission.



Representative Gerald Stebelton recently signed on as a supporter of the enabling legislation that could bring market driven “Transfer of Development Rights” to Ohio. “If approved by the State Legislature, this would provide another tool for protecting farmland as well as other critical resources”, said Mattei.

DRUG/ELECTRONICS COLLECTION DAY SCHEDULED

To help curtail existing drug problems and some of the resulting water quality issues we are currently facing in Fairfield County, the Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District is partnering with the Lancaster Fairfield County Litter Prevention and Recycling Program, Violet Township, and Fairfield County Sheriff’s office to sponsor a prescription drug and electronics collection on Saturday, September 25, 2010, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The collection site will be at the Violet Township maintenance garage at 490 N. Center Street in Pickerington, the corner of Stemen Road.

Prescription pills, capsules, liquids, creams, gels, ointments, patches, suppositories, powders, syringes, and IV’s will be collected. No aerosols or inhalers. You can black out the name or remove the label before coming. If you have something of unknown origin, you may dispose of it, no questions asked. Call the Fairfield SWCD office at (740) 653-8154 with questions.

Electronic collection will include the following: computers, printers, cables, keyboards and mouse, discs, electronic clocks, VCR’s, DVD’s, laptops, radio’s and cell phones. NO TELEVISIONS or COMPUTER MONITORS will be accepted. For more information, call Fairfield County Community Action Recycling at (740) 681-4423.



NRCS STAFF CHANGES



On August 1st Fairfield County Soil Conservationist, Eliezer Ortiz Barbosa will begin work in Delaware County. We have enjoyed Eliezer's "ready to learn" attitude and sense of humor during his training period here in Fairfield County. We wish him well in Delaware.

Scott Praither is currently serving as a student intern with NRCS. He will be a sophomore at The Ohio State University and is interested in ag engineering. He was awarded the Fairfield SWCD College Scholarship in 2009.



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