

HARDIN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AUTUMN 2009

Budget Update

As some of you may have noticed already, at the August Board Meeting the Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors decided to reduce the District staff hours to Monday—Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This is a

result of the County Commissioners' announcement that the District will receive anywhere from \$0-\$25,000.00 for 2010.

By doing this the Board of Supervisors is hoping they will be able to re-

main open through 2010 with the current staff.

The NRCS staff hours will remain the same.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office at 419-673-0456, Ext. 3.



Hardin SWCD Supervisor Elections

The Ohio Soil and Water Commission will call an election for two Supervisors of the Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District, in accordance with Chapters 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code, on Thursday, November 12, 2009. The election of Supervisors will occur at the District Office at 12751 St. Rt. 309 West, Kenton, Ohio 43326. **Voting time will be from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Residents, or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in Hardin County and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor. 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.

There are two ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot: (1) at the election, which will take place November 12, 2009 at

the District office from 4:00—6:00 p.m. or (2) vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee request forms from the Hardin SWCD office at 12751 St. Rt. 309 West, Kenton, Ohio.



Two ways to get your name on the ballot...

Any resident 18 years of age or older who resides within the county of the election can seek election to the SWCD Board of Supervisors. Names can be placed on the ballot in one of two ways.

Candidates can be

nominated by the SWCD nominating committee. This committee works throughout the year looking for candidates who are interested in the conservation and protection of natural resources within the county.

Interested individuals may also stop at the SWCD office at 12751 St. Rt. 309 West, Kenton, Ohio, and pick up a nomination petition form. Potential candidates need to secure at least 10 signatures from residents and/or landowners from the county and submit the petition to the district by the close of business on October 8, 2009. Candidates meeting the eligibility requirements and deadline will be listed on the ballot for the special election, which will take place on November 12th at the District Office, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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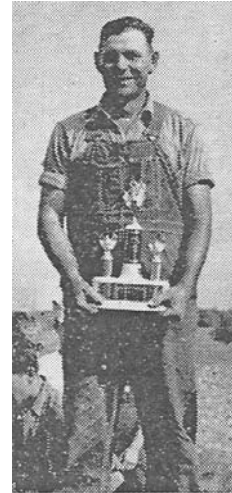
Who Am I Contest Winner

Congratulations to Rex Canfield for being the Summer Newsletter "Who Am I?" Contest winner. Rex won a bundle of 50 marking flags.

The Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank everyone for

participating in the Who Am I and Hidden Object Contests.

The person pictured to the right is Enos Tope from the 1951 Plowing Contest.



Forestry Field Day

Come join us October 18, 2009, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., at Jim and Doris Elwood's woods for an afternoon of family fun.

There will be wagon rides, foresters, a timber buyer/consultant, coloring contest, ham and bean soup cooked over an open fire, corn bread, hotdogs, smores and cider.

Please plan to join us for an afternoon of fun with your family.

Directions (from Kenton):

Take St. Rt. 68 North to the stop light at West Patterson St. in Dunkirk. Turn left onto West Patterson St. (onto CR 30) heading west out of Dunkirk to Twp. Rd. 125, turn right (north). The woods is on the right hand

side of the road.

If it rains on October 18th the rain date is set for October 25th. If the event is cancelled it will be announced on WKTN radio.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 419-673-0456, Ext. 3.

Hope to see you there.

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2009 Conservation Contest

The Hardin SWCD would like to thank Hardin Community Federal Credit Union, Ag Credit, Oates Veterinary Clinic, Inc., Rushcreek Sportsmen Club, Community First Bank, Home Savings & Loan and Liberty National Bank for sponsoring this year's Conservation Contest at the Hardin County Fair, on Saturday, September 12, 2009.

This year's participants and winners were:

Class I (Beginner) Age 8-10:

1st Place: Clair Wilson, member of Blanchard Pleasant Buckeyes, with project on "Ohio Birds"



Clair Wilson
1st Place Beginner Class

2nd Place: Cole Robinson, member of Liberty Bells and Boys, with project on "Basic Archery"

3rd Place: Austin Decker, member of Hardin County Cottontails, with project on "Fishing for Beginners"

4th Place: Trent Hites, member of Blanchard Pleasant Buckeyes, with project on "Fishing for Beginners"

Class II (Intermediate) Age 11-13:

1st Place: A.J. Sorgen, member of Hardin County Joy Riders, with project on "Archery"

2nd Place: Weston Robin-

son, member of Liberty Bells and Boys, with project on "Fishing for Beginners"

3rd Place: Jordan Furer, member of Mount Victory Champs, with project on "2nd Year Birds"

4th Place: Colin Tobin, member of Cessna Minutemen, with project on "Pheasants"

5th Place: Grant Hites, member of Blanchard Pleasant Buckeyes, with project on "Fishing for Beginners"

Thank you to our judges: Gary Oates, Paul Shick and Julie Rutschilling for volunteering their time.



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Supervisor Candidates Bios

Two Supervisors will be elected on November 12th at the District Office. Hardin SWCD has three people vying for two positions on the Board. If you are interested in running for a District Supervisor position, please contact the District office at 419-673-0456, Ext. 3.

Tom Sprang, of Lynn Township, is seeking re-election for another term of three years to the Hardin SWCD Board of Supervisors. Tom is currently the Board Vice Chairman.

Tom was born and raised in Hardin County. Tom farms 650 acres of farmland with his son, Scott.

Tom is retired from Rockwell but keeps busy with being a member of the Harco School Board, a 4-H advisor for the past 25 years and serving as director with the Hardin County Cattlemen.

Tom and his wife, Marsha, are also members of St. Johns United Church of Christ.

Arden "Ardie" Good of Washington Township, is seeking election for a term of three years to the Hardin SWCD Board of Supervisors.

Ardie and his wife, Becky, have two children, Megan and Casey. Ardie is retired

from Rockwell/Meritor after working there 30 years. He lives on a 340 acre farm with 275 tillable acres.

Ardie said he has been no tilling for 27 years and it started when he rented a planter from Hardin SWCD. Ardie is a firm believer in no tilling and has been 100% no till for the last 10 years.

Ardie is active with the St. Johns Evangelical Lutheran Church council. He enjoys restoring older cars and participating in shows.

Clint Rodabaugh of Blanchard Township, is seeking election for a term of three years to the Hardin



Tom Sprang



Ardie Good



Clint Rodabaugh



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Clint was born and raised in Hardin County on a hog farm. He graduated from The Ohio State University in 2007 with a degree in Agricultural Economics.

In March 2009, Clint married Kristin, who was raised on a dairy farm in Shelby

County. Clint is a loan officer at Ag Credit of Kenton. He farms 450 acres in and around Washington Township.

Clint and his family use various conservation practices including no-till, cover crops, manure management, waterways, filter strips, and drainage control structures. They participate

in CRP and Forestry Programs.

Clint is a member of the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church. He is also the Vice President of Hardin County Farm Bureau.

Mystery Farm Photo Contest Winners at the Hardin County Fair

Tuesday's Mystery Farm was Russ Sprang's farm in McDonald Township

Thursday's Mystery Farm was Rick Dyer's farm in Marion Township

Saturday's Mystery Farm was Ross Weaver's farm in Goshen Township

Tuesday's Winner: Jill Schmidt

Thursday's Winner: Tara A. Fisher

Saturday's Winner: John Brien

Wednesday's Mystery Farm was Tony Good's farm in Washington Township

Friday's Mystery Farm was William VanScoy's farm in Hale Township

Sunday's Mystery Farm was David Schroeder's farm in McDonald Township

Wednesday's Winner: Jeff Madison

Friday's Winner: Dick Wilcox

Sunday's Winner: Charles Badertscher

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Calendar of Events



October 12—Office Closed for Columbus Day

October 15—Board Meeting at 7:30 a.m.

October 18—Forestry Field Day at Jim and Doris Elwood's woods 1:00—4:00 p.m.

October 25—Forestry Field

Day rain date

November 11—Office Closed for Veterans Day

November 12—Supervisor Elections 4:00-6:00 p.m. at District office

November 19—Board Meeting at 7:30 a.m.

November 26 & 27—Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 17—Board Meeting at 7:30 a.m.

December 25— Office Closed for Christmas

January 1—Office Closed for New Years

Numbers to know

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Thank You Supervisor Garmon

Rowe Garmon decided not to seek re-election to the Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors. Rowe has been a member of the board for six years.

The Hardin SWCD thanks Rowe for his years of support, leadership and commitment to the Board of Supervisors and staff. In addition, Linda has been very supportive as a super-

visor's wife. Linda has always been willing to assist with field days and decorating for the annual meeting. Again, a special thanks to both of you.

Thanks Linda and Rowe!



Jeff Rickenbacher

Ranae Sherman



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Geotextile Cloth	\$1.25 per linear foot	Mulchnetting	\$0.20 per linear foot
Marking Flags	\$0.08 each/\$8.00 bundle (100)	Manure "Danger" Signs	\$6.00 each
Small Plat Book	\$7.00 each	Large Plat Book	\$13.00 each
Pond Booklet	\$4.00 each	Soil Survey CD	\$10.00 each
Common Sense Pond Book	\$17.00 each	4 Ft. Tile Probe	\$25.55 each

Erosion Control Blanket: This is an 8' wide x 112.5' long mulch blanket designed to control erosion, create ideal conditions for successful germination, and protect seedlings. (e.g. used for sod chutes) \$1.00 per linear foot

Filter Fabric : This is a non-woven fabric 3' wide x 300' long used to repair gully erosion on existing waterways. Technical name for this procedure is Filter Fabric Checks. \$.50 per linear foot

Geotextile Cloth: This is a 12.5' wide x 432' long non-woven fabric laid on the soil and then covered with gravel to provide a surface that animals and equipment can travel on (e.g. driveways, feedlot) \$1.25 per linear foot

Mulchnetting: This is a 7' wide x 3000' long netting used to keep straw mulch in contact with the soil surface. The netting is unrolled and stapled over locations susceptible to wind or water erosion. (e.g. used on waterways, home lawns, etc.) \$.20 per linear foot

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Straw Mulcher	\$50.00 per day	Tree Planter	\$50.00 per day
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