

# Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District

Summer 2009

## Talking with neighbors

You are getting incredibly busy with farming, work, school and anything else you may be involved in. With the hustle and bustle of life, it is difficult for neighbors to get to know each other. In some cases maybe you know them but don't want to communicate with them.

Just remember your neighbor does not have to be your best friend, but being considerate of those in your neighborhood is always a good idea.

Being in a farming community it is good to communicate with neighbors, because you may be spreading manure while your neighbor is trying to have a birthday party outside or you may be putting in a drainage system that may outlet from a natural water course on your neighbor. It is always a good idea to talk with your neighbor

to keep the lines of communication open.

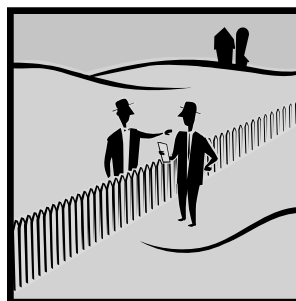
Here are a few tips for how to talk with your neighbor.

1. Look them in the eye when talking to them.
2. Seek first to understand, and then to be understood.
3. Smile. Smiling puts others at ease.
4. Display open body language.
5. First give and then think about getting.
6. Keep the promises and commitments you have made.
7. Listen actively.
8. Paraphrase what the other person is saying to make sure that you understand.

9. Project a positive attitude.

In conclusion, if you are planning a project in your neighborhood with construction or spraying, be considerate of your neighbors. Communication is a very good tool to use on a daily basis. Talk about your plans and work out the best possible solution for all who are involved.

Always remember "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!"



## What's that Smell?

As the heat and humidity rise so can tempers between neighbors over odor. Everyone's smell-o-meter is different. What may be offensive to your neighbor may not seem offensive to you. Who's right? The producer can say that I was here first and my neighbor just built a new house two years ago around the corner. Although this may be true, that is probably the same thing the American Indian said when the first settlers moved in.

To keep peace in the

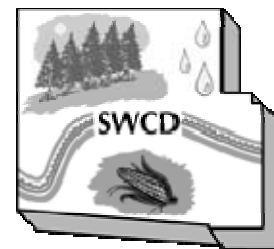
neighborhood this summer for all parties involved, here are a few tips everyone can follow:

1. Talk to your neighbors! This is something we do not do as much as we used to. This goes for individuals on both sides of the fence. Good neighbor relations can solve many problems.
2. Timing of manure application is critical. Spreading when temperatures and humidity are lower will

reduce odors.

3. Incorporation of manure can greatly reduce odors. Incorporation should take place immediately to reduce odor and to retain nutrients.

These tips will help keep you and your neighbors from drawing the battle lines in the odor issue this summer.



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## 2009 Scholarship Recipient

The Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District awarded a \$500.00 scholarship this year to Rachel Jeffers.

Rachel Jeffers, a senior at Upper Scioto Valley High School, is the daughter of Matthew and Christine Jeffers, of McGuffey. Rachel will be entering her freshmen year at Wilmington College, majoring in Pre-

Veterinarian Science. She has been active in basketball, track, FCCLA, FFA, and the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Applicants had to be pursuing an Environmental or Agricultural course of study, enrolled in an accredited college for the 2009-2010 school year, maintaining a 2.6 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale and a parent/guardian must be a

resident of Hardin County.

Jeffers will receive her scholarship award at the Hardin SWCD annual meeting being held on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's United Church of Christ, Kenton.

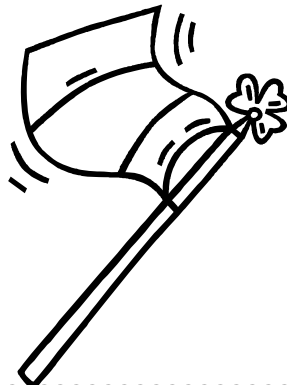


## Hidden Object Spring Newsletter Contest Winner

Congratulations to Jean Southward for being the Spring Newsletter Hidden Object Contest winner. Jean won a bundle of 50 marking flags.

Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District would like to thank everyone for participating in the Hidden Object Contest.

As you will see later in the newsletter, we are introducing a new contest.



## Area I Envirothon Competition

The 2009 Area I (Northwest Ohio) Envirothon, an environmental knowledge competition for high school students was held at YMCA Camp Clay, in Van Wert County, on April 29, 2009 from 8:30-1:30 p.m. The event was sponsored by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Soil and Water, and local sponsors: Community First Bank, N.A., Hardin Community Federal Credit Union, Legge Excavating, LLC, Oates Veterinary Clinic, Robinson Fin Machines, Inc. and Rushcreek Sportsmen Club.

Seventy-two teams of five students each traveled through five eco-stations and answered questions related to Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, Aquatics and Current Environmental Issues. The theme of this year's event was "Biodiversity in a Changing World". Hardin County had five teams

participate this year which included: Hardin Northern and Upper Scioto Valley each having two teams and Riverdale with one team. Hardin Northern Team 1 placed 13th, Hardin Northern Team 2 placed 26th, Upper Scioto Valley Varsity placed 33rd, Upper Scioto Valley JV placed 55th and Riverdale placed 68th.

Each year the Area I Envirothon is held in a different northwest Ohio county. For 2009, the Van Wert SWCD was the host agency for over 350 students (9th-12th grade) and their advisors from 20 counties, in the first level of the Envirothon competition.

The top four teams from each of the five Soil and Water Areas in Ohio, based on overall scores, advanced to the Ohio Envirothon held at Kenyon College, June 7-9, 2009. The top team, at that event, will then advance to represent Ohio in the Canon

National Envirothon (an international event) in Asheville, North Carolina. Teams advancing from the Area I competition include: Holgate FFA Team A, 1st place; Fort Jennings High School Team 1, 2nd place; Wynford High School Blue, 3rd place; and Delta FFA Team 1, 4th place.



## Phone Numbers to Know

Hardin SWCD & NRCS—419-673-0456, Ext. 3

Farm Service Agency—419-673-7238, Ext. 2

Hardin County Commissioners—419-674-2205

Hardin County Health Department—419-673-6230

Hardin County Engineer—419-674-2222

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Hardin County OSU Extension—419-674-2297

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Hardin County Treasurer—419-674-2246



## Calendar of Events

June 23—Twilight Tour Topic "Sweet Corn Production and Pest Control" Location: TBA at 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

June 30—Twilight Tour Topic "Controlled Drainage Structure" Location: Richard and Patty Elwood's at 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Look for more Twilight Tour information to come later.

July 3—Office Closed for Independence Day

July 16—Board Meeting at 7:30 a.m.

July 23—Manure Science Review at New Bremen, Ohio (Auglaize County)

August 20—Board Meeting at 7:30 a.m. and Customer Appreciation Day 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

September 7—Office Closed for Labor Day

September 8-13—Hardin County Fair Visit our booth in the Machinery Building



September 12—Conservation Contest at Community Building 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

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

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 from 1:00- 4:00 p.m.

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## Jr. Fair Conservation Contest

The Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Conservation Project Contest for Junior Fair Exhibitors with conservation related projects will be held Saturday, September 12, 2009. Sponsors for the 2008 Contest included: Home Savings & Loan, Community First Bank, N.A., Rushcreek Sportsmen Club, Hardin Community Federal Credit Union, Ag Credit, Oates Veterinary Clinic, Inc., Association of Ohio Pedologists, Huntington National Bank, Pheasants Forever, Trophy Bass Masters and Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District.

Exhibits, presentation and interview registration will begin at 10:00 a.m.; Contest

judging begins at 10:30 a.m. in the Community Building in the home demonstration area. Cash prizes will be awarded to all participants. Participants are judged on oral presentation, project knowledge, completion and organization.

- Class I—Beginners, ages 8-10
- Class II—Intermediate, ages 11-13
- Class III—Advanced, ages 14-19

**Rules:**

1. Contest open to all Hardin County 4-H or FFA members who exhibit their conservation projects at the Hardin County Fair.

2. Eligible Projects: Let's Explore the Outdoors I-II, Ohio Birds, Fishing, Tree Planting and Archery. Note: Self-Determined must be approved by the Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District Office.
3. Required to give a 5-minute oral presentation on project.
4. Judges reserve the right to withhold any or all prizes if project deemed unworthy.
5. Not allowed to enter same project more than one year.
6. Limited one entry per participant.

## Manure Science Review

The 2009 Manure Science Review will be offered at two locations this year. On July 21, 2009, there will be one held at the Rowe Dairy in Strasburg, Ohio. On July 23, 2009, there will be one held at the Brown Dairy in New Bremen, Ohio.

Session 1 includes: Nutrient Management Workshop I: a hands on session using a workbook to determine crop nutrient needs, manure application rates and crop nutrient balance.

Session 2 includes: Nutrient Management Workshop II: Looking at nutrient management issues, including an on-site assessment of application Best Management Practices. Or Inventory & Evaluation Workshop: On-site farm assessment focused on specific areas of concern and identification of mitigation options for manure handling.

Early registration is due by July 16, 2009. Each session is \$10 plus lunch costing \$10. If you register after July 16, 2009 registra-

tion is \$15.00 for each session plus lunch costing \$15.00.

For a registration form, contact the Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District at 419-673-0456, Ext. 3 or stop by the office at 12751 St. Rt. 309 West, Kenton, Ohio.

# Records! Records! Records!

Typically most producers do not like to do paperwork. This includes keeping a lot of records. Sure we like keeping track of crop and livestock income and which hybrids yielded the best, but keeping track of where you are applying manure, not so much.

Why is it important to keep track of manure application?

1. With today's fertilizer prices rising, it is in the producer's best interest to keep track of where and how much of these valuable manure nutrients were applied. We certainly do not want to be over applying commercial fertilizer, during these times of high cost.

2. Just like a pesticide license, you may need some records to back up and defend yourself if an incident may occur.

Record keeping can be as simple or complicated as you want to make it. Records can be kept on a fancy spreadsheet form or writing down what you did on a map of the field you were working in.

What should be included in my records?

1. Field manure applied on.
2. How much was applied, (gallons per acre, how many tank/spreader loads, etc.)

3. Nutrient content of manure from manure test
4. Weather conditions at time of application and printing out weather forecast for day of application and 24 hours after application. This is something that is being looked at more and more!
5. Ground conditions
6. Crop that will be grown next year.

These are a few guidelines to go by, if you would like more help on getting started keeping manure application records, contact Howard Lyle at the Hardin SWCD office at 419-673-0456, Ext. 3.

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## Customer Appreciation Day

The Hardin Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, NRCS and staff invite you to another Customer Appreciation Day. This event will be held, on the west side of our building, under a cool tent on August 20, 2009, from 11:00—1:00 p.m. We will have grilled brats and cool beverages. We are most appreciative of our friends and neighbors who have accomplished

their best in preserving natural resources. We appreciate working with you, as well as providing you with assistance. Please stop in on August 20, 2009 and let us continue to serve you!



## Who am I Contest?

In this newsletter we are trying something a little different from our Hidden Object Contest. In the last three years, articles from the District have been scanned into the computer and set up in archived files. Upon

review, it was suggested that maybe we could do a Who am I Contest. The photos are from the period of 1950 to present. So, the contest is to identify the man in the photo to the left of this article. If you know who is pictured, please send in your answer with the photo to Hardin SWCD, Who am I Contest, 12751 St. Rt. 309 W., Kenton, Ohio 43326.

All entries need to be submitted by August 1, 2009. Good luck in identifying the mystery person pictured.

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**Congratulations Megan and Don Burgess**

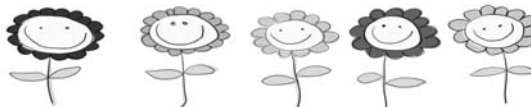
Congratulations to Megan and Don Burgess on the birth of their daughter Callie Jean. Callie was born

April 26, 2009 at 2:58 a.m. She weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 1/4" long.

Megan is the NRCS District Conservationist at Hardin County Service Center. Don is a NRCS Soil Scientist at the Hancock Service Center.

Congratulations and best wishes to you and your family.

Megan would like to thank Doug Deardorff, Tami Hastings and the Hardin County Service Center Staff for all their help during her maternity leave.



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