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2003 Annual Meeting & Banquet

The Board of Supervisors and Staff cordially invite you to the 59th Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's event will be held on **Tuesday, November 25, 2003** at the Delaware JVS North Campus, 1610 SR 521. Doors open at 6:30 PM for a social time. A dinner of

thick juicy pork chops, scalloped potatoes, corn, and, of course, pie, will be served at 7:00. The 2003 Annual Meeting will immediately follow dinner. There will be election of Supervisors, recognition of several awards, a multi-media presentation highlighting the District's accomplishments over the past year, and the announcement of the 2002 SWCD Cooperator of the Year.

This year there will be two SWCD Supervisors to elect. Candidate profiles will be available for review on p. 3. Nominations will be also be accepted from the floor. This election will be for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2004. Delaware County residents and landowners who wish to vote and cannot attend the meeting may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be available at the SWCD office prior to noon on the day of election, or you may obtain an absentee ballot through the mail by filling out the form on p. 2 and returning it to the SWCD office.

Everyone attending will have a chance to take home a great door prize

and tree seedling so be sure to circle the date on your calendar and send in your reservations today! Reservation forms can be found on the back page of this newsletter. Mail this form, with payment, to the SWCD office, and your tickets will be waiting at the door. See you there!

WHAT: Delaware SWCD
Annual Banquet & Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003
7:00 PM

WHERE: Delaware JVS North Campus
1610 SR 521, Delaware

Election Legal Notice

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of supervisors of the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District to be held in accordance with Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code at Delaware J.V.S. North Campus, 1610 SR 521, Delaware, Ohio on November 25, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Nominees are Jack Brickner, Mary Fleming, Dan Lane, and Jim Sherman. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the time of the election. Two (2) supervisors will be elected. You may vote at the annual meeting or by an absentee ballot that may be secured from the conservation district office, 557-A Sunbury Rd., Delaware, Ohio 43015. Absentee ballots must be returned prior to noon on November 25, 2003.

ATTENTION EQUINE ENTHUSIASTS:

Horse stable and farm owners, operators and managers, as well as equine enthusiasts who are seeking education and additional information about a myriad of issues related to equine production, management practices and profitability are highly encouraged to consider attending the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation's (OFBF) upcoming Equine Conference.

The conference will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Columbus Marriott Northwest off the I-270 Tuttle Crossing Exit in Dublin. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program beginning promptly at 9:15 a.m. The conference will feature presentations and discussions about animal health, liability, zoning, ag districts, current agricultural use valuation (CAUV), farmland preservation, environmental issues, manure management, sales tax, line fence laws, pasture & hay management, and business management practices. Key resource persons and experts from OSU Extension, OSU College of Veterinary Med., and departments of Animal Sci., Ag Economics, and Horticulture and Crop Sci., as well as the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and OFBF staff, will serve as speakers and presenters regarding these respective issues and topics.

Reservations are required for the conference. Registration fees are \$25/person for OFBF members and \$40/person for non-members, with reservations due by Dec. 1. A late fee of \$10/person will be assessed after Dec. 1. The registration fee includes meals, snacks, and literature to be distributed at the conference. To obtain a registration form, please contact the Delaware County Farm Bureau office, (740) 363-1613, or David White, (614) 246-8288 or Pam Jackson, (614) 246-8285, at the OFBF office in Columbus.

ABSENTEE VOTING

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you may request an Absentee Ballot from the District office. Requests may be made in person at the Delaware SWCD office or by mail; however, a request made by mail must be received by Wednesday, Nov. 12 to allow sufficient time for mailings. We will accept ONE request per envelope except in the case of requests from the same household. When sending multiple requests from the same household, each person must sign the request form. All absentee ballots must arrive at the District office by 4:30 PM on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003. No absentee ballots will be accepted at the meeting.

Request for Absentee Ballot
Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District

Please send an absentee ballot for the Delaware SWCD Supervisor Election that will be held at the Delaware JVS North in Delaware on November 25, 2003. I am a qualified voter of the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District because I am a legal U.S. Citizen, will be at least 18 years old by November 25, 2003 and I live within and/or own property within the boundaries of Delaware County (please circle one).

Please send absentee ballot to:

Name (print) _____ Telephone (_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Signature (written) _____

Please return this form by mail or in person to Delaware SWCD, 557-A Sunbury Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the SWCD office at (740) 368-1921, ext. 4. Thank you for your participation in this year's SWCD Supervisor election.

Opportunity to Learn More About Your Septic System

On November 6, a two hour workshop will be held that discusses septic systems. This workshop is free and open to the public. The focus of the workshop will be the maintenance of septic tanks and aerators, as well as water conservation practices. Proper septic system maintenance can extend the life of your system and protect the quality of rivers, streams, and groundwater, which ultimately protects human health. The workshop is titled "I have a septic system-Now What? Septic System Care & Maintenance," and it is co-sponsored by the Delaware County General Health District, the Union County Health Department, and the Delaware and Union Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The workshop runs from 6 to 8 p.m. and refreshments and door prizes will be provided. Registration for the workshop is free. The workshop will be held at the Scioto Fire Station and Community Hall which is located at 3737 Ostrander Road (between U.S. 36 and the Village of Ostrander). Please contact Susan Sutherland of the Delaware General Health District, (740) 203-2082, for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

2003 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

James Sherman



Jim, wife Denise, and two sons own and operate a corn, soybean, and wheat grain farm in Porter Township. Conservation tillage, grassed waterways, and systematic subsurface drainage are part of Jim's conservation plan. Jim has served as a Delaware SWCD supervisor for eighteen years. He also serves as a member of the Porter Township Zoning Commission. Jim works as a rural route carrier for the United States Postal Service. The Sherman family attends the Centerburg United Methodist Church.

Mary Fleming



Mary, husband Bob, and four children own and operate Ideal Jersey Farm in Brown Township. They currently utilize conservation practices such as crop rotation, grassed waterways, conservation tillage, and animal waste management. Mary is a RN, and serves as Agricultural Health Coordinator at Grady Hospital. She is a 4-H advisor, FB member, and a graduate of the Ohio LEADS class. The Flemings attend the Kilbourne United Methodist Church. Mary has served on the Board of Supervisors for six years.

Jack Brickner



Jack is the Director of Development for Planned Communities, Inc. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Jack serves on the SWCD Drainage Maintenance Committee, and has been a strong supporter of the County Drainage Maintenance Program. Jack is constantly searching for new and improved ways to control soil erosion on developing ground, and Planned Communities has partnered with the District on several demonstration projects in Delaware County. Jack and his wife Rebecca live in Concord Twp. and attend St. Bridget's Church in Dublin.

Dan Lane



Dan lives in Berlin Twp. with his wife and two daughters. His principle occupation is farming, which he has been doing in Delaware County all his life. He currently raises primarily corn and soybeans on 1,140 acres. He and his wife also run a residential property management business. He is a member of the Delaware County Farm Bureau, a life member of the National Rifle Association, and serves on the District Agricultural Services Committee. Dan and his family attend Faithful Family Fellowship church in New Albany where they are also members.

**2003 SWCD ANNUAL BANQUET & MEETING
RESERVATION FORM**

Name _____

Phone (H) _____

Address _____

Phone (W) _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

_____ Reservations @ \$7.00 each

\$_____ Total Enclosed

Please make check payable to *Delaware SWCD*. Send to 557-A Sunbury Road, Delaware, OH 43015. You may pick up your tickets at the door the night of the Banquet.

Reservations are due by 12:00 PM, Monday, November 24, 2003

Fair Contest Winners

The following list of people were selected as prize winners from the SWCD's daily quizzes at the Delaware County Fair. Each day of the fair, a different quiz was offered in both aerial photo interpretation and watershed/stream knowledge. Winners were chosen by a random drawing of entries with the best score on each quiz. Congratulations to all our prize winners!

Bluebird Box Winners

Gene Ford, Delaware
Jeremy Wenner, Columbus
Bill Shively, Sunbury
Doug Willis, Delaware
Shannon Dauphin, Radnor
Jess Bowers, Radnor

Tree Winners

Amy Irwin, Galena
Barbara Kuhn, Cardington
Raina Garand, Sunbury
Joe Penzera, Delaware
Susi Rinehart, Prospect
Diana Bowers, Radnor



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