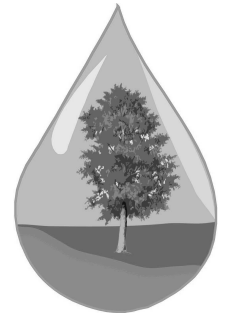


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2008 SWCD Annual Meeting & Banquet

The Board of Supervisors and Staff cordially invite you to the 64th Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's event will be held on **Tuesday, November 25, 2008** at the Delaware Area Career Center (JVS) North Campus, 1610 SR 521, Delaware. Doors open at 6:15 PM for election voting and a social time. A dinner of thick juicy pork chops, scalloped potatoes, corn, and, of course, pie will be served at 7:00. The 2008 Annual Meeting will immediately follow dinner.

The procedures for the election of Soil and Water

Conservation District Supervisors remain unchanged from the previous two years. Please see p. 2 for information on the election procedure. Brent Carson, Bicentennial expert, will give a historical perspective of agriculture and natural resources in Delaware County.

This year there will be one SWCD Supervisor to elect. Candidates are Steve Sheets and Bill Cackler. Candidate profiles are available for review on p. 3. This election will be for the three-year term beginning January 1, 2009. Delaware County residents and landowners who wish to vote and cannot attend the meeting may vote by absentee ballot. All Delaware County residents and/or landowners who are 18 years of age or older are eligible to vote for the election of SWCD Supervisors.

Everyone attending this year's meeting will take home a special gift from the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District. 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!

SWCD CALENDAR

For more info on these events, please call the District Office, (740) 368-1921, or visit www.delawareswcd.org.

Nov.	
11/5	Friends of the Lower Olen tangy mtg.
11/12	Olen tangy Watershed Alliance mtg., 7:00 PM
11/18	SWCD Board Mtg., 7:00 PM
11/25	SWCD Annual Meeting, 6:15 PM
11/27-28	Thanksgiving Holidays - OFFICE CLOSED
Dec.	
12/3	Friends of the Lower Olen tangy Watershed Mtg.
12/10	Olen tangy Watershed Alliance mtg., 7:00 PM
12/16	SWCD Board Mtg., 7:00 PM
12/24	Christmas Eve - OFFICE CLOSED PM
12/25	Christmas Day - OFFICE CLOSED
12/31	New Years Eve - OFFICE CLOSED PM
Jan.	
1/1	New Years Day - OFFICE CLOSED
1/7	Friends of the Lower Olen tangy Watershed Mtg.
1/14	Olen tangy Watershed Alliance Mtg.
1/27	SWCD Board Mtg. - 7:00 PM

Delaware SWCD Mission

To provide progressive leadership, support, and assistance to the public through grassroots programs that promote natural resources conservation and stewardship.

SWCD Election Procedures

Per the Ohio Revised Code, SWCD election procedures are very similar to those of the general election. Upon arriving at the meeting, attendees will be directed to a registration table where you will be registered by election officials. Voters will then be given a ballot and proceed to a nearby voting booth, where they will mark their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box. Voting will begin at 6:15 PM and will close at 8:00 PM.

If unable to attend the meeting, county residents and landowners have two other options for voting for SWCD Board candidates. They may request by mail or in person an absentee ballot using the form below or cast their vote at the District office on the day of and prior to the Annual Meeting (November 25, 2008) between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. If you would like more information about the election or have questions about these procedures, please contact the District office at 740-368-1921, ext. 4.

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 on November 25, 2008 at 6:15 P.M. at the Delaware Area Career Center North Campus, 1610 State Route 521, Delaware, Ohio 43015.

Nominees are Steve Sheets and Bill Cackler. One (1) supervisor will be elected. You may vote at the annual meeting, at the office on November 25, 2008 from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, or vote absentee by requesting the proper absentee request forms from the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District office at 557-A Sunbury Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015, (740) 368-1921, ext. 4, or fax (740) 369-8321.

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 Monday, November 10, 2008 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, November 25, 2008. 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 Area Career Center North Campus on November 25, 2008. 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, 2008 and I **live within** and/or **own property within** the boundaries of Delaware County (please circle all that apply).

Please send absentee ballot to:

Name (print) _____ Telephone(_____)_____

Signature(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please return this form by mail or in person to Delaware SWCD, 557-A Sunbury Road, Delaware, Ohio 43015 by Monday, November 10, 2008. 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.

2009 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

Bill Cackler



Bill, his wife Donna, and daughters Audra, Amber, and Alyssa, own a 54 acre farm in Brown Township. Bill is retired from Big Walnut High School where he taught Agriculture Science. They have 22,000 Christmas trees, 9 acres of pumpkins, gourds, and squash, soybeans, corn, and tomatoes and peppers. Bill is a graduate of The Ohio State University, and a member of Kilbourne United Methodist Church.

Steve Sheets



Steve and his wife Linda own and operate Sheets Farms, a 1500 acre grain and feeder calf operation in Kingston Township. Steve has used no-tillage and subsurface drainage to enhance his conservation farming operation. Steve is currently serving his fourth three-year term as SWCD Supervisor and is a founding member of the Upper Big Walnut Creek Water Quality Partnership. Steve and Linda are members of the Kilbourne United Methodist Church.

Be sure to look for

TREE SALE INFO

in the next issue of
The Conservationist which
will be mailed in

JANUARY 2009

The new Conservation Area at the Delaware County Fairgrounds was a big success during this year's Delaware County Fair! The Conservation Area served as the focal point for the SWCD's educational programming during the fair, as well as being a place where fair patrons could relax and cool down for awhile.



WATER QUALITY TRADING CREDIT PROPOSAL

Water quality credit trading is one of several types of pollution trading that farmers can participate in on a voluntary, market-oriented approach to conservation. In short, farmers can maintain the sustainability of their farming operation by implementing water quality improvement practices that are worth credits which can be brokered and sold to willing buyers like municipalities and businesses.

Since March of this year, the Delaware SWCD has been exploring the potential for a Water Quality Trading Program in all watersheds that drain to the Scioto River. In the case of Delaware County, this would be all four of our major watersheds (Scioto, Olentangy, Alum Creek, and Upper Big Walnut Creek) and covers the entire county. The first major step in such a large proposal, one that could eventually impact as many as 19 counties in central Ohio, would be to conduct a feasibility study to determine if enough trading credits are available for a program and determine whether farmers would be interested in participating. The study, if approved, would be conducted by The Ohio State University with assistance from the Delaware SWCD beginning in early 2009. At this early stage, the Delaware SWCD welcomes your questions and comments about a feasibility study and potential credit trading program. Please contact Ed Miller, (740) 368-1921, ext. 4, for more information.

2008 SWCD ANNUAL BANQUET & MEETING
RESERVATION FORM

Name _____ Phone (H) _____

Address _____ Phone (W) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

_____ Reservations @ \$10.00 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 NOON, Monday, November 24, 2006

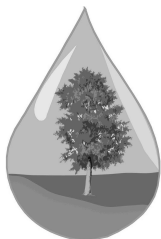
BLT Dip

Ingredients:

- 1 Pound cooked crisp and crumbled Bacon
- 1 Cup Mayonnaise
- 1 Cup Sour Cream
- Shredded Lettuce
- 2 Diced Tomatoes
- Bagel Chips



Combine Mayonnaise and sour cream. Place one layer of mayonnaise mixture than a layer of lettuce, tomatoes, and bacon. Repeat layering as desired. Serve with bagel chips.



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