

# Eye On Conservation

WOOD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



July 2008

## Would You Like To Be A Supervisor? Two Ways to Put Your Name On The Ballot

Any resident 18 years of age or older within the county of the election can run to be a board member of the local Soil and Water Conservation Board. There are two ways you can get your name on the ballot, but the first step is to contact our office at 419-354-5517 and let us know if you're interested.

The first way for a candidate to be nominated is to be placed on the

ballot by the Soil and Water Conservation District nominating committee. This committee works throughout the year looking for candidates from the community interested in conservation and protection of our natural resources. The second method is to stop at the SWCD office and pick up a nomination petition form. You will need to secure 10 signatures from residents and or landowners from the

county and submit the petition to the district by the close of business July 28, 2008. If you meet the requirements and deadline your name will be placed on the ballot for our election, which occurs on September 11, 2008 at the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District Open House 1616 East Wooster Street, Bowling Green, Ohio.

## District Sets Annual Meeting Date

The 59th Annual Meeting of the SWCD has been set for Thursday, September 11. The meeting will be held at the SWCD office. This year the district will be hosting an "Open House"

Rather than the formal business meeting, we will have various displays set up to view, beverages and light appetizers and sandwiches for your enjoyment.

An election will take place to elect two supervisors to the five member board. The election will be open from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Voter registration tables will be set up along with voting booths. Candidates information will be available prior to voting.

Mark your calendars to stop out and vote, eat, check out the displays and visit with staff.

**The annual meeting is free and open to the public, we ask that you R.S.V.P. prior to September 7th by calling the office at 419-354-5517.**

## John Hirzel Memorial Scholarship Winners Announced

The Wood SWCD board of supervisors recently established the John Hirzel Memorial Scholarship in memory of past supervisor John Hirzel. Hirzel served as a supervisor for the Wood SWCD from 1993 to 1998. The scholarship is offered to students entering their college junior or senior year, pursuing either an Environmental or Agricultural related major course of study, and maintaining a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Applicant and parents/guardians must be residents of Wood County or reside within a Wood County School district prior to entering college.

The SWCD is pleased to announce that four individuals will each be awarded the \$500 scholarship this year. Those students include Dustin Brown, attending The University of Findlay - Ag Business Management. Andrew Stickel, attending Kansas State University - Animal Science & Industry & Agriculture Economics. Stacie Wenig, attending The Ohio State University - Agribusiness & Applied Economics and Amy Wensink, attending The Ohio State University - Agricultural Communications.

*Congratulations Dustin, Andrew, Stacie and Amy!*

## Residue Management Demo Day

**August 8, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.**  
**Blue Creek Farm, Whitehouse, Ohio**  
(Old Lucas County Work House and Farm)  
Between Stiles and Neapolis Waterville  
Roads on the West side of Schadel Road

The Wood and Lucas County SWCD's will be hosting a Residue Management Equipment Demonstration Day at Blue Creek Farm.

Several innovative types of equipment will be demonstrated into wheat stubble in preparation for next spring's crop planting.

More details to follow in future newsletters and postcards but plans are to have strip tillage tools, coulter tools, harrows, and cover crops as focal points of this field day.

**For more information contact:**

**Jim Carter**

**Wood SWCD 419-354-5517**

**DJ Mears**

**Lucas SWCD 419-893-1966**

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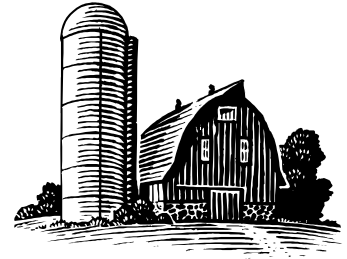
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## Farm Beautification Nominations Being Accepted

Each year, the Wood Soil and Water Conservation District presents one outstanding farm in Wood County with the Farm Beautification Award. The winning farm is chosen after considering such things as the condition of the buildings, condition of the lawn and garden, landscaping, absence of unnecessary equipment, and overall appearance.

If you have a farm in mind that you feel would be a winner, please submit your nomination by August 11, 2008 to Wood SWCD, 1616 East Wooster Street, Box 32, Bowling Green, wcdswcd@woodswcd.com or call the office at 419-354-5517.

All nominations will be considered and the winner will be announced at the Wood SWCD's Open House in September. To be eligible the nominated farm must belong to a working or retired farmer.



**Nominations being sought for  
2008 Farm Beautification  
Award.**

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## Managing CRP Land

For producers that have land enrolled in CRP keep in mind that you have a USDA contract for that practice and have obligations to fulfill. In this section will be a brief overview of some most common questions received by the Wood SWCD.

### Establishment Year

**Cool Season Grasses** used in filter strips along ditches and between windbreak rows and wetlands.

- Needs to be mowed several times throughout the growing season to promote growth and to limit weed competition. Can also utilize herbicides to control weeds. **(multiple mowing is only allowed in the establishment year of your CRP contract and typically is the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the contract)**
- When mowing do not mow like a lawn, mow at 6 to 8 inches in height.
- Control noxious weeds.

**Warm Season Grasses** used in whole field, some filter strips, some wetlands and Quail Buffers.

- Can be mowed to control weed competition.
- Mow no closer than 8 inches.
- Spray to control broadleaf weeds. Do not eliminate planted wildflowers.
- Control noxious weeds.

### Prior Established CRP

**Cool Season Grasses** used in filter strips along ditches and between windbreak rows and wetlands.

- Spot mowing with pre-approval from FSA. Mow at not less than 8 inches in height, and only between July 15 and September 1.
- Spot spray / spray with pre-approval from FSA.
- Windbreaks only can be mowed when a cool season grass mix is used but is encouraged to remain untouched if weed free. Mowing around trees and shrubs to limit grass competition with tree and shrub planting is permitted.
- Control noxious weeds.

**Warm Season Grasses** used in whole field, some filter strips, some wetlands and Quail Buffers.

- Spot mowing with pre-approval from FSA. Area limitations are strictly enforced. Mow not less than 10 inches in height.
- Spot spray / spray with pre approval from FSA. Do not eliminate planted wildflowers if part of your original seeding plan.
- Control noxious weeds.

Although mowing seems like an easy way to control weeds and undesirables, it is more effective to utilize a herbicide for control in most situations. Yes, sometimes you will / do have to mow, however herbicides in the long term seem to be more effective for the planned and desired effect of the CRP practice.

Remember, read and follow your CRP plan for the acreages that you have under contract and if you are unsure about what to do call or stop by office and we (Wood SWCD, NRCS, and FSA) can help you.

# Wood SWCD 2008 Annual Fish Sale

The Wood Soil and Water Conservation District is offering new and established pond owners the opportunity to stock their ponds more conveniently and at a low cost. Anyone considering stocking his or her pond in the near future should take advantage of this opportunity.

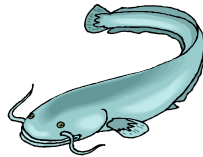
AN AERATOR TANK TRUCK FROM FENDER'S FISH HATCHERY IN BALTIC, OHIO WILL DISTRIBUTE PREORDERED FISH FINGERLINGS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m. AT THE WOOD COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.

Bring your own containers filled with pond water. Your container should be filled as close to pick up time as possible to prevent drastic changes in temperature in the water which can cause shock to your fish during transportation. A 5-10 gallon can is adequate for 100 fish. *(TIP: a bucket lined with a clean trash can bag can easily be tied shut to prevent spillage).*

Fish are guaranteed to be in good condition at time of delivery; however, we cannot guarantee survival after stocking in your pond. DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Fish Species Available Are:**

- Bluegill
- Channel Catfish
- Largemouth Bass
- Yellow Perch
- Fathead Minnow
- White Amur



Recommended stocking rates of fingerling fish for new or renovated ponds:  
Number of fish to stock per acre

Stocking Combination	Bass	Bluegill	Catfish	Perch
Bass/Bluegill	100	500		
Bass/Bluegill/Catfish	100	500	100	
Bass/Perch	100			100
Bass/Bluegill/Perch	100	500	100	
Bass/Bluegill/Catfish/Perch	100	500	100	100

Fathead Minnows may be stocked at a rate of 1,000 per one-acre pond

**Return order form and payment by September 12, 2008.**

**Make Check payable to Wood SWCD, 1616 East Wooster Street, Box 32, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Species	Size	Price Per Fish	Quantity	Total Cost
Bluegill	2-4 inches	.70		
Channel Catfish	4-6 inches	.75		
Largemouth Bass	2-4 inches	.80		
Yellow Perch	2-4 inches	.70		
Fathead Minnows		.05		
White Amur		\$12.00		
	<b>Do Not Add Sales Tax</b>		<b>Total Due:</b>	

1616 East Wooster Street, Box 32  
 Bowling Green, Ohio 43402  
 Phone: 419-354-5517  
 Fax: 419-354-7923  
 E-mail: wcd@woodswcd.com

**COME SEE US AT THE WOOD COUNTY FAIR!**

NON-PROFIT ORG.  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 PERMIT #51  
 BOWLING GREEN  
 OH 43402

**Board of Supervisors**

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 Jeremy Gerwin, Western Lake Erie Basin  
 Conservationist

**NRCS Staff**

Kelly Niehaus, District Conservationist

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**Equipment For Rent**

**GREAT PLAINS DRILL FOR "CRP PRACTICES ONLY"**

- 10' working width
- 7 1/2' row spacing
- Rental Rate is \$10.00 per acre/\$50 minimum
- Delivery Charge \$20.00
- Cleanout Charge \$25.00 (if applicable)

**PHILLIPS ROTARY HARROW**

- 43' working width
- Requires minimum 140 horse power tractor
- Rental rate is \$2.00 per acre

**SALFORD TOOL**

- 23' working width
- Requires 150 horse power tractor
- Rental rate:
 

1-50 acres	\$8.00 per acre
51-100 acres	\$7.00 per acre
101 acres +	\$6.00 per acre

**TREE PLANTER**

\$25.00 First Day  
 \$45.00 Each Additional Day

For More Information contact Jim Rickenberg at 419-354-5517.

**Items for sale**

Floating Pond Filter	\$245.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 53.00
Pond Safety Kit**	\$110.00
Ring Buoy	\$ 45.00
Deep Water Sign	\$ 14.00
Rope (price is per foot)	\$ .25
Tile Probes	\$ 30.00
Soil Test Probe	\$ 56.00
Tree Protectors	\$ 2.00
Flags (.10 each)	
100 4x5	\$ 8.00
100 5x8	\$ 9.00
Giant Flags	\$ 5.00
Rat Guard Prices	
4"	\$ 4.00
6"	\$ 6.00
8"	\$ 8.00
10"	\$ 10.00
12"	\$ 12.00
15"	\$ 21.00
Wood County Soil Survey CD	\$ 10.00
Wood County Plat Books	\$ 15.00

*\*\*Must be preordered and prepaid.*