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The District Cooperator

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Rockwell Sworn in as Supervisor

Robert Rockwell of Barnesville, Ohio, a recently re-elected supervisor of the Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), was sworn into office by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell during the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) held in Columbus January 17-18.

Elected to a three year term, both Rockwell and Stanley Borovich of St. Clairsville, Ohio, join Edward Stenger, Richard Theaker, and Don Guindon in administering the Belmont SWCD's natural resource conservation programs.

Borovich was unable to attend the federation meeting, but will be sworn in at the next regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, February 13, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. at the Belmont SWCD office.

Belmont SWCD Board of Supervisors Hold First Meeting

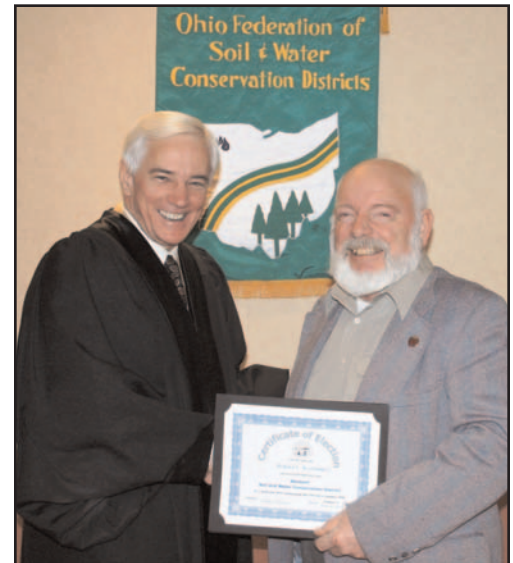
The Belmont SWCD Board of Supervisors held their first regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the year, Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Belmont SWCD office located at 1119 E. Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio.

Several items were discussed, including the reorganization of the board and the 2006 committee assignments.

The 2006 board of supervisors and their positions are as follows:

Supervisor	Title	Term Expires
Ed Stenger	Chairman	2007
Don Guindon	Vice-Chairman	2006
Stanley Borovich	Treasurer/Fiscal Agent	2008
Robert Rockwell	Secretary	2008
Richard Theaker	Public Relations	2007

For more information contact Yvonne Ackerman, Administrative Assistant at 740.425.1100 Ext. 101. 📧



Robert Rockwell of Barnesville, Ohio (r) was sworn into office by Ohio Supreme Court Justice Terrence O'Donnell (l) during the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Ohio Federation of SWCDs held in Columbus, January 17 - 18, 2006.

Area Wide Grazing Management Workshop Series

A three meeting series, to teach grazing management principles, will be held throughout February and March.

Participants will be taught:

- rotational grazing techniques
- water and land resources
- how pasture plants grow
- fertility needs of forages
- paddock layout and design
- use of electrical fencing
- how to develop a "Grazing Management Plan"

By attending all three meetings and developing a personal grazing management plan, participants become eligible to score additional points when applying for cost-share dollars through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) administered by the Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Meeting Locations

Feb. 21, 2006 • Caldwell, OH
Feb. 28, 2006 • Cambridge, OH
Mar. 7, 2006 • Barnesville, OH
Meeting times • 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Pre-registration for this series is required.

Contact your local Extension office or NRCS office in these counties for a registration form. For more information a contact 740.425.1100 Ext. 3. 🌳

USDA Conservation Program Sign-up Now Underway

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has received over \$12 million for Ohio farmers through the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This program provides farmers with cost-share and incentive payments for conservation activities that help limit soil erosion, improve water and air quality, and protect wildlife habitat.

"Funding for EQIP in Ohio this year is about level with last year," explains NRCS State Conservationist Terry Cosby. "Counties will receive an allocation of EQIP funds to address the most critical natural resource problems at the local level."

"Last year, Belmont and Monroe Counties received \$246,500 through EQIP," says Jeff Bettinger, District Conservationist in Barnesville. "Grazing Systems, which involve improving water and forage to livestock; Winter Feeding, such as feeding pads and extended grazing; and Fence were the most popular conservation practices with county farmers. These practices addressed the local natural resource concerns of water quality and soil erosion."

Animal waste management practices, such as manure storage structures, will receive up to 75% cost share, as opposed to 50% cost share for other conservation practices. Limited resource farmers may be eligible to receive 90% cost share for the first \$5,000 of the contract.

Farmers interested in submitting an application for EQIP should visit their local NRCS office at 1119 East Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio as soon as possible. Applications will be collected March 3, 2006. For more information contact Jeff Bettinger 740-425-1100 Ext. 102. 🌳

Improve Pasture by Frost Seeding

It's not too early to start thinking about pasture renovation. Frost seeding legumes into existing pasture can be a low cost effective way to improve pasture yields and introduce new species.

Although conventional tillage or no-till is usually more successful, frost seeding is a low-cost way to improve pasture if done properly. Frost seeding can be used on pastures that are steep, where conventional equipment

cannot be used, or fields that have a potential for erosion problems.

As an example, frost seeding can be done with a four-wheeler with a broadcast seeder mounted to it, or a tractor with a three-point hitch mounted broadcast seeder can also be used. The pasture should be grazed down close in the fall or winter to reduce competition from existing forages.

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Erosion and Sediment Control Regulation Requirements

The Erosion and Sediment Control

Regulations, which were recently approved by the Belmont County Commissioners, require developers to submit plans on areas where more than 1 acre of soil will be disturbed.



Developers are now required to submit an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to the Belmont County Engineer's Office. The plan must outline the Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be utilized in protection of the area's soil and water resources.

Once received, the plan will be reviewed and approved by the Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). *Sites will be subject to a compliance inspection.*

Erosion and Sediment Control Plans will be reviewed using the

current edition of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Rainwater and Land Development Manual.

The Rainwater and Land Development Manual is available through ODNR. The Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations are available at the Belmont SWCD office or the Belmont County Engineers office.

For more information contact Rick Oberdick, Belmont SWCD Urban Technician at 740.425.1100 Ext.112. 🏠

The regulations affect urbanized areas of Belmont County, including parts of Richland and Pease Townships and several municipalities.

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Soil fertility and soil pH should be taken into consideration to ensure a successful seeding. Soil pH should be above 6.0 and phosphorus and potassium should be applied prior to seeding. Nitrogen should not be applied the first year because it will cause the existing grasses to choke out the newly established plants.

Some forage species that are usually successful are Red Clover, Birdsfoot Trefoil, Ladino Clover, Alsike Clover, Alfalfa, and Annual Lespedeza.

The time to frost seed in Ohio is from February 1st to March 15th. The effect of livestock trampling is useful to ensure soil to seed contact. By frost seeding Red Clover into endophyte-infected Tall fescue pastures, it can reduce the effects of the endophytes on the livestock.

For more information contact Brian Porterfield, Technician at 740.425.1100 Ext. 111. 🏠

Committees Announced

The 2006 Belmont SWCD Committees were assigned by Ed Stenger, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors at the regular monthly meeting held Monday, January 9, 2006 at the Belmont SWCD office located at 1119 E. Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio. Committees are as follows:

Annual Meeting

Ed Stenger
Stanley Borovich

Finance & Salary Schedule

Don Guindon
Stanley Borovich

Rubberneck Tour

Stanley Borovich
Bob Rockwell

Nominating Committee

Bob Rockwell
Ed Stenger
Larry Cain
Al Thatcher
Lowell Kemp

Local Workgroup

Don Guindon
Stanley Borovich

District Activities

Rich Theaker
Ed Stenger

Public Information

Bob Rockwell
Stanley Borovich

Equipment

Ed Stenger
Stanley Borovich

RC & D Council

Stanley Borovich
Beverly Riddle
Jim Forshey
Gordie Longshaw

District Planning

Board of Supervisors

Policy

Board of Supervisors



Upcoming Agricultural Meetings, Events

February 6th • 7:00 p.m.

International vs. Domestic Lamb Marketing and Ethnic Markets
Belmont County Farm Bureau Office
Barnesville, Ohio

February 7th • 7:00 p.m.

Pesticide Testing
USDA Service Center
Barnesville, Ohio

February 11th • 10:30 am.–3:00 pm.

Agriculture & Natural Resource Income Enhancement
Small Business Development, Aquaculture, Christmas Tree Production, and Growing Berries
Senior Citizen Center
Woodsfield, Ohio
Reservations required 740-472-0810

February 13th • 7:00 p.m.

Pesticide Recertification
OSU Extension Service
St. Clairsville, Ohio

February 13th • 8:00 p.m.

Belmont SWCD Board Meeting
USDA Service Center
Barnesville, Ohio

February 21st • 7:00 p.m.

Grazing Management Workshop Series I – Purpose of Grazing Management, Water & Land Resources, and Understanding Plan Growth
Noble SWCD
Caldwell, Ohio

February 28th • 7:00 p.m.

Grazing Management Workshop Series II - Pasture Fertility, Paddock Layout & Design, Fencing, and Starting a Grazing Management Plan
OSU Extension Service
Cambridge, Ohio

KEY	Date • Time
	<i>Event Name</i>
	<i>Event Location</i>
	<i>Event City, State</i>

March 7th • 7:00 p.m.

Grazing Management Workshop Series III - Extending the Grazing Season, Developing Your Grazing Plan, and Question & Answers
USDA Service Center
Barnesville, Ohio

March 13th • Noon

Dairy Farm Meeting – Nutrition, Carbohydrates and Fats
Landefeld Dairy Farm
Malaga, Ohio

March 13th • 8:00 p.m.

Belmont SWCD Board Meeting
USDA Service Center
Barnesville, Ohio

March 16th • 7:00 p.m.

Timber Marketing & Taxation
OSU Extension Service
St. Clairsville, Ohio

March 20th • 7:00 p.m.

Pond Clinic Spotighting Liability and Attractice Nuisance Laws
Roscoe Garage
St. Clairsville, Ohio

April 10th • Noon

Dairy Farm Meeting – Hoof Health & Forage Nutrition
Lunch on your own at Annie K's at noon followed by meeting at Olney Dairy Farm
Barnesville, Ohio

April 10th • 8:00 p.m.

Belmont SWCD Board Meeting
USDA Service Center
Barnesville, Ohio

Refurbished Tree Planter for Rent

The Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District has a tree planter to rent for those big planting projects. The tree planter has planted a lot of trees and has been refurbished for the spring 2006 season.

The tree planter is a large, modified plow used to plant trees. The tree planter is attached to the 3-point hitch on a tractor with at least 30 horsepower. No PTO is required. On the front of the planter is a large, cutting wheel to cut a line in the sod. A trencher blade (plow) mounted in the middle then creates a furrow. Behind the plow is a seat for the person to sit on as they place trees in the furrow. Once the tree is planted, two small tires under the seat roll over the dirt surrounding the new seedling anchoring it into the ground.

The tree planter weighs approximately 475 pounds and is rented out on a 4 X 8 trailer with a 2-inch ball. The tree planter must be picked up and returned to the Belmont SWCD office. The price to rent is \$25 per day. For rental information contact Nathan Taylor Wildlife/Forestry Specialist at 740.425.1100 Ext. 110. 🌳

Belmont SWCD is not responsible for and accidents or damages.

Market Your Timber – *Don't Just Sell It*

OSU Extension Service,
ODNR Division of
Forestry, and

Belmont County
Farm Bureau, in
cooperation with
Belmont SWCD
will host a free
*Market Your
Timber–Don't
Just Sell It*

Workshop

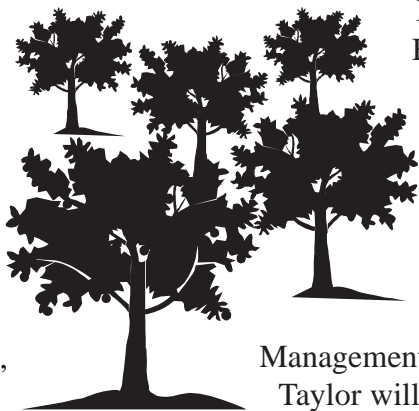
Thursday, March 16,
2006 at 7:00 p.m.
at the new OSU

Extension Service office located
at 101 North Market Street, St.
Clairsville, Ohio.

Jeremy Scherf, ODNR Service
Forester, and Dave Apsley, OSU
Extension Natural Resource
Specialist, will discuss the roll of
timber management in the forest.

Craig Kidney, Consulting
Forester, will explain harvest tim-

ber contracts and provide insight
into utilizing a consulting forester.



Nathan Taylor,
Belmont SWCD
Wildlife/Forestry
Specialist will
explain how to
protect the forest,
water, and soil
during a harvest
using Best

Management Practices (BMPs).
Taylor will also discuss how
Timber Harvest Plans can pro-
tect landowners.

Steve Schumacher, OSU
Extension Agent, and Dave
Apsley will also discuss timber
harvest tax issues.

For more information contact the
Belmont SWCD office at
740.425.1100 Ext. 3 or OSU
Extension Service at
740.695.1455. 📞

Belmont SWCD Meeting Notice

The Belmont Soil & Water
Conservation District will
hold its' regular monthly
meetings the second Monday of
each month at 8:00 p.m. at the
Belmont SWCD office, located at
1119 East Main Street,
Barnesville, Ohio 43713.

Any person may request notifica-
tion of a Belmont SWCD meet-
ing. Persons requesting meeting
notification may receive said

information via fax, phone or
email at no charge. However,
those individuals requesting noti-
fication through the United State
Postal Service (USPS) must pro-
vide a self-addressed, stamped
envelope for each meeting
announcement.

For more information contact
Yvonne Ackerman,
Administrative Assistant at
740.425.1100 Ext. 101. 📞

Survey Results Available

Attendees at the 60th Annual
Meeting and Banquet held
November 12, 2005 were
asked to complete a survey
ranking the most important
conservation issues for
Belmont County. In turn, the
rankings will impact the 2006
work load of Belmont SWCD.

Below is a short synopsis of
the most important conserva-
tion issues as seen by the 95
individuals who completed the
survey.

The top three concerns for
each survey category are listed
below:

Woodland Issues

Multi-flora Rose Control
Erosion Control
BMP Classes for Loggers

Wildlife Issues

Nuisance Wildlife Control
Wildlife Management Plans
Wildlife Damage Permits

Water Quality

Erosion and Sediment Control
Abandoned Mine Drainage
Illicit Discharge from Sewage

Agricultural Issues

Conservation Planning
Brush Management
Slips

For a detailed survey report
contact Beverly Riddle,
Program Administrator at
740.425.1100 Ext. 105. 📞

Kemps Nominated for Good Neighbor Award

Hollis and Lowell Kemp, a father-and-son team, were nominated for the Good Neighbor Award by the Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District this year.

The award was created through a partnership between the Ohio Farm Bureau and Ohio Livestock Coalition last year. Being a good neighbor means being responsible, courteous and respectful of others and the land entrusted to their care. The statewide winner will be chosen in March.

The Kemps' are first on the scene welcoming a new comer to the community and helping them to settle in, cleaning out neighbors' driveways, helping rebuild a barn that burned, baling hay when a farmer got killed, bringing groceries when someone was out or could not get out to get their own, pulling strangers out of a snow drift, lending a hand removing a fallen tree, or sharing the fruits of their labor with another be it machinery, labor, produce or



Hollis (L) and Lowell (R) Kemp utilize the red pick-up truck to deliver supplies and gifts of food to local community members.

crops – the list just goes on and on.

Each holiday season, they prepare special packages for their young Amish neighbors. They help with Amish barn raisings and are among the few “English” invited to attend special events in the Amish community, such as weddings, funerals, and the school Christmas party. When the Amish community undertook building a Produce Auction in southern Belmont County, the Kemps' hauled the lumber to the site.

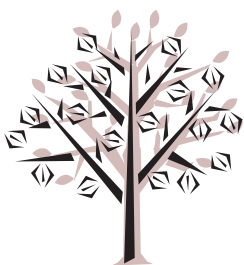
Explaining agriculture practices to neighbors and actively educating neighbors, community members and officials is another aspect of

the “Good Neighbor Award”. As one Amish neighbor put it, “They educate others that there can still be survival ship on the farm with good management.”

They have hosted the annual Belmont County Rubberneck Tour twice where they invite people to their farm to learn more about agriculture and care of the land and animals.

They have also taken equipment and livestock to various educational events including “Agri-Days” a three-day school tour where more than 1000 students learn about livestock, wildlife, and soil conservation.

They have provided livestock for the live nativity at church and hosted a yearly 4th of July community picnic and hayride. When Eric Ayers, Times Leader Staff Writer, asked them about this award, Lowell said, “Being a good neighbor is just something you do,” and Hollis replied, “We’ve always had good neighbors, which helps you be a good neighbor.” 🌲



Tree Seedling Sale Going on Now

Order Today. Quantities are Limited.

The 2006 Tree Seedling Sale Flyers are available at the Belmont SWCD office or by contacting Nathan Taylor, Wildlife/Forestry Specialist at 740.425.1100 Ext. 110 or Yvonne Ackerman, Administrative Assistant at 740.425.1100 Ext. 101. 🌲



Seed Available for Wildlife Food Plots

Once again, it's time to start thinking about planting spring food plots for wildlife. It is no secret that wildlife enjoy eating corn and other crops that farmers produce, sometimes causing major crop damage. Food plots can add habitat and provide wildlife with food throughout the winter.

The Belmont SWCD will offer food plot seed through a cooperative effort with Pheasants Forever. Seed in this promotion has lower germination and some seed may be discontinued.

Five food plot packets are available for purchase:

- Winter Survival Wildlife Mix**
- Corn**
- Grain Sorghum**
- Sunflower**
- Dove Field Blackoil Sunflower**

Please note: There has been a high demand for Sunflower seed in past years. Orders are not guaranteed, and substitutions may need to be made.

The Winter Survival Wildlife Mix, which consists of 45% corn, 25% sorghum, 15% sunflower, and 15% buckwheat, is a good food for almost all wildlife. The Winter Survival mix comes in a 25 lb. bag and plants approximately 2 acres. This mix provides a good source of food for deer all the way down to songbirds. It will also provide good cover for small game and non-game animals.

Corn is also a great fall and winter food source for deer. Corn comes in a 50 lb. bag and plants roughly 3 acres.

The sorghum and sunflowers are great cover and food source for many game birds and non-game species. The sorghum comes in 50 lb. bags and plants approximately 4 to 6 acres. The sunflowers, depending on what seed is ordered, plants approximately 5 to 8 acres.

Planting these mixes can be very easy. On a level, sunny area it is possible to till the ground, broad-

cast the seed, and lightly disk the area. Disking allows good seed to soil contact. *A soil test can determine if fertilizers are required.* A no-till drill can also be utilized, which can be rented from the District.

For more information on wildlife seed and/or planting methods contact Nathan Taylor Wildlife/Forestry Specialist at 740.425.1100 Ext. 110.

Disclaimer:

Belmont SWCD provides quality seed. However, Belmont SWCD offers no warranty or guaranteed results due to variations in local handling & planting methods or weather conditions.

Belmont SWCD Wildlife Seed Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Type of Seed	Plants	# Bags	Subtotal
Winter Survival Wildlife Food & Cover Mix	2 ac.	___ @ \$ 22.00 per bag	\$
Corn	3-4 ac.	___ @ \$ 5.50 per bag	\$
Grain Sorghum	3-4 ac.	___ @ \$ 5.50 per bag	\$
Sunflower	6-8 ac.	___ @ \$ 5.50 per bag	\$
Dove Field Blackoil Sunflower	4-5 ac.	___ @ \$ 30.00 per bag	\$
TOTAL			\$

Orders must be received by Friday, April 7, 2006. Mail order form to:
Belmont SWCD • 1119 East Main Street • Barnesville, Ohio 43713
Phone: 740.425.1100 Ext. 3 • Fax: 740.425.2664

**Payment must be received at the time of pick-up.
Orders will be filled on a first come, first serve basis.**

All services and programs of the Belmont SWCD are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, and marital status, or handicap. EOE.

Annual Report, Cash Basis Complete

The Belmont SWCD 2005 Annual Report and Cash Basis Financial Report have been completed and filed with the Auditors office.

Both reports are available upon request at the Belmont SWCD office located at 1119 E. Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio.

For more information please contact Yvonne Ackerman, Administrative Assistant at 740.425.1100 Ext. 101. 🌲

Receive the District Cooperator via E-mail

In an effort to reduce production costs, Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District is now offering the *District Cooperator* via email. If you would like to receive the newsletter via e-mail please call for more information at 740.425.1100 Ext. 101. *Those persons requesting the newsletter via e-mail will no longer receive a hard copy in the mail.* 🌲

District Website Nearing Production

Belmont SWCD will soon be on the World Wide Web. Before the website's introduction, we would like to hear what you, the cooperators, would like to see available on-line. To submit your comments, please e-mail yvonne.ackerman@oh.nacdnet.net or call 740.425.1100 Ext. 101. 🌲

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