



**Belmont SWCD**  
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## 2005 Supervisors

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**Vice Chairman**

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**Secretary**

Robert Rockwell  
**Treasurer**

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**Fiscal Agent**

## SWCD Employees

Beverly Riddle  
**Program Administrator**

Yvonne Ackerman  
**Administrative Assistant**

Brian Porterfield  
**Technician**

Nathan Taylor  
**Forestry/Wildlife Specialist**

Rick Oberdick  
**Urban Technician**

## NRCS Employees

Jeff Bettinger  
**District Conservationist**

Harry Kenney  
**Grassland Conservationist**

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# The District Cooperator

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## 60th Annual Meeting, Banquet & Election Announced



**T**he Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District's 60th Annual Meeting and Banquet is slated for Saturday, November 12, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at the James Carnes Center in St. Clairsville, Ohio.

The District will hold an election prior to the meeting to fill the expiring terms of two Supervisors. Election Polls will be open from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. At that time, the nominating committee will present the names of George Kleevic, Steve Wharton, Robert Rockwell and Stanley Borovich. *Candidate profiles are located on page 2.*

The dinner will be provided by Convenient Food Mart of Barnesville, Ohio and will include: A choice of Grilled Chicken Breast or Pork Tenderloin, Cheesy Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, and Cherry Cheesecake. Drinks will also be provided. Ticket prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12, and free for children under the age of 5.

Banquet tickets are available from any of the current Supervisors, Supervisor Candidates or at the Belmont SWCD office. Reservations can also be made by mailing the included ticket request form to Belmont SWCD, 1119 E. Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio 43713. For the convenience of the caterer, it is necessary to make reservations by Friday, November 4, 2005.

The Annual Meeting will also highlight the District's accomplishments and the Triple Lock Quartet from Coshocton, Ohio will entertain guests. New to the Annual Meeting and Banquet is an exhibition area. Visit with local agricultural and conservation companies and agencies from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

For more information or to reserve your banquet ticket(s) contact Yvonne Ackerman, Administrative Assistant at the Belmont SWCD office at 740.425.1100 Ext. 101. 📧



*See page 2 and 3 for more Annual Meeting, Banquet and Election Information.*

# Election of Supervisors

The Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District will hold a special election for District Board of Supervisors in conjunction with the district's 60th Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 12, 2005. Two board members will be elected to a three-year term of office.

## Three Ways to Vote

County residents and landowners have three options for casting a ballot:

- Call or visit the SWCD office or return the enclosed form to request an absentee ballot.
- Cast a ballot at the District Office by Thursday, November 10, 2005.
- Cast a ballot at the Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 12, 2005 at the James Carnes Center, St. Clairsville, Ohio.

Belmont SWCD is a legal subdivision of state government that provides natural resource management assistance to county landowners and other units of local government. The district is funded by the Belmont County Commissioners, and county funds are supplemented by funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The district is governed by a five-member board of county residents. Board members serve staggered three-year terms.

For more election information contact Yvonne Ackerman, at 740.425.1100 Ext. 101. 🌲

# Meet the Candidates



## Stanley Borovich

65020 Glencoe Road, St. Clairsville.

Borovich and wife Lorena, own a 245 acre farm in St. Clairsville, Ohio, and have three grown children, Rick, Becky and Brad. Borovich attended Bellaire High School and has been a Belmont SWCD Supervisor for 11 years. Borovich, a retired coal miner, has been an Area 3 Director for 8 years with the Ohio Federation of Soil &

Water Conservation Districts and SWCD Representative to the Buckeye Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council. Borovich is actively involved with the Abandoned Mine Land Executive Committee, Farm Bureau, Belmont-Monroe Grazing Council, Ohio Valley Cattlemen and his church. He has also completed 9 years on the Farm Service Committee.



## George D. Kleevic

108 Carolina Drive, St. Clairsville

Kleevic received a Bachelor's Degree from the Ohio State University in Environmental Sciences and a Masters Degree in Health and Safety from the University of Findlay. Kleevic worked as the Belmont SWCD District Technician for 3 years and was a past supervisor for the district for 6 years. He has been an Environmental

Science Consultant and Hazardous Waste Trainer for 13 years. Kleevic is a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Church and has received the Daughter's of the American Revolution Conservation Award. Kleevic and wife Lisa, have two sons, Clayton and Ethan.



## Robert Rockwell

61705 Sandy Ridge Road, Barnesville

Rockwell and wife Lois Anne, operate a 75 acre fruit and vegetable farm in Barnesville, Ohio. Rockwell received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Horticulture from the Ohio State University. He has been a Belmont SWCD Supervisor for 34 years and past president of the Ohio

Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. He holds membership with the Ohio Fruit Growers Society, Belmont Grange # 889, Stillwater Friends Meeting (Quakers), Farm Bureau, and is a participant in the Captina Produce Auction.



## Steve Wharton

58231 Pleasant Ridge Road, Belmont

Wharton, owns and operates a 200 acre dairy farm. He has 25 milk cows, and raises crops such as Rye, Alfalfa, Silage Hay and has developed a spring on the farm. Wharton enjoys hunting and fishing. He is a member of the Christian Church and works at Belmont Mills.

# Request for Absentee Ballot

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail request to:  
**Belmont SWCD**  
 1119 E. Main Street  
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 43713  
 740.425.1100 Ext. 3

I hereby apply for an absentee voter ballot and registration envelope from the Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District. The Official Election will be held November 12, 2005. I am an eligible voter of the Belmont SWCD, because I am:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 18 years of age or older and reside in the District.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 18 years of age or older and own land within the District.

Written Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Requests for absentee ballots: People who are unable to attend the annual meeting may request an absentee form from the district office:

- In writing, no more than 21 days prior to the election, no later than 3 days (date of office receipt, not postmarked) prior to the election.
- In person, no more than 21 days prior to the election nor later than 4:30 p.m., November 10, 2005.
- Shall limit requests to their own personal ballot and registration form, except that written requests signed by other qualified electors in the same household may be mailed in one envelope.

# 60th Annual Meeting & Banquet Ticket Request Form

Saturday, November 12, 2005 • 7:00 p.m.  
 at the James Carnes Center • St. Clairsville, Ohio  
 Election Polls open 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_



		Ticket Qty.	Total Price
Adult Ticket Price:	\$ 8.00	_____	_____
Ages 5 – 12:	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
Under 5:	Free	_____	_____
		<b>Total Due</b>	_____

*For the convenience of the caterer, please reserve your dinner on or before November 4, 2005.*

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# Rain Gardens

## What is a rain garden?

A rain garden is an attractive landscaping feature planted with perennial native plants. It is a bowl-shaped garden, designed to absorb storm water run-off from impervious surfaces such as roofs and parking lots.

Rain gardens can be small, formal, home-owner style gardens, large complex bioretention gardens, or anywhere in between.

## Why do we need rain gardens?

Rain is natural; storm water isn't. Government studies have shown that up to 70% of the pollution in our streams, rivers, and lakes is carried there by storm water. Although most people never think about storm water, about half of the pollution that storm water carries comes from things we do in our yards and gardens!

Planting a rain garden may seem like a small thing, but if you calculate the amount of rain that runs off your roof, you would be very surprised. That rain is supposed to soak into the ground, but instead heads down the street to the storm drain, carrying pollution with it.

Keeping rain where it falls, by putting it into a beautiful rain garden, is a natural solution. You not only get a lovely garden out of it, you have the added benefit of helping protect our rivers, streams and lakes from storm water pollution. You can be part of a beautiful solution!

For more information contact Rick Oberdick at 740.425.1100 Ext. 112. 🌿

# Seedling Sale



Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District will soon be taking orders for the 2006 Tree Seedling Sale.

The spring seedling sale will have a variety of conifer, hardwood, and fruit tree seedlings, including Pear and Sweet Cherry, available at reasonable prices.

Stop by the Belmont SWCD office or look for more information and the sale flyer in the December issue of the *District Cooperator*.

For more information contact Nathan Taylor, Wildlife/Forestry Specialist or Yvonne Ackerman, Administrative Assistant at 740.425.1100 Ext. 3.

Seedlings are quality trees, however, Belmont SWCD offers no guarantee of survival. 🌳

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## Pond Clinic Success

A number of Belmont County landowners attended the Pond Clinic at Fox Shannon Park, Wednesday, September 14, 2005.

The clinic, sponsored by the Belmont and Monroe SWCDs and OSU Extension Services, focused on pond health, stocking rates, wildlife effects and pond drainage.

Speakers for the clinic, included Bill Lynch, OSU Extension Aquatic Ecosystems Management Associate, Dennis Fender of Fender's Fishery, Nathan Taylor, Belmont SWCD Wildlife/Forestry Specialist and Brian Porterfield, Belmont SWCD District Technician.

For more information contact the Belmont SWCD office at 740.425.1100 Ext. 3. 🌳

## 4th Grade Farm Safety & Dairy Education Tour



4th grade students from six Belmont County schools took their studies to Glen-Larr Farm in Belmont, Ohio, Friday, September 30, 2005.

The 4th Grade Farm Safety and Dairy Education Tour, hosted by Glenn and Larry Cain, focused on many aspects of farming, including soil types, dairy cattle and milk

production, ATV safety, reaction time to accidents, wild animal and dog safety, and water quality.

South Central Power provided a life-size electrical safety display that showed the students what happens when something or someone touches a live-wire.

Students milked a cow and learned from Belmont County youth, how much milk a cow produces and how milk production is directly related to what a cow eats. Dairy Farmers of America Representative, Tim Collins, explained milk handling methods and the growing concern for safe handling.

OSU Extension staff tested each student's reaction time and showed how much of their arms and/or legs would be cut off by a lawn mower blade or wrapped up in a PTO shaft, should they be involved in a farm accident. Belmont SWCD employees provided demonstrations on ATV safety, wildlife education, soil types, and water quality. Carmela Stoddart demonstrated how to approach a dog and showed the children what to do if the animal would attack.

Attending the 4th Annual Farm Safety and Dairy Education Tour, were students from Barnesville Independent Elementary School, Martins Ferry North Elementary School, Martins Ferry Christian Elementary School, Bellaire St. Johns Central Elementary School, Martins Ferry St. Mary Central Elementary School and St. Clairsville St. Mary's Elementary School.

Students were given a Farm Safety 4-Kids t-shirt along with information and materials from several community organizations and businesses, which included the Belmont Dairy Council, Belmont County Farm Bureau, OSU Extension, South Central Power, Belmont SWCD, Barnesville Kentucky Fried Chicken, Paradox Motor Sports, and Green Valley Co-op. United Dairy provided milk for each student.

The tour is sponsored by the Ohio State University Extension, Belmont County Farm Bureau and Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District. 🌳

# Students Participate in Fair Field Day

Over 450 Belmont County 2nd-Graders, from eight schools, participated in Fair Field Day at the Belmont County Fair, September 9, 2005.

The self-guided tour, sponsored in part by the Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District and the Belmont County Agricultural Society, showcased livestock projects and commercial exhibits, teaching students the many aspects of agriculture and conservation.

Participants were able to talk with 4-Hers and other volunteers as they toured the Belmont County Fairgrounds. Fair Field Day tour stops included the beef, dairy, sheep, horse and hog barns, as well as commercial booths including CARTEENS and Belmont County Recycling and Litter Prevention. A soil tunnel, sponsored by the Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District, was also avail-



*Nathan Taylor, Belmont SWCD Wildlife/Forestry Specialist, shows a group of second graders from Hilltop Elementary School a coyote skull. Taylor also taught the students how to identify wildlife by their hides. Over 450 second grade students attended Fair Field Day at the Belmont County Fairgrounds.*

able for students to tour. Students were able to watch the Junior Fair Dog Show and the Creegan Puppet Show, as well as other Junior Fair events.

The Belmont County Fair Field Day began in 1992, spearheaded by the Belmont Soil & Water Conservation

District and included assistance from the OSU Extension Services of Belmont County and has been hosted by the Belmont County Agricultural Society since its' inception. Second graders from any school in Belmont County are encouraged to participate.

Each school received educational materials prior to the event. Local and state organizations, including the Farm Bureau Federation, Ohio Pork Producers Council, Ohio Beef Producers Council/Ohio Cattlemen's Association, Ohio Poultry Association, American Dairy Association & Dairy Council Mid East, Ohio Sheep

Producers and the Ohio Department of Agriculture's OHIO PROUD Program, donated these educational materials.

For more information contact the Belmont SWCD office at 740.425.1100 Ext. 3. 🏠

# 7 Tour Stops Visited Near Martins Ferry



The 34th Annual drive it yourself Belmont County Rubberneck Tour took a turn in the right direction showcasing Martins

Ferry and the surrounding area. The tour, which was Sunday, October 9, 2005 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., showcased educational, agricultural and historical displays.

This year's tour began at Fire Places 'N' Fixin's, and wound its' way through town to the Walnut Grove

Cemetery and the Sedgwick House Museum. The Rubberneck Tour was continued to Concord Quaker Meeting House and the Windward Lake Estate, located in Colerain. Fox Haven Farm and Hertler Beef Farm finished up the 7-stop tour.

The committee would like to thank all the participants who made this event possible. Many of the tour stops had organizations present to provide information and services. Thank you to the rubbernecks who follow the tour year after year.

The Rubberneck Tour Committee is comprised of representatives from the Belmont County Tourism

Council, the Belmont Soil & Water Conservation District, Ohio State University Extension Services and several other community leaders.

If you or someone you know would be interested in participating in the Rubberneck Tour please contact the Belmont County Tourism Council at 740.695.4359 or the Belmont Soil and Water Conservation District at 740.425.1100 Ext. 3. 🏠



# Belmont SWCD Taking Bids

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for a 1996 Ford F-150, 4X4 pickup truck will be received by the Belmont SWCD Board of Supervisors, 1119 E. Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio, until November 14, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened and read publicly at the Monthly Board Meeting, at 8:00 p.m. that evening.

A copy of the vehicle specifications may be picked up at the Belmont SWCD office. The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Please mark envelope "Ford F-150 Vehicle Bid".


## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for a 1987 Chevrolet S-10 with automatic transmission will be received by the Belmont SWCD Board of Supervisors, 1119 E. Main Street, Barnesville, Ohio, until November 14, 2005 at 4:30 p.m. Bids will be opened and read publicly at the Monthly Board Meeting, at 8:00 p.m. that evening.

A copy of the vehicle specifications may be picked up at the Belmont SWCD office. The Board of Supervisors reserve the right to reject any and all bids. Please mark envelope "Chevrolet S-10 Vehicle Bid".

## Applications Being Accepted for Cost Share

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reminds everyone that applications are being accepted for Conservation Practices. Signup for the EQIP program will be taken at the NRCS office in Barnesville. (*Early signup will allow for more time and thought to be given to the application.*)

For more information contact Jeff Bettinger, District Conservationist at 740.425.1100 Ext. 102. 

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