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SUMMER/ FALL 2011

**LORAIN SWCD ANNUAL MEETING
IN COOPERATION WITH
LORAIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU
THURSDAY, SEPT. 1, 2011, 7:00PM
@ NEW RUSSIA TWP. HALL**

MISSION STATEMENT

The Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve the natural resources and environment in Lorain County.



The Board of Supervisors will hold their annual meeting and banquet on Thursday, September 1, 2011, in cooperation with the Lorain County Farm Bureau.

The election of two supervisors will take place from 6:00-7:00 p.m. with

dinner at 7:00 p.m. There will be a PowerPoint slide show, various awards, and a scholarship presentation during the evening.

Tickets are \$13.00 each with dinner provided by Big Dog Catering. Tickets are on sale now through August 25—

Use order form on the back page.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us!



SUPERVISOR ELECTION

An election of two supervisors to the Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be conducted at the annual meeting and banquet on Thursday, September 1, 2011 at New Russia Township hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Incumbents David Conrad and John Forthofer are seeking re-election, with new candidate Dean Rollin vying for a seat on the Board. The two highest vote earners will be elected. Absentee ballots will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on August 11, 2011, and continuing until 4:30 p.m. on the day of the election. You may request your ballot in person, or by writing or calling the District office at 440-326-5800.



NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

The District is finding ways to cut costs due to budget issues. If you are interested in receiving our newsletter electronically, and opting out of mail service, please email Sandy Denes at:

sdenes@loraincounty.us

to provide her with your email address. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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SOIL CONSERVATIONIST'S COLUMN

BY: RYAN KEMPER



Are you interested in completing any conservation practices in 2012? If so there are several programs to look into including the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), among others. General information on any of these programs can be found at www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov

For EQIP the possible practices include pasture improvement projects which are used for implementing or enhancing a rotational grazing system. Manure storage and agrichemical structures are available. Cropland improvement projects include cover crops, grassed waterways, and reduced tillage practices. Other practices through EQIP include timber stand improvement, seasonal high tunnels, and pest management, among others.

WHIP focuses on increasing wildlife habitat. Wetland restoration, tree, shrub, and warm season grass establishment are all possibilities through WHIP.

A sign-up period has not officially been announced, but will most likely occur sometime this fall. If any of this practices interest you please call the office at 440-326-5800 to set up an appointment. We will walk the property with you and discuss possible options on your land.

CRP has a continuous sign-up if applied on eligible cropland. Practices for this program include grassed waterways, filter strips, and planting trees along rivers and streams.

ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the **Lorain** Soil and Water Conservation District to be held in accordance with Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Residents or landowners, firms, and corporations that own land or occupy land in **Lorain County** and are 18 years of age and older may vote for Supervisor. A non-resident landowner, firm, or corporation must provide an affidavit of eligibility, which includes designation of a voting representative, prior to casting a ballot.

There are three ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot: (1) at the annual meeting, which will take place at New Russia Twp. hall on **September 1, 2011**, with voting from **6-7:00 p.m.**; (2) at the SWCD office until **4:30 p.m.** on **September 1, 2011**; or (3) vote absentee starting August 11, 2011, by requesting the proper absentee request forms from the SWCD office at the following address:

Lorain SWCD, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria OH 44035 440-326-5800

Two (2) Supervisors will be elected. Nominees are:

1. David Conrad
2. John Forthofer
3. Dean Rollin

FALL FISH SALE

TUES., OCTOBER 18, 2011, 10:00-11:30 A.M.—AG CENTER PARKING LOT — 42110 RUSSIA RD, ELYRIA

The truck from Fender’s Fish Hatchery of Baltic, Ohio, will be here at 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. to distribute orders.

Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Channel Catfish, Yellow Perch, Redear Shellcrackers, Flathead Minnows, and Triploid White Amur are available.

On pick-up day, you will need to bring a container filled with your pond water to pick up your order— approximately 5 gallons of water for each 100 fingerling size fish. We suggest using a trash can with a new plastic liner—then put in the pond water so the top of the bag can be tied shut for transportation. Remember, the Amur are 10-12” long and need a suitable container.

Triploid White Amur are stocked to control leafy pond vegetation. Algae is not a preferred food. Since the Amur were first stocked in Ohio the fall of 1987, you may need to replace your Amur. The life expectancy is in the 10 to 12 year range. Recommended stocking rates for the Amur are 2 to 5, per surface acre of water, based on how much weed cover is in the pond at its worst point over the summer.

Other stocking recommendations are 100 Largemouth Bass and 500 Bluegill per surface acre of pond area. Channel Catfish can also be stocked in ponds that are 1/2 acre or larger. Though they will not reproduce in a pond, they do provide excellent fishing. A 4—6” long Catfish stocked this spring will double in size by next spring.

FISH SALE ORDER FORM

Order deadline date: Friday, October 14, 2011

Name : _____

Mail and return with payment to:

Address: _____

Lorain SWCD

City: _____ Zip: _____

42110 Russia Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035

Phone (day): _____ County where Amur are stocked: _____

<u>Species</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Largemouth Bass	2-4 “	\$0.85	_____	_____
Bluegill	3-5 “	\$0.75	_____	_____
Channel Catfish	4-6 “	\$0.80	_____	_____
Redear Shellcracker	2-4”	\$0.90	_____	_____
Yellow Perch	4-6”	\$0.75	_____	_____
Flathead Minnow	per 100	\$7.00	_____	_____
Triploid White Amur	10-12 “	\$13.00	_____	_____

TOTAL \$ _____





Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District

In cooperation with Lorain County Farm Bureau

Annual Meeting & Banquet ~ Thurs., Sept. 1, 2011

New Russia Twp. Hall, 46268 Butternut Ridge Rd., Oberlin

Supervisor Election: 6:00—7:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

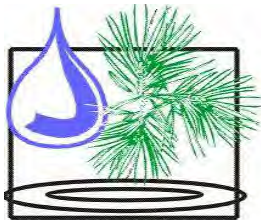
Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Number of Reservations _____ **X \$13.00 each = \$** _____

Deadline is Thurs., Aug. 25, 2011 — Please return this form to Lorain SWCD, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 or call the District office at 440-326-5800 for reservations.



LORAIN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Elyria Ohio 44035
440-326-5800 Fax: 440-326-5807

DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

- John Born— Chairman
- Robert Ternes, Jr.— Vice-Chairman
- John Forthofer—Secretary
- David Conrad— Treasurer
- Will Schlechter— Member

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

- Nancy Funni— District Administrator
- Sandy Denes—Administrative Assistant

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

- Dave Kopchak— Acting District Conservationist
- Ryan Kemper— Soil Conservationist
- Dale Barr—Soil Conservation Technician
- Bob Pandey—Soil Conservation Technician

LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- Ted Kalo, Lori Kokski, Tom Williams