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SUMMER/ FALL 2012

**LORAIN SWCD ANNUAL MEETING
 IN COOPERATION WITH
 LORAIN COUNTY FARM BUREAU
 THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, 2012, 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 6, 2012, in cooperation with the Lorain County Farm Bureau.

The election of one supervisor 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 30—

Use order form on the back page.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

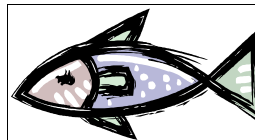
Mark your calendar and plan to join us!



SUPERVISOR ELECTION

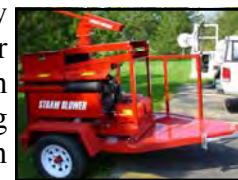
An election of one supervisor to the Lorain Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors will be conducted at the annual meeting and banquet on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at New Russia Township hall from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Incumbent John Born is seeking re-election, with new candidate Carl Kolb vying for a seat on the Board. The highest vote earner will be elected. Absentee ballots will be available from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. starting on August 16, 2012, 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.

**FALL FISH SALE—
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**STRAWBLOWER
 FOR RENT**

The Lorain SWCD has a strawblower for rent that will make covering your new lawn or ditch seeding much easier.



Minimum rental fee is \$50 per four meter hours. The blower uses 40-45 bales of straw per acre. The trailer requires a 2" ball hitch for pulling. Call the office to schedule a rental time.

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SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S 4R TOMORROW PROGRAM

BY: SANDY DENES



The water quality with the phosphorus/nitrogen issue has become a major concern. One big example is the toxic algae blooms showing up in Ohio's lakes that are caused by excess nutrients in waterways. Runoff and erosion from fertilized agricultural areas, erosion from riverbanks, river beds, land clearing (deforestation), and sewage effluent are the major sources of phosphorus and nitrogen entering waterways. The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) has created a program called 4R Tomorrow to educate and promote wise nutrient management to conserve water quality and soil health. Everyone (farmers, teachers, parents, children, construction workers, wastewater plant operators, business owners, government officials, etc.) can play a part in water quality and natural resource protection. The four "rights" to improve the quality of life of Ohio citizens, ecosystems, and wildlife now and in the future are: use the 1) right fertilizer source, at the 2) right rate, at the 3) right time, with the 4) right placement. Here are some examples how residents can help protect Lorain County's ponds, lakes, creeks, streams, and rivers:

- 1) Always choose a fertilizer that is phosphorus-free unless a soil test shows a need for this nutrient.
- 2) Feed your lawn in the spring and fall when the grass is actively growing.
- 3) Set your mower at the highest setting. Taller grass is stronger grass. It builds deeper roots that enable the plant to find water and nutrients and better withstand periods of drought.
- 4) Use a mulching mower so that grass clippings and leaves can be returned to the soil where they will break down and add natural nutrients and organic matter to the soil.
- 5) Sweep leaves, grass clippings, and fertilizer that land on driveways and sidewalks back onto the grass to help keep nutrients out of waterways.

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 6, 2012**, with voting from **6-7:00 p.m.**; (2) at the SWCD office until **4:30 p.m.** on **September 6, 2012**; or (3) vote absentee starting August 16, 2012, 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

One (1) Supervisor will be elected. Nominees are:

1. John Born
2. Carl Kolb

FALL FISH SALE

THURS., OCTOBER 11, 2012, 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 5, 2012

Name : _____

Mail and return with payment to:

Address: _____

Lorain SWCD

City: _____ Zip: _____

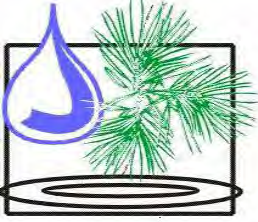
42110 Russia Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035

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

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

TOTAL \$ _____





**LORAIN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

42110 Russia Road
Elyria Ohio 44035
440-326-5800 Fax: 440-326-5807

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DISTRICT SUPERVISORS

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

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

- Sandy Denes—Administrative Assistant
- John Niedzialek—Phase II Coordinator
- Karl Schneider—Natural Resources Coordinator

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

- John Knapp— Acting District Conservationist
- Dale Barr—Soil Conservation Technician
- Bob Pandy—Soil Conservation Technician

LORAIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Ted Kalo, Lori Kokski, Tom Williams



Lorain Soil and Water Conservation District

In cooperation with Lorain County Farm Bureau

Annual Meeting & Banquet ~ Thurs., Sept. 6, 2012

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. 30, 2012 — Please return this form to Lorain SWCD, 42110 Russia Rd., Elyria, OH 44035 or call the SWCD office at 440-326-5800 for reservations.