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65th Annual Meeting & Supervisor Election

The Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District will hold its 65th Annual Meeting and Supervisor Election on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at The Brugeman Lodge in Riverbend Recreation Area.

The event will start with a Social Hour and voting for two supervisors at 5:00 p.m. Serving for the BBQ chicken & rib dinner will be from 6:00-6:45 p.m. The meal is prepared by BBQ Traveler.

The entertainment for the evening will be a visit with "Simon Kenton" presented by Kenneth Neff Hammontree of Living History Productions. The event ends with a short business meeting and election results. You will have plenty of daylight left to enjoy the beautiful Hancock Park District Riverbend Recreation Area.

The cost of tickets for this enjoyable evening with your family is only \$10 per adult, \$5.00 per child (4-12 years old) and free for children 3 and under. Pre-sale tickets only. Call the Hancock SWCD at 419-422-6569 to reserve your tickets.

Don't let this opportunity for a casual, relaxed family night pass you by! Mark your calendar for August 2nd today!

"Simon Kenton"



Pictured: Kenneth Hammontree as "Simon Kenton"

Kenneth Hammontree will portray "Simon Kenton" at the 65th Annual Meeting on August 2, 2010.

Simon Kenton, 1775 – 1836, was a legendary frontiersman in Ohio and the Midwest. Kenton was born in Fauquier County, Virginia and fled to the Ohio country when he was 16 years old. He served as a scout during Lord Dunmore's War. By 1775 he moved to Boonesborough, Kentucky and at one point saved the life of Daniel Boone. He also accompanied Daniel Boone in an attack on the Shawnee Indians' settlement of Chillicothe near what is now Oldtown, Ohio.

Kenton moved to Ohio in 1798 and by 1805, Kenton had become a brigadier general in

the Ohio militia. Kenton moved to the Zanesfield, Ohio area around 1820. During the last years of his life, Kenton lived in poverty because of land ownership disputes and mismanagement of his money. He survived on a government pension and died in 1836 in Logan County near Zanesfield where he was buried. In 1865, his remains were moved to Urbana and the state of Ohio constructed a monument to mark his grave in 1884.

These are just a few of the many historical facts from Simon Kenton's colorful life. He will share many details of his army battles, marriages and travels during the Annual Meeting on August 2, 2011.

This is a presentation you won't want to miss! Reserve your tickets today at Hancock SWCD, 419-422-6569.



Above: Simon Kenton



Supervisor Election Procedures

In accordance with Chapter 1515 of the Ohio Revised Code, an election will be held for two supervisors to be elected to serve three-year terms of office on the Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Voting will take place at the 65th Annual Meeting, August 2, 2011, at The Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Recreation Area, Twp. Rd. 208, Findlay, Ohio. The voting will start at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 6:30 p.m. You do not need a ticket or need to attend the Annual Meeting to vote.

You may also vote by absentee ballot starting July 12, 2011 and continuing until 12:00 noon on August 2, 2011 at the Hancock Soil & Water Conservation District office, 7868 CR 140, Suite E, Findlay, Ohio 45840 or by mail. Absentee ballots may be obtained by contacting the district office at 419-422-6569.

Meet the Candidates



* **Ron Cornwell** – 16110 Co. Rd. 26, Arlington, OH farms 475 acres with his brother and father. They practice no-till farming on 100% of all crops and implement many conservation practices on the farm. Ron has been in the drainage business for over 40 years, a Farm Bureau trustee representing Jackson Township,

Fiscal Officer for Jackson Township and is an instructor in Laser Surveying at the Overholt Drainage School. Ron is a member of the Soil and Water Conservation Society and a member of St. Marks United Methodist Church in Findlay. Ron spent four years at Tiffin University earning a major in Accounting. Ron has served on the Hancock SWCD Board of Supervisors since 2006.



* **Thomas Hartman** – 14205 Co. Rd. 60, Rawson, Ohio, 45881. Tom farms over 300 acres in Eagle Township, practicing various conservation tillage techniques. Tom has been using no-till farming since 1984. Tom previously served on the Hancock SWCD Board of Supervisors from 1984-1996. Tom and his wife Pat have two sons.



* **Dave Reese** – 2596 Twp. Rd. 42, Mt. Cory, OH and wife Jan own and operate Kaleidoscope Farms, a 24 acre choose and cut Christmas tree farm in Union Township. Their four sons and three daughters-in-law are active participants in the farm operation.

Dave retired after 35 years of teaching vocational agri-business/entrepreneurship and coaching very successful soil judging and Envirothon teams. Dave believes strongly in the need for proper stewardship of our land. He has installed tile and waterways, planted windbreaks and six acres of CRP riparian buffers on his farm. Dave has served Hancock SWCD as at-large member of the Maumee Valley RC&D for several years and serves on the Findlay/Hancock County Chamber of Commerce agri-business and farmer's market committees. Dave is also a director and vice president of the Ohio Christmas Tree Growers, a member of the National Christmas Tree Growers, and he and his family are active members of Rawson New Hope United Methodist Church. Dave has served on the Hancock SWCD Board of Supervisors since 2006.

Reminders

The Hancock SWCD will be at the Hancock County Fair, August 31-September 5, in the Agriculture Tent.

You may visit our Webpage for information on our current programs and services we offer at: hancockswcd.com. We are also on Facebook!

If you are planning on installing a conservation project, please contact our office to make sure you are following all standards and specs needed for your project. Our technicians are ready to assist and answer all your questions. Call our office at 419-422-659. Our office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Winners!

The 2011 Poster Contest entries were amazing! There are some really good, young artists in Hancock County. The Education Committee judged over 40 entries!

The following individuals were 1st place winners in each category:

- * K-1 – Abigail Harjala,
Jefferson Primary
- * 2-3 – Emma Hellman,
Wilson Vance
- * 4-6 – Rebecca Seem,
Chamberlain Hill
- * 7-9 – Alisa Warren,
Van Buren
- * 10-12 – Alex Champasouh,
Findlay High

Honorable mentions were given to:

- * 4-6 – Duncan Longberry
Chamberlain Hill
- * 10-12 – Robert Boyles,
Findlay High

Each first place winner received a \$20 gift card. The first place posters will now compete at the State level in the Ohio OFSWCD Auxiliary Poster Contest. The winners at State level will continue to the National Association of Conservation Districts National Poster Contest.

Visit our webpage at www.hancockswcd.com to see all the winners posters!

Thank you to the educators who encouraged their students to participate. It does take extra time and effort; but, it will pay off in the future.

Congratulations and Good Luck to all the winners!



K-1st – Abigail Harjala



2-3rd – Emma Hellman



4-6th – Rebecca Seem



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10-12th – Alex Champasouh

GLRI Sign-up

The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) is a special program to improve water quality in the Great Lakes.

GLRI funding will be available to Ohio farmers through existing NRCS conservation programs, including Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP). Through these programs, landowners receive technical and financial assistance to implement conservation activities on their land that conserve soil, water, air, and wildlife resources. The deadline to sign-up for GLRI conservation programs is July 1, 2011.

Applications from farmers in the Blanchard, Lower Maumee, Upper Auglaize, Cedar-Portage, and Sandusky sub-watersheds will receive priority consideration for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative funding. Farmers in the St. Mary's, Ottawa, St. Joseph, Tiffin and Upper Maumee watersheds may also apply.

Maps of the areas eligible for GLRI funding are posted on the Ohio NRCS web site at www.oh.nrcs.usda.gov/. Information is also available at the local Hancock County NRCS office at 7868 CR 140, Suite E, Findlay, OH 45840. Contact District Conservationist, Matt Heitkamp, at 419-422-5438 ext. 124, or by email at matt.heitkamp@oh.usda.gov.



Bluegill are deep slab-sided fish with a small mouth and a long pectoral fin. Colors vary, but the ear flap is always black and bluegills often have a black blotch near the back of the soft dorsal fin. Bluegill are nest spawners and typically build nests in large groups, or beds, sometime between May and August. Peak spawning, in Ohio, usually occurs in June. Males select an area in one to four feet of water and sweep out a saucer shaped nest with their tails. The females then lay between 10,000 to 60,000 eggs in the nest which is guarded by the male. The eggs usually hatch in about five days.



The largemouth bass is a popular sport fish. It is native to Ohio and can be found in every county in the state. Largemouth bass are moderately compressed with a deep body. The back of the mouth, when closed, extends past the eye. This characteristic distinguishes it from the smallmouth bass where the back of the mouth does not extend past the eye. The largemouth also has a black band that extends down the side of the body. They prefer ponds, lakes and slow, sluggish streams. Largemouth bass usually spawn between mid-April and mid-June. Nests are constructed by the male in one to six feet of water. The female lays between 2,000 and 20,000 eggs in several different nests; one nest can contain eggs from several females. The male guards the eggs until they have hatched.



The yellow perch is native to Ohio and is found in lakes, impoundments, ponds, and slow moving rivers. Sides are golden yellow to brassy green with six to eight dark vertical saddles with a white to yellow belly. Yellow perch have many small teeth, but no large canines. It prefers clear water with moderate vegetation and lots of sand or gravel bottoms.

Yellow perch spawn from mid-April to early May by depositing their eggs over vegetation or the water bottom, with no care given. The eggs are laid in large gelatinous adhesive masses.



The channel catfish is a popular sport and food fish. It is active during the night, moving around and finding food after dusk. During the day it will most likely be found in deep water with little activity. The channel catfish has a slender body with a deeply forked tail. The upper jaw is longer than the lower jaw and there are barbels around the mouth. The dorsal and pectoral spines are sharp and deeply serrated, and the anal fin is curved and has between 24 and 30 rays. The body is bluish silver on the sides and generally has dark spots. Some anglers mistakenly call channel catfish with few or no spots blue catfish, but the blue catfish is found only in the Ohio River. Channel catfish are native to Ohio and can be found in most large streams, lakes, and many farm ponds. Channel catfish prefer areas with deep water, clean gravel boulder substrates and low to moderate current. However, they are tolerant of a wide range of conditions. Channel catfish begin spawning when water temperatures reach 70 °F. They use natural cavities, undercut banks and muskrat burrows as nests. The female lays a gelatinous mass containing between 8,000 to 15,000 eggs. The parents remain over the nest to fan the eggs and guard the young after hatching.



The fathead minnow is commonly sold as bait for fishing. Fathead minnows have short bodies with a triangular shaped head. The upper jaw overhangs the snout and the lateral line is incomplete. Coloration ranges from olive to olive-yellow on the back tinged with copper or purple in larger fish. Historically the fathead minnow widely populated only in the western part of Ohio. They prefer muddy brooks and creeks, as well as ponds and small lakes. However, fatheads can tolerate a wide range of water conditions. Fathead minnows spawn in the spring and may continue into August. Males select the spawning site, usually under logs, branches or rocks in shallow water. Females lay adhesive eggs which the males guard.



The grass carp is not native to Ohio, but was introduced from China as a biological way to control aquatic vegetation. The grass carp is a long slender member of the minnow family. It resembles the common carp because of its large size and scales. Grass carp differ from the common carp with the lack of a sucker-like mouth, and the absence of barbels on the mouth. Furthermore, grass carp are usually silvery-white, rather than the brownish-yellow of the common carp. They prefer rivers, but have adapted well to reservoirs. Grass carp spawn in flowing water and do not reproduce in lakes and ponds. The grass carp grows very rapidly, and young fish stocked in the spring at 8 inches will reach over 18 inches by fall, and adults often attain nearly 4 feet in length and over 70-90 pounds in weight. They grow 10 pounds a year at least. They eat up to 3 times their own body weight daily.

**Information by Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Wildlife. Visit www.ohiodnr.com for more information.

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**SEPTEMBER 13, 2011
2011 FISH SALE**



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Fingerlings supplied by Fender's Fish Hatchery (Baltic, OH)

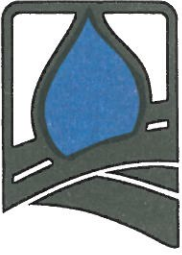
Pick-Up Date - September 13, 2011 at 12:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Service Center Parking Lot

Order Deadline - September 9, 2011

Send check and order to : Hancock SWCD
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<u>SPECIES</u>	<u>SIZE RANGE</u>	<u>EACH</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
BLUE GILL	2" TO 4"	\$.70		
CHANNEL CAT	4" TO 6"	\$.75		
LARGE MOUTH BASS	2" TO 4"	\$.80		
YELLOW PERCH	2" TO 4"	\$.70		
WHITE AMUR	10" TO 12"	\$12.00		
FATHEAD MINNOW	½" TO 1"	\$.07		
TOTAL COST				



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