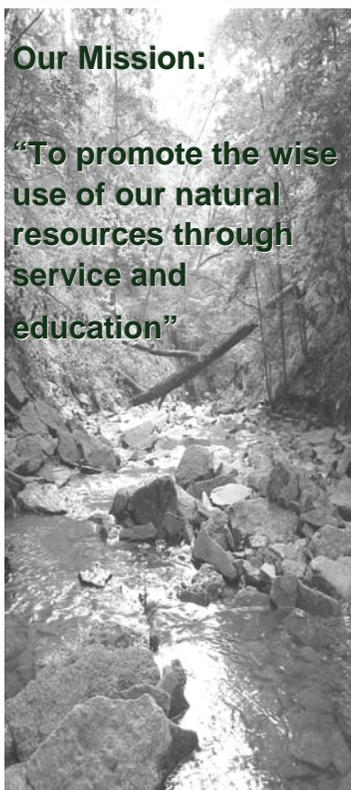


Autumn 2009



Our Mission:

“To promote the wise use of our natural resources through service and education”

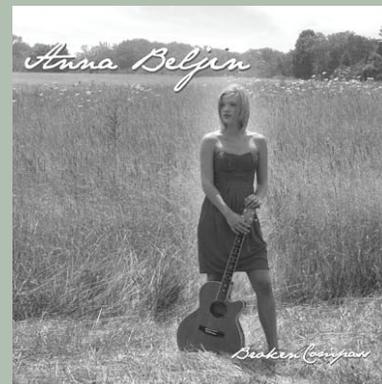
**We're Having a BBQ -
And You' all Are Invited!**

Oct. 29th—Fairgrounds Multipurpose Bldg.

This year's annual dinner celebration will feature a classic southern combination; a side-splitting BBQ dinner and the mellow folk and blues of "Anna and Milovan."

With influences such as Jewel, Bonnie Raitt, Norah Jones and Eva Cassidy, **Anna Belgin and her father Milovan** have created an interesting acoustic pop/folk/blues sound.

The popular duo has performed at venues like The Blind Lemon, Arnold's, the Rooftop Jazz Club, and many others in the tri-state. Anna recently released a new CD – "Broken Compass." To learn more about this talented duo visit their website <http://www.annaandmilovan.com>



Now—back to that side splitting dinner - pulled pork BBQ sandwiches, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans...and brownies ala mode for dessert!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Election polls will remain open until 6:45— two (2) board supervisors will be elected (see election procedures and absentee ballot request in this newsletter).

The evening will also feature door prizes and a silent auction with many fun items to bid on including: framed artwork,



guided fishing trips, get-away weekend, ultimate hiker's basket, rain barrel, compost bins and more. All proceeds will benefit the Conservation District programs. If you or your business would like to sponsor a basket or auction item, please call Paul or Susie at 732-7075. The District is facing challenging times and your support is greatly appreciated.

See enclosed reservation form for banquet tickets (\$10 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under).

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- David Anspach
- Joe Glassmeyer
- Meri Johnson
- Steve Phillips
- Vacant

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE

Lori Hillman - District Conservationist

DISTRICT STAFF

- Paul Berringer
- Judy Krebs
- Susie Steffensen
- Rebecca McClatchey
- Jacob Hahn

Candidates for SWCD Board of Supervisors



Joe Glassmeyer

Prior to moving to the farm where he and wife Rosalie have lived since 1974, Joe, a graduate of Xavier University, managed apartment buildings. Today the family farm encompasses 510 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, tobacco, hay, and pasture for polled Hereford cattle and Shetland ponies. Reduced tillage and minimum tillage predominate on the cropland acres. Joe is also a full-time bus driver for the Felicity-Franklin School District.

The Glassmeyers have three grown children. Joe III is a financial investment advisor and helps with field work on the farm. Susan has a PhD in environmental chemistry, and Sarah is a lawyer.

Joe became a board member with the Clermont SWCD in 1986 and has held all positions on the district board. An Area 4 Director of Ohio Federation of Soil & Water Conservation Districts since 2000, he is currently serving as Treasurer of the state organization. He is on track to serve as president of the organization in coming years. He is also chairman of the federation's urban committee.

Joe has served as Clermont SWCD's delegate to the annual OFSWCD legislative session on fourteen (14) separate occasions. He has served as the district's representative to the Ohio Kentucky and Indiana Regional Council of Governments - Regional Conservation Council (OKI-RCC) for many years, and served as chairman of the organization for two terms.

Joe regularly attends both area and state OFSWCD Supervisor Meetings as well as NACD North Central Regional Annual Meetings. He has completed the Ohio Conservation Leadership Training Program and has served as an OFSWCD delegate to the Washington, D.C. legislative conference on six (6) separate occasions.

Board of Supervisors Election Procedures

County residents and property owners attending our annual meeting this year will find the voting procedures for SWCD board members to be very similar to voting in the general election. Upon arrival at the annual meeting, attendees will immediately be directed to the election registration table where election officials will find your name in the voter registry. Voters will sign next to their name to verify their eligibility, be given a ballot and proceed to a nearby voting booth where they will mark their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box.

We will be electing 2 board members to a 3 year term commencing January 1, 2010. County residents and landowners have an additional option for voting for SWCD board members if they cannot attend the Annual Meeting. They may call, mail enclosed request, or stop by the District office to request an absentee ballot or cast their vote at the District Office October 8th through October 29th (4 pm). Absentee ballot requests must be received by the District Office by 4pm on October 16, 2009. There are **new requirements** this year for non-resident and corporation election procedures. A notarized affidavit must be on file, prior to absentee ballot request, at our office before the October 16 deadline. For more information on election and affidavit information call SWCD at 513-732-7075.

Krista Atkins Nutter, is a LEED Accredited Professional (ID+C) and NCIDQ-Certified Interior Designer in Milford, Ohio. She holds an Associate of Arts Degree in fine art, a Bachelor of Arts in interior design, and a Master of Science in architecture from the University of Cincinnati's College of Design, Art, Architecture, and Planning. She has worked as a commercial designer since 1996 and has specialized in both health care and corporate design. She began teaching full-time at the collegiate level in 2001.

Ms. Nutter has spent over 15 years researching, teaching, and practicing sustainable building – most notably completing a sustainable, passive solar, solar electric home for her own family in 2007. The "Nutter Green Home" as it has been named, is the winner of a 2007 Cincinnati Sustainability Award from the Cincinnati AIA COTE, and a runner-up in the national 2008 Excellence in Design Awards for Environmental Design and Construction Magazine. The home has appeared in numerous regional print media, and nationally in Environmental Design and Construction Magazine. The home is also an Energy Star 5+ Certified Home, and is occasionally



opened for tours to the public and local students. The Nutter Green Home features conservation features such as rain gardens and a planned native prairie, and has been certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

In addition to her full-time teaching duties, Ms. Nutter owns Krista Atkins Nutter, ASID, LLC, a sustainable building consulting and education firm in Cincinnati. She gives educational presentations on sustainable building and green living to groups ranging from kindergarten students to seasoned professionals and university faculty members. She has spoken to groups such as Green Energy Ohio, the US EPA, and at the annual NeoCon World's Trade Fair in Chicago.

David Smith is the customer service manager with Melink Corporation, a provider of energy-efficiency and renewable-energy products and services for national restaurant, retail, supermarket, and hotel chains since 1987.



David is originally from the small town of Leavittsburg, which lies in northeastern Ohio's Trumbull County. He is a proud veteran of the US Air Force where he served as a KC-10 (aerial tanker) crew chief. David comes to Clermont

County from Atlanta, GA where he worked as an aircraft mechanic for Delta Air Lines.

At Melink Corporation, David has served in numerous positions leading to his current role overseeing the management of national accounts, inside sales & technical support. David is a father of two, a graduate of the Clermont LEAD 20/20 program (class of 2009), and currently enrolled at University of Cincinnati's Clermont campus.

David is currently an associate supervisor with the Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District. He developed his stewardship values while growing up on a farm and feels a strong connection between soil and water conservation districts and their mission.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) signup

Overview

The Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations. CSP is a new voluntary conservation program that provides financial and technical assistance to conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. CSP provides opportunities to both recognize excellent stewards and deliver valuable new conservation. Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, improved pastureland, and nonindustrial private forest land.



Grass buffer strip protecting highly erodible ground

Benefits to Participants

CSP provides participants with two possible types of payments. An annual payment is available for installing new conservation activities and maintaining existing activities. A supplemental payment may be earned by participants receiving an annual payment who also adopt a resource-conserving crop rotation. Through 5-year contracts, payments will be made as soon as practical after October of each year for contract activities installed and maintained in the previous year. For all contracts, CSP payments to a person or

legal entity may not exceed \$40,000 in any year, and \$200,000 during any 5-year period. Each CSP contract will be limited to \$200,000 over the term of the initial contract period.

How to Apply

Producers interested in CSP are encouraged to begin the application process by completing a producer self-screening checklist. The self-screening checklist helps potential applicants decide for themselves whether CSP is the right program for them. The level of environmental benefit to be achieved will be estimated to determine eligibility, rank applications, and establish payments.

Signup is continuous for CSP, however, applications will be taken through September 30, 2009 for the first ranking pool.

For more information on CSP and other conservation programs available through Natural Resources Conservation Service please contact Lori Hillman at 513-732-7075.

Other Happenings

Farm Science Review (London)-Sept. 22-24

Paul Bunyan Show (Cambridge)-Oct. 2-4

Open burning is prohibited in March, April, May, October and November between the hours of 6am and 6pm for wildfire prevention according to the Ohio Fire Law.

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<i>Calendar of Events</i>	
SWCD Office Closed (Holiday)	Oct 12
SWCD Board Meeting	Oct. 14 - 6pm
SWCD Annual Meeting	Oct. 29
SWCD Office Closed (Holiday)	Nov. 11
SWCD Board Meeting	Nov. TBA

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Clermont Soil and Water Conservation District

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Request for Absentee Ballot

Clermont Soil & Water Conservation District

Please send an absentee ballot for the Clermont SWCD Supervisor Election that will be held in the Multipurpose Building on the Fairgrounds, Thursday, October 29, 2009.

*Please note non-residents and corporations must have a notarized affidavit on file before requesting absentee ballot.

Name(s) _____
(print)

Address/City/State/Zip _____
(print)

Signature _____

Signature (if requesting 2 ballots) _____

Request for Annual Meeting Tickets

October 29, 2009 Multipurpose Building at the Fairgrounds, Owensville

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

No. Attending _____ Telephone No. _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for 12 and under. Please mail check and order form to

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