

# TOP OF OHIO DRIVE-IT-YOURSELF AG TOUR

September 19, 2009

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mark your calendars for September 19, 2009 for the Top of Ohio Drive-It-Yourself Ag Tour. This is a FREE event that is open to the public from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, in the northeast quadrant of beautiful Logan County.

Start your morning off at the Logan County Farm Bureau's Farmer's Share Breakfast which will take place at the Rushsylvania Church of Christ between 7:30 -10:30 am. Cost of the breakfast is \$.50 which represents the amount the farmer would receive for production of the food.

From there, feel free to visit as many or all of the stops on the tour. In no particular order, the stops are as follows:

◆**Logan County Farmers Market** - The market is now located in the Bellefontaine City Parking Lot at the corner of Detroit and Chillicothe across from the Post Office. Vendors will be there from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Please note this stop is the only to close at 12:30 p.m. Browse their booths and select from produce in season, as well as jams, jellies, fruit and homemade baked goods.

◆**Ohio Hi Point Career Center** -The campus is located on St. Rt. 540, the highest point of Ohio. During the 2008-2009 school year, the school district embarked on an initiative to "green" the school district. Visitors will see a wind turbine, solar domestic heating systems and geothermal conversion systems. Also featured at this stop will be the Logan County Electric Cooperative with displays and information on energy efficiency and global climate change.

◆**Stoneyfield Farm** - This is the home of Dwight & Bonnie Hanson, located on St. Rt. 47. This farm consists of 72 acres with 24 acres in prairie grass and wildflowers, 6 planted in native Ohio hardwoods, 9 acres cash rented and 3 acres in an apple orchard. At this stop you can take a tour of the orchard and sample apple products.

◆**Meadowbrook Farm** -Don & Doris Selhorst raise Shorthorn cattle on their farm located on Road 113 outside Rushsylvania. The farm is conservation minded, with a large portion of the farm being designated highly erodible. Through the Logan Soil & Water Conservation District, they are involved with the EQIP program, constructing waterways to keep silt from ending up in Indian Lake. Visitors will also learn about bees at this stop, and see displays by the Logan County Cattle Association and the Logan County Sheep Association, who will have sheep on display.

◆**Ledley Dairy** -Loren & Nancy Ledley and family operate a 175 Holstein herd on Road 121 outside Ridgeway. The farm has been in continuous production of milk since the late 1940's. While visiting Ledley Dairy, you will see the dairy herd, heifer raising, videos of the milking operation as well as spring and summer field work and a machinery display.

Plan to spend the day on the tour. For more information or a tour brochure, please contact Pat Myers, Tour Coordinator, at 937-935-1975.

# LOGAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## 2010 SUPERVISOR CANDIDATES

### ERIC JOHNSON



Eric lives at 7644 St. Rt. 287, Zanesfield with his wife Kathy. They have four sons and four daughter in-laws; Chris and Allison, Greg and Crystal, Patrick and Lanette, and Nick and Brandy. They also have eight wonderful grandchildren.

Eric grew up on a farm and continued to farm until 1978. The farm he grew up on has been in the family since 1805. He is in a partnership with this 250 acre farm located in Champaign County. The operation is mostly no-till; including corn and soybeans. The farm has 800 Sugar Maple trees with 2,000 taps for harvesting sap. For 31 years he has been employed with a Co-op. He is currently with Champaign Landmark as their Feed Department Manager.

Eric graduated from the Ohio State University with a B.S. in Agriculture Economics. He also served in the United States Army for three years. He had an interesting 6 months in Brazil with the 4-H IFYE (International Farm Youth Exchange).

He is a member of North Lewisburg United Methodist Church and the Farm Bureau. He has served a three year term and is currently the Vice Chairman for Logan SWCD Board of Supervisors.

### TIM LYDEN



Tim lives at 3816 St. Rt. 47 E., Bellefontaine, Ohio with his wife Mary. They are the parents of daughter Jennifer and sons T.J. and Dan and are blessed with a son-in-law, 2 daughters -in-law and four grandsons.

Tim farms with his two sons and wife Mary. He no-till farms: 120 acres of corn, 40 acres of hay, 50 acres of wheat, 120 acres of soybeans and also manages 40 acres of CRP and a 10 acre woodlot. Tim uses intensive grazing with his flock of 50 Polypay and crossbred ewes as well as 7 new Polled Hereford cows. Tim has also installed 2000 feet of waterways, tree plantings, windbreaks and a heavy use pad on his farm. He has been a member of the Logan County Sheep and Lamb Association and the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association for 36 years.

Tim graduated from the Ohio State University with a B.S. in Animal Science. He has taught a total of 32 years. Tim currently teaches Ag Science and Ag Business at Jackson Center High School and has an enrollment of 56 students for the coming year. At his prior position at Riverside High School he managed the school farm and was also responsible for the planting of 1100 potted trees along the Miami River. He also assisted with the development of a five acre wetland and three acres of warm season prairie grasses on the school property. Tim received the Logan County Conservation Teacher of the Year Award in 1998. He has been a member of the Vocational Teachers Association for 28 years, and a member of the Logan County Farm Bureau for 38 years. He was also past chairman for the Ohio State University Extension Advisory Committee and a member of the Logan County Land Trust. He is a member of St. Patrick's Church where he was on the Parish Council for 8 years and taught Sunday School for 7 years. Tim has been a board member for Logan SWCD for 9 years and currently serves as the secretary.

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### PAT MYERS

Pat lives at 4450 St. Rt. 274 E., Rushsylvania, Ohio with her husband Steve and their 14 year old son, Tyler.

Pat is employed at the Logan County Recorder's office.

The Myers' family raise Polled Dorsets and Crossbred Club lamb ewes. They have approximately 100 ewes between the two breeds of sheep and no-till farm; approximately 25 acres of corn and soybeans.

Pat is very active in the livestock industry, giving leadership to the Great Lakes Regional Jr. Dorset Show. She serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Ohio Dorset Association Scholarship Committee. Pat and her family work in the sheep barn at the Ohio State Fair and Pat is very active with the Logan County Fair serving as the Jr. Fair Awards Coordinator, Livestock Sale Coordinator during which she also helps Tyler with his various fair projects and is seen cheering him on. She also serves as the organizational 4-H leader of the Premier Livestock 4-H Club.

Pat works for Banner Sale Management of Illinois clerking and managing sheep sales with them and is involved with the Logan County Sheep Improvement Association helping with various activities such as banquet coordination and fair events.

Pat has served as Coordinator for the Logan County Drive-It-Yourself Ag Tour for the past 10 years.



### DON SELHORST

Don lives at 272 Rd. 113 E., Rushsylvania, Ohio with his wife Doris. They are the parents of Troy Selhorst, Tonya Cole, Yvonne Herring, and Bill, Ben and Bob Curlis. They are also the proud grandparents of twelve grandchildren.

Don established Meadowbrook Farms in 1967 which has meadows located on both banks of the south branch of the Miami River. He manages a herd of 20 purebred Shorthorn cows and calves and 10 heifers. Intensive grazing is appropriate for the highly erodible land and high tensile fencing has been installed as well as groundwater lines to all of the pastures to provide a fresh water supply. Don has recently installed grassed waterways to keep the silt out of the streams. He has recently built a covered straw pack manure storage area to keep manure in a contained area until it can be applied to the land. He has 50 acres of cropland and 30 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program.

Don retired from Rockwell International after 31 years. He also served as the president and treasurer of the Kenton Rockwell Credit Union for 21 years. He is a member of the Rushsylvania Lions Club, Logan County Cattle Association, and the Ohio Cattlemen's Association. He serves on the Zoning Appeals Board for Rushcreek Township and is a member of the Rushsylvania Church of Christ. Don also has a hobby of making maple syrup with his son and grandson.

## Logan and Union SWCD Co-Host Area IV Envirothon

Schools competed in ecological awareness at the Honda of America Manufacturing plant at East Liberty on May 5, 2009, as 70 teams from 12 counties met for the annual Southwest Ohio Area IV Envirothon. Six local teams hailing from Riverside High School, Indian Lake High School and Bellefontaine High School competed with a Bellefontaine team placing in the top 10. Franklin High School Team #1 from Warren County takes first place and takes home the traveling trophy that also honors all the past winners. Taking second place is Beavercreek High School Team #1 from Greene County, third place is Anna High School Team #1 from Shelby County and fourth place is Beavercreek High School Team #2 from Greene County. Check out their scores and the test questions at [www.areaivenvirothon.org](http://www.areaivenvirothon.org).

Promising young students were tested on their environmental knowledge in five areas, answering questions on wildlife management, forestry, soils, aquatic ecology and a current environmental issue. Because each of these topics do not exist apart from the others in real life, the five tests are given in an EcoStation format, where any of the topics might be found on any of the tests. This year's tests were focused on the theme, "biodiversity in a changing world." Biodiversity is the variety of life and its processes. It includes the variety of living organisms, the genetic differences among them, and the communities and ecosystems in which they occur.

Recently the top four teams advanced to the Ohio Envirothon at Kenyon College in Knox County, and competed with top teams from four other areas in the state. Granville High School, the winning team from the Ohio Envirothon advances to the Canon Envirothon, which in 2009 will be held the at University of North Carolina. More than 1,700 students participate in the five Ohio Area Envirothons, and 50 teams from across the U.S. and Canada will compete in the 2009 Canon Envirothon. Each team consists of five students. An adult advisor must accompany the team, but is not permitted to assist the team during competition.

The major sponsors for Envirothon were Honda of America Manufacturing and Cargil. Other sponsors for the event include the Southwest Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts.



Riverside Team: Amber Watkins, Dani Lump, Jacob Hurley, Eric Beatty and Megan McGowan come to a team consensus on their answers at the Forestry Test Station

**PASTURE WALK**

September 15, 2009

Coming to a pasture near you!

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Additional info forthcoming

