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# HURON SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## THE DISTRICT SURVEYOR

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February 2010

### 2010 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*Don Sweeting* Chairman  
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### R U S S C O O K 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

In January, Russ Cook was presented with an award by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District's President Lawrence Burdell (pictured right) for his 30 years of service.



Russ Cook, aka Smiley, Cookie, has done it all. He began his service with the District in 1979. His three decades of service began after graduation from New London High School. He began his employment as a full time District Aid. Duties included spraying ditches on maintenance and completing topographical surveys of tile drainage.

With Russ's quiet, calm leadership, he has developed several time saving ideas during his 30 year tenure including the JDI waterways, mini rock chutes, and steep bank overfall structures.

Currently, Russ is Lead Technician utilizing Auto Cad for pond, manure storage facility, and agrichemical facility designs. Russ is helping produce 1' contour Lidar maps for the public. He oversees the annual fish and tree programs.

In 2002, Russ was recognized by N.R.C.S. for helping to develop the standard for the construction of secondary containment of liquid fertilizer in Ohio.

In 1997, Russ Cook was presented with a Ohio Division of Forestry Forest Stewardship Award for the Forest Stand Improvement on his farm. Russ has also installed wetlands, waterways, filterstrips, and structures for wildlife, water quality, and erosion control on his farm.

Russ lives with his wife Barb in Bellevue. He has one daughter Savannah, stepson, Dustin, and stepdaughter, Anna.

In his spare time, Russ enjoys Civil War reenacting, genealogy, travel, concerts, and movies. He is a member of the New London Eagles and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, General McPherson Camp #66.

### SWCD STAFF

*Cary Brickner* Manager  
*Russ Cook* Technician  
*Paul Demuth, Jr.* Technician  
*Russ Hetrick* Part Time Technician  
*Lori Miller* Technician  
*Don Ruffing* Ditch Maintenance Supervisor  
*Alisa Schaffer* Administrative Assistant  
*Vacant* Group Project Coordinator

### NRCS STAFF

*Matt Heitkamp* District Conservationist  
*Erika Harold* Soil Conservationist  
*Kevin Kaltenbach* Soil Conservation Technician

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**JOHN GANZ**  
NEWLEY ELECTED SUPERVISOR 2009 BANQUET AWARDS

Newly elected supervisor John Ganz was sworn into office on the floor of the Ohio House of Representatives Chamber by Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer during the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District's 67th Annual Meeting in Columbus. John will serve as Vice Chairman and join Chairman Don Sweeting, Treasurer Dan Stevens, Secretary Gerald Martin, and Special Projects Supervisor Bob Johannsen in administering the Huron S.W.C.D. programs and policies.



1st place Conservation Booth trophy. The Grand Champion Hay Bale plaque went to Derek Sweeting.

Ruby Ciappa of Western Reserve Elementary received a plaque for her winning Arbor Day poster.

A \$1,000.00 Carol Proctor scholarship check was presented to Jarred Molesky, son of Joni and Timothy Molesky. Jarred is a fourth year student at the Ohio State University pursuing a Bachelors degree in Natural Resources majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Management with a minor in Environmental Science.

The second Friends of Conservation award was presented to the Huron County Master Gardeners who have donated hundreds of hours helping pack trees, hand out trees, helping with the 2nd grade Arbor Day in classroom program, cleaning, pruning, and planting around the District building, and organizing participants and a craft at their expense for the annual fall fun fest.

Carol Mahl was the recipient of the 2009 Lake Erie Buffer award for enrolling 15.1 acres of the most environmentally sensitive bottomland to a tree riparian buffer.

The Huron S.W.C.D. board and staff selected Bryan and Kim Deppen as the 2009 Cooperators of the Year. They have a 4,400 acre grain operation in Huron and Ashland counties. They no till their beans and wheat, and no till, ridge till, and minimum till their corn. Also, they operate a snow plow and trucking business. They make 125, 000 bales of straw and hay. They practice precision farming with grid soil sampling and applying their own fertilizer at variable rates. In 2009, they assisted the District by hosting the local land judging contest and public officials planning tour at one of their farms.

J.H. Routh Packing Company donated Daisyfield hams, Smith's Country Counter donated rolled roasts, and Connie Oney don of a Lifestyle for door prizes.

The 64th Huron S.W.C.D. Annual Meeting and Banquet was held December 3, 2009. Special thank you awards were presented to Jack Jump former Huron County Environmental Director and Bill Ommert former Huron County Emergency Management Director for their cooperation and support of the Huron Soil and Water Conservation District.

South Central FFA was presented with a 1st place Local Urban Soils Judging plaque, while Monroeville FFA was presented with a 1st place Rural Soils Judging plaque, and a

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2010 RENTAL RATES

The 2010 Equipment Rates will remain the same as 2009. Contact the office at 419-668-4113 #3 for rental forms or log onto www.huronswcd.com.

The Huron S.W.C.D. will receive two new 15' John Deere 1590 no till drills in the spring. One will be equipped with a seeder. The rental rate for these drills and the six row Remlinger Strip Till Tool is \$10.00 per metered acre/\$50.00 minimum. The rental rate for the 10' Great Plains Pheasants Forever is \$10.00 per metered acre/\$50.00 minimum on annual crops, but \$6.00 per metered acre/\$50.00 minimum on perennial crops.

The rock picker rental requires a \$400.00 deposit, while the one day charge for use out of Huron County is \$250.00 and \$200.00 in Huron County. There is no daily charge for use on Ditch Maintenance ditch berms. However, the deposit must be paid.

The strawblower rental rate is \$80.00 up to a metered six hour day with a \$100.00 deposit up front. A \$20.00 refund will be remitted, if the strawblower is returned with no damage, full of gas and the shaft is twine free.

The tree planter deposit is \$50.00, and the rental rate per day up to eight hours is \$50.00.

The box scraper deposit is \$80.00, and the rental rate per day up to eight hours is \$80.00. There is no daily charge on berms of groups on the Ditch Maintenance Program. However, a deposit must be paid.

All rental agreements require the renter to have a valid drivers license and liability insurance.

For questions and availability about the District's rental fleet, contact Paul Demuth, Jr. at 419-668-4113 ext. #114.



BOX SCRAPER

**CHASE HEYMAN**  
INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME



OFSWCD President Lawrence Burdell (left) presented former District Supervisor Chase Heyman (right) with Hall of Fame Award.

The Huron S.W.C.D. is proud to announce that former Huron S.W.C.D. supervisor veteran of 45 years, Chase Heyman was inducted into the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District (O.F.S.W.C.D.) Hall of Fame. He was recognized at the 67th O.F.S.W.C.D. Annual Meeting luncheon in Columbus on January 17th.

The O.F.S.W.C.D. state recognition program was developed to honor S.W.C.D. board members who have made significant contributions and demonstrated outstanding leadership in assisting their district and community protect, conserve, and improve their natural resources by volunteering their time and talents so future generations can enjoy the great natural resource treasures that sustains our very existence.

Chase was one of the first in his area to No Till in 1975. He has been a very active leader in agriculture: 26 year member of the former A.S.C.S. and now Farm Service Agency County Committee member, former Director and Board member of the local Cooperative for 30 years, Erie Basin R.C.&D. Council member since 1996, helped form the Honey Creek No Till Demonstration Project in late 1979, which led into the U.S. E.P.A. special Lake Erie Accelerated Conservation Tillage Project in the 1980's, and served on the U.S.D.A. Upper Vermilion River Hydrologic Unit Joint Board in the 1980's.