

# The CONSERVATIONIST

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## Holidays 2002

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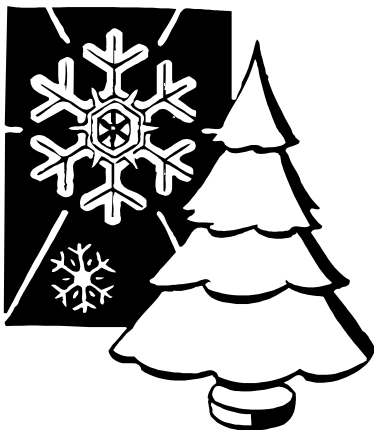
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## 2002 Annual Meeting Wrap-up

Over 150 people attended the 58th Annual Meeting and Banquet of the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District on Tuesday, November 26, 2002 at the Delaware JVS North. All attending were treated to a wonderful dinner. **Steve Sheets** was re-elected to serve on the SWCD Board of Supervisors. Steve has been a supervisor since 1994. He will begin his fourth term January 1, 2003. Congratulations Steve!

**Jim Eckard**, Porter Twp., was recognized as **Cooperator of the Year**. Jim farms over 650 acres in Porter Township, and has been a SWCD Cooperator since 1975. He has installed several grassed waterway projects in the past as well as many thousand feet of subsurface drainage. For a number of years, Jim has planted all of his crops by no-till. Jim has been a strong supporter of the Upper Big Walnut Creek Water Quality Partnership by participating in various special activities. Jim is also participating in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program by managing his herbicide program on corn acres. **Ohigro, Inc. and Planned Communities** were presented with the **2002 Conservation Booster Awards** in recognition of their continued efforts to support Soil and Water Conservation District programs. **Buckeye Valley West Elementary School** and the **Village of Ostrander** were jointly presented the **Community Conservation Achievement Award** for a storm drain labeling program. Other awards were presented to **Big Walnut FFA**, County Soils Judging contest, Forstry Contest, and Envirothon contest winners; Wyandot Run school teacher **Beth Ash**, 2002 Elementary Conservation Teacher of the Year; **Grant Gambaini**, 2002 SWCD/Dick O'Keefe Scholarship Winner; and **Tom Edwards**, Conservation Volunteer of the Year.



*The Board of Supervisors and Staff of the Delaware Soil and Water Conservation District would like to wish You and your family a joyous and safe holiday season as well as a prosperous New Year. It has been our pleasure to serve the citizens of Delaware County this past year. Thanks to your efforts and the support of our County Commissioners, Don Wuertz, Deb Martin, and Jim Ward, and County Engineer, Chris Bauserman, we have been able to make the Delaware SWCD program one of the best in the state. With your support, we will make 2003 even better. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*

**WELCOME NEW STAFF!**



Beth Carper

Two new members were recently welcomed to the staff of the Delaware SWCD. Beth Carper and Liz Mather started work for the District in November. Beth is serving as Administrative Assistant for the office. She is a former employee of ABN, and owns her own business, Dessert first. Liz is the new SWCD Geographic Information Systems Technician. She is in the process of completing her Masters Degree at the University of Toledo. We are very excited to have both Beth and Liz join our staff!



Liz Mather

**TREE SALE UPCOMING**

The Delaware SWCD Annual Tree Seedling and Wildlife Products Sale will begin late February, 2003. Tree information and order forms will be available in the next issue of *The Conservationist*. As always, anyone who plans to order trees is encouraged to get their orders to the SWCD office as quickly as possible. Many of the species sold out last year, and orders are filled on a first-come-first-served basis.



**HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES**

The Delaware SWCD/NRCS office will be closed Wednesday, December 25, 2002 and Wednesday, January 1, 2003 in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The office will close at noon on December 24, 2002 and December 31, 2002. Additionally, the office will be closed on Monday, January 20, 2003 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



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