

# MEET THE CANDIDATES *for Pickaway SWCD Supervisor*

Two supervisors will be elected to serve three-year terms that will begin January 1, 2006. The Pickaway SWCD nomination committee selected Bill Black and Don Minor, Sr. as this year's candidates for supervisor. Voting will take place at Roundtown Rental Hall on September 8, 2005 between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM.

## **Bill Black**



Bill will be completing his sixth year on the Pickaway Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors this December and is seeking reelection to the Board.

"I've always wanted to be a farmer. But now I'm very concerned about the viability of farming with the current crop of houses sprouting up in northern Pickaway County!"

Bill is a member of the Joint Board of Supervisors for the Darby Creek Watershed Program, which encompasses 355,200 acres and crosses six counties. Pickaway County includes 34,780 acres of the watershed. This board acts like a county soil and water conservation district except it includes supervisors from the participating SWCDs. Bill also serves as the Treasurer for the Area 5 SWCD Board of Directors and is instrumental in making decisions on policy and procedures to better guide seventeen SWCDs in their effort to serve their customers.

Bill and his dad, Bob Black, farm approximately 1,600 acres. All the soybean and wheat acres and one-half of the corn acres are no-tilled.

Bill and his wife, Lynn and children, Sidney and Ross, reside in Harrison Township.



## **Don Minor, Sr.**



Don is seeking reelection to the Board of Supervisors; at the end of this year, Don will have served 21 years as a District supervisor. "When you're elected you're working for the people and the community and not for yourself. You aren't serving a select few, and sometimes you have to make a decision that is not popular, but is in the best interest of the community."

Don has seen many changes in district personnel and great accomplishments over the 21 years of protecting the soil and streams in Pickaway County. Don has been instrumental in implementing an effective rental program for the district providing no-till drills, grass seeder and straw crimper, and other equipment to landowners at low rental rates.

Currently, Don is farming about 2,500 acres with 99% being no-tilled. Don stated that he is concerned about making sure that conservation practices are cost effective while controlling the erosion.

Don and his wife, Rose, reside in Saltcreek Township.