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#### BGMU'S GARDNER RECEIVES BEDELL AWARD

BGMU's Water/Wastewater Systems Manager, Mike Gardner, was presented the Bedell Award at the 2011 KY TN Water Professionals Conference in Covington, Kentucky July 24-27, 2011. This award was given to Gardner in recognition of his dedication to the Kentucky/Tennessee Water Environment Association. Mike has served as committee member, committee chair, Vice President and President of this association and was instrumental in overseeing the annual conference. The Bedell award is given to a member of the Water Environment Federation (WEF) who exhibits organizational leadership, administrative service, membership activity and stimulation of technical functions. It is given on an annual basis if given at all.

The award is named for Arthur Sidney Bedell, WEF's second president, for his long devotion and service to the New York Sewage and Industrial Wastes Association, now the New York Water Environment Association. He was Chief of the Bureau of Sewage and Waste Disposal of the New York State Department of Health.

Gardner has been with BGMU since July 2001 as Water/Wastewater Systems Manager where he oversees all activities of the water and wastewater systems. These systems include water treatment, storage, and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, engineering, equipment maintenance, and metering. He leads the water/wastewater division to excellence in operation, in compliance with local, state, and federal regulatory requirements. He has been instrumental in various projects, most notably the water treatment plant renovation completed in December 2006 and the current ongoing renovation of the wastewater treatment plant.

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