

Conservation Commentary

Meigs Soil & Water Conservation District

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Summer 2015

2015 Annual Meeting and Banquet set for Sept. 29

The Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Meeting and Banquet will be held Sept. 29 in the Meigs High School cafeteria.



Voting for two board supervisors will start at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner and meeting at 7 p.m.

The dinner will be provided by the Star Grange and will consist of baked chicken, roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cakes and brownies. Tickets cost \$14.00. Tickets need to be purchased by September 18th from any Board supervisor, SWCD staff, or at the office.

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Who can be an SWCD board member?

Although potential board nominees are usually selected by a nominating committee comprised of board members who are not running for reelection that year, any person that is 18 years or older and resides in the county can petition to be a supervisor candidate by obtaining at least 10 valid signatures on the SWCD Candidate Nomination Petition form.

This form is available from the district and must be returned to the SWCD office by close of business, Aug. 14, 2015.



2015 Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors include, from left: front, Joe Bolin and Tonja Hunter; rear, Kim Romine, Keith Bentz and Bill Baer.

Financial Assistance Available to Forest Owners

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary program for people who want to conserve their forest resources. Through EQIP, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) provides financial and technical assistance for Ohio woodlot owners who have non-industrial private forest land or land capable of growing trees. EQIP Forestry agreements between NRCS and the participant generally last from 2 to 3 years from the date the agreement is signed. A typical contract may consist of such practices as tree plantings, grape vine control, crop tree release, thinning, and control of woody invasives (bush honeysuckle, tree of heaven).

Eligibility includes: 1) Owning or managing a woodlot; 2) a current Forest Stewardship Plan; and 3) estab-

lishing a customer service record with Farm Service Agency. If you do not have a Forest Stewardship Plan, either NRCS or the ODNR Division of Forestry can assist you with getting one. The two agencies have formed a partnership to provide technical assistance to forest landowners.

Those interested in entering into a financial assistance agreement with NRCS to improve their forest resources may file an application at any time; however selection periods typically occur once a year. EQIP is a competitive program. Applications are ranked and evaluated against other applications. In Meigs County, you may contact Carrie Crislip, District Conservationist at 740-992-6646 for additional information.

The mission of the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District is to provide assistance for the wise use of our natural resources for present and future generations.

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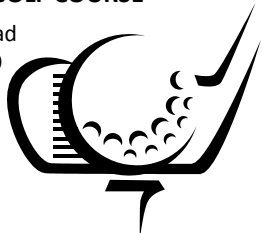



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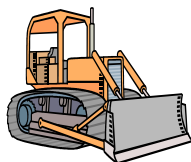
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SWCD equipment for sale, rent

The following items are available for sale:

- Marking Flags — \$.10 each
- Topographical Maps — \$8 each
- Meigs County Platbooks — \$25.00
- Ohio Pond Management Handbooks — \$3 each
- Digital Soil Survey CD—\$10 each
- 'Leading from the Past—Stories of Leading Creek' Book—\$15
- SWCD Hats— \$10

The following equipment is available for rent (subject to scheduling and availability):

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| John Deere No-Till Drill (10-foot) | \$90 min. plus \$9/acre over 10 acres | 70 HP tractor min. |
| Tye No-Till Drill (7 foot) | \$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres | 45 HP tractor min. |
| Brillion Seeder (8-foot) | \$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres | 40 HP tractor min. |
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| Planter Bars | Free with \$20 returnable deposit | |
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**A \$100 delivery/
pickup fee will be
assessed for
equipment rentals
outside of the county.**

All equipment rentals must be scheduled through the Meigs SWCD office at 992-4282 during regular business hours for delivery Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The minimum fee will be assessed if equipment is delivered and not used. A \$10 charge per month will be added to all bills after 60 days.

Conservation Corner returning to Meigs County Fair

Once again the Meigs SWCD will be partnering with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources at the Conservation Corner at the 2015 Meigs County Fair.

The Corner's goal is to "promote and improve the conservation of Meigs County's natural resources".

We will have information from the Division of Wildlife, Division of Forestry, Division of Watercraft, Division of Soil and Water Resources, and Natural Resource Conservation Service.

On Monday, Aug. 17, Jack Satterfield, a scorer for the Buckeye Big Buck Club, Pope and Young, and Boone and Crockett will be demonstrating scoring whitetail deer antlers from 6 to 8 p.m.

Pat Quackenbush, a naturalist from Hocking Hills State Park, will be at the Corner on Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 6 to 7 p.m. He will have a program featuring some live animals.



Dustin Caudill from the Ohio State Trappers Association will be at the Conservation Corner on Friday, Aug. 21 from 6-8 p.m. He will have animal hides and answer any trapping questions.

There will be a kids' contest for a rod, reel and tackle box. Kids will need to visit the Corner everyday to answer a question and enter to win. A winner will be drawn each night and posted the next day. The poles and tackle boxes are sponsored by the ACTT (Active Conservationist Teaming Together).

On Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 10 a.m. to noon will be a kids' craft time.

The mystery farm will also continue this year at the Conservation Corner, as well as the Hay Show.

Stop by the Conservation Corner to see what is new and learn about the conservation of YOUR natural resources!



"In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, we will understand only what we are taught."

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Meigs County Clean Up Day returning on Sept. 12

Meigs County residents can dispose of their junk, electronics, and tires for FREE at the Meigs County Clean up Day on Sept. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Meigs County Fairgrounds.

Proof of county residence will be required. Acceptable household items include furniture, toys, tools, box springs, mattresses, and carpet.

Passenger vehicle tires (16" or less) are limited to 10 per vehicle. No tires will be accepted on rims.

Electronic waste includes televisions, computers, servers, monitors, keyboards, speakers, stereo equipment, cell phones, video game systems and video games, DVD players, CD media, microwaves, and toasters.

The Shred Devil will be there to shred personal documents.

We will not accept general household trash, appliances with refrigerant, chemicals, cleaners, fluorescent lamps, pesticides, fertilizer, herbicides, batteries, or liquids.

At the last cleanup day on May 2, 418 county residents dropped off 2,348 tires, 32.27 tons of solid waste, and 17,400 pounds of scrap metal in addition to the electronics and paper shredding.

Funding and support provided by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District, Meigs County Health Department, the Meigs County Commissioners, Meigs County Grants Office, and the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs, Vinton Solid Waste District.

If you have questions please call the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District at 740-992-4282 or the Meigs County Health Department at 740-992-6626.



Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers that make this event possible for the residents of Meigs County. These volunteers handled more than 83 vehicles per hour on average over the course of five hours.

If you are interested in volunteering call the Meigs SWCD or Health Department.



17,400 pounds of scrap metal collected during May 2, 2015 Clean up Day



2,348 tires kept out of the county streams and roadsides.

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Meigs SWCD Calendar of Events



Regular meetings of the Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors are generally held at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Thursday of each month at the SWCD office, 113 E Memorial Drive, Suite D, Pomeroy. Dates and times are subject to change.

- August 17-22 Meigs County Fair
- August 27 Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors regular meeting
- Sept 12 Meigs County Clean Up Day at Fairgrounds
- Sept 24 Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors regular meeting
- Sept 29 Meigs SWCD ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

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