



# Out and About In The Tygarts Valley Conservation District

## We're Going Green!

TVCD now offers an "e-newsletter" for anyone who is interested. If you would prefer to receive an electronic version of our newsletter, or would like to be added to our mailing list, please visit [wvca.us/districts/tvcd.cfm](http://wvca.us/districts/tvcd.cfm) or call our district office at 304-457-3026.

## Dates to Remember

- ⇒ January 12th - Barbour County Dinner Meeting "Grazing Management"
- ⇒ February 9th - Randolph County Dinner Meeting "Woods & Wildlife"
- ⇒ February 21st - Intermediate Beekeeping Class Series Begins
- ⇒ February 22nd - WV Ag Day at the Capitol
- ⇒ March 9th - Tucker County Dinner Meeting "Beef Cattle Outlook"
- ⇒ TBD District Field Day

Don't forget to take your soil samples in the spring! New samples will be needed for the 2017 cost share program.

## Winter 2016

### Upcoming Winter Dinner Meetings

It's time for the annual Winter Dinner Meeting series for local farmers. There will be a series of 3 meetings held within Tygarts Valley.

#### Grazing Management

Thursday January 12th 6:30pm  
Belington Volunteer Fire Department  
Speaker: Dr. Jeff Lehmkhuler  
Extension Beef Cattle Specialist for the University of Kentucky, who developed the Kentucky Master Stocker program. Jeff is a co-chair of the Master Grazer program committee which delivers the Kentucky Grazing School, Advanced Grazing School, Lengthening the Grazing Season sessions and on-farm pasture management demonstrations. He received the 2016 Southern Section American Society of Animal Science Extension Award for his accomplishments in outreach efforts.

#### Woods & Wildlife

Thursday February 9th 6:30pm  
Camp Pioneer in Beverly  
Speakers: Dave McGill & Sheldon Owen  
This program will provide woodland owners a better understanding of woodland ownership, forest ecology, and the sound application of forest and wildlife management practices. In addition, this program will direct woodland owners to available



resources and assistance programs for woodland and wildlife management.

#### Beef Cattle Outlook

Thursday March 9th 6:30pm  
Parsons Senior Center  
Speaker: Andrew Griffith  
This program will focus on price risk management strategies for both the input and output markets of stocker and feeder cattle. Additionally, his program includes livestock production economics and forage production economics.

Reservations are required. A meal is included with the meeting for a fee of \$5.00, that will be charged at the door. If you plan to attend just the meeting, entrance is free. Please RSVP by calling the WVU Extension Office in the county the meeting will be held in. Additionally, you can RSVP with the Tygart Valley Conservation District office at 304-457-3026.

## How may we help you?

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District has a work crew and large equipment available to perform a variety of work on your property.

Some of the work we perform includes:

- Pond cleanup
- Brush removal
- Watering trough installations
- Water/spring developments
- Heavy use area protection
  - Streambank stabilization
  - Pond building

We have excavators, dozers, backhoes, tractors, brush hogs, dump trucks, flatbed trailer, and much more at our disposal. If you are interested in having us work for you, please call our office for a **free estimate!** 304-457-3026



Pictured above is a “Heavy Use Area” installation. By laying rock and gravel down atop filter fabric, this heavy use area will no longer be flooded after heavy rain and will allow for better traction for vehicle use.

To the left is a before and after picture of flood cleanup work our crew performed in Clay County. Brush and debris was removed as well as stabilizing the streambank. Below our crew sets a 400 gallon watering trough. Our district sells these and other troughs and float parts.



## Intermediate Beekeeping Classes

This series of classes caters to established beekeepers and will focus on the seasonal management of beehives. Following a year long management model, the class will provide an overview of seasonal duties and tasks to help maintain a healthy hive. This includes possible problems and solutions, such as pest management, queen rearing, and swarming.

There will be four classes in this series, with each focusing on a different season. The classes will run from 6:30-8:30 pm on the following dates:

- February 21st - Winter
- February 28th - Spring
- March 7th - Summer
- March 14th - Fall



If you are interested in attending, you **MUST RSVP** with the district by calling 304-457-3026 by Friday February 10th. We ask that only those who have a minimum of one year's experience in beekeeping participate in this course.

## District Equipment Rental

TVCD offers the following equipment for rental by district cooperators:

- (2) Four ton lime spreaders
- 3 Pt. Hitch Fertilizer Spreader
- Post driver

Effective January 1, 2016 the new pricing of equipment rental is as follows:

- 4 Ton Lime Spreader \$60/day
- 3 Pt. Hitch Fert. Spreader \$30/day
- Post Driver \$75/day



If you would like to reserve our equipment for your personal use, please call 304-457-3026. We recommend calling at least a week in advance of your desired pick-up date. All rental contracts are subject to an advance deposit of one day's rental fee.



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#### **Tucker County**

James Nester, SR.  
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#### **Upshur County**

Rex Reeder, Secretary / Treasurer  
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## **Roller-Crimper for Rent**

TVCD now offers a 4-foot roller-crimper for district cooperators to rent. The roller-crimper is a useful tool to be used as an alternative to high intensity tillage of small scale vegetable and grain producers.



This three-point hitch attachment is suited best for a small tractor that is capable of pulling 1200lbs. Contact our office to make arrangements for renting the roller-crimper. The cost to rent is \$30/day.

For more information and a video demonstration about how to use this tool visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?=EjcyoalaeAM>

#### *Our Mission:*

*"To provide for and promote the protection and conservation of West Virginia's soil, land, water, and related resources for the health, safety, and general welfare of the state's citizens."*