



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 or call our district office at 304-457-3026.

Dates to Remember

- * **Independence Day**
July 4 OFFICE CLOSED
- * TVCD Board Meeting July 30
- * WV State Fair
August 8th - 18th
- * TVCD Board Meeting August 27
- * **Labor Day**
September 3 OFFICE CLOSED
- * TVCD Board Meeting September 24

Summer 2018

Family Fun Discover Nature Day at the Barbour County Fairgrounds Community Trail

Barbour County's best kept secret is no longer a secret. The hiking trail at the Barbour County Fairgrounds was the place to be on Saturday, June 9. Tygarts Valley Conservation District (TVCD) hosted the Family Fun Discover Nature Day. Several families came out to the trail to participate in the activities. We had painting with nature, wild animal tracks, wildlife, wildflowers and trees. Each child was given a gift bag.

The comment most heard was "We didn't know this trail was here. This is a great trail. We will be back." This was a great opportunity for families to hike the trail, get exercise and learn about nature. If you are interested in a list of trees to identify, stop by the TVCD office for more information.

Tygarts Valley Conservation District would like to thank everyone who made this day possible.

Special thanks to our presenters & volunteers: Ben Fancher, Daniel Frank, Kelley Fancher, Sigrid Teets, Candice Stone, Abby Golden, Rose Frey, Jean Calvert and Joyce Frey.



Community Agricultural Buy/Sale Or Trade Items

Anyone who has an agriculture items they are wanting to get rid of please come and visit the TVCD Office and add them to our new bulletin board.

District Farmers Recognized

The Conservation Farm of the Year competition showcases the best examples of farms owned and operated by people who are dedicated to conservation. Farms are judged on several topics such as resource management, conservation plan, best management practices, cooperators contribution and involvement in the community. With the help of the NRCS, three district cooperators/farms were chosen and asked to participate in the competition. This year's competition featured farmers from Barbour, Randolph, and Upshur counties. The Tygarts Valley Conservation District held their district farm tour and judging on May 21, 2015. The day long event included a tour of each farm, allowing the farmers to discuss what conservation practices and efforts they've made on their property as well as outline their production.

After tallying the judges scores, the winners were announced as:

1st place– Jay Wallace (Randolph Co.)

2nd place– Evan Workman (Barbour Co.)

3rd place– Doug Flohr (Taylor Co.)

TVCD congratulates each of these farmers on their accomplishments and continued conservation efforts. Our district first place winner will go on to compete in area competition, with the farm tour/judging taking place in late July. If you are a district cooperator and are interested in participating in this competition, please contact Candice Stone at the district office.

Teaching Our Youth

TVCD proudly participated in 2 School Events, The first event was Upshur County Agriculture and Natural Resources in the Classroom held on May 7th. This annual event teaches elementary school children in Upshur County about the importance of natural resources, environmentalism, and agriculture with a variety of presentations and hands on activities. This year's presentation was given at the Academy Buckhannon Elementary School. Tygarts Valley Conservation District was represented by Outreach Coordinator Joyce Frey. Joyce gave a presentation on beekeeping . The second event was Tucker County Safety Days on May 10th & May 11th at Davis Thomas Elementary School and Tucker Valley Elementary School. Conservation Technician Dan Elliott, Outreach Coordinator Joyce Frey, and Tucker County Supervisor Jim Nester talked to the students about tractor safety. All students were encouraged to attend the event, between the 2 counties more than 550 children participated We look forward to participating in the event next year, and thank the students, teachers, and conservation partners who participated in the event.



TVCD Office Complex Celebrates Arbor Day



Tygarts Valley District Supervisors along with Cvechko Insurance/Erie Insurance celebrate Arbor Day with the planting of 2 flowering trees.

Poultry Litter

Litter Spreader is \$60/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.



REMINDER!

Anyone who has signed up for the poultry litter cost share programs must turn in your receipts, weigh tickets, trucking bill, litter analysis and verification form by **August 3, 2018** or you will forfeit your right to payment.

Don't forget to take your soil samples NOW!

Recent samples are needed for lime, nutrient management and poultry litter cost share program. For further information on how to take a sample, call your local WVU Extension office. All cost-share applicants also need an aerial map of their property. These maps can be obtained from your local FSA office.



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Cost Share Program Applicants

TVCD FY19 Cost Share Program is well under way. With all applications being submitted in mid May approvals should be completed by September and approval as well as denial letters will be mailed. Please note that on all agreement letters there is a deadline date. If we do not receive your signed letter back by the deadline your application will be rejected and will result in the cancellation of your project. Also please pay close attention to the practice completion date for each practice as they are not all the same date.



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."