



# 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, our 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

## **Dates to Remember**

- ⇒ October 29th Board Meeting
- ⇒ **November 22nd Office Closed**
- ⇒ November 26th Board Meeting
- ⇒ **November 30th Heavy Use and Lime Cost Share Deadline**
- ⇒ December 19th Board Meeting
- ⇒ **December 25th PM, Office Closed**
- ⇒ **January 1st Office Closed**
- ⇒ January 28th, Board Meeting
- ⇒ April 15th—May 17th 2019 Cost Share Sign Ups

Fall 2018

## Century Farm Program

The West Virginia Century Farm Program is designed to recognize those families who have been farming the same tract of land for at least 100 years. Century Farms, Sesquicentennial Farms, and Bicentennial Farms will be recognized. A Century Farm is one that has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 100 years. A Sesquicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 150

years, and a Bicentennial Farm has been in continuous operation by the same family for at least 200 years.

A family member must live on the farm or must be an integral part of the day-to-day operation of the farm enterprise. The farm must consist of at least 10 acres of the original holdings and gross more than \$1,000 annually from farm products. Line of ownership from the first family member owning the land may be through

wives, husbands, children, brothers, sisters, nephews, or nieces.

Applications are due at your local office no later than February 1, 2019.

To request an application, or for more information, contact the office at 304-457-3026.



## Legislative News

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District held their annual legislative dinner on October 18th in Grafton.

This annual event allows for TVCD supervisors and staff to speak one on one with various state and local officials as to what projects the district has completed in the last year, and what

goals it has both short and long term.

During the dinner, TVCD gave a short presentation on the services provided by the district and the educational program it offers.

TVCD also recognizes its local cooperators and conservation farmers for

their outstanding efforts in practicing and maintaining BMPs, and holds an awards ceremony in their honor.

### WV Ag Day

WV Ag Day at the Capitol is planned for Wednesday January 30th. TVCD encourages local farmers to participate and talk to their representatives.

## Soil Conservationist

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District is offering a 3-year position for a Soil Conservationist. This person will plan the application of total resource management systems, provide conservation planning assistance from initial evaluation to completion. With a practical knowledge of the methods and techniques of soil, water, and environmental conservation as they relate to agricultural operations.

Qualifications: A bachelors degree in soil conservation or related agricultural or natural resources is preferred. In some instances work experience may be substituted for education. The Soil Conservationist shall have an agricultural or other background with an understanding of conservation related work. Other required skills include the ability to perform fieldwork, manage projects, and have the ability to learn concepts related to conservation planning, surveying, design, and computer skills required.

**Send resume and references to: Tygarts Valley Conservation District 16346 Barbour County Highway Philippi, WV 26416 or email to [tvcd@wvca.us](mailto:tvcd@wvca.us) Resume Deadline: Close of Business Friday November 9, 2018.**

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District (TVCD) is an EOE. Qualified applicants are considered for employment without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, veteran status or political affiliation.

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## Barbour County Fair Education Day

The Barbour County Fair hosted an Education Day on Friday August 31st, during the fair. Area children are encouraged to attend and participate in all activities. Various stations included learning about bees & honey, seeing corn meal and apple butter being made, walking through a one room school, livestock exhibits and learning about soils. Education Coordinator Joyce Frey and Conservation Specialist Sigrid Teets set up a display on soils for the attendees. There was a fun quiz, different types of soils they could look at and touch, watch the earthworms move through the soils and see how plants grow. Each child was also given a poster and coloring book for attending the soils exhibit.



## 2019 Appalachian Grazing Conference



**2019 Appalachian Grazing Conference**  
**Create a Winning Combination...**  
 managing soil, water, plant, and animal health.

SAVE THE DATE  
**March 7-9  
 2019**

For more information contact:  
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Watch for updates on our website  
[www.wvagc.com](http://www.wvagc.com)

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Create a winning combination managing soil, water, plant, and animal health. Appalachian Grazing Conference is held every 2 years and offers informative presentations and demonstrations to farmers. Participants hear from America's leading speakers on strategies designed to increase their profits.

When: March 7-9, 2019

Where: Waterfront Place Hotel, Morgantown TVCD will be sponsoring cooperators from Barbour, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker & Upshur Counties. Keynote speakers for this years conference will include Sarah Flack and Dr. Allen Williams. For more information about the conference visit their website

[www.wvagc.com](http://www.wvagc.com) . If you are interested in attending the conference please contact the district office no later than January 4, 2019 to secure your spot.

## Upcoming Women In Ag Conference

Mark your calendars for the WVU Extension Service's Annual Women In Agriculture Conference. The conference will be held Friday November 2nd & Saturday November 3rd at Oglebay Resort & Conference Center in Wheeling will feature an exhibitor fall, keynote speaker presentation, an informative Q&A with WV producers, and several workshops.

Tentative workshop topics include:

- Horticulture
- Livestock/Forage Management
- Marketing/Business
- Networking

If you are interested in attending the conference, be sure to keep an eye out for more information both online and in our offices, for both the WVU County Extension and the Tygarts Valley Conservation District.

<http://extension.wvu.edu/conferences/wia>





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## Agricultural Enhancement (Cost Share) Program

### District Supervisors

#### **Barbour County**

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#### **Randolph County**

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#### **Taylor County**

Sheldon Findley, Chairman  
Joe Shaffer

#### **Tucker County**

James Nester, SR.  
David Bonner

#### **Upshur County**

Doug Bush  
Donnie Tenney, Vice Chairman

TVCD would like to remind the cooperators who were approved for **Heavy Use Area Protection and Lime Programs**, the deadline to submit all necessary receipts and paperwork to our district office is **November 30th. Reminder: When turning in your receipts there is a cost verification**

**form that must be signed before any payments can be made.**

**Signs ups for next years program will be April 15—May 17, 2019.**

**A farm map from the Farm Service Agency and Current Soil test results are needed to apply.**

**Soil results must be within the last 3 years. Soil sample form are available at the district office as well as online. Soil sample forms have changed to obtain a new one please stop by the office or visit our website.**

#### *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.”*