

# 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 at 304-457-3026.

## Dates to Remember

- ⇒ October 17th—Forestry Field Day @ Fernow in Parsons
- ⇒ October 20th & 21st—Meat Preservation Classes (see page 3)
- ⇒ October 23rd & 24th—WVU Women in Ag Conference @ Canaan

## Cost Share

### Reminder

TVCD would like to remind the cooperators who were approved for cost share contracts this fall, that the deadline to submit all necessary receipts and paperwork to our district office is December 18th.

Fall 2015

## Upcoming Forestry Field Day

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District and the U.S. Forest Service will be holding a "Forestry Field Day" at the Fernow Experimental Forest in Parsons.

A tour of the forest will be led by a team of researchers, and will highlight discussions on:

- forest management
- BMPs
- wildlife
- hydrogeology
- erosion and more

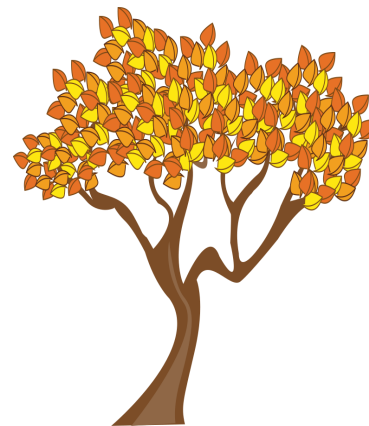
The event is planned for Saturday, October 17th at 9 AM and guests are to meet at the Our Lady of Mercy Mission in Parsons.

The tour will last approximately 2-2.5 hours and will be followed by a light lunch, courtesy of TVCD.

All participants must be prepared to walk over rough and uneven terrain. Attendance to the event is free, and is open to the general

public, but space is limited.

If you'd like to attend, you **must** R.S.V.P. with the TVCD office by October 14th. Call 304-457-3026 or e-mail [tvcd@wvca.us](mailto:tvcd@wvca.us).



## Legislative News

The Tygarts Valley Conservation District will be holding their annual legislative dinner on November 5th in Philippi.

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 gives 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 20th. TVCD encourages local farmers to participate and talk to their representatives.

## New District Supervisor



**Sigrid Teets**

Barbour County TVCD  
Supervisor

On August 12, 2015, Sigrid Teets was sworn in as the State Conservation Committee (SCC) appointed conservation district supervisor for Barbour County.

She and her husband have owned their farm, comprised of grassland and woodland, for over 13 years, and have experience in raising a wide variety of livestock such as sheep, cattle, and goats.

Sigrid has been working alongside TVCD for more than a decade, having previously worked for USDA-NRCS as a soil scientist and conservationist within Barbour and Tucker counties. She is also currently

working for the non-profit organization Wes-Mon-Ty RC&D that provides funding to organizations that desire to expand awareness about conservation and the various practices involved.

While Sigrid is not a new face to the district and its cooperators, TVCD is very excited to have her on board and looks forward to the programs and events she can lend her expertise to.

If you are a resident of Barbour County and would like to speak with your new supervisor, please contact the TVCD office at 304-457-3026 for more information.

## Upcoming Education Events

TVCD's Education Committee is currently planning another Beginning Beekeeping Workshop to be held in the Spring of 2016.

Please keep an eye out in future district newsletters and your local newspaper for more information as it becomes available.

The district will also be introducing a free pollinator program to district residents who would like to plant pollinator gardens around their home or business.



If you will be attending the WVSTA conference in Flatwoods on November 5th through 7th, please stop by TVCD's booth and say hello.

We will have a display showcasing the educational events currently hosted by TVCD and discuss future plans for expanding them over the next several years.

## District Equipment Rental

TVCD offers the following equipment for rental by district cooperators:

- (2) Four ton lime spreaders
- Five ton lime spreader
- Post driver

The charge to rent the equipment is \$50.00 per day. The district also has a 3 pt. hitch litter spreader that costs \$20.00 per day.



If you would like to reserve renting out equipment, please call 304-457-2036. We recommend calling at least a week in advance.

## Meat Preservation Classes & More

Did you know that meat is a low-acid food and that it doesn't have enough acid in it naturally to help kill botulism or other bacteria? This is why it must be processed at a high temperature, which only a pressure canner can reach. Water-bath canning is not recommended for any type of meat.

Come to this hands-on class to learn the most up-to-date recommendations for home canning of meat,

and what variations in meat quality may occur when preserving.

**Cost:** \$10 per person

**Dates:** Tuesday, October 20th at 4-H Camp Pioneer in Beverly or Wednesday October 21st at the Crim Memorial Church in Philippi.

Classes will last from 5:30-8:30 pm.

**Registration:** Pre-registration is required on or before Friday,

October 16th  
For more information or to register, call 304-457-3254 for the Philippi class or 304-636-2455 for the Beverly class. Space is limited, call early.



### Venison 101

A class on dressing venison is planned for Tuesday, November 17th by the Barbour Co. Ext. office.

### Pesticide Recertification

The Barbour Co. Ext. office will be hosting a class that will qualify for applicator license recertification credits.

For more information on either class, please call the Barbour Co. Ext. office at 304-457-3254.



## Upcoming Conference

Mark your calendars for the WVU Extension Service's 2nd annual Women In Agriculture Conference. Unlike last year, the conference will be held in October at the Canaan Valley Resort. Saturday the 24th will feature an exhibitor fall, keynote speaker presentation, an informative Q&A with WV producers, and several workshops.

Tentative workshop topics include:

- Ag Mechanics 101
- How to Interpret a Soil Test
- Out of Season Breeding
- Website Development
- Managing Liability on the Farm
- Diversifying with Agroforestry, Heirlooms and Specialty Crops
- Multi Species Grazing
- Social Media: Connecting Accounts
- Direct Marketing
- Pest Management



## **Save the Date**

### *2nd Annual Women In Agriculture Conference*

*October 23-24, 2015*

*Canaan Valley Resort &  
Conference Center, Davis, WV*

Stay up-to-date by going to

<http://anr.ext.wvu.edu/ag-women/wia-conference>



Like us on Facebook at WVU Extension Service - Women in Agriculture!

- On Farm Processing
- Apps to Make Life on the Farm Easier

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.

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### **District Supervisors**

#### **Barbour County**

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#### **Taylor County**

Sheldon Findley  
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#### **Tucker County**

James Nester, SR.  
David Bonner

#### **Upshur County**

Rex Reeder, Secretary / Treasurer  
John Sencindiver, Vice Chairman

### **Bluebird Houses Available**



The district is again selling bluebird houses to the public. Each house costs \$10.00 and all proceeds will be used to help fund the district's educational programs. If you would like to purchase a birdhouse, stop by our district office between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Please call the office for more information.

#### **Our Mission:**

*"To provide for an 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."*