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SWCD to recognize 75th anniversary

Past supervisors, employees, conservationists to be honored

POMEROY—The Meigs SWCD will observe its 75th birthday on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Meigs High School during its annual meeting and banquet.

As part of the observation, current district supervisors and employees will recognize past supervisors, employees, and Soil Conservation Service/Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationists.

The Meigs SWCD began life in April, 1943 as the state's eleventh conservation district. The district's financial records started in May, 1943 and showed a \$5 donation from W. A. Compton used to pay the filing fee for the Secretary of State's office for Articles of Incorporation.

The first organizational meeting of the Meigs Soil Conservation District was held June 4, 1943 at the Agricultural Extension Office in Pomeroy. The meeting was called to order by Charles E. Blakeslee, county agent with the Ohio State University

Extension Service.

The first officers were Harold Carnahan, chairman, W.F. Hawley, treasurer, Harley Musser, secretary, with the other board members Everett Colwell and C.E.

Humphrey. Visitors were Blakeslee and R.R. Barker, district conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service (now the Natural Resources Conservation Service). This year's annual meeting is historical in its own right, as it will be the first annual meeting shared jointly between the Meigs SWCD and the Athens-Meigs Farm Bureau.



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The meal begins at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria with voting for supervisors starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$14 per person.

Meet the candidates

Eligible voters will choose two of three candidates for the Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at the Meigs SWCD annual meeting and banquet on Oct. 2. The candidates are as follows:

Joe Bolin

Bolin, Rutland, has served on the Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors since Jan. 1, 1992. He has also served on the Meigs County Community Improvement Corporation, the Rutland Township Board of Trustees. He lives on a 120-acre farm in Rutland Township with his wife, Janet. They have four children, 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

James "Tony" Carnahan

Carnahan, Syracuse, has served on the board since Jan. 1, 2016. He is the son of Nancy Carnahan and the late Jim Carnahan and is a lifelong resident of Meigs County. He spent his childhood on a dairy farm and during his youth was active in FFA and 4H. He worked in dairy until 1994 and is now involved in custom hay baling and corn farming. He is employed as a mechanic for Meigs Local Schools and is an active member of the Big Bend Farm Antique Club, Athens-Meigs Farm Bureau, and River City Players.

Tim Smith

Smith, Racine, retired from the Tappers Plains-Chester Water District. He is the son of Donna Jean Smith and the late Dan Smith. Tim and his wife Karen own 200 acres in which some is involved in hay and corn farming. They have 2 children and 4 great grandchildren.



Third milkweed seed pod collection underway

To help foster the creation of habitat for the monarch butterfly, OPHI in cooperation with Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Districts is organizing a **Statewide Milkweed Pod Collection** this year ending **Oct. 31**.

Milkweed is essential to the survival of Monarch Butterflies in Ohio and Ohio is a priority area for Monarchs. The monarch butterflies that hatch here in the summer migrate to Mexico for the winter and are responsible for starting the life cycle all over again in the spring.

During September- October everyone is encouraged to collect Common Milkweed Pods from established plants and drop them off at the nearest pod collection station.

The majority of Ohio counties have a Milkweed Pod Collection Station with most of them being located at the Soil and Water Conservation District office. Meigs and Athens counties are collecting milkweed seed pods.



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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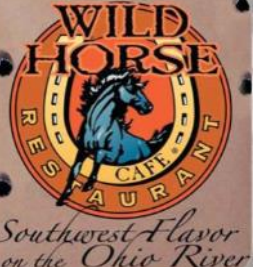


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NRCS announces EQIP application deadline of Oct. 19

POMEROY—The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service announced Friday, Oct. 19 as the deadline to submit applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) in Ohio.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program which helps producers make conservation work for them. Together, NRCS and producers invest in solutions that conserve natural resources for the future while also improving agricultural operations. Local projects include pasture improvement projects, high tunnels, Bobwhite Quail and pollinator habitat, oak management, and wildlife.

Through EQIP, NRCS provides agricultural producers with financial resources and one-on-one help to plan and implement improvements, or what NRCS calls conservation practices. Using these practices can lead to cleaner water and air, healthier soil and better wildlife habitat, all while improving agricultural operations. Through EQIP, you can voluntarily implement conservation practices, and NRCS co-invests in these practices with you.

Financial assistance is now available in a variety of agricultural categories such as cropland, forestry, pasture operations, and organic. Several special projects are also available which address water quality, forestry management, improving pollinator populations, applying best management practices and many more. All available agricultural categories are listed on the Ohio NRCS website under “EQIP Application Deadlines.”

To participate in USDA conservation programs, applicants should be farmers or farm or forest landowners, and meet eligibility criteria. Applications signed and submitted to NRCS by the Oct. 19 deadline will be evaluated for fiscal year 2019 funding.

To learn more about EQIP or other technical and financial assistance available through NRCS conservation programs, visit “Get Started with NRCS” on the NRCS website, visit your local USDA Service Center, or call Carrie Crislip, NRCS district conservationist for Meigs County, at 740-992-6646.

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SWCD equipment for sale, rent

The following items are available for sale:

Marking Flags — \$.10 each
Topographical Maps — \$8 each
Ohio Pond Management Handbooks — Free
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):

John Deere Drill (10-foot)	\$90 min. plus \$9/acre over 10 acres	70 HP < 6,900 lbs min
Haybuster Drill (7 foot)	\$90 min. plus \$9/acre over 10 acres	45 HP < 3,600 lbs min
Tye No-Till Drill (7 foot)	\$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres	45 HP < 2,800 lbsmin
Brillion Seeder (8-foot)	\$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres	40 HP tractor min.
Lime Spreader	\$50 min. plus \$2/ton over 25 tons	60 HP tractor min.
Forester Tree Planter	\$50 per day	25 HP tractor min.
Planter Bars	Free with \$50 returnable deposit	
Box Trap	Free with \$30 returnable deposit	

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pickup fee will be
assessed for
equipment rentals
outside of the county.**

All equipment rentals must be scheduled through the Meigs SWCD office at (740)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.



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The Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District would like to sincerely thank its affiliate members, the Meigs County Board of Commissioners, and other county and township officials for a successful 2017, and most especially the volunteers and community members who comprise the Meigs SWCD Board of Supervisors for their selfless service.

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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.

September 27 — Regular Board Meeting
 October 2 — Annual Meeting and Banquet
 October 8 — Office closed-Holiday
 October 25 — Regular Board Meeting
 November 12 — Office Closed – Holiday
 November 22 — Office Closed – Holiday
 December 25 — Office Closed - Holiday

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