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*"One kind word can warm
three winter months."
- Japanese proverb*

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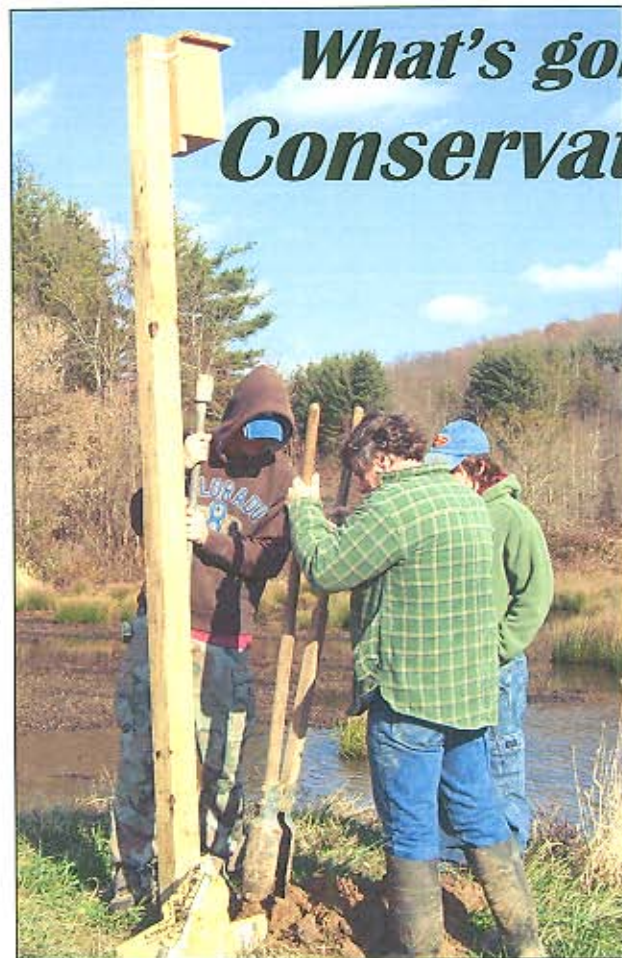
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What's going on at the Conservation Area?

Local Boy Scouts Eugene Pat-
terson and Samuel McCall in-
stalled bat boxes and benches at
the Conservation Area for their
respective Eagle Scout projects.
Patterson, left, and McCall, right,
are shown installing a bat box
with assistance from Scout
Leader Greg McCall.

Below, Meigs SWCD education
coordinator Jenny Ridenour
shows off an Eastern Box Turtle
at Mid-Valley Christian
School's leaf tour in October



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Meigs SWCD Calendar of Events

Noon Dec 24-26 Office Closed-Christmas
Dec 29-31 Limited Staff
Jan 1 Office Closed-New Years Day
Jan 8 SWCD Board of Supervisors meeting 11:30 a.m.
Jan 19 Office Closed-Martin Luther King Day
Feb 16 Office Closed-Presidents' Day
April 2 Multi-county Envirothon at Zaleski State Forest
April 18 Leading Creek Stream Sweep



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, 33101 Hiland Road, Pomeroy. Dates and times are subject to change.

2009 Meigs SWCD Fish Sale now underway



The Meigs SWCD is accepting orders for its 2009 fish sale. The Meigs SWCD is holding this sale to assist landowners in stocking new ponds or to replenish fish in existing ponds.

To order, complete the order form below and return it with payment to the Meigs SWCD office at 33101 Hiland Road, Pomeroy, no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1.

The fish will be delivered to the Meigs SWCD office at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 7. *You must pick up your orders at this time as we have no way of storing your fish!* You will also need to bring containers with some of your pond water in them when picking up your fish.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 992-4282.

Recommended stocking rates for new or renovated ponds

Stocking combination	Number of fish per surface acre			
	Bass	Bluegill	Redear	Catfish
Bass-bluegill	100	500		
Bass-bluegill-catfish	100	500		100
Bass-redear	100		500	
Bass-bluegill-redear-catfish	100	350	150	100

GET A POND MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK!

The Ohio Pond Management Book is a 53-page, color guide for managing ponds for fishing and attracting wildlife. Chapters include pond construction, stocking, management practices for fishing, managing aquatic vegetation, fish health, pond problems and solutions, wildlife habitat enhancement.

Cost of the handbook is \$2.25. For your convenience it can be ordered along with your fish on the order form below, or you can buy one up at the office any workday.

2009 Meigs SWCD Fish Sale Order Form

_____ 2-4" Bluegill @ \$.70 each	\$ _____
_____ 2-4" Largemouth Bass @ \$.80 each	\$ _____
_____ 2-4" Redear Sunfish @ \$.85 each	\$ _____
_____ 4-6" Channel Catfish @ \$.75 each	\$ _____
_____ 2-4" Yellow Perch @ \$.70 each	\$ _____
_____ 1-2" Minnows @ \$.05 each	\$ _____
_____ 9-12" White Amur @ \$12.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Pond Management Handbook \$2.25 each	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

County _____

Phone _____

Return to:
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33101 Hiland Road
Pomeroy OH 45769

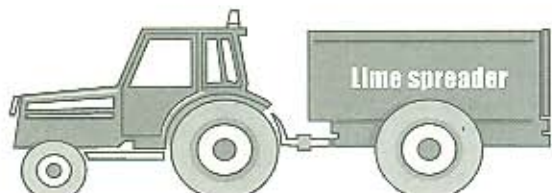


Return form by 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 1

SWCD equipment for sale, rent

The following items are available for sale:

Meigs SWCD caps — \$6 each
 Marking Flags — \$.08 each
 Topographical Maps — \$8 each
 Meigs County Platbooks — \$15.00
 Ohio Pond Management Handbooks — \$2.25
 Digital Soil Survey CD—\$10 each



The following equipment is available for rent (subject to scheduling and availability):

John Deere No-Till Drill (10-foot)	\$80 min. plus \$8/acre over 10 acres	70 HP tractor min.
Tye No-Till Drill (7 foot)	\$70 min. plus \$7/acre over 10 acres	45 HP tractor min.
Brillion Seeder (8-foot)	\$70 min. plus \$7/acre over 10 acres	40 HP tractor min.
Lime Spreader	\$25 min. plus \$1/ton over 25 tons	60 HP tractor min.
Forester Tree Planter	\$25 per day	25 HP tractor min.
Planter Bars	Free with \$20 returnable deposit	
Box Trap	Free with \$30 returnable deposit	

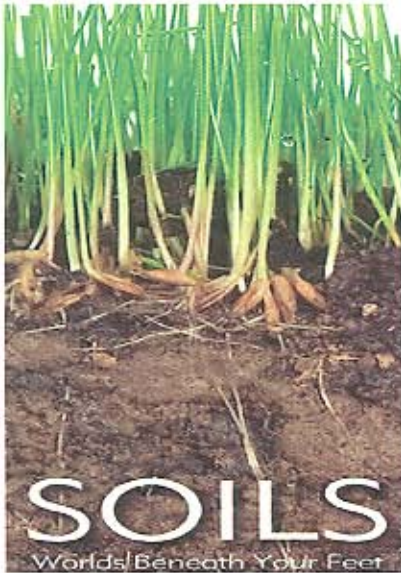
A \$100 delivery/pickup fee will be assessed for equipment rentals outside of the county.

All equipment must be scheduled through the Meigs SWCD office at 992-4282 during regular business hours for delivery Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. A \$20 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.

2009 Tree and Fish Order Forms Enclosed!

Bulk Rate
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Meigs Soil and Water Conservation District and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) are pleased to announce "Dig It! The Secrets of Soil" as the theme for the 2009 Stewardship program.

Stewardship Week will be celebrated April 26 to May 3, 2009. The Meigs SWCD office will be conducting a first grade coloring contest, a fourth grade poster contest and a sixth grade essay contest using this theme.

The program will cover soil as a resource, soil ecosystems, and soil components. Soils make our lives possible. We build on them, play on them, drive on them, eat food grown in or raised on them, take medicines from them, wear clothes we wouldn't have without soils, drink water that wouldn't be clean without soils, breathe air we wouldn't have without the plants and trees growing in soils. The entire earth—every ecosystem, every living organism—is dependent upon soils.

A Few Facts about Soil

- Soil makes up the outermost layer of our planet.
- Topsoil is the most productive soil layer.
- Soil has varying amounts of organic matter (living and dead organisms), minerals and nutrients.
- Five tons of topsoil spread over an acre is only as thick as a dime.
- Natural processes can take more than 500 years to form one inch of topsoil.
- Soil scientists have identified over 70,000 kinds of soil in the United States.
- Soil is formed from rocks and decaying plants and animals.
- An average soil sample is 45 percent minerals, 25 percent water, 25 percent air and five percent organic matter.
- Different-sized mineral particles, such as sand, silt, and clay, give soil its texture.
- Fungi and bacteria help break down organic matter in the soil.
- Plant roots and lichens break up rocks which become part of new soil.
- Roots loosen the soil, allowing oxygen to penetrate. This benefits animals living in the soil.
- Roots hold soil together and help prevent erosion.

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