

CONSERVATION NEWS

In Cooperation with the Defiance County Commissioners

SOIL HEALTH “SOCIAL”

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

2:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

DEFIANCE AG SERVICE CENTER ON EVANSPOUR ROAD

Walk around and talk to other local ag producers as you see equipment demonstrations and hear how an Indiana farmer developed a unique system for building soil health, while producing profitable cash crops. Rick Clark offers a practical, proven example of how regenerative farming methods can transform agriculture. He uses a diverse crop rotation which helps to reduce weeds and insects, while also reducing the need for chemical pesticides. As Rick transitioned to no-till over the past 10 years, he has seen positive impacts. He has reduced the overall fuel needs on his farm by more than 30% and has seen improved soil filtration rates and reduced soil erosion.

An evening meal will be provided by *The Casual Pig BBQ* at 5:00 p.m. Enjoy soft-serve ice cream throughout the event. Keynote speaker, Rick Clark, will follow-up with a brief presentation after the meal around 6:00 p.m.

Local equipment dealers will be on hand for field demonstrations. A variety of cover crops have been planted for you to view along with other informative individuals and agri-businesses in a non-formal setting.

This event is sponsored by the Defiance Soil and Water Conservation District and The Nature Conservancy. There is no cost to attend; however reservations are requested for the evening meal count. **Please call the Defiance SWCD office at 419-782-1794 by August 30 for reservations.** Join us for a delicious meal and the opportunity to connect and visit with your neighboring farmers along with taking home some valuable information. The location for this outside activity is at the Ag Service Center at 06879 Evansport Road, rural Defiance.

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Plan to attend ...

Doors Open
4:00 p.m.

Supervisor Election
4:30 p.m.—6:00 p.m.

Meal Served
6:00 p.m.

SWCD Highlights/Awards
6:30 p.m.

Aaron Wilson
7:00 p.m.

ANNUAL BANQUET & SUPERVISOR ELECTION

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
4:00 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

DEFIANCE EAGLES at
711 WEST 2ND STREET

With the past few years of unpredictable weather ... let's hear what Aaron Wilson thinks is in store for us. Aaron is involved in climate research at OSU and will be the featured speaker at this year's Annual Banquet.

Eligible Defiance County residents/landowners will be able to cast their vote for an open Supervisor position.

Candidates are: Luke Case and Chuck Wonderly. If you are unable to attend the banquet and would like to cast your vote, you can request an absentee ballot after August 21.

The Casual Pig BBQ (Jake & Kiley Timbrook) will be catering the evening meal of pulled pork, marinated chicken breast, cheesy potatoes, green beans and salad.

Tickets can be purchased for \$5 from a current Board member or from the SWCD office.

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