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The 11<sup>th</sup> annual Meigs County Cleanup Day will be held Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm at the Meigs County Fairgrounds. The event is for Meigs County residents looking to dispose of scrap tires, solid waste, appliances and scrap metal. The Meigs County Health Department received grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to support the event. Other county agencies including but limited to the Meigs County Commissioners, Highway Department, Soil and Water Conservation District, Probate Court and many others also support the event through matching funds and volunteers. It has become highly anticipated by all Meigs County residents. Since 2013 the event has grown each in year in the number of residents and the amount of material received. The goal or purpose of the event has always been to reduce or prevent open dumping or open burning of solid waste items such as mattresses, furniture, TV's and old tires. The event encourages volunteerism among several civic groups and local schools. Some of the goals of the Gallia, Jackson, Meigs and Vinton Solid Waste District are also accomplished by providing a cost-effective way to dispose scrap tires, increasing recycling efforts and changing behavior on waste disposal. The collection of scrap metal and electronics at the event has become greater and greater every year due to limited metal processors in the area. Funding provided by the health department's partners and the Ohio EPA has helped keep this event going strong. Over the past ten years the event has collected 21,343 SCRAP TIRES, 309 TONS OF SOLID WASTE and 144 TONS OF RECYCLABLE METAL. Over 585 VOL-UNTEERS has helped with the event and as a bonus took home tee shirts highlighting the event and its sponsors. Many residents have already contacted the health department with questions regarding the upcoming event. Residents bringing items will be directed to follow Rocksprings Road to Fairgrounds Road, circling the fairgrounds to a gate near the large Thompson-Roush Building. Residents should expect a long line prior to start of the event. They will be asked to show Meigs County residency either by driver's license or utility bill and directed to specific areas where volunteers will unload the items. Air conditioners, freezers, and refrigerators containing Feron gas can be brought to the event. Any scrap tires must be off the rim and only from passenger cars or trucks. A disposal fee of \$0.50 per tire is required. No credit cards or checks will be accepted at the event. Scrap metal items may also include lawn mowers and car batteries. ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED will be general household trash or garbage, household hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, cleaners, pool chemicals, and used oil), fluorescent lamps, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer, medical, infectious, or biohazard waste. Anyone with questions regarding the Meigs County Cleanup Day is directed contact the Meigs County Health Department at 740-992-6626.

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