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CONSERVATION TIMES

Quarterly Newsletter of Christian County Soil & Water Conservation District Winter 2009

Taylorville H.S.
2008
Envirothon
Team given
Environmental
Hero Award



Left to Right: Mark Podeschi, Cody Bailey, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, Advisor Mary Dawson, Eddie Kahle

Every year, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn presents awards to Illinois citizens who have gone beyond the call of duty and made an environmental difference in their communities. This year, the 2008 Taylorville High School Envirothon Team was chosen to receive an Environmental Hero award. The team, made up of members Cody Bailey, Eddie Kahle, Mark Podeschi, Abbie Meads, and Jessica Stout, along with Advisor Mary Dawson won the 2008 Illinois State Envirothon in May, 2008. They advanced to the Canon Envirothon, North America's largest environmental high school competition this past summer in Flagstaff, Arizona. They did very well, placing 4th in the Aquatics category.

Christian County SWCD is proud to sponsor the local Envirothon competition every year. We recognize the hard work and long hours of study this group of young people and their advisor have invested in learning more about their environment and the conservation of all our natural resources.

Congratulations on a job well done!

The local 2009 Envirothon will be held in Springfield on March 12th. It is open to any high school in Christian, Sangamon, Macoupin, Montgomery, or Bond counties. For more information please contact the Christian County SWCD.


Conservation Times

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Congratulations Sue!! 15 Years of Service to CCSWCD



Sue Davis was recognized at the AISWCD annual winter training for her 15 years of service to the Christian County SWCD. She has been a great asset to the District and we really appreciate all of her hard work on the part of Soil and Water Conservation. Next time you are in the office be sure to tell her Congratulations.

Pictured are Sue and Karla Shaffner from Clark Co. SWCD.



Goodbye
Stephanie



We have recently said goodbye to Stephanie Porter the Resource Conservationist for CCSWCD. She has taken a position with Montgomery County Extension as a Natural Resources Educator. We wish her the best. Due to funding concerns, we are not currently filling this position, but Sue and Amy will be in the office to help you.

Future of Newsletter Uncertain

Due to the inconsistent funding of SWCDs in Illinois, we may have to temporarily suspend the printing and distribution of our quarterly newsletter. We have received a small amount of funding from the State so far this year, and more is promised to be on the way, but as we learned last year, just because we are in the budget, doesn't mean that we can expect our funding in a timely manner. We do not want to give up this valuable avenue to get information out to the producers and landowners in Christian County. We hope this is not the end of our newsletters, but rather just a bump in the road.

We will be having a fish sale this spring and the order form can be found on the next page. Please fill it out and return it to the office, or stop by and let us know what you will be needing. Due to reduced staff and budget concerns, there will not be a tree sale this year.

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2009 Christian County SWCD FISH SALE ORDER FORM

April 30, 2009 8:00 a.m.

SPECIES	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL COST
Channel Catfish:			
4 - 6 inch	\$.60 each		
6 - 8 inch	\$.75 each		
8 - 10 inch	\$.90 each		
Hybrid Sunfish:			
1- 2 inch	\$55 per bag of 250		
3 - 5 inch	\$.80 each		
5 - 7 inch	\$ 1.00 each		
Largemouth Bass:			
2- 3 inch	\$.80 each		
5 - 8 inch	\$ 1.50 each		
Bluegill:			
1- 2 inch	\$55 per bag of 250		
3- 5 inch	\$.80 each		
Redear:			
1- 2 inch	\$55 per bag of 250		
Hybrid Redear: *			
2 - 4 inch	\$.50 each		
Triploid Grass Carp:			
8-11 inch	\$ 8.50 each		
		TOTAL ORDER	

**Hybrid Redear is a cross between a male bluegill and a female redear. It DOES eat snails and clams. It has a slightly higher reproductive rate than the Hybrid Sunfish.*

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For GRASS CARP, please fill in the following information for the location and size of the pond:

Township: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____ Size of Pond (in acres): _____

When Picking Up Fish: The fish hatchery will bag all fish at the sale and seal them in oxygenated water. Please note that the 8 - 10 inch catfish cannot be bagged and the pond owner must provide a container with pond water to transport these larger fish. For questions regarding fish, contact: Dan Stephenson, District Fisheries Biologist at (309) 543-3316 or dan.stephenson@illinois.gov

