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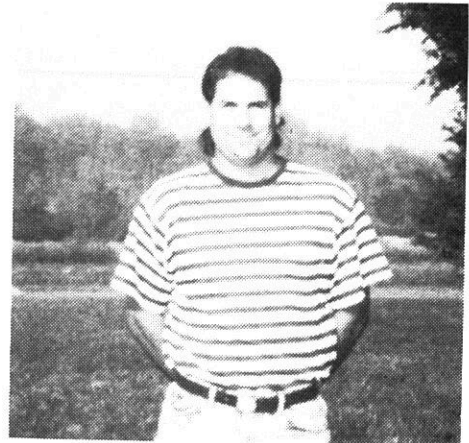
A FAMILIAR FACE WITH A NEW TITLE

Chris Sholly, who has been the office secretary for the past fifteen years with the St. Joseph County SWCD, accepted the position of County Conservationist with the District this past July. Chris will be working close with Debbie Knepp, District Conservationist, in helping to provide technical information to landowners of St. Joseph County with relation to conservation planning, soil and water management, forestry and wildlife needs, along with wetland specifications and engineering requests. Chris will also be responsible for the District's Tree Sales Program and Conservation Tillage Program. Chris is looking forward to the new challenge and is excited about working with the residents of St. Joseph County on a more technical level.



NEW ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION COORDINATOR HIRED BY SWCD

Rick Glassman has been with the St. Joseph SWCD for a little over one month. The job of the Environmental Coordinator is to promote, through teaching, conservation of not only farming practices but every type of environmental concern. Rick brings to this position a degree in Wildlife Management, 3½ years as a naturalist and a broad background in forestry and wildlife. Along with this background, Rick brings a diverse profile of program topics, for all ages. We are happy to have Rick on board with us in the SCS office. Rick looks forward to working with you to help spread the word of environmental education. For more information or a program, call the office at 291-2300.



SWCD WELCOMES NEW SECRETARY

Elizabeth Gushwa (Beth) will be starting her new position as administrative secretary for the SWCD on September 4th. Beth is a graduate of Michiana College, where she earned a degree in Secretarial Sciences and graduated with highest honors. Beth resides in the Mishawaka area with her husband, Steve and son, Justin. Beth has been working for the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service for the past two years. She looks forward to her new challenges and meeting all of you.



**ORDER BLANKS
AVAILABLE THIS FALL
FOR TREE SEEDLINGS**

Mark your calendar to call the office in October to receive your 1991 SWCD Tree Sales order blank.

The District is now in the process of determining which trees will be available for sale for conservation plantings, wildlife plantings and natural fences.

Trees will be sold on a first come, first served basis, so the earlier you order, the better the chances of you receiving the trees you order.

Beginning in 1988, Indiana landowners in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife, and United States Department of Agriculture restored the first of hundreds of drained wetlands in the state. The Service is now beginning its third year of this national program to restore drained wetlands. Through the Wetland Restoration Program over 4,500 wetlands have been restored across the mid-west since 1988 at no cost to the landowners.

Indiana's wetland resources have been reduced by 86% through drainage and development over the years. The loss of wetlands affects everyone because wetlands are valuable in controlling flooding, recharging groundwater, purifying ground and surface waters, and providing wildlife habitat.

The Wetland Restoration Program is handled out of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office in Bloomington, Indiana. In order to qualify, landowners must have a drained or partially drained wetland on their property. Service biologists will make a site visit at the landowner's request to evaluate the property for wetland restoration opportunities. The biologists will be looking for depressional areas that contain hydric soils and evidence of drainage tiles or open ditches. The Service will restore areas identified as drained wetlands at no cost to the landowner. Restored wetlands are not farm ponds. Wetlands are usually one to four feet in depth and because of their shallow nature, they are not able to support viable populations of large sport fish. Wetlands are a valuable and beautiful natural resource that should be protected and restored, not only for the obvious fish

and wildlife values, but for flood control and water purification purposes as well.

To obtain more information about the Service's Wetland Restoration Program, please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 718 North Walnut Street, Bloomington, IN 47401 or call (812) 334-4261.



**FREE
PLANT MATERIAL
AVAILABLE!!!**

The SCS would like to announce that it will again be offering FREE hybrid plants for your property. These plants are to be used as fencerows or windbreaks and their growth will be monitored by the SCS annually, for as long as data received remains useful. Red-Amur Maple, Sargent Crabapple, Dogwoods, Hybrid Imperial Cottonwood, and herbaceous plants for ground cover are some of the materials available. If you are interested in helping test these new varieties, please phone the office and ask for Debbie.

WINTER COVER CROPS - A PROVEN PRACTICE

The use of winter cover crops is by no means, a new innovative farming practice. However, it is a practice in which agricultural producers can benefit from for a variety of reasons.

Too much of our cropland is being lost through erosion to maintain its productivity. In order for us to continue to protect and improve our soils, and yet maintain our productivity, we must recognize the need of winter cover crops. Cover crops provide us with advantages of increased soil tilth, crop yields, soil moisture, and water and wind erosion control protection, which all add up to more profit in our farming operation. The use of winter cover crops such as rye, wheat and hairy vetch need to be encouraged wherever continuous crops are grown on highly erosive soils. One of the easiest ways to get a winter cover of wheat or rye established is to have it flown on by an airplane or helicopter. Now is certainly an excellent time to seed a cover crop before the soybean leaves drop and when there are enough warm days and a few light rains to get a good, lush growth started before winter.

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