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NEWSLETTER

SOIL AND WATER - IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE

POSTER CONTEST

The SWCD is again sponsoring it's annual Poster Contest. This year's contest will be open to all K - 6 grade classes. Categories are K, 1-2, 3-4, and 5-6. The winner from each category will compete for the Grand Champion. The grand champion will then be sent to the State judging contest.

This years theme is "Soil and Water - Important to Everyone". The poster must state the title on it an it must be 14" x 22" posterboard. It can be any color and any medium; marker, crayons, paint, natural materials, etc, can be used.

Posters **MUST** be in the SWCD's office by February 15, 1991. I can pick them up or you can bring them in. All winning posters will be displayed at this years Ag Days display at Scottsdale Mall. (March 8-10)

*******YOU MUST REGISTER******* To register and receive a complete set of rules, contact Rick Glassman, 60455 U.S. 31 South, South Bend, IN. 46614 or call 291-2300.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!

HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CONTEST

The St. Joseph County Soil and Water Conservation District and Farm Bureau are again sponsoring the Annual Indiana Conservation Public Speaking Contest. This year's topic is "Indiana's Natural Resources - A Blessing, A Responsibility". The contest is open to all High School age students, grades 9-12. The district's contest will be held on February 13, 1991. The district's winner will advance to the Area Competition (March 11, 1991) and Area Winners will advance to the State Competition (April 5, 1991). Scholarship of \$750, \$400 and \$200 will be awarded at the state level. The District winner will receive a trophy and \$50, second place \$35 and third place \$15.

Reference materials and a complete set of rules can be obtained by calling the office (291-2300). Judging will be held at the SWCD office located at 60455 U.S. 31 South, which is behind the Farm Bureau building, on February 13, 1991 at 7:00 p.m.

This is an excellent opportunity for experience by speech classes, 4-H'ers and FFA members.

THINK SPRING - PLANT TREES

It is already the first of February and winter is on its way out. Spring will soon arrive, when you think of birds chirping, flowers blooming and tree buds sprouting. It is certainly not too soon for you to be thinking about planting trees for the spring. The District is sponsoring it's Tree Sales Program again with a variety of trees and wildflower mixes available to purchase. Order can be placed through March 1st and trees will arriving in early April. Order blanks can be picked up at the SWCD office or at Martin's Supermarkets. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to call the office at 291-2300.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

The 31st Annual Meeting of the St. Joseph County Soil & Water Conservation District was held on Friday, January 18, 1991 at St. Adalbert's Parish hall. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Dooms, with introductions of board members and distinguished guests following. St. Adalbert's provided an excellent dinner of chicken, sausage, noodles, sweet and sour cabbage and vegetables, and pie for dessert..

Immediately following dinner, 15 students from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades at Eggleston Elementary School presented an excellent musical tribute to our environment. The election was held next with Richard Schmidt being re-elected as supervisor and Gene Myers re-appointed as supervisor.

Following dinner the evenings main entertainment, John W. Gunter, or as he is affectionately known as, "The Singing Sheriff". Mr. Gunter provided a humorous yet thoughtful look at the family and America.

Awards were given to Douglas Millar for Conservation Farmer of the Year. Doug was also recognized by the Goodyear Corporation for his outstanding conservation farming practices. Thomas Schultz received the Conservation Teacher of the Year while Take Pride in America awards were given to Eggleston Elementary and Madison Township Elementary Schools for their continued leadership in environmental education. the Farmer's Exchange Publishing Company also received a Certificate of Appreciation for their support of the SWCD.

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Your 1991 Soil and Water Board Members and Staff are as follows:

Supervisors

John Dooms
Richard Schmidt
Randy Matthys
Eugene Myers
Dale Stoner

Associate Members

Bernie Byrd
Gary Gadacz
Al Gostola
Rich Hamman
Jan Ivkovich
John Kirkpatrick
Jim Kidder
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Joe Long
William Millar
Jim LaFree
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Staff

Debbie Knepp
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Rick Glassman
Beth Gushwa
John Law



Pasque Flower



For the next 5 years, residents in the Upper KanKakee Watershed have a unique opportunity to voluntarily preserve the water quality in their area. This water-shed was one of 37 selected nation-wide this year for a water quality program sponsored by the USDA. This project will allow extra dollars and people into the area to assist landowners in whatever conservation practices are needed.

There are approximately 900 farms in the watershed and it is expected that 600 farms will directly benefit from the project.

The 249,000 acre watershed is located in St. Joseph, LaPorte and Marshall Counties. The program will be guided by the local landowners and/or residents within the water-shed. If you are interested in helping with this project, or need more information, call the SCS or Cooperative Extension Office in your county.

AG DAYS APPROACHING

Scottsdale Mall will again be the host for the well acclaimed AG Days, which will be held on March 8, 9, & 10, according to AG Team Chairman Don McKay. The St. Joseph County AG Team would like to invite everyone to attend the special three day event to view how agriculture fits into our everyday living. Plans are being made to include farm machinery, animal demonstrations and a variety of educational displays, which will provide us with a better insight into the world of agriculture. Area schools are again being invited to attend on Friday, March 8th, 1991 to visit the mall and enjoy the educational demonstrations. For school reservations, please call the SWCD office at 291-2300.

On February 12, 1991 the St. Joseph County SWCD plans to sell its last piece of tillage equipment - a 1983 Lilliston No-Till Drill. The District has been involved in providing conservation tillage equipment to area farmers since 1979 with the start of the chisel program. Since that time, we have provided local farmers with chisel plows, no-till planters, ridge-till planters and no-till drill to encourage and assist farmers in helping to conserve their soil to a tolerable limit. We feel that we have accomplished that goal, with over 45,000 acres of cropland in St. Joseph County being planted with some form of conservation tillage in 1990. We want to express our appreciation to the farmers of St. Joseph County for seeing the need and taking the initiative to protect one of their most precious natural resources - soil. Keep up the good work!

With the conclusion of the rental program, we will be able to direct our efforts toward a more aggressive educational program, where we can provide you with the most up-to-date information on available equipment, dealers, chemical reps, as well as a variety of environmentally safe chemicals to use in your conservation tillage program and overall farm safety practices.

WETLAND DETERMINATIONS BEING MAILED

Under the provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill, area farmers, who receive any financial government assistance, are to receive wetland determinations on all of their farms no later than December 31, 1991. According to District Conservationist Debbie Knepp, we have sent out determinations for 728 tracts or 26% of the total tracts that are reported by ASCS office. To date, there are 3,149 acres of wetlands that have been outlined in St. Joseph County.

In order for an area to be designated as a wetland, Knepp explained that ASCS aerial photos and slides from 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 were used, along with soil survey information and national wetland inventory maps to make these specific determinations. We appreciate the cooperation and understanding we have received from those who have received their determinations. When you receive your determination, it will include aerial photos of each tract with the wetland areas marked and labeled to distinguish the type of wetland. A cover letter will also be included to explain the purpose of the determination and a list of definitions for each wetland designation. We encourage you to take the time to read all the information carefully when you receive it, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the SCS office at 291-2300.

NOTICE OF SALE

EQUIPMENT: Lilliston No-Till Drill, Model 9680, (1983)

18 hole, 10.5' wide with a new grass seeder

TERMS: 10% down at time of purchase, remainder of pay't. not later than March 15, 1991

Tuesday, February 12, 1991 - 2:00 P.M.

At St. Joseph County SWCD • 60455 U.S. 31 South, South Bend, IN 46614

BIDS: All offers to purchase must be in writing, signed, dated and received in the SWCD Office prior to February 12, 1991 at 2:00 p.m. At said time and date, all bids will be opened and bidders will have the opportunity to increase their offers by competitive bidding (auction style).

The St. Joseph County SWCD reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

If you have any questions, call the SWCD Office prior to the sale date at 291-2300.

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