



CONSERVATION CATCHALL

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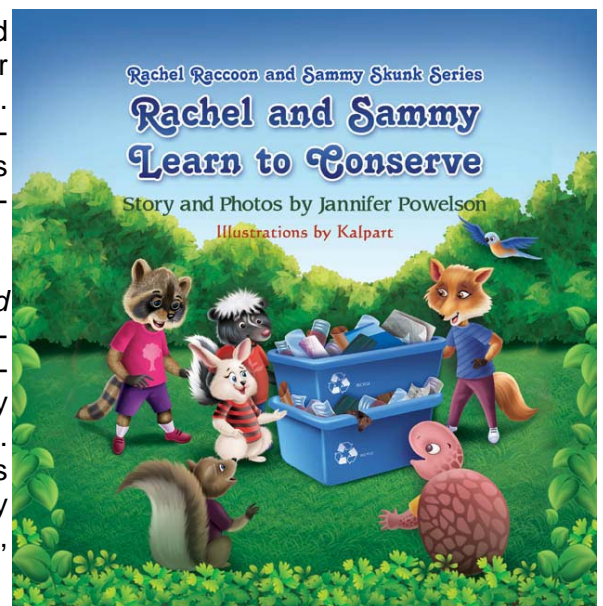
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NEW BOOK FROM STARK CO. SWCD RC

The fourth book in the Rachel Raccoon and Sammy Skunk Series by author Jannifer Powelson has been recently released. These books contain colorful photos, realistic illustrations, and entertaining characters that combine to teach children about nature.

In Powelson's latest book, *Rachel and Sammy Learn to Conserve*, Rachel, Sammy, and their classmates help children discover that everyone's a winner when they conserve the earth's natural resources. Readers will learn all about planting trees and native plants, soil, water, and energy conservation, wildlife habitats, recycling, and more!



Rachel and Sammy were introduced in *Rachel and Sammy Visit the Prairie*, an educational tool that teaches children to identify 20 common prairie plants. The second book in the series, *Rachel and Sammy Visit the Forest*, is beautifully illustrated and showcases 15 common spring woodland wildflowers. A fantastic guide to take on a nature trail, children will enjoy learning as they hike with Rachel and Sammy. The third book in the series, *Rachel and Sammy Learn About Trees*, Rachel and Sammy are joined by their classmates, Mrs. Doe, and Doc Opossum, and they discover all kinds of interesting tree facts during a trip to a forest. This book teaches children about tree identification, parts of trees, importance of trees, photosynthesis, and much more!

Copies of Rachel and Sammy books are available in both print and e-book formats and may be purchased from online retailers. <http://www.amazon.com/author/janniferpowelson>

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - LONNIE WILSON

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Late seasons seem to continue across the state, although we have had a few warmer days the past few weeks that make me feel like summer is coming, it still seems a little early in the year. I do enjoy the warm, low humidity days though. We had our quarterly board meeting last week and I thought I would cover a couple of those topics with you this month since I have not received any questions from anyone over the last month.

The topic usually on everyone's top priority, funding. As you have heard by now, next year's budget passed both House and Senate, but is still awaiting the Governor's signature. We feel he will sign the budget into law soon. This includes an increase of \$515,000.00 over the current year's budget in operations. In my opinion this can be directly linked to the work done by Mike Hoffman, Rich Nichols and the support of IDOA Director Flider and our leadership team. A lot of time was spent this year with the staffers at the capital preparing the budget and explaining the needs and the reasoning for the operations and the grants. I think this is one of the reasons we went into the budget without cuts, actually increased and remained flat throughout along with working last year to getting off the GRF lines. We received a lot of support this year from Director Flider both by submitting the increased budget and by supporting us throughout the budget process. I suggest and encourage you to take time to send a letter or a card thanking him for his support.

New funding initiatives are stalled and, in my opinion, will be stalled until the legislators find a way to reform the pension systems and get the bills paid in Illinois. Until that happens we are just not going to see new funding initiatives. I suggest you discuss this with your legislators which ever side of the isle they are on. They need to get serious and start to negotiate a solution so the rest of the state is not held hostage by these fiscal issues. We have up to nine new initiatives waiting for a path to open up once these other fiscal issues are addressed. I can not stress how important it is for you to talk to your legislators about this and how it, in my opinion, directly effects our future funding.

We will be reviewing a couple of new exciting programs that will have some new funding potential for districts at summer conference. I think you will be pleased with what we have for you!

The Gaming bill was passed out of the Senate again, but stalled in the House when the Speaker pulled it as his pension bill stalled in the Senate. We started out at \$6 million a year, but were able to increase this to \$9 million a year in the House committee phase. I hope this bill will be called to continue debate and be heard later this year in the veto session. I have said in the past that it is not whether or not gaming is going to happen, it is where and which state will receive the revenue. Well, Iowa and Wisconsin are both

moving ahead right along our state lines to approve casinos and Indiana has already expanded last year. There are plans now for new land based casinos in both Davenport, Iowa and Beloit, WI that have full approval and from my understanding are seeking investors.

Prevailing Wage we thought was going to move forward with a wavier exempting landowners the same as the current homeowners exemption in the Act now. This too was pulled by the speaker from the floor, but the bill is still alive in the form of a shell bill and can come back throughout the remainder of this General Assembly. I do believe once pension reform is resolved, it will be easier for us to get time on the floor and a vote on these types of bills. But once again, please talk to your legislator about resolving this crisis.

We will be adding a tour to the Summer Conference this year on Sunday afternoon. I think everyone will enjoy this and find it informative and very enjoyable. The rest of the conference will be based around the same format as last year with the improvements from the committee and the survey included. One item that does remain is the tickets. These are needed for the hotel to set up the rooms to the proper size and to the approved seating capacity. So, if you want to be in a session, get your registration sent in with the proper sessions selected. I go to a few events a year and all of them require the same type of tickets to get into sessions, so I don't think this is anything new to anyone.

On the national front the Senate passed a Farm Bill and it contains conservation compliance attached to crop insurance. Having compliance included in this bill can be directly related to the activities of the North Central Region of the NACD in my opinion. We started out just over two years ago as the only group formally out there taking a stand in support for including compliance. I am glad that Senators Stabenow and Cochran both took the same approach in committee and included compliance. I hope the House leadership can bring a bipartisan bill forward soon that is close to the Senate bill which includes compliance and a strong Title II program so a short and simple conference can occur. It would be nice for our partners to have a 5 year Farm Bill locked in early next fiscal year. Tom Byers and I will be in Washington D.C. next month and will focus on the Congress members on the Ag Committee and the Farm Bill. If you have any regional issues you would like us to discuss with your congressperson, please give one of us a call or email.

I will not be able to do a July article, so I hope you have a great 4th of July and I will see you at the Summer Conference or one of the other great events like CTIC!



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES - *RICH NICHOLS*

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It must be June. The General Assembly has scurried out of town for the summer ... well, maybe. Their lack of action on pension reform may prompt a special session to finish up that annoying little issue. Unfortunately that annoying little issue is causing great discomfort for a lot of people. Illinois' bond rating dropped again which means that money the state has to borrow to remain solvent will now cost more and payments to vendors that are long overdue will continue to be long overdue and the state will be required to spend more money because of the requirement to pay interest on long overdue bill payments. It is quickly becoming a vicious circle from which escape will become more difficult as time passes.

Though legislators didn't deal with some of the tough issues, they did pass a budget and the SWCDs are the beneficiary of a \$515,000 increase in operations money for FY14. Considering the state's current financial health that small increase represents a major step forward.

Unfortunately the small increase was about the only good news for the SWCDs to come out of the spring session. Our other efforts were, to some degree, less than successful.

The AISWCD worked very hard to make sure that funding for the SWCDs was included in the gaming bill. We were successful in getting \$6.5 million put in the bill that would have been used for District Operations funding and we were even able to get that increased at the last minute to \$9 million. Unfortunately the bill was not allowed to be called for a vote and now languishes as a shell bill in the House Rules Committee. We are hopeful that the bill may reappear either in the fall or next spring.

House Bill 0987, sponsored by David Reis would have exempted conservation projects on agricultural land from the requirements of the Prevailing Wage Act. The bill, against all odds, made it out of the House Labor Committee and was on third reading but was not allowed to be called for a vote because of union opposition. The bill was amended to be a shell bill at the last minute to keep it alive until we can negotiate the language with the unions to try again next spring.

The Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking) bill did pass both chambers and is now on the Governor's desk. We had attempted to have soil and water conservation districts written into the legislation as the entity required to perform inspections to determine compliance with natural resource protection requirements in the legislation. The

bill's sponsor was not willing to consider that change. We will do what we can to influence IDNR to include the SWCDs in that role during their rule making process. The intent of having the districts perform the inspections is to provide a source for additional revenue for their services.

One other effort we were involved with includes proposed legislation that would provide funding to the Department of Agriculture through a fee structure. The bill was not introduced in the spring session. We will work with the sponsor to try to get something introduced next spring.

We will be working with various organizations over the summer to enlist their support for one or more funding measures for the SWCDs. We have already met with the Illinois Soybean Association and we are on the agenda for Illinois Farm Bureau's SWAT meeting later in June.

It is a long drawn out process to try to get anything through the General Assembly, especially if you are starting from scratch which is what we are being forced to do. The funding that the SWCDs once received from General Revenue sources is gone and not likely to return for some time. That means we have to identify a different and new source of funds. It takes a lot of time and energy to convince legislators that there is a need for a new source of revenue for a program as small as ours. Though we think \$15 million is a lot of money that is equated to a rounding error in the state's \$35 billion dollar annual budget. There is great reluctance on the part of most legislators to "put their neck on the line" for a new fee or tax that will only generate that much money.

The other issue of course is pension reform. Without first addressing that issue, it is likely that no bill generating new funding will pass no matter how large or small the revenue to be generated may be.

Please support your legislative leadership as they attempt to deal with pension reform and other issues related to the state's financial condition. Legislators need to know how you feel about these issues to give them the confidence they need to act.

Rich



PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S PAGE - KELLY THOMPSON

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June is most definitely upon us and has already proven to be a very busy month. Several projects are taking place this month along with regular assigned duties.

-IUM-

Standard Update

Many updates are in the works for the Illinois Urban Manual. There are several standards awaiting final approval which include:

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| IUM Standard 890 | Porous & Pervious Pavements |
| IUM Standard 997 | Wetland Creation |
| IUM Standard 998 | Wetland Enhancement |
| IUM Standard 999 | Wetland Restoration |

The standards listed above have recently been released from a 30 day public notice. The Task Order Groups (TOGs) will now review any comments that have been made then the standards will make their way to the Steering Committee for approval to submit to IEPA. These standards are weeks away from being incorporated into the IUM. Checkout the latest updates at <http://www.aiswcd.org/IUM/index.html>.

-Field Manual Update-

The IUM Field Manual is being developed by a TOG. They have completed a draft of the manual and plan to address edits at the upcoming meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 27th. The Field Manual will be completed on or around September 2013. Once complete, the Field Manual will be available both as a hard copy and on the AISWCD website under the IUM page by December 2013.

-PDSWRS Workgroup-

The workgroup is finalizing the stormwater performance recommendations this month. I will be submitting the final recommendations to IEPA on Friday, June 28th. The recommendation document has gone through many changes in the past year and three months. AISWCD greatly appreciates the time and effort each workgroup member has devoted to this project.

The final recommendations document will be placed on AISWCD's website by July 1st. To access the workgroup's recommendations, please visit their webpage: http://www.aiswcd.org/Programs/PDSWRS_WorkGroup.html.

-Additional Projects-

Legislative Conservation Tour & Luncheon

AISWCD, along with several other partners, is hosting its first annual Conservation Tour and Luncheon for Legislators in August 2013. The event will take place in Peoria County. A tour will be given of the Peoria County SWCD Chairman Jerry Wyatt's farm and Caterpillar's streambank restoration site followed by a lunch at Wildlife Prairie Park in Hanna City. This event is aimed to educate northeastern IL legislators on conservation practices and the SWCD roles. Over 150 legislators have been invited to attend this event. AISWCD hopes to shed light on the importance of the SWCDs around the state.

-AISWCD Website-

A new website is being developed for AISWCD. The website will feature a more user friendly layout along with highlights of upcoming events, a donation/membership page, and much more. Look for the new website to be available in early July.

As always, if you have any questions regarding the IUM update or the PDSWRS work group, feel free to email kelly.thompson@aiswcd.org or call (217) 744-3414!

Have a wonderful month of June!



Kelly Thompson



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S UPDATE - *SHERRY FINN*

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The word on invasive species: Transport zero

"Be a Hero - Transport Zero" is a new statewide Illinois program to raise awareness about how the public can help prevent the spread of invasive species on land and in waterways. These plants and animals, when introduced into new environments, have resulted in significant economic and ecological costs.

This campaign kicks off in May on television and radio, and in print, as well as at boat shows and boat landings, targeted to recreational water users who might unknowingly spread these species from one water body to another.

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their boats after a day be carrying aquatic in-could accidentally be waterbody," said Sarah ist. "Our message em-to help them prevent remove, drain, and dry. mals, and mud from all and dry everything."

species have been in-Lakes region.

the zebra mussel, Eura-round Gpby - have flour-have pushed out native hundreds of millions of damage. More aquatic as these lurk on the Lake Michigan and in-

Be a Hero - Transport Zero is designed to address the spread of invasive species on land, as well. "It conveys a unifying message that gets the point across. It's a simple and catchy way to inform many in the general public, including hikers, campers, hunters - anyone who is engaged in the natural world," said Chris Evans, biologist with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

This summer and beyond, the new message will be pro-moted on WGN Radio, *Illinois Outdoors* and *Outdoor Traditions* TV programs, and *Illinois Outdoor News* magazine. As the campaign progresses, look for the Be a Hero - Transport Zero message at trailheads and in hunting guides and pamphlets at natural areas throughout the state.

This campaign is funded through Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant and a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. For more information visit transportzero.org.

Sherry



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Happy June to Everyone!

It's been busy in the AISWCD office as was expected. The 65th Annual Meeting is almost here and we have been busy preparing. The tasks that have been keeping me busy are the program, session and meal tickets, and auction items. I'm also finalizing the children's activity I will be instructing at the annual meeting.

At the YMCA, where I work part time, we encourage the children to be pro-active in conserving our natural resources. They are encouraged to bring water bottles that are refillable to camp every day. We often make crafts with left over material or items that we would normally throw away. The children love to color coloring pages, but know that often we will ask them to also draw on the back instead of grabbing another sheet.

Encourage the children in your life to start making crafts out of items they already have. Here are a few that I have found that you can share with your little ones.

Make a Pringles Can Bird Feeder!

www.daniellesplace.com/html/birdcrafts.html#birdfeeder

Make a Toilet Paper Bunny!

<http://www.inhabitots.com/how-to-make-toilet-paper-roll-easter-bunnies/bunny-family-2/>

Better Homes and Gardens has some really good ideas!

<http://www.bhg.com/crafts/kids/rainy-day/crafts-from-recycled-material/#page=1>

These are just a few of the endless possibilities you could come up with! Enjoy and have fun! Don't forget, you're never too old to sit down and do a craft.

Happy Recycled Crafting!

Gina Bean



Groundwater Protection Day is September 10, 2013. There are a number of ideas for children's activities at: www.groundwateradventurers.org

Try the online Water Use calculator.

<http://wellowner2.org/2009/waterusecalculator.htm>

Try the Free App for iPhone and iPad.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/water-use-calculator/id553141703?mt=8>



ISWCDEA CORNER - *SHERRY HUFFSTUTLER* *ISWCDEA REGION ONE REPRESENTATIVE*

website: <http://www.il.ncdea.org>

Greetings! By the time you receive this edition of the Conservation Catchall summer will have officially arrived. This brings us to thinking about the Summer Conference that is right around the corner (July 22-23rd). I hope you as employees' have encouraged your directors to attend. There are a lot of interesting sessions for both directors and employees. I know that the ISWCDEA has made every effort to provide sessions that cover topics ranging from administrative to land use issues.

Once again, the ISWCDEA will be selling tickets for the 50/50 raffle. Anyone is eligible to purchase tickets and you do not need to be present to win. The minimum guarantee of the ticket is \$100. The cost of tickets are: \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. Proceeds from ticket sales go toward education and the state Envirothon. So let's get out there and sell a lot of tickets!

Thanks to all of you who responded to the Guidebook Committees' request for information. They are now making compilations and hope to be able to discuss the guidebook at the Employee Forum during the Summer Conference. If you have any ideas or suggestions for the committee that will enable them to cover all facets of the AC/RC positions please bring them to the meeting. The guidebook is for the benefit of ALL SWCD employees.

June 30th! Deadline to submit the ISWCDEA Scholarship Application is fast approaching. Please submit applications to Joe Bybee, Region 2 IDOA Regional Representative.

Until Next Time!



ILLINOIS CHAPTER - IAAP - *SHARON MATSON, PAST PRESIDENT*

website: <http://iaap-swcd.tripod.com>

The IAAP has been preparing for the upcoming Summer Conference. We will have two speakers for the event; Amy Stolte's presentation on working with fillable forms in Adobe and Microsoft Word and Victoria Prestia's presentation on "Workplace Bullying". We hope you will be able to attend the conference.

If you are interested in joining the IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals) please contact any member of the organization or go to our website <http://iaap-swcd.tripod.com> and view what is happening.

Editor's note:

Jane Brangenberg is the new Illinois Chapter - IAAP President. Welcome Jane and thanks for your leadership and service Sharon.





Legislative Corner - Mike Hoffmann

General Assembly Approves Increase for SWCDs for FY 2014

The General Assembly in [HB0214](#) passed a budget for the Dept. of Agriculture for fiscal year 2014 (which starts on July 1, 2013 and ends on June 30, 2014) on May 31. The General Assembly agreed with the Governor's proposed funding SWCD grants at \$3 million – up from \$2,485,000 for the current year. Cost-share funds, some of which have been used to fund employees' health insurance and supplement operational expenses, would remain level at \$4.5 million. Overall this represents an increase of \$515,000 or 7%. The bill has been sent to the Governor, who must act on it before the new fiscal year begins in July.

Soil and Water Conservation Funding, FY's 2012-14

| <u>Line Item</u> | <u>FY 2012</u> | <u>FY 2013</u> | <u>FY 2014</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Operations | \$2,785,000 | \$2,485,000 | \$3,000,000 |
| Cost-share | <u>\$4,275,000</u> | <u>\$4,500,000</u> | <u>\$4,500,000</u> |
| Total | \$7,060,000 | \$6,985,000 | \$7,500,000 |

Gaming Legislation Stalls

The gambling expansion proposal, [SB1739](#), again included dedicated funding for soil and water conservation as well as other Ag initiatives. For SWCDs that amount would have added \$9 million a year to the budget. Unfortunately, the bill stalled in the House this year and was not called for a vote. (It appears that it became tied to the pension reform – no gaming without pension reform. On the bright side, the resolution of the disagreement between the Governor and the Mayor of Chicago appears to clear the way for passage of the bill, possibly in the veto session.

Downstate Budget Initiatives in SB 1739 (House Amendment #2, May 31, 2013)

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| Transfer to the Partners for Conservation Fund for Soil and Water | |
| Conservation Program | \$9.0m |
| State Fairgrounds Infrastructure Improvement Fund | \$10.0m |
| County Fairs funding | \$4.5m |
| Cooperative Extension: match 100% of local funds | \$4.0m |
| Future of Agriculture Fund (for county fairs, FFA, extension) | \$6.0m |
| IL Historical Sites Fund | <u>\$2.5m</u> |
| Total | \$36.0m |

REMEMBER: KEEP YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS EDUCATED ON SWCD ACTIVITIES



TILLAGE AND REDUCED-INPUT ROTATIONS AFFECT RUNOFF FROM AGRICULTURAL FIELDS

No-till management practices can reduce soil erosion, but evidence suggests they can also lead to increased runoff of dissolved phosphorus from soil surfaces. Meanwhile, farmers looking to avoid herbicides often have to combat weeds with tillage, which causes erosion. With all of the tradeoffs of different management systems, which one should growers use? To answer that question, researchers from the USDA Agricultural Research Service compared nutrient and sediment loss from no-till, conventional tillage, and reduced-input rotation watersheds in a study published online today in *Soil Science Society of America Journal*.

By keeping a protective layer of plant matter on the soil surface, no-till practices reduce the loss of soil and phosphorus (P) attached to soil particles. But no-till requires herbicides to control weeds, and even after adoption of the practice by many farmers, harmful algal blooms were still occurring in surface waters. It looked as if no-till, while decreasing particulate P loss, was leading to increased runoff of dissolved P.

"Normally when you apply P-containing fertilizers, you would incorporate them into the soil," says Martin Shipitalo, lead author of the study. "With no-till, you're just broadcasting it on the soil surface, leading to high P concentrations at the surface. Even if you get less particulate loss, runoff will pick up that dissolved P that's highly concentrated at the soil surface."

Shipitalo and his team decided to look at data from a 16-year experiment to compare soil and nutrient runoff in watersheds managed in three different ways -- no-till, conventional tillage (chisel-till), and reduced-input rotations. "The idea with the reduced-input rotation was to have a conservation practice that worked for farmers who do not want to use herbicides or large amounts of mineral fertilizers," explains Shipitalo.

In the current study, researchers provided most of the nutrients to crops in the reduced-input watersheds by planting red clover and spreading manure instead of fertilizers. They minimized the amount of bare soils and used just a shallow disking instead of total inversion tillage to leave some crop residue on the soil surface. While herbicides were used in the experiment, they aren't necessary because the light tilling and in-row cultivation that was done kept weeds under control.

"Reduced-input rotations strike a medium between conventional tillage and no-till," says Shipitalo. "And they could easily be adapted to be organic rotations."

As was expected, the researchers found that soil loss was lowest in no-till watersheds. Reduced-input fields, however, had the highest levels of soil loss. While levels were still below annual soil loss tolerance values, reduced-input practices led to soil loss levels of more than twice those from no-till fields.

To address the concern of dissolved P loss from no-till fields, the researchers compared runoff from conventional tillage and no-till watersheds. While the average loss of total dissolved P from no-till was slightly higher than from conventional tillage, the loss was still quite small. Also, average total P loss from no-till watersheds was actually smaller than that from conventional tillage watersheds.

The lack of large differences in P loss from these two management practices may in part be explained by something unexpected -- earthworms. "The biology of the soil changes with long-term no-till," explains Shipitalo. "By leaving residue cover, you increase organic matter, and you increase earthworm populations."

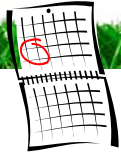
But how are earthworms affecting transport of P? Earthworms can ingest and redistribute soil, and they enhance soil structure creating more stable aggregates and allowing water to move more rapidly into the soil. It is also possible that earthworm activity mixes up soil moving surface-applied P deeper into the soil and away from potential runoff.

So which management practice is best for farmers? No-till practices didn't lead to increased dissolved P runoff in this study, but they require herbicide use. Reduced-input rotations don't require herbicides, but they led to higher levels of soil loss. The authors suggest further work looking at other reduced-input rotations, perhaps some that use less tillage to tease out even more management options.

"It will depend on the situation and the philosophy of the growers," says Shipitalo. "There isn't a one-size-fits-all solution or a certain practice that is best for everyone."

While there may not be one solution, the increased understanding of the different practices and their tradeoffs provide a basis for farmers to choose a crop management system that is best for them, their crops, and their land.

Source: Soil Science Society of America (SSSA). "Tillage and reduced-input rotations affect runoff from agricultural fields." [ScienceDaily](#), 11 Jun. 2013



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Independence Day - July 4th, Holiday, Office Closed July 4th and 5th
- CTIC's 2013 Conservation in Action Tour - July 9 & 10, Livingston County, Indian Creek Watershed [Register Here](#)
- 65th Annual Meeting & Summer Conference - July 22-23 - Northfield Inn and Suites, Springfield, IL

2013 QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING DATES

- September 2013 Quarterly Board Meeting - September 10th - Teleconference (Only if Needed)
- December 2013 Quarterly Board Meeting - December 9th & 10th - Northfield Inn - Springfield, IL
- March 2014 Quarterly Board Meeting - March 11, Northfield Inn - Springfield, IL - Executive Committee meeting March 10, IDOA

Some month long observances for June include:

- Dairy Month
- Great Outdoors Month
- National Adopt-A-Cat Month
- National Drive Safe Month
- National Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Month
- National Iced Tea Month
- National Rose Month
- Zoo and Aquarium Month

Special days that we celebrate and important events that occur during June include:

- Stand For Children Day - June 1
- Radio Was Patented - June 2, 1896
- First U.S. Spacewalk, by Ed White - June 3, 1965
- First Ford Made - Henry Ford made his first operational car - June 4, 1896
- Frank Lloyd Wright's Birthday - June 8, 1867
- Donald Duck's Birthday - June 9, 1934
- Iced Tea Day - June 10th
- E.T. Movie Premiered - June 11, 1982.
- The Baseball was Invented - June 12, 1839
- Sand Paper Invented by I. Fischer Jr. - June 14, 1834
- Power of a Smile Day - June 15th
- Eat Your Vegetables Day - June 17th
- International Picnic Day - June 18th
- Garfield's Birthday Debuted June 19, 1978
- Ice Cream Soda Day - June 20th
- First Day of Summer - June 21st
- Typewriter Patented - June 23, 1868
- Bicycle Patented - June 26, 1819
- Captain Kangaroo's Birthday (Bob Keeshan) - June 27, 1927
- Helen Keller's Birthday - June 27, 1880
- Camera Day - June 29th

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