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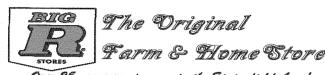
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TIME FOR ELECTION IS 7:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.



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Winter 2009

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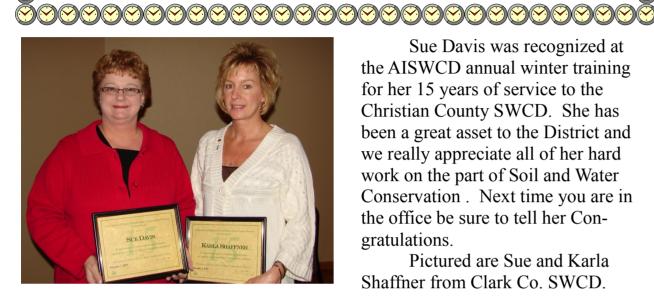
Every year, Lt. Governor Pat Quinn presents awards to Illinois citizens who have gone beyond the call of duty and made an environmental difference in their communities. This year, the 2008 Taylorville High School Envirothon Team was chosen to receive an Environmental Hero award. The team, made up of 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.

## **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

## 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		
*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	TOTAL ORDER		
the Hybrid Sunfish.			

Address:			
City :			Zip Code:
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For GRASS CAR	<b>P</b> , please fill in the fo	ollowing 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

## 2009 CCSWCD FISH SALE

## Deadline for orders: April 13, 2009 for Grass Carp and April 22, 2009 for all other fish

For more information, contact Sue Davis at the Christian County Soil and Water Conservation District, (217 287-1315 ext. 3)

### PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER

Make check payable to: Christian County SWCD, 951-2 Spresser St., Taylorville, IL 62568

## Delivery Date: Thursday, April 30, 2009 at the Christian County SWCD Office parking lot.

Truck will be here at 8:00 a.m. Please be here at least 1/2 hour to 1 hour prior.

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## **Recommended Stocking Rates Per Surface Acre of Water**

New	Ponds
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If you PLAN TO FEED your fish:			If you DO NOT PLA	If you DO NOT PLAN TO FEED your fish:		
Channel Catfish	4-6 inch	300 per acre	Channel Catfish	4-6 inch	150 per acre	
Hybrid Sunfish	1-2 inch	500 per acre	Hybrid Sunfish	1-2 inch	250 per acre	
Largemouth Bass	2-3 inch	50 per acre	Largemouth Bass	2-3 inch	50 per acre	
Fathead Minnows	5 pounds	per acre	Fathead Minnows	5 pounds	per acre	

OLD PONDS WITH	I EXISTING FISH	POPULATIONS:				
If you PLAN TO FEED your fish:			If you DO NOT PL	If you DO NOT PLAN TO FEED your fish:		
Channel Catfish	6-8 or 8-10 inc	h 300 per acre	Channel Catfish	6-8 or 8-10 in	ch 150 per acre	
Hybrid Sunfish	3-5 inch	500 per acre	Hybrid Sunfish	3-5 inch	250 per acre	
Largemouth Bass	5-8 inch	100 per acre	Largemouth Bass	5-8 inch	50 per acre	

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### CHANNEL CATFISH

The Channel Catfish is not only an outstanding fish, it is an excellent sport fish. It is very popular because of it's very fast growth rate when fed a commercial fish food. It is compatible in lakes and ponds with all species and works especially well with Hybrid Sunfish and Largemouth Bass. Growth Rates: Up to 1 pound per year if fed a commercial feed.

### TRIPLOID GRASS CARP

The Triploid Grass Carp is a viable alternative to using chemicals for weed control. This fish will not reproduce and when the proper numbers are stocked will totally eliminate the need for ever using chemicals or mechanical weed cutters. Stocking rates for each lake will be different, depending on the amount of weeds present. (Please contact me and we can determine the proper number to be stocked.) Depending on the severity of the weed problem restocking will have to take place every 3 to 5 years.

### FATHEAD MINNOWS

Fathead Minnows should be stocked in new ponds. They should also be stocked prior to stocking Largemouth Bass so they have an opportunity to spawn and provide plenty of food for the young Bass. Fathead Minnows should be stocked at 5 pounds per surface acre.

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# Soil and Water Management Workshop offers Continuing Education

Carbon, water and soils will be the focus of a Soil and Water Management Workshop sponsored by University of Illinois Extension on February 18. The workshop will be held at the University of Illinois Extension office in Taylorville. Presentations will be delivered via PowerPoint and teleconference from 9 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

"Those attending will learn about carbon trading, the latest research in soil and water management, and practical information on managing these resources," says Gary Letterly, U of I Extension natural resources educator. "And, Certified Crop Advisors can get 4.5 continuing education units in soil and water management."

Topics include Crops and Global Water Quality, Soils and Flooding, Surface and Ground Water Issues Impacting Producers, Carbon Sequestration, Carbon Trading in Illinois, Sustainable Agriculture in Soil and Water Management, Water Quality Research, and Cover Crops.

Registration is \$45 per person, which includes lunch. The registration deadline is February 11. To register, send name, address, and payment to U of I Extension, University of Illinois Extension – Christian County Unit, 1120 N. Webster St., Taylorville, Illinois 62568. Please make checks payable to University of Illinois. If dietary or disability accommodations are needed, please indicate when registering.

For more information, email Gary Letterly at letterly@illinois.edu.

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