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Lt. Governor Skillman Announces Transition in Leadership at State Department of Agriculture

Lt. Governor Becky Skillman, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, announced a transition in leadership at the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA). Joe Kelsay, a sixth generation dairy and crop farmer, has been selected to serve as the next Indiana Agriculture Director. Later this fall, Kelsay will succeed Anne Hazlett who will then serve as Chief Counsel to the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry under ranking member U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss.

"Anne's passion for agriculture helped the State Department of Agriculture surge forward, strengthen partnerships, and set the course for the future," said Lt. Governor Skillman. "Talent like that doesn't go unnoticed. Fortunately, in her new position, she will continue to work everyday to allow agriculture to flourish in Indiana and across the country."

A 1999 graduate of Purdue University in agricultural economics, Kelsay farms full-time with his father and brother in rural Johnson County. In addition to milk production, Joe and his wife Amy operate a farm tour business, Kelsay Farm Tours LLC, which teaches thousands of children and families each year about life on the farm. Beyond his experience in production and business development, Kelsay has held a wide variety of leadership positions in the agriculture industry. He was the Indiana FFA State Vice President from 1995 to 1996. He currently serves as Chairman of the State Young Farmer Committee in Indiana Farm Bureau and is president of the Indiana Professional Dairy Producers. Further, he is a member of the Purdue University Dean of Agriculture's Advisory Council as well as the ISDA Agriculture Advisory Board.

In his role as the Indiana Agriculture Director, Kelsay will lead the state's efforts to promote and strengthen the agriculture industry. "I cannot think of a person more suited for this critical leadership role than Joe Kelsay," Skillman said. "With his zeal for agriculture, proven leadership abilities, and entrepreneurial spirit, Joe will be a tremendous asset for all facets of Indiana agriculture. I am very much looking forward to working with him as we continue to grow the agriculture sector to an even greater piece of our state's economic revitalization."

Kelsay will assume his responsibilities in early November upon completion of the 2009 harvest.

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Youth Board

The Johnson County Youth Conservation Board is getting ready to kick off its new year. The Youth Board is open to all Johnson County High School Students. Each year the Youth Board holds many activities including delivering pine seedlings to Johnson County Elementary Schools and participating in the SWCD annual meeting.

The Youth Board gives out a scholarship each year to an outstanding senior.

If you would like more information on the Youth Board please contact Ric Schlosser at the Johnson County SWCD at 317-736-9540 ext 102.



Please watch the SWCD newsletter for more information in future editions.



Office Space for Rent

The Johnson County SWCD has office space available for rent in our building. We are located in downtown Franklin on Jefferson Street.

For more information please contact
Ric Schlosser
317-736-9540 ext. 102.



IASWCD announces new conservation development specialist

The [Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts](#) (IASWCD) announces the addition of Janice Bullman as the new *Conservation Development Specialist*.

For the past 12 plus years, Bullman served as the executive director of [Family Service, Inc. in Columbus](#). Her role there included the development, expansion and sustainability of programs and services for infants, children, adults and families in Bartholomew and surrounding counties.



Bullman looks forward to working with local Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff and supervisors and members of Indiana's Conservation Partnership in her new position. "I certainly share and am excited about the mission of the organization," she said.



She and her husband, Fred, have three children and four grandchildren. While growing up, their children were actively involved in 4-H with projects in cattle, horse and pony, swine and rabbits. Now, the grandchildren carry on the tradition with their involvement in 4-H, FFA and agriculture.

Left: Janice and her horse, Ponch

Janice and Fred live on their family farm near Bargersville. She is the fifth generation on the farm. Currently, the animals include two horses, two beagles and a cat. Janice and Fred enjoy horseback riding/trail riding, family gatherings and activities. They are actively involved in the Shelby County Western Riders Saddle Club where Janice serves as secretary. She also serves on the board of directors of the Johnson County Historical Society.

Janice attended Franklin College, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College and Marian College. She earned the Nonprofit Excellence Certificate from the IU School of Philanthropy. She also attended the Institute for Organizational Management through the University of Notre Dame and U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Bullman replaces Elizabeth Trybula, who served the Association as a watershed information specialist. Trybula is now a graduate student at Purdue University's College of Agriculture in Agricultural & Biological Engineering and the interdisciplinary Ecological Science and Engineering Program.

"Janice will work with SWCDs and Indiana Watershed Initiatives to promote financial growth and organizational development," said IASWCD President Paula Baldwin. "Specifically, she brings to the Indiana conservation delivery system, information and expertise related to proper, creative leveraging of local/state/federal funds, fundraising, private donor relationships, capacity building, and grants development. We are thrilled to have her skills and knowledge," added Baldwin.

Home School Workshop



The Johnson County SWCD along with the Johnson County Solid Waste Management District held the 5th annual home school workshop on August 28th. This years theme was Enviro-survivor to see who could out reduce and out reuse the other participants.

This year we were pleased to have 30 participants in the program.

The workshop was held in Palmer Park in Franklin.



Thanks to Kim Schafstall and Amy Grimmer of the SWMD and Kathy Haste of the SWCD for all of their hard work in making the workshop a success.



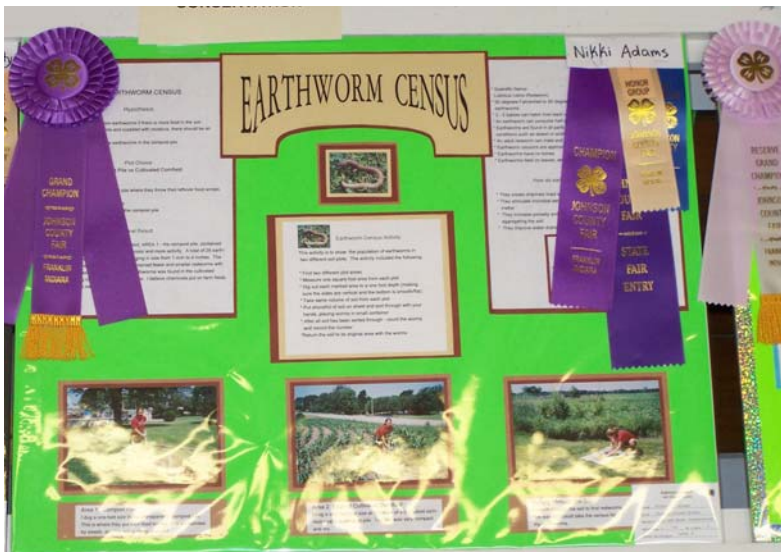
Fair Wrap Up

Another Johnson County Fair has come and gone. It was once again a year of unpredictable weather with some hot days and some wet ones. We were pleased to once again give out a rain barrel. This years winner was Michele Morris of Morgantown.

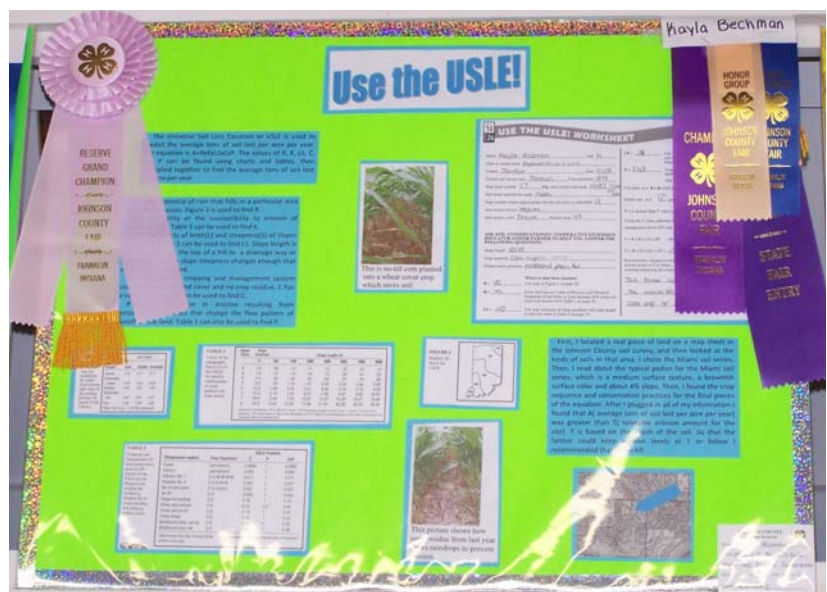
There were 11 entries in the 4-H Soil and Water Conservation project. Grand Champion went to Nikki Adams and Reserve Grand Champion went to Kayla Bechman.

Other participants were Leslie Barnett, Emily Acker, Guenevere Clear, Makayla Plummer, Patrick Southern, Kaittlyn Ogden, Emily Dougherty, Jessie Roberts, and Nathan Barnett.

Congratulations to all of the fair participants and we hope to see you next year.



Left: Grand Champion Soil & Water Poster from the 2009 Johnson County Fair



Right: Reserve Grand Champion Soil & Water Poster from the 2009 Johnson County Fair

**SIGN-UP ANNOUNCED FOR NEW
CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM**

INDIANAPOLIS, August 6, 2009—Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will begin continuous sign-up for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) on August 10, with the first sign-up period cutoff scheduled for September 30, 2009. CSP encourages agricultural and forestry producers to maintain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) authorizes CSP, which is administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Congress renamed and revamped the former Conservation Security Program completely to improve its availability and appeal to agricultural and forestry producers. Eligible lands now include cropland, grassland, improved pastureland, and non-industrial private forestland (a new land use for the program), and agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

“With CSP in continuous sign-up, we are able to offer producers greater opportunity to enroll their eligible acreage in the program,” said NRCS State Conservationist Jane Hardisty. “We encourage producers to use the self-screening checklist first to determine whether the new program is suitable for them and their operation. The checklist is available on the NRCS CSP Web site and at our local NRCS field offices.”

Producers then need to submit an application (form NRCS-CPA 1200) to their local NRCS district conservationist. Forms are available at <http://www.ocio.usda.gov/forms/index.html> by typing the form number in the search box. NRCS staff will determine the land and producer’s eligibility. If eligible, the next step for a potential participant is to schedule an appointment with their local NRCS staff to enter the producer’s current and proposed conservation practices in the conservation measurement tool (CMT). This tool estimates the level of environmental performance to be achieved by a producer implementing and maintaining conservation activity. NRCS uses the estimates and the state’s predetermined resource concerns to rank applications. NRCS staff will then conduct on-site field verifications of information obtained from the CMT. When the potential participant has been field verified and approved for funding, the participant must develop a conservation stewardship plan.

USDA is finalizing the program’s policies and procedures. The CSP interim final rule, published in the Federal Register, is open for public comment through September 28, 2009.

For more information about CSP, including the self-screening checklist and the CSP activity list, visit http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html or contact NRCS at your local USDA Service Center. USDA Service Center locations can be found at: http://www.in.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/directory/field_offices.html.

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Contacts:

Tony Branam, District Conservationist, (317) 736-6822, extension 3.

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- 5 gallon \$35.00**
- 7 gallon \$50.00**
- 10 gallon \$85.00**

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JOHNSON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR WATER QUALITY

2009 Logo Contest

Contest Rules

Theme: The County is looking for a logo - including a mascot and slogan - that will be used on the educational material created for the Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality representing the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Program. The logo and slogan should connect the negative impact polluted storm water runoff can have on the local water bodies, i.e. White River, Blue River, Sugar Creek, Hurricane Creek, Youngs Creek, Driftwood River, and various creeks, streams, rivers, and ponds, in and around the County.

Submission Requirements

Eligibility:

- Entrants must live in Johnson County, Indiana.
- Contest is open to students grades 6- 12; void where prohibited.
- Children of MS4 entity employees are not eligible
- Entrants should submit a hard copy of their logo, and the completed entry and certification forms to:

The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality
C/o the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District
550 E. Jefferson Street
Franklin, Indiana 46131

Contact Kim Schafstall at 317-738-2546 with questions.

- **Acceptable Size:** Logo designs should be placed on white paper that is no larger than 8'1/2" by 11".
- **General Info:** The logo should be suitable for many formats, including letterhead, buttons, websites, etc.; therefore, entrants are encouraged to keep their logos simple in design. Complex designs are difficult to read when on a small scale. The logo should reproduce clearly in black and white and in color and it may not include any personal information. A slogan and mascot must be included in the logo.
- All submissions must be the entrant's original artwork. No copies or tracings are permitted. Copyrighted characters, images or clip art are not permitted.
- Names should be omitted from artwork for judging purposes only.

- All entries, once submitted, become the sole property of The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality and will not be returned.
- Number of Submissions: Entrants may submit no more than one logo for consideration.

Entry Form:

- Each entry must include The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality Entry Form and Certification with the required signature of the parent/guardian, confirming that the logo is original, and granting permission to the entry.

Shipping/Mailing and Deadline:

- Entries must be able to withstand mailing/shipping either flat or in a tube.
- Submissions must be postmarked by October 31, 2009
- The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality is not responsible for late, lost, stolen, misdirected, damaged, mutilated, or postage-due mail.

Selection Process

- Members of The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality and their designees are the official judges of this contest and will announce the winner in November, 2009.
- Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality reserves the right to reject any and all entries and is not required to disclose the reason.
- Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality also reserves the right to choose two or more entries and ask the artists to combine key features of each logo.

Rights Associated with the Contest

- All entries, and any copyrights therein, become the sole property of The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality. By entering, the entrants and their parents/guardians agree to abide by the contest rules, and warrant that their entry is their original work and does not infringe upon or violate the rights of any third party and grant The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality the right to make modification, change, publish, promote, and otherwise use their entry materials without permission, notice or compensation.

Winning Entry

- The winning artwork will be used in some facet of the Storm Water Management Program's educational material. It is anticipated that the creator(s) of the winning entry will be awarded a \$100.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a recycled content hand chair made from recycled milk jugs and detergent bottles.

JOHNSON COUNTY PARTNERSHIP FOR WATER QUALITY

- If multiple entries are chosen, all artists will be accorded the above, with the understanding that key features of each logo will be combined to create one logo.
- The logo content must meet all criteria to be considered in judging.
- Wood, metal, glass, glitter or breakable materials are not allowed.
- If The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality deems it necessary, the creator(s) of the winning entry agrees to make any requested design changes.
- The creator(s) of the winning entry agrees to donate their work. In turn, the logo(s) becomes the sole property of The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality, and The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality has the right to publish the logo(s) in any format.
- Winning entrant(s) must agree to have their name and photo released.
- **Notification of Results:** All entrants shall be notified by mail and the name(s) of the creator(s) and winning logo(s) will be posted on The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality website.

The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality

Logo Design Contest Entry Form

Artist's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian's Name: _____

Artist's Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Grade in School: _____ Age: _____ Home Telephone #: _____

Name of School and teacher: _____

Certification

My child has my permission to enter this logo in the above stated name. I hereby certify that this logo was created entirely by the individual indicated above and is that individual's original artwork. I understand that all decisions made by the judging panel are final. I understand that this logo becomes the property of The Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality and may be reproduced. All personal information will be kept strictly confidential.

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