

# Conservation Lines

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Summer 2008

## Calendar of Events

- July 2 Board Meeting
- July 4—Holiday
- July 15 LUC Meeting
- July 29-Aug 5 Bond Co. Fair
- Aug. 13 Board Meeting
- Sept. 1 Labor Day
- Sept. 3 Board Meeting
- Sept. 19 Wildlife Tour
- Sept. 23 Fish Sale

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**Call our office at 618-664-0555 or email us at [info@bondswcd.org](mailto:info@bondswcd.org).**

## Bond County SWCD Poster Contest

The Soil and Water Conservation District held a poster contest this spring. The theme of the contest this year was “Water is Life.” The contest was open to all K-6th grade students in Bond County Schools. Students from Mulberry Grove, Sorento, and Greenville participated. One winner was selected from each of the

following categories: K-1, 2-3, and 4-6 grades. Each of the winners received a CVS gift card. One overall winner was selected from each participating school. The school winners received a certificate and a special gift. A county wide winner was selected and received a \$50 savings bond donated by Bradford



Above L to R : Cienna Banwell—Countw Wide Winner & Krista Waters from Mulberry Grove.



Greenville Winner—Shelbi McCray



Bank. The county wide winner went on to compete in the state competition.

At left: Sorento School winners: (L to R) Jillian Collier, Lynze Brown—School winner, and Maddie McEvers

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**Conservation & Wildlife Tour**  
**Sept. 19, 2008**  
**Wildlife Habitats**  
**Timber Management**  
**Pond Shocking**



## 2008 FALL FISH SALE

**Deadline for fish orders: Grass Carp—Sept. 8, All other fish—Sept. 16**

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SPECIES	SIZE	PRICE	QTY	\$	SPECIES	SIZE	PRICE	QTY	\$	
Channel Catfish	4-6"	60 ¢ ea.			Hybrid Sunfish	1-2"	\$55 / Bag of 250			
	6-8"	75 ¢ ea.				3-5"	\$ 0.75 ea			
	8-10"	\$1.00 ea.				5-7"	\$ 1.00 ea			
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	75 ¢ ea.			Bluegill	1-2"	\$55/ Bag of 250			
	5-8"	\$1.50				3-5"	\$0.75 ea			
Redear (bag of 250)	1-2"	\$55/ Bag of 250			Crappie	2-3"	\$45/ Bag of 100			
<i>Hybrid Redear</i>	2-4"	50 ¢ ea.			Fathead Minnows		\$ 9.00 / lb.			
Triploid Grass Carp*	8-11"	\$9.00								
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT DUE</b>							\$			

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, ST, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \*Location of pond/lake: (Required if ordering Grass Carp)  
 TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ RANGE: \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION: \_\_\_\_\_ POND SIZE (acres): \_



### FISH STOCKING FOR NEW AND REHABILITATED PONDS

The most widely used and successful stocking combination for ponds in Illinois is largemouth bass, channel catfish, bluegill and redear sunfish. These species are popular among fishermen and are adapted to a wide variety of pond conditions. The bluegill eat small aquatic insects and serve as food for bass. The bass control the numbers of small fish so those remaining grow to large size.

Crappies are popular with anglers, but may not be suitable for small ponds. Crappies produce large numbers of offspring which can quickly overpopulate. High numbers of bass must be maintained to provide control of crappie populations.

Bluegill often have a reputation of overpopulation, but that is traceable to overharvesting of largemouth bass.

Redear sunfish are sometimes substituted for bluegill or stocked in combination at a ration of 70% bluegill to 30% redear. Bass and bluegill are sometimes stocked alone if redear or channel catfish are not desired.

Fingerling fish are recommended for initial stocking of NEW ponds or rehabilitated ponds. Fathead minnows also can provide an abundant food supply that will eventually be eliminated by bass. Other minnow species can cause problems, only fathead minnows are recommended.

It is very important that the proper number of fish be stocked, since this original stocking must support the pond for the first four to five years of fishing. For more information, see the information booklet Management of Small Lakes and Ponds in Illinois, produced by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

CONSERVATION LINES

**AGRICULTURAL WEBSITES**

Agricultural Regulations  
<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/ezregs/>  
Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation  
[www.aiswed.org](http://www.aiswed.org)  
Illinois Department of Agriculture  
<http://www.agr.state.il.us>  
Illinois Farm Bureau: [www.ilfb.org](http://www.ilfb.org)  
University of Illinois Extension  
<http://web.extension.uiuc.edu>  
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United States Department of Agriculture  
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**Book Barn Dedication—August 3—Bond County Fair**

After many hours of hard work and perseverance the construction of the Ag in the Classroom Book Barn is complete. The official dedication ceremony is scheduled for August 3 at 1:00 p.m during



the Bond County Fair. This dual-axle trailer began as a joint construction project for Ag. In the Classroom between the Mulberry Grove and Greenville FFA Chapters. The project continued to grow thanks to funding from Monsanto and other local organizations, like Bond County SWCD and the University of Illinois Extension. Additional fundraising efforts by SWCD Director Wes Pourchot and other local volunteers helped to expand the project into an outstanding mobile agricultural education unit. The unit will be utilized at elementary schools, public events, and special group activities in Bond County throughout the year. For more information about the Book Barn, contact Karen File, Ag in the Classroom for Bond County at 618-664-3665.