



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

Look for the SWCD in the Farm Bureau Building during the 4-H Fair!

Upcoming Events

June 26: Monthly Board Meeting at the USDA Service Center 7:30 PM

June 24th-26th: 4-H fair

June 24th: Adventures with Nature, Tipsaw Lake 9:00 AM- 1 PM

July 4th: **USDA Service Center is CLOSED** in observance of Independence Day

July 24: Monthly Board Meeting at the USDA Service Center 7:30PM

Spencer County SWCD

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New NRCS District Conservationist– Randy Van Matre

As of mid February, I have assumed the District Conservationist role formerly held by Rita Becker Forler. Rita has taken over the responsibilities for Vanderburgh County. Before coming here, I served as the District Conservationist for Daviess/Martin County from 2011-2017, the District Conservationist of Henry/Trimble County in north central Kentucky from 2010-2011, and as a soil conservationist for Hopkins, Ohio, McLean, Muhlenberg, Daviess, and Hancock County in western Kentucky from 2005-2010.

Soil health is the primary driver of Indiana NRCS. We as an agency are available to help those that wish to improve their soil health through reduced tillage, improved nutrient and pest management, and the use of cover crops. The single best agronomic tool that a landowner can utilize is the implementation of cover crops. Field research has proven repeatedly that it works. NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance for those interested in improving their soil health. NRCS works in partnership with the Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District, Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana Department of Natural Resources and Indian Division of Forestry to provide conservation assistance. My office is located at the Rockport Service Center and I can be reached at (812) 649-9136 ext.3.

AEP Earth Week

Courtney, with the assistance of Ashley Schaus, Amy Sims and Randy Van Matre, spoke to more than 1,000 children at the AEP Earth Week. The Theme this year was the Total Eclipse of the Sun, so all of our activities we planned revolved around the sun. which will happen 8/21/2017 in the afternoon. The last total eclipse to travel from coast to coast in the US was in 1918!

There is another total eclipse through the United States in 2024, but don't wait until then to see the total solar eclipse! Please be safe while watching the eclipse! Special glasses are needed to prevent sun damage to your eyes!



Path of the Eclipse, 8/21/2017

15th Annual Adventures With Nature

“Let’s Go Hunting”

Wear your ‘camo & hunter orange’ and come spend the morning learning all kinds of things to do with hunting. Games, crafts, activities, even a hunting obstacle course!

June 24th

9:00 – 1:00 CST

Hoosier National Forest

Tipsaw Lake

Located on Hwy 37
4 miles south of I-64