



Conservation News

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Charleston Illinois
A Celebration of Nature

Charleston to Host Butterfly Festival on Saturday, August 3rd

Celebrating our Natural Resources: Kids Activities, Expert Advice, Nature Walks, Kite-Flying Performances, Food Trucks, Kayak Demos, and more!

Come and learn about all the natural resources Charleston has to offer for leisure, mental and physical health, and best practices for conservation. Celebrate the efforts of the Urban Butterfly Initiative (Coles County SWCD's 2022 Conservationist of the Year!) to increase biodiversity. Get advice for your own gardens, lawns, and pollinator plots. Bring the kids to see native creatures up close and participate in fun activities! All at beautiful Lake Charleston!

Exhibitors and participants will include the Coles County SWCD, Urban Butterfly Initiative, Grand Prairie Friends, Douglas Hart Nature Center, Fox Ridge Foundation, Charleston Birders, IDNR Fisheries, Charleston Tree Commission, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Pheasants Forever, Charleston Parks and Rec, Coles County Arts Council, Charleston Carnegie Library, Charleston CAN Play, Charleston Scouting America, University of Illinois Extension Coles County, and more.

August 3rd is also the second to last day of the Urban Butterfly Initiative's annual "Butterfly Blitz." Participants in the Blitz can stop by the UBI table at the Festival and receive a special patch! Additional mini-events are planned for the week leading up to the festival. For more information about the event, exhibitors, and a detailed agenda, please scan the QR code to the right of this article.



Parking Note: Due to limited parking at Lake Charleston, a free shuttle (handicap and stroller accessible) will run continuously between Linder Sports Complex and the Lake. Please park at Linder Sports Complex to take the shuttle and watch the kite-flying performance while there. David Zavell, kite enthusiast and owner of Chicago Kite/Kite Harbor, will be bringing a team of experienced kite fliers to Linder Sports Complex for kite demonstrations. If you are interested in taking a walking trail to the Lake, parking is also available at Sister City Park and Woodyard Conservation Area.

Upcoming Events:

July:	August:	September:
4th— Independence Day (Office Closed) 9th— Board Meeting 14-16th— AISWCD Conference 22nd— Summer Ag Institute 28th— Coles County Fair Starts	3rd— Butterfly Festival 4th— Coles County Fair Ends 13th— Board Meeting 28th— Pond Seminar	2nd— Labor Day (Office Closed) 9th— Board Meeting 13th— Fish Sale Orders Due

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LET'S TACO 'BOUT AGRICULTURE!

COLES COUNTY SUMMER AG INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS

MONDAY, JULY 22ND

**MORNING: CLASSROOM
AFTERNOON: TOURS**

\$10 REGISTRATION FEE
INCLUDES LUNCH & MATERIALS



REGISTER BY JULY 12TH

CONTINUING EDUCATION
CREDITS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR TEACHERS THAT ATTEND

Teachers are invited to Warren James Winery on Monday, July 22nd to “Taco ‘Bout Agriculture” and learn about the many conservation and agriculture resources available for your classrooms. The morning will start with lessons from Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom, followed by a salsa making lesson led by a local farm-her, and we will end the day touring a local agriculture business!

Visit <https://coles-ag-institute.cheddarup.com> to register for the event. \$10 registration fee includes light breakfast, lunch, and materials. Final agenda will be sent in early July, but the day will tentatively run from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. CEU credits will be available for teachers from ROE 11 (districts in Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, & Shelby Counties). Contact the Coles County SWCD for more info at info@colescountyswcd.org.



Coles County Resident Takes First Place in AISWCD Photo Contest—Again!

Sandra Cooper of rural Oakland has been announced as a winner of the 2024 Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts Photo Contest in 2 categories: “Close Up Conservation” and “Ag Across America.” You may recognize her name... Mrs. Cooper has submitted photos into the Coles County SWCD’s annual photo contest for many years. In addition to a long history of wins in our local contest, she has won her fair share of awards at the state and national contests as well!

This year, Mrs. Cooper’s contribution to conservation photography will be recognized in person during the Awards Luncheon at AISWCD’s 76th Annual Meeting in Springfield. Her photos will advance on to the national competition, with winners to be announced in February. We wish her luck! Pictured below is her winning photo, “Finessing The Fence Row” from the Ag Across America category.



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Pond Management Seminar (Free!)



Bring your questions and a lawnchair!

To RSVP for this **FREE** event or if you have questions, please call the Coles County SWCD (217) 345-3901 ext 3 or email info@colescountyswcd.org
Refreshments will be provided.

Topics will include:

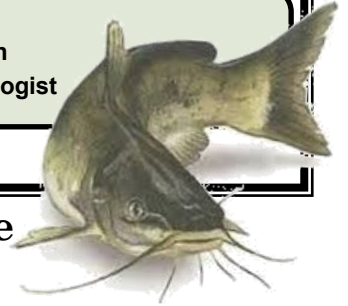
Fish Management, Aquatic Plant Control, Fish Species Identification, Stocking Recommendations, Pond Construction, Pond Maintenance

***WHEN: Wednesday, August 28th, 5:00pm**

***WHERE: 2446 N County Road 2200E, Charleston**

SPEAKERS: Jim Garavaglia, IDNR Fisheries Biologist

A map to the location can be found at <https://maps.app.goo.gl/naojiMseoba5kH3w8>



Coles County SWCD Fall 2023 Fish Sale

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email: _____

Return order form with payment to:
 Coles County SWCD
 6021 Development Drive, Suite 2
 Charleston, IL 61920



Important Dates:

Fish Orders Due: Friday, September 13th
 Fish Pick Up: Wednesday, October 2nd
 11:00am at Coles Co SWCD Office
 Please remind me prior to pick up via:
 Phone Email

Fish Species	Size	Price	Quantity	Subtotal
Channel Catfish	4-6"	\$1 each		\$
	6-8"	\$1.25 each		\$
Largemouth Bass	3"	\$1.75 each		\$
Bluegill	2-4"	\$1 each		\$
Hybrid Sunfish	2-4"	\$1 each		\$
Red Ear Sunfish	2-4"	\$1 each		\$
Fathead Minnows	1-3"	\$12 per lb		\$
<i>See below</i>				
Triploid Grass Carp	8-11"	\$12.50 each		\$
			Total	\$

TABLE MUST BE COMPLETED FOR ALL GRASS CARP ORDERS:

County	Township	Range	Section	Pond Size (Surface Acres)	Water Name	# of Fish
Ex: Coles	T11N	R9E	16	12 ac.	Pond	4

For Office Use: Date Paid: _____ **Amount:** _____ **Check#/Cash:** _____





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