

# Coming Together

## S.W.C.D.

**PUBLISHED BY:**

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
921 NORTH PARK DRIVE ❖ EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47710**

VOL. XLVII No. 3

*CELEBRATING 85 YEARS*

FALL 2025



Save  
the  
date!

MarketReady™



MarketReady™ Training  
Evansville, IN  
November 20, 2025  
Willard Public Library

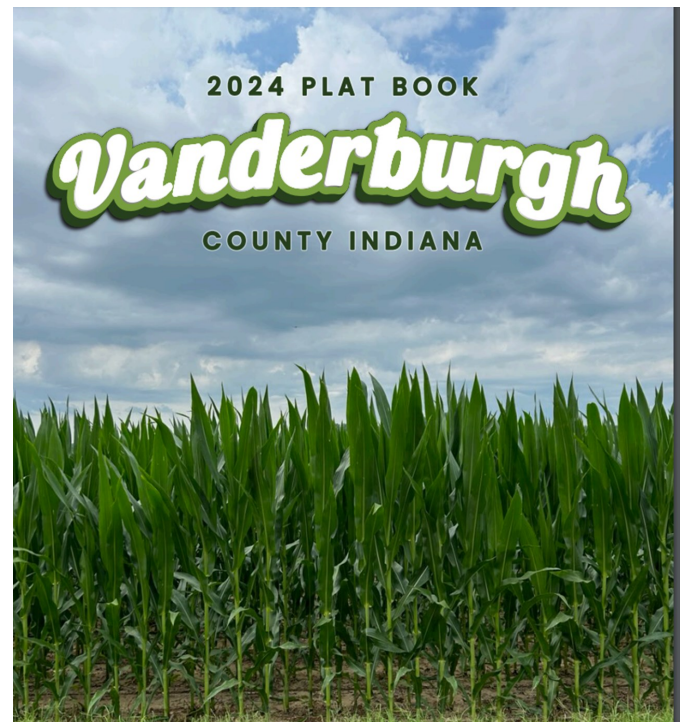
MarketReady™ is a program that helps local food producers prepare for selling to wholesale markets.

Hosted by  FARMWISE  
Indiana

## New 2024 Plat Books are here!

The new 2024 Vanderburgh County Plat Books are at the SWCD office and ready for purchase.

The price of the new books are \$25 and can be paid with cash or check only. Please be sure to call the office at 812-423-4426 x3 before you stop by, as we are frequently out of the office.



### MISSION STATEMENT :

OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE  
QUALITY CONSERVATION SERVICES  
RESULTING IN A HARMONIOUS BALANCE  
BETWEEN NATURAL RESOURCES,  
SOCIAL CHANGE  
AND ECONOMIC HEALTH WITHIN  
VANDEBURGH COUNTY  
BY FOSTERING INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- Registration opens in early September. Maximum of 30 attendees.
- \$50 per attendee (If multiple individuals from one business are attending, each one will need to register.)
- 9:00 – 3:00 CST
- Materials and lunch included
- The day will offer training for food producers, as well as the opportunity to hear from a panel of food buyers.
- The training will present Indiana-specific information, however the training is open to non-Indiana businesses. Hosted by FARMWISE Indiana
- ♦ Contact Laura Stoltz at [lstoltz@iu.edu](mailto:lstoltz@iu.edu) with questions or to register.



# EVANSVILLE COUNTRYSIDE ORCHARD FARM TOUR

PUSH-IT MEETING TO FOLLOW

SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> AT 6 PM  
16800 PETERSBURG RD  
EVANSVILLE, IN 47725

JOIN US TO TOUR  
EVANSVILLE COUNTRYSIDE  
ORCHARDS FRUIT TREES  
& RAIN WATER COLLECTION SYSTEM.



# Women's Conservation Learning Circle

Attention women landowners – this FREE event is for YOU!

**Thursday, September 18th**

registration at 8:30 am event starts at 9 am

**Seton Harvest**

**9400 New Harmony Rd, Evansville, IN**

This Women's Conservation Learning Circle is a peer-to-peer, informal discussion about urban conservation and specialty crops, individual land stewardship goals and information sharing. Female conservationists will be available to facilitate discussions and share resources.

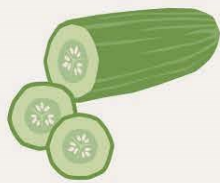
This event is FREE to attend, however space is limited to the first 25 RSVP's. Topics for this event will focus on urban conservation and specialty crops. The day will also include a farm tour of Seton Harvest.

Lunch and handouts are provided!

For more information or to register for this event, call the Vanderburgh County SWCD at 812-423-4426x3 or email [erin.shoup@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:erin.shoup@in.nacdnet.net)

Hosted by Vanderburgh, Posey, Gibson & Warrick SWCD's

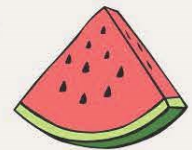




# Free Soil Test & Site Visit



If you have a small garden where you're growing vegetables, fruits, and/or flowers and live in the following counties, you're eligible for a free soil test!



Posey      Vanderburgh      Spencer  
Warrick      Pike      Gibson



1. Contact your local Soil & Water Conservation District



2. Schedule a site visit with us to come take the soil sample



3. When your results come in we'll follow up to discuss your soil results and how to better improve your soil health!



## FREE COVER CROP SEEDS

(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

- Covers Gardens 250 - 1,000 sqft.
- Mix Includes Crimson Clover, Daikon Radish, and Winter Oats
- Plant after vegetable harvest before Sept 30th for best results

Fall cover crops are a great way to build your soil for next year's garden. Cover crops are able to reduce soil compaction, increase water infiltration, add organic matter and reduce weed pressure. Plant cover crops from Mid August to late September to receive the biggest impact. If vegetables are still growing, plant the cover crop seeds under the established plant to give the seeds time to germinate. During the winter months, the cover crops will provide food for the microbes that are helping to make your soil healthy. Come spring, till, spade or plow under the cover crops to provide a boost in organic matter and nutrients.

Please contact us at 812-423-4426 x3 to make sure we still have seeds available before you stop by the office. The office is located at 921 North park Dr., Evansville, IN 47710. Normal office hours are 7-3:30 p.m.

## Seton Harvest Honored with 2025 River Friendly Farmer Award at Indiana State Fair

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Fifty-three Indiana farmers were recognized on August 6 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds for their exceptional commitment to conservation and land stewardship during the **2025 River Friendly Farmer Award Ceremony**.

Held in the 4-H Exhibit Hall Auditorium, the ceremony honored farmers who have implemented proven conservation practices—such as cover crops, no-till farming, and field borders—to reduce erosion, improve water quality, and build healthy soils. These efforts not only protect Indiana's rivers, streams, and lakes, but also contribute to the health of waterways far beyond state lines.

Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith addressed the honorees and their families, commending their dedication to preserving Indiana's natural resources.

Local farming business, Seton Harvest, nominated by the Vanderburgh County SWCD, is located at 9400 New Harmony Rd., Evansville, IN 47710. Seton Harvest has installed a large pollinator plot to attract pollinators to the farm. They also use cover crops to protect the field during the non-growing season. Seton Harvest also uses buffer strips around the field edges and uses terraces, all to aid in conservation prac-

tices throughout the farm.

A shared theme among this year's recipients is leaving the land better than they found it and Seton Harvest is no exception.

The River Friendly Farmer Award is a program of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD) and Indiana's 92 Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

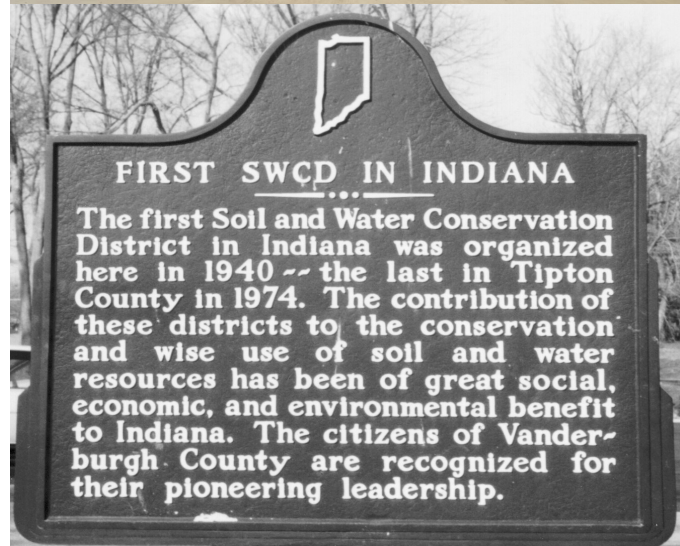
The 2025 River Friendly Farmer Award Ceremony is proudly sponsored by:

Indiana Farm Bureau  
The Nature Conservancy  
Indiana Corn Marketing Council  
Indiana Soybean Alliance  
Indiana State Department of Agriculture  
Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (IASWCD)  
Indiana's 92 Soil and Water Conservation Districts

A full list of award recipients is available at: [www.iaswcd.org](http://www.iaswcd.org)



Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith (L in blue shirt) and Indiana Farm Bureau President Randy Kron (R in taupe shirt). Joe Schalasky, Farm Manager at Seton Harvest. (green shirt)





# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

**ATTENTION**

## DEAR NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS,

We now have an electronic version of our newsletter!

To reduce wasteful printing we are offering a more environmentally friendly, e-newsletter option.

How would you like to receive the newsletter?

Please call the office or email Megan Klenck and let us know how you would like to stay informed about SWCD activities: paper mailings or e-newsletter. We will reduce our paper mailing list in 2026, so please respond by December 31, 2025.

812-423-4426 x 3

[megan.klenck@in.nacdnet.net](mailto:megan.klenck@in.nacdnet.net)

**VANDEBURGH COUNTY SWCD**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Ron Adler, Chairman, Farmer  
 Kevin Rexing, Vice-Chair, Farmer  
 Joe Schalasky, Treasurer, farm manager at Seton Harvest  
 Pat Bittner, Member, Farmer  
 Misty Minar- Botanical Curator, Mesker Park Zoo

**ASSOCIATES:**

Kay Hoffherr, Retired Teacher, Central High School  
 Linda Freeman, County Surveyor  
 Heath Hamilton, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Biologist  
 Steve Helfrich, Retired USI Facilities Director  
 Eldon Maasberg, Retired Farmer

**Board Meetings are held on the fourth Monday at 4 p.m. of each month Unless otherwise advertised. The public is invited to attend all meetings**

**OFFICE STAFF:**

**SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCD)**  
 Megan Klenck, Water Quality Specialist  
 Erin Shoup, Administrative Assistant

**NATURAL RESOURCE, CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS)**  
 Christian Jimenez, District Conservationist

**INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (ISDA)**  
 Megan Ritterskamp, Resource Specialist

**OFFICE LOCATION**

VANDEBURGH COUNTY SWCD  
 921 North Park Dr.  
 Evansville, IN 47710-3629  
 http://www.vandswcd.org  
 TELEPHONE: (812) 423-4426 X 3  
 FAX (855) 408-4686

THIS NEWSLETTER IS COMPLIMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS AND ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE OUR PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL DURING THE YEAR.

**10 Locations Serving You!**  
 Evansville • Princeton  
 Henderson • Newburgh  
 (812) 426-0011  
 www.donutbank.com



**FINANCING**  
 life outside the big cities.  
 We help rural residents build, farms grow and businesses expand.  
 farm CREDIT MID-AMERICA  
 Call (812) 867-3009 or go to e-farmcredit.com  
 15747 Neeley Street, Evansville, IN 47725

**JACKSON SEED SERVICE**  
 SHAWN JACKSON  
 Independent Sales Representative for Pioneer® brand products  
 (812) 480-6555  
 14510 Old State Rd. Evansville IN 47725

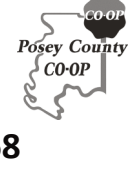
**KRAFT NURSERY & FARMS INC.**  
 "Complete Commercial & Residential Landscaping"  
 Phone: 812-963-5011 Fax: 812-963-5052  
 Email: kraftnursery@hotmail.com Web: www.kraftnursery.com  
 14930 Bender Rd. Evansville, in 47720

**UMBACH & ASSOCIATES, LLP**  
 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
 400 Bentees Wes Court  
 Evansville, IN 47715  
 (812) 477-2244  
 Fax (812) 421-9303  
 wingram@umbach.com  
 www.umbach.com  
 Warren J. Ingram, CPA, Partner

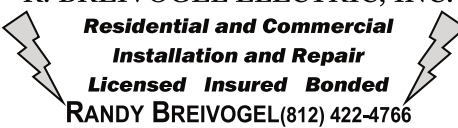
**Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc.**  
 A CRH COMPANY  
 www.mulzer.com 844-480-6803

branded by  
**woods**  
 do something creative today  
 p.o. box 99 | 601 west main street | holland, indiana 47541  
 phone: 812.536.2261 | toll free: 800.796.1523 | brandedbywoods.com

**POSEY COUNTY CO-OP**  
 Haubstadt • Poseyville  
 St. Wendel • Mt. Vernon •  
 (812) 838-4468



**R. BREIVOGEL ELECTRIC, INC.**  
 Residential and Commercial Installation and Repair  
 Licensed Insured Bonded  
 RANDY BREIVOGEL (812) 422-4766



**Curran Miller**  
 Auction/Realty  
 812-474-6100  
 www.curranmiller.com  
 Email: cmar@curranmiller.com  
 1005 E Walnut St. | Evansville, IN 47714

Ad space available

(812) 386-6580  
 Fax: (812) 386-7537  
**Kiesel Enterprises INCORPORATED**  
 1198 S. KIESEL DRIVE  
 www.kieselent.com



Ad space available

Ad space available

Ad space available

Ad space available

Ad space available

Ad space available

**Coming Together**  
  
**PUBLISHED BY:**  
**VANDERBURGH COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 921 NORTH PARK DRIVE • EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47710

NONPROFIT ORG.  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 Evansville, Indiana 47708  
 Permit No. 47

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED  
**PLEASE DON'T TRASH ME-PASS ME!**  
 I'M RECYCLED AND RECYCLABLE



**IN THIS ISSUE:**  
 SAVE THE DATE- MARKETREADY TRAINING  
 2024 PLAT BOOKS  
 EVANSVILLE COUNTRYSIDE ORCHARD FARM TOUR  
 WOMEN 4 THE LAND- SETON HARVEST  
 SOIL SAMPLING  
 FREE GARDEN COVER CROP SEEDS  
 SETON HARVEST- RIVER FRIENDLY FARMER  
 NEWSLETTER UPDATES

THIS NEWSLETTER IS COMPLIMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS AND ALL OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE OUR PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL DURING THE YEAR.

 <b>100% PURE</b> No added ingredients <b>812-963-5647</b>	<p align="center"><b>Ad space available</b></p>	 <b>BRAD &amp; CRAIG VIEIRA</b> D: (812) 867-2887 C: (812) 305 5424 F: (812) 867-3228 E: craig@vieirabrothersexavating.com
<b>MARTIN FARM DRAINAGE, INC.</b> FIELD TILE INSTALLATION LASER EQUIPPED DITCH CLEANING AND DUMP TRUCK SERVICE SCRAPER RENTAL - BACKHOE WORK - DOZER WORK DRYDAM INSTALLATION - ROCK CHUTES AND TILE <b>BUD MARTIN (812) 845-2796</b> <b>RANDY MARTIN (812) 874-2723</b>	 <b>Tim Mason</b> <b>812-664-0845</b> timmason@remax.net www.TimMasonTeam.com • Real Estate • Farm • Land • Auction	<b>ALLEN RELLEKE</b> <b>EXCAVATING, LLC</b> CLEARING, LAKES, CONSERVATION WORK <b>812-305-3051 @ 812-963-5000</b>
 <b>812-963-8102</b> www.adlerexcavating.com "SINCE 1963"	 <b>LAKE &amp; POND MANAGEMENT</b> VEGETATION MANAGEMENT FISHERY MANAGEMENT FOUNTAINS & AERATION DIY SUPPLIES & ADVICE 2447 Locust Creek Drive, Evansville, IN <b>812-402-1001</b> <b>AQUATICCONTROL.COM</b>	
 <b>EVANSVILLE WATER HAULING, INC.</b> <b>812-867-5858</b> RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL SERVICE ★ WE HAVE MODERN STAINLESS STEEL DELIVERY TANKS ★ SWIMMING POOL FILLING SPECIALIST	 <b>BRYAN TURLEY</b> Master Jeweler <b>MATT TURLEY</b> Bench Jeweler <b>JOAN TURLEY</b> Sales Custom Ring Designing • Watch & Jewelry Repair 12 N.W. 3rd Street Evansville, IN 47708 Phone (812) 422-0531 Evansville Courier & Press Reader's Choice Platinum Award Winner 4 Years in a row	 <b>SOUTHERN INDIANA DRAINAGE</b> Drainage Tile Sales & Installation Excavation & GPS Contour Mapping <b>GREG BLANKENBERGER</b> 8940 N. Highway 65- Cynthiana, IN 47612 Email:sid1974@att.net Phone: 812-449-0006
<b>Goedde Oil, Inc.</b> Est. 1996 Haubstadt, IN	 <b>STRAUB -OUTDOOR POWER</b> Toro - Ariens - Gravely - Stihl - Sales & Service www.strauboutdoorpower.com 14101 Highway 65 Evansville, IN 47720 (812) 963-5024 Fax (812) 963-8381	<b>VANDERBURGH COUNTY FARM BUREAU, INC.</b> 1010 W. Buena Vista Rd. EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47710 PHONE: 812-426-2761
 Since 1918 <b>REIS TIRES SALES</b> Evansville, Indiana "100 YEARS" "Retiring To Live Since 1918" 812 - 425 - 2229	 <b>SYNERGY PARTNERS</b> CONTACT SYNERGY PARTNERS TODAY FOR BULK DELIVERY OF FUELS • LUBRICANTS • PROPANE • DIESEL EXHAUST FLUID (866)-329-0081 WWW.SYNERGYPARTNERS.COM	New Harmony Native Trees & Shrubs Plant Native Species, Build Habitat 🌿 812.781.8113 info@buroak.net

ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT ARE OFFERED ON A NONDISCRIMINATORY BASIS, WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, RELIGION, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS OR HANDICAP.