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AISWCD Mission

To represent and empower Illinois' Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Overview

The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD), is a grass roots organization formed in 1948. It is made up and serves Illinois' 97-member Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). Soil & Water Conservation Districts work to protect Illinois's greatest assets – the rich, fertile soils and water resources of the state through strategic conservation efforts. Soil and Water Conservation Districts, working in conjunction with agricultural as well as environmental stakeholders, have for decades over played a central role in efforts to protect and sustain the viability of Illinois's natural resources for future generations.

Programs

Soil & Water Conservation Districts provide valuable technical assistance on a variety of natural resource issues such as soil conservation, water quality, nutrient management, sustainable land use, conservation education, forestry and stream bank stabilization. Over 500,000 individuals benefit from SWCD services each year. The districts also administer the Illinois Department of Agriculture's Partners for Conservation (PFC) program by providing technical assistance and financial cost-share incentives to farmers and suburban/urban landowners for installation of various conservation practices such as grassed waterways, filter strips, and cover crops. Additionally, the districts provide ongoing technical and administrative assistance to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to implement various federal Farm Bill programs. At any given time in Illinois, there are over \$400M in active, multiyear contracts that the SWCD's are assisting with. The conservation practices supported by SWCD's help to curb runoff from agricultural fields and account for an estimated reduction of 85-90,000 tons of soil loss. They also help to prevent approximately 170-180,000 pounds of nitrogen and 85-90,000 of phosphorous from reaching Illinois' ditches, streams, lakes, and rivers; which also supports the goals of the state sponsored Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.







EVENT

www.aiswcd.org

Sunday, July 22nd, 3pm

TOUR THE NEWLY RENOVATED ILLINOIS EXECUTIVE MANSION!

Join the AISWCD and be among some of the first Illinoisans to tour the newly renovated mansion! Afterwards, join us at Obed & Isaac's, a local eatery and brewpub! Don't miss out – please RSVP in advance!



217-744-3414 info@aiswcd.org







Day 1 | Monday, July 23rd, 2018

7:30am – 6:00pm: Conference Registration | Mezzanine Lobby Area Silent Auction Registration | Mezzanine Lobby Area Auxiliary Country Store (until 4pm)

8:00am – 9:35am: Welcome from Guest Speaker Dr. Robert Easter | Prairie Room Partner Reports | Prairie Room



9:40am – 10:40am: Solar Farms | Prairie Room Overview of NRCS Conservation Planner Program | Rendezvous Room Auxiliary Annual Meeting | Plaza 1 & 2

10:45am – 11:40am: Monarch Initiative | Prairie Room Overview of NRCS Conservation Planner Program (Repeat) | Rendezvous Room

11:45am – 1:15pm: Recognition Luncheon (Business Casual Attire) | Capitol & Illinois Room

1:25pm – 2:25pm: Nutrient Loss & Habitat Initiatives | Prairie Room Employee Back to Basics | Rendezvous Room Auxiliary Yard Art & Glass work | Plaza 1 & 2





2:30pm – 3:30pm:Drainage Regulations | Prairie RoomCommunications Basics: Tools and Tips for Writing, Photography and Sharing Information | Rendezvous Room

3:30pm – 4:30pm: S.T.A.R. Program (Saving Tomorrow's Ag Resources) | Prairie Room Edge of Field Research | Rendezvous Room

5:15pm – 6:00pm Farm Family Reception | Plaza 1 & 2

6:00pm – 8:30pm Farm Family Banquet (Evening Attire) | Capitol & Illinois Room

8:30pm – 11:00pm Pheasants Forever's Fun Night of Networking!

Day 2 | Tuesday, July 24th, 2018

7:30am – 1:00pm: Conference Registration | Mezzanine Lobby Area Auxiliary Country Store (until 11am)

7:30am – 9:00am Stewardship Breakfast | Capitol & Illinois Room

9:15am – 10:45am Director Forum Prairie Room | Prairie Room



Don't miss out on watching artist Craig Massey of Watseka paint at the Stewardship Breakfast on Tuesday, July 24th!





Employee Forum | Rendezvous Room Auxiliary Master Gardeners | Plaza 1 & 2

10:45am – 11:45am Keynote Speaker Dr. Ryan Stockwell | Prairie Room

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch | Capitol & Illinois Room

1:00pm – 4:00pm Foundation & Annual Meeting | Prairie Room



*Please note times, programs and room locations are subject to change without notice. Any changes will be posted at the registration table. A brief description on sessions will be available at a later date when sessions are more final.







Monday, July 23rd, 2018 Recognition Awards Luncheon (Included with registration)

Roasted pepper & smoked gouda bisque, Southern Potato Salad and Tomato Basil Salad Assortment of Sandwiches to Include:



- Warm Italian Salami ham and pepperoni with mozzarella, Italian relish and basil spread in a crisp panini roll
- Traditional Cuban Sliced Pork smoked ham, swiss, pickles and mustard on a cuban roll
- Southwestern Style Chicken slow cooked chipotle chicken pulled and finished with avocado, peppers, cilantro lime mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato on ciabatta roll
- Smoked Turkey brie with lettuce tomato and sherry mayonnaise on a flaky croissant
- Grilled Portabella Club balsamic marinated grilled portabella layered with roma tomato, basil and spinach on a whole wheat bun
- Lemon meringue tarts and chocolate pecan tarts
- Coffee & tea

Monday, July 23rd, 2018 Farm Family Dinner (\$15.00)

- Portabella Ravioli portabella ravioli topped with a sautéed spinach, roasted tomato and parmesan cheese, light tomato cream
- Grilled Chicken Provencal grilled chicken breast topped w/ tomato, red onion & roasted garlic, shredded asiago cheese and drizzled with balsamic reduction. Sweet basil risotto, petite green beans





- Prime Rib herb crusted prime rib of beef serves w/ au jus and horseradish sauce. Bacon and chive stuffed potato, buttered broccoli
- All dinners are served with Garden Greens Salad, (Italian or ranch dressing). Dinner rolls w/ sweet butter. Apple pie w/ vanilla glaze and drizzled w/ caramel

Tuesday, July 24th, 2018

Stewardship Breakfast Sponsored by the ISWCDEA (\$10.00)

- Scrambled eggs topped with aged cheddar, bacon, home-style breakfast potatoes
- Mini pastries including; croissants, assorted muffins, danish, butter, fruit preserves and jams, orange juice, coffee, decaf and selection of tazo teas

Tuesday, Jul 24th, 2018

Lunch (Included with registration)

- Classic Caesar salad with shaved parmesan, herb croutons, tossed w/ house Caesar dressing. Cavatappi caprese salad
- Sautéed chicken with lemon, sage & artichoke penne pasta bolognaise
- Tri-colored tortellini pesto alfredo
- Vegetable ratatouille
- Italian garlic breads, Cannoli and Tiramisu. Coffee, Decaf, tazo teas



ISWCDEA'S CHECKERBOARD GUN RAFFLE Packages

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\$20 per

Ticket

Choice of Raffle Packages Include:

\$1,000 Cash Prize or

Hunter Package:

- Remington 11-87 Sportsman
- Ruger American Rifle Standard Bolt-Action Rifle (Winner Choice on Caliber)

Defender Package:

- Smith & Wesson M&P Bodyguard Semi-Auto Colt Pistol with Crimson Trace Sight .380
- Winchester SXP Defender Pump-Action Shotgun 12 Gauge
- Beretta Pico Bundle Semi-Auto Colt
 - Double Pistol .380 (Comes in 3 colors)

Eligibility Requirements: Only Illinois residents and residents of contiguous states to Illinois are eligible to win. Illinois residents must possess a valid F.O.I.D. card at the time of the drawing, and are subject to any and all background checks. All other residents of contiguous states must possess a valid drivers license or state issued ID, and are subject to all necessary background checks.

- Drawing will be held on 7/24/2018. Need not be present to win.
- Must be at least 18 years of age to win.
- The Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts Employees Association (ISWCDEA) is not responsible for any illegal, reckless, or improper use of this weapon.

Stephen Altman, P.E, CFM

Stephen Altman is the Acting Manager for the Division Water Resource Management at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Office of Water Resources. He graduated from Bradley University in 1994 with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the Illinois, Nevada, and Texas, as well as a Certified Floodplain Manager. His 23-year career has been focused on storm water and floodplain management at the local, state, and federal level. In addition to his work duties, Steve currently serves as Treasurer for the Illinois Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Management.

Julie Armstrong

Julie Armstrong currently serves as the Executive Director of the Illinois Nutrient Research and Education Council (NREC). In that role, she works closely with the Council to direct funds assessed to producers for fertilizer purchases into nutrient research and outreach. She also works closely with industry partners to ensure that Best Management Practices related to nutrient management are shared with farmers and the retail industry in a manner that allows for easy incorporation into farming practices. With nearly 20 years of experience in agriculture, Julie has



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worked in a wide variety of roles including corn product development and research, marketing food ingredients and selling corn and soybean seed to producers. Julie always jokes that she's a full time Executive Director and part-time hired hand for her 14 year-old daughter's livestock and popcorn business. She and her husband Brian reside in Heyworth and are also parents of a three-year old daughter, Peyton.

Jason Bleich

Jason Bleich is the Pheasants & Quail Forever Conservation Specialist serving Illinois and neighboring states. Previously, he was the PF/QF Farm Bill Biologist for east central Illinois. Before joining the PF/QF Team, he was the Resource Conservationist for the Ford County SWCD. Jason has worked for multiple state wildlife agencies, interned with USFWS, and worked for a private environmental consulting group. "My experiences





have helped me realize my passion for working in private lands conservation" says Bleich. "Now is a vital time to communicate with producers how modern agriculture and wildlife habitat can co-exist and benefit one another." Jason also recognizes the importance of partnerships when it comes to putting conservation on the ground and enjoys working with the USDA, SWCD, DNR, USFWS, and IDOT agencies.



Spring Duffey

Spring Duffey is the Resource Analyst for the McHenry-Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District and has held that position for the last 20 years. She is also the Wetland Specialist for the McHenry County Planning & Development-Water Resources-Stormwater Division and has been in that role since December of 2011. She currently Co-Chairs the Illinois Soil & Water Conservation District Employees Association. Spring holds a B.S. in Watershed Management and Soil Science from University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and is a Certified Wetland Specialist. She loves spending time with her husband and two girls, hunting, and donating blood as she tackles a multiflora rose infestation on her 20-acre hideaway.

Dr. Robert Easter

Dr. Robert Easter grew up on a grain and livestock farm in Southwest Texas, served as a Texas State FFA Officer, earned an associate degree in agriculture from Southwest Texas Junior College and undergraduate and master's degrees in agriculture at Texas A&M. His doctorate in swine nutrition and production was awarded at the University of Illinois in 1976.



He then joined the UI College of Agriculture faculty and over a 39 year-career he taught swine production and nutrition courses, directed MS and PhD student research in swine nutrition research, served as Head of the Animal Sciences Department, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Consumer





and Environmental Sciences, Interim Chancellor of the Urbana campus and for the three years prior to his retirement in May 2015 as President of the University of Illinois system.

For more than 30 years Bob consulted during summer breaks for the American Soybean Association and private companies in Latin America, Asia and the former Soviet Union on swine nutrition and has written on the topic for industry and academic audiences. In 2008 President George W. Bush appointed him as Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Board for the US Agency for International Development. He serves on the boards of five non-governmental organizations (Illinois Agriculture Leadership Foundation, The Illinois State Fair Foundation, The Lincoln Academy of Illinois, Supporters of Agricultural Research (SoAR) and the Riley Memorial Foundation) and of two business enterprises (Aptimmune Inc. and Agrible, Inc).

Bob and his wife, Cheryl, have lived in Mahomet for 42 years. Their two children and their families live in Champaign County.

Darren Gove

Darren Gove is an Environmental Protection Engineer III at the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Bureau of Water, Division of Water Pollution Control, Permit Section. Gove has been with IEPA for 12 years, and currently is the project manager for activities requiring implementation of Illinois' Clean Water Act Section 401 program for activities involving discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, project manager for activities requiring implementation of State and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting for mining activities, and project manager for agrichemical facility water quality endorsement program subject to Illinois Pesticide Act. Gove holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, University of St. Louis, Missouri.





Bruce Henrickson

Bruce Henrickson was raised on a small grain and livestock farm near Springfield. After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1970, he was the Agriculture Teacher at Paxton, Illinois. Henrickson completed a master's in vocational education at UI in 1974 and became an Agriculture Instructor at Parkland College in 1975, primarily teaching marketing and agribusiness management. In 1985, he became a Farm Marketing Consultant with Adams and Associates (now Strategic Farm Marketing) in Champaign. Henrickson rejoined Parkland in 1989 and soon became



the Agriculture Program Director. Henrickson later became the Chair of the Business & Agri-Industries Department at Parkland in 2003 but continued to teach grain marketing classes and workshops. He retired in June of 2016 but began working part-time for the Champaign County Soil and Water Conservation District in March of 2017.

Donna M. Jones

Donna M. Jones is the Chief, Illinois/Missouri Section, Regulatory Branch, Operations Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District. Jones was born in Granite City, Illinois. She attended college at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1984. She completed her MBA degree in 2003 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Jones began working in the Corps in 1984; she started as a Civil Engineer in the Enforcement Section of the Regulatory Branch. In 1988, she was promoted to Section Chief. Jones is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Society of Women Engineers.

Kris Reynolds

Kris Reynolds is the Midwest Deputy Director of American Farmland Trust Midwest. Reynolds joined American Farmland Trust in January 2017 as the Natural Resource Conservationist. Kris's primary responsibility is working with partners and landowners in the Upper Macoupin Creek Watershed Partnership as





well as the Vermillion Headwaters Watershed Partnership in Illinois. He is responsible for working with the many partners in the watersheds to coordinate activities with farmers and landowners that improve water quality, improve soil health, enhance nutrient efficiency, utilize conservation cropping systems and meet the goals of Illinois' Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.



County Soil and Water Conservation District for 15 years. He worked with local farmers and landowners to develop conservation plans on their land. He also spent time as a Cover Crop Specialist with the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices promoting, educating and advising on cover crop usage. He is a Certified Crop Advisor with the American Society of Agronomy. He also holds specialty certification from ASA as a 4R Nutrient Management Specialist and Sustainability specialist. Reynolds holds a B.S. in Agronomy and Ag Business from Illinois State University. Kris lives and farms in Nokomis, IL with his wife Jodi and their four sons Kaden, Kolin, Kyle and Konnor.

Amy Roady

Amy Roady is Communications Director for the Illinois Soybean Association. In this role, she leads the association's communication and outreach efforts to educate, inform and influence board members, farmers, industry stakeholders, NGOs and consumers. She also maintains strong relationships with media and agriculture groups to promote the soybean industry. Since joining ISA in 2009, Roady has been active with the Center for Food Integrity, U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance and Field to Market. Under her direction, the ISA communications team has won



numerous National Agri Marketing Association (NAMA) and American Agricultural Editors' Association (AAEA) awards. Roady holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural communications from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism.





Blake E. Roderick

Blake E. Roderick is the Executive Director of the Pike and Scott County Farm Bureaus and the Two Rivers Farm Bureau Foundation. He received a B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University. He currently serves on the Mid-America Intermodal Authority Port District and is a commissioner on the Mid-America Port Commission. He is on the Executive Committee of the National Waterways Conference. Past leadership roles include Chairman of the Board of Illini Community Health Care System, Illini Community Hospital, and IHS



Pharmacy; Vice-Chairman, BlessingCare Corporation; Treasurer, Illinois Council for Food and Agriculture Research (C-FAR), director of the Illini Community Health Care Foundation, Illinois 25x25 Coalition, Vice Chairman of the Community Foundation of Western Illinois and Northeast Missouri Pittsfield, Public Library and other community groups. He is a 1992 graduate of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation program and is a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. He and his wife Betsy reside in Pittsfield, Illinois. They have four children and three grandsons.

Rich Stewart

Rich Stewart is the Resource Conservationist for the Rock Island Soil and Water Conservation District. He grew up on a grain and livestock farm in Cumberland Country and graduated from the University of Illinois in 1976 with a BS Degree in Agronomy – Crop and Soils. Stewart has worked with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) / Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Will-South Cook, DeKalb, Pulaski-Alexander, and Henry County. He served as District Conservationist in Henry County for 30 years before retiring in 2010 and joining the Rock Island County SWCD in 2011.

Dr. Ryan Stockwell

Dr. Ryan Stockwell is the Director of Sustainable Agriculture for the National Wildlife Federation. In that role, he leads the cover crops program including policy development, research coordination, and farmer champion





communication training and other strategies that solve barriers which inhibit farmers from adopting soil health practices that provide production benefits while also providing a number of environmental benefits.

Dr. Stockwell has a PhD in history from the University of Missouri, a Master's in History from Miami University and a bachelor's degree in Social Change and Development from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. In his spare time, he

farms near Medford, WI using no-till cover crop methods. He is a board member for the Midwest Cover Crops Council and has served on the North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Administrative Council.

Caroline Wade

Caroline Wade was inspired to seek out a conservation career by a college book report she wrote on John Muir. Today, she's a pioneer in her own right, forging a path that will profoundly impact the use of Illinois' lands for the benefit of farmers, residents, local economies, and nature.

As the director of agriculture for the Illinois chapter, Caroline will lead the Conservancy's agricultural initiatives, working closely with the agricultural

community to improve water quality, wildlife habitat, soil health, and air quality, while addressing the impacts of climate change. She will also help shape the Conservancy's regional and global strategy for agriculture.

Throughout her career, Caroline has worked to unite environmental science and agriculture to focus on practical yet innovative solutions to the many natural resources issues facing the Midwest, particularly water quality. She began her agricultural research career as a lab technician analyzing soil for agricultural chemical fate studies. She also served as the interim director for the Frederick County, Maryland Water and Sewer Department's Water Quality Analysis Laboratory and worked for a private water quality testing laboratory. Her career was temporarily interrupted by the arrival of three rambunctious children, but after 10 years, she returned to the









world of water quality and agriculture, where she gained experience in education, research, and community relations.

Most recently, Caroline served as the nutrient watershed manager for Illinois Corn, where she worked with Illinois farmers to help them implement practices to meet Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy and Supply Chain Sustainability goals. She helped design programs to help them learn more about their impact on water quality through an easily accessible water testing program, to provide financial and technical assistance to get them started with cover crops, and to help them evaluate the environmental and economic impacts of sustainability practice improvements. She also worked to strengthen partnerships with the Soil Health Partnership, Field to Market, and other state partners through the Illinois Sustainable Ag Partnership and the Illinois Alphabet Soup group. Caroline has a B.S. in Environmental Health and Environmental Science and a M.S. in Agriculture from Illinois State University.

Sarah Wochos

Sarah Wochos is the Director of Policy and Business Development in the Midwest for Borrego Solar. In this role Sarah works to design and implement solar programs throughout the Midwest. Prior to joining Borrego Sarah spent 8 years at the Environmental Law & Policy Center, most recently as the Co-Legislative Director, working on energy policy throughout the Midwest. Throughout her time at ELPC she continuously worked on the development and implementation of the Illinois RPS, net metering and interconnection standards, and other pro-solar policies.







Cyndi Young

Cyndi Young is the Director of Brownfield, America's largest and one of the oldest ag news radio networks. During her farm broadcast tenure which spans more than 30 years, Cyndi worked for Oklahoma Agrinet and was Farm Director for WTAX in Springfield, Illinois. She has been with Brownfield for 20 years.



Cyndi has traveled extensively throughout the United States and to 16 different countries covering agriculture for Midwestern farmers. Her work has earned her

dozens of honors from agriculture groups and associations. A member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasting for nearly 28 years, Cyndi was recognized as Farm Broadcaster of the Year for the nation in 1997 and received the coveted Oscar in Agriculture in 2009.

In addition to managing the largest team of farm broadcasters in the country, Cyndi produces a daily radio commentary program and pens a popular weekly column in both Illinois AgriNews and Indiana AgriNews. A partner with her husband, Jim Puyear, in Rocking P Ranch near Jamestown, Missouri, Cyndi enjoys spending time at home with the registered Simmental cattle herd. She also enjoys gardening and deer hunting.







The staff of AISWCD recommends these great additional entertainment attractions!

The Lincoln's Ghost Walk: Legends & Lore

This 90-minute 5 block walking tour uses the Lincoln sites as the backdrop for strange And, bizarre stories surrounding Lincoln's life and his death: Lincoln's dreams of death, spiritualism, Mary's séances in the White House, and skullduggery at the tomb site. This is a factual Lincoln tour that includes the ghostly lore surrounding the Lincoln's. Suitable for all ages, not a scary tour.

Phone: 217-502-8687

Website: http://www.springfieldwalks.com/

Old Capitol Farmers Market

411 E. Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701(Every) Wednesday, July 25th from 8am - 12:30pm



The Old Capitol Farmers Market can be found in the heart of Downtown Springfield on Adams St. between 3rd & 5th Sts. At the market, you'll find local farm and artisan vendors selling fresh produce, artisanal baked goods and cheeses, flowers and more. The market is just steps from the Old State Capitol historic site and you'll find other sites like the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, Lincoln Home and Dana-Thomas House-a Frank Lloyd Wright Design nearby!

Phone: 217-544-1723

Website: www.facebook.com/OldCapitolFarmersMarket/





From Illinois to the White House Lincoln, Grant, Reagan, Obama

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Musuem 212 N. 6th St. Springfield IL 62701



The exhibit will explore their connections to the Prairie State, their political battles, the first ladies who helped them succeed and much more. Visitors will see amazing documents and artifacts, including Ronald Reagan's yearbook from his high school days in Dixon, the table where Ulysses S. Grant's accepted Robert E. Lee's surrender during the Civil War, an original draft of Barack Obama's speech at the 50th anniversary of the Selma civil rights march, and the briefcase Abraham Lincoln used as president.

Phone: 217-558-8844

Website: http://presidentlincoln.illinois.gov

Bicentennial and Beyond! The Illinois Legacy Collection

Illinois State Museum 502 S. Spring St. Springfield, IL 62706



This major exhibition, in celebration of the State's 200th birthday, features rare and rarely-seen artifacts from the Museum's 13.5–million-object Illinois Legacy Collection to highlight the dynamic story of Illinois. Bicentennial and Beyond! exhibits artifacts from a variety of disciplines,

including art, anthropology, archaeology, botany, decorative arts, geology, and zoology, chosen for the unique stories they tell about Illinois. Reflecting the fact that the complete story of Illinois goes well beyond the 200 years since statehood, artifacts will range from 400-million-year-old fossils to contemporary art. Visitors will





see a helmet worn by a World War I soldier; a trunk brought by German immigrants in 1852; a core segment from Route 66; a piece of contemporary art created of cowhide; an Olney albino gray tree squirrel mount; and a portrait miniature done by an itinerant Illinois artist, among many other treasures. Visitors will explore, discover, learn, and share the history, prehistory, and natural history of Illinois through the featured objects and the fascinating stories behind them.

Phone: 217-782-7386

Website: <u>www.illinoisstatemuseum.org</u>

Adams Wildlife Sanctuary

Adams Wildlife Sanctuary 2315 E Clear Lake Ave, Springfield, IL 62703



Phone: 217-544-5781

Located in the center of town, the sanctuary's one-mile nature trail is open for hiking or strolling. The Illinois Audubon Society has set aside a woodland area and restored prairie as a wildlife preserve and nature study area.

Website: www.illinoisaudubon.org





The staff of AISWCD recommends these great NEW food and drink attractions!

Buzz Bomb Brewing Company

Buzz Bomb Brewing Company406 E. Adams St. Springfield, IL 62701



Buzz Bomb Brewing Co is a craft beer destination in Springfield, IL. Our mission is to brew the best beer possible. We want to bring together art and science to create delicious tasting craft beer that is both sophisticated and accessible to everyone!

Phone: N/A

Website: buzzbombbrewingco.com

Obed & Isaac's

Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery 500 S. 6th St, Springfield, IL 62701



Casual, family-friendly brewpub with craft beer, whiskey & modern pub fare, plus bocce ball courts.

Phone: (217) 670-0627

Website: connshospitalitygroup.com



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AUCTION

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE TUESDAY, JULY 24TH LUNCHEON!

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