



February 2019

# TTK NEWSLETTER

## **Brad Smith to Receive 2018 “Friend of the Watershed”**

Brad Smith started his career in conservation working in the Hoosier National Forest on migratory songbirds as an undergraduate at Indiana University. He worked throughout parts of the US and Canada before landing in Southwest Florida working on Sanibel Island doing wetland restoration and land management. He began working for The Nature Conservancy in 2010 as the Director of Land Management for the New Jersey chapter before transferring, in 2013, to his current position as the Lower Wabash and Wetlands Program Director for Indiana. His efforts are focused on improving water quality, expanding floodplain protection, and improving habitat for migratory birds.

Brad has proven to be a dedicated member of the TTK Advisory Committee since 2013, representing The Nature Conservancy. His efforts in the group have proven instrumental to the development of the TTK Watershed Management plan, bringing funding for monitoring in the sensitive Kelley Bayou oxbow, as well as GIS analysis of buffers along streams throughout the watershed. In addition, his hard work has brought cost-share funding and match



into Sullivan County for cover crops, soil testing, and conservation education. His willingness to travel far and volunteer time for field days, regional partnership meetings, and outreach efforts has been a key factor to the success of the TTK watershed project and improved water quality throughout southwest Indiana!

We are grateful for the opportunity to work with Brad these past several years and believe that his leadership in conservation has generated a positive impact in our local watersheds as well as throughout the Wabash River basin in southern Indiana. Brad will receive this award at the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Annual Meeting Monday, February 25th.

## **Quotes & Quips**



*“Advice is like snow – the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into the mind.”  
– Samuel Taylor Coleridge*

*“A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water.”  
– Carl Reiner*

## Upcoming Events

### Sullivan County Ag Day

**Saturday, March 9, 2019**

#### **Sullivan County 4-H Fairgrounds**

Celebrate Sullivan County agriculture with \$1.00 sausage & pancake breakfast, tractor pull, silent auction, and 60+ vendor booths.

### Southern Indiana Grazing Conference

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

#### **WestGate Academy, Odon IN.**

Grazing management conference for large and small family farms. Event speakers include Greg Judy, Darby Simpson, and Peter Allen.

Contact the District for more information regarding registration.

### Sullivan County SWCD Annual Meeting

#### *Dinner, Entertainment & Door Prizes*

The Sullivan County SWCD, in partnership with the WCIWA, will be hosting the 74th Annual Meeting on Monday, February 25 at the Sullivan Civic Center at 6:30 pm. Valerie Clingerman, Purdue Hemp Research Farm representative and Knox County Extension Agent, will present "Hemp Production in Indiana." A dinner catered by the Hornville Tavern will also be served. Along with the presentation of several awards, including Friend of the Watershed and Conservation Farmer of the Year, an election will be held for a three year term on the Board of Supervisors for the SWCD. For more information or to purchase tickets to the event, contact the District at 812268-5157, ext. 3.

## Check us out!

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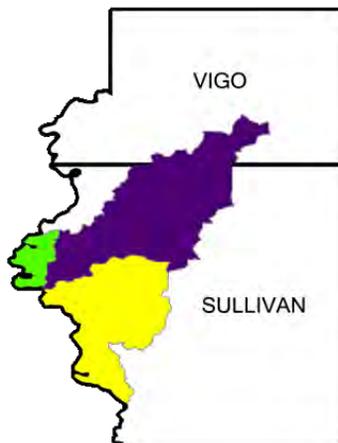
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**Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District**

### **Cost-Share Funding for Cover Crops and more!**



**Eligible participants must live or farm in the Turman Creek Watershed (purple on map above) to qualify. THERE IS STILL SOME FUNDING AVAILABLE until April 2019, though more will be available in 2020. Schedule an appointment to review eligibility and add your project to wait list! Cost-Share Program information: <http://watershed-alliance.org/index.php/ttk-cost-share-program-guidelines/>**



### Seasonal Recipe

#### *Chocolate Lava Cakes*

Celebrate Valentine's Day with ooey, gooey, chocolate goodness!

Yields: 4 servings

Time: 20 minutes | Active: 10 minutes

#### Ingredients

Four custard cups  
Baking spray, for spraying custard cups  
1 stick butter  
2 ounces bittersweet chocolate  
2 ounces semisweet chocolate  
1¼ cups powdered sugar  
2 whole eggs  
3 egg yolks  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
½ cup all-purpose flour  
Vanilla ice cream, for serving

#### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425°F
2. Spray custard cups with baking spray and place on a cookie sheet.
3. Microwave the butter, bittersweet chocolate and semisweet chocolate in a large bowl on high until the butter is melted, about 1 minute. Whisk until the chocolate is also melted.
4. Stir in the sugar until well blended. Whisk in the eggs and egg yolks, then add the vanilla. Stir in the flour. Divide the mixture among the custard cups.
5. Bake until the sides are firm and the centers are soft, about 13 minutes. Let stand 1 minute.
6. Invert on individual plates while warm and serve with vanilla ice cream.

Recipe courtesy of foodnetwork.com