



You are invited to the Annual SWCD Meeting

**Featured Guest Speaker:
Dr. Stephen Ball**

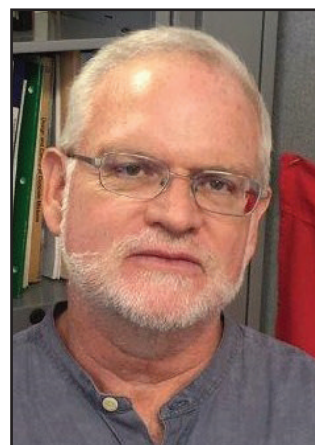
Indiana NRCS Archeologist

Tuesday, February 6th
Shiloh United Methodist Church,
1971 W SR 56, Jasper, IN

Doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. eastern.

Meal cost: \$10.00

Call 812-482-1171 Ext. 3 to make your reservation.



His talk is entitled, Changes in the Land: Buffalo, Prairies, and People in Dubois County. Dr. Ball's presentation will begin with the Buffalo Trace and its effects in Dubois County. He then will zoom out to look at Indiana as a whole, and focus on changes in Indiana in the years 1400-1700, looking at climate change, and the mark the Native Americans made on what we think of

now as a "natural landscape".

The SWCD meeting agenda also includes the election of an SWCD supervisor. Somula "Sam" Schwoeppe and Alex Hohl will be on the ballot to fill a vacancy of John Jackle. Schwoeppe and Hohl are in the running for a three-year term as an SWCD Supervisor, an elected official of the State of Indiana. Serving on the SWCD Board is a great responsibility, but also

is an opportunity for a person to make a difference in their county. The SWCD also takes nominations from the floor, so anyone interested in serving a three-year term may place their name on the ballot that evening.

Patrick Eckerle's appointment as a Supervisor has been approved by the State Soil Conservation Board. Three of the SWCD Supervisors are elected, and two appointed. Eckerle will be sworn in at the Annual Meeting, replacing Alan Smock.

Capping off the eve-

ning will be the presentation of the Otto J. Bauer Conservation Farmer of the Year Award and the OFS Forest Stewardship Award. Dubois County's River Friendly Farmers will be recognized as well.

The catered meal cost is \$10. Contact the office to make a reservation. All Dubois County residents are encouraged to attend. There is no charge to attend the business meeting.

The SWCD will hold a short reorganization meeting immediately following the annual meeting.



Left: volunteers clean out invasive species in 2017.

Right: Women 4 the Land Forestry Learning Circle.

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Soil and Water Conservation District works to reduce soil erosion and promote clean water while providing technical, financial, and informational assistance to conserve natural resources for future generations. By educating county landowners and farmers on proper soil and water management, Soil and Water Conservation District is ensuring our natural resources are preserved.

Dubois County Soil and Water Conservation District Endowment was established to support the mission of this organization. The endowment helps fund the organization each year, assuring the work they do today can continue for generations to come.

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