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**Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Indiana Beach Amusement Park**  
5224 E Indiana Beach Rd. Monticello, IN 47960

Please join us in attending our 2021 Membership Event. All Contractors and their immediate families are invited to attend at NO COST! An RSVP will be required in advance as lunch will be included as well. Details for the day are as follows:

**9:30-9:45 AM Registration**, Pick up your wristbands for entry to both Rides and Waterpark.

**10:00 AM Board Meeting**, located in the Ballroom (families are welcome to skip the meeting and enjoy the park)

**12:00 Pizza Lunch** also located in the Ballroom

Following lunch, families are free to enjoy the park for the remainder of the day!

Additional Information: Parking passes will be included with registrations. Additional wristbands may be purchased for \$25.

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## A Word From Our President...

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer. It has been a busy one with some challenges.

Pipe prices continue to rise but strong commodity prices seems to be offsetting the increase. Proper drainage still pays!

It was good to get back to Summer convention this year and see some friends and fellow contractors from around the country.

Our family picnic and board meeting is coming up the 25th of September at Indiana Beach hope to see you there.

Have a safe and productive harvest. Remember to take breaks and stay alert.

Bryan Noggle,  
INLICA President



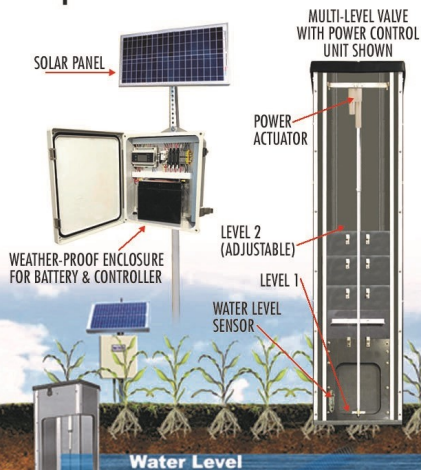
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## Congratulations to the 2021 INLICA Scholarship Recipient



Lauren Hack is the recipient of the 2021 INLICA Scholarship. Lauren is the daughter of John and Stacey Hack of Lafayette. Lauren attended Lafayette Central Catholic High School where she earned the Bishop Bennet Award, Johns Phillips Sousa Award, and the State Mental Attitude for Soccer. Lauren was a member of the National Honor Society for 3 years and an Outstanding Student in band for 3 years. Lauren is currently enrolled at Indiana University in Bloomington where she is studying Criminal Justice and Psychology. She hopes to one day be in the FBI.

## Indiana LICA Attends National Summer Meeting



Several of our Board Members and their spouses were able to attend the National LICA summer meeting held in Niagara Falls, NY this past July. Aside from the educational sessions and committee/board meetings, the other benefit gained by attending is the opportunity to meet with like-minded contractors across the country. All INLICA members are invited to attend the National meetings, not just board members. The INLICA board would like to encourage any member interested to attend the winter convention.



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# New State Record Set for Cover Crops

*Indianapolis, IN, July 1, 2021* – According to a recent conservation survey, Indiana farmers have set a conservation record this year by planting an estimated 1.5 million acres of overwinter living covers, the largest amount ever recorded by an Indiana Conservation Partnership survey.

Overwintering living covers (i.e. - cover crops and small grains, like wheat) are known for their environmental benefits. Cover crops and small grains help increase organic matter in the soil and improve overall soil health by adding living roots to the soil more months of the year. Cover crops also improve water infiltration into the soil, while other covers, like legumes serve as natural fertilizers.

Although the conservation transect doesn't differentiate between cover crops and small grains, Indiana farmers typically plant fewer than 200,000 acres of small grains annually, so cover crops vastly dominate the 1.5 million estimated acres. With the exception of corn and soybeans, cover crops are planted on more acres than any other commodity crop in Indiana. Cover crops are typically planted in the fall after harvest and designed to protect the soil and keep roots in the ground throughout the winter, which improves soil health and helps filter water runoff.

"I want to congratulate Hoosier farmers for continuing to be a leader in conservation," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "By increasing our cover crop practices, we are keeping Indiana waterways and soil healthier for future planting seasons and the next generation of farmers."

As a result of the cover crops planted last year, it is estimated that 1.6 million tons of sediment was prevented from entering Indiana's waterways, which is enough sediment to fill more than 453 Olympic-size swimming pools. Overwintering covers also prevented 4.1 million pounds of nitrogen and over 2 million pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana's waterways.

The conservation survey also showed that 62% of farmed acres were not tilled and 18% had employed reduced tillage after the 2020 harvest. This early spring survey is not intended to quantify pre-planting tillage.

"This year's data may be surprising to some considering the tough farm economy this past year. But over time, our farmers have learned that incorporating a comprehensive management system into their operation that includes cover crops and no-till/strip-till have helped improve the sustainability and productivity of their soils," said Indiana State Conservationist, Jerry Raynor. "As a result, farmers are sequestering more carbon, increasing water infiltration, improving wildlife and pollinator habitat—all while harvesting better profits and often better yields.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director Bruce Kettler is excited to see what the future holds for soil conservation in Indiana.

"Soil conservation remains strong in Indiana and this recent survey proves that Hoosier farmers go above and beyond in their best management practices to increase soil health," said Kettler. "I am optimistic that this trend of increasing cover crop acres will continue for years to come."

One Indiana farmer is already experiencing the benefits of adding a cover crop mixture to his operation this past year. Greg Mager farms 450 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat in Parke County, Indiana. Along with managing cover crops on his operation for more than eight years, Mager is also promoting soil health on his land by continuously no-tilling for more than ten years and having a comprehensive nutrient and pest management plan for his land.

"The cover crops that I planted this year's corn and beans into have held the weeds down considerably. So much so, I may not need any herbicide applications this year. If I do, it will be limited," Mager said.

The conservation transect is a visual survey of cropland in the state. It was conducted between March and April 2021 by members of the Indiana Conservation Partnership, including the USDA Natural Resources

Conservation Service, the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, Indiana's Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Purdue Extension, as well as Earth Team volunteers, to show a more complete story of the state's conservation efforts.

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# House Ag Dems Approve Spending Measure

By NAFB News Source

September 13, 2021

House Ag Committee Democrats Monday approved an incomplete spending package as part of the Build Back Better Act. The legislation will be added with sections approved by other committees to be compiled by the House Budget Committee later this month.

The agriculture spending legislation includes \$18 billion in rural job-promoting investments through the USDA's Rural Development and \$7.75 billion to support agriculture research and infrastructure.

The bill also includes \$1 billion to support expanded biofuel infrastructure, \$4 billion for a new Rural Partnership Program, \$2.6 billion for the Rural Energy for America Program, and \$40 billion for forest-related programs.

It does not yet include USDA's voluntary conservation programs. Iowa Democrat Cindy Axne, who supported the spending package, states, "While I am still withholding my final decision on this package until I see the full bill, seeing these investments included will be a critical part of my choice."

## **Give us your educational session topics and speaker ideas!**

Have you sat in on a session that would be of interest to our contractors? Are you in need of learning more on a specific topic? Do you need to get up to date on any CPR or OSHA certifications? The INLICA board would appreciate knowing what you would like to see offered for education during our 2022 convention. Please feel free to email the INLICA office to submit your suggestions. We want to make convention beneficial for our membership!




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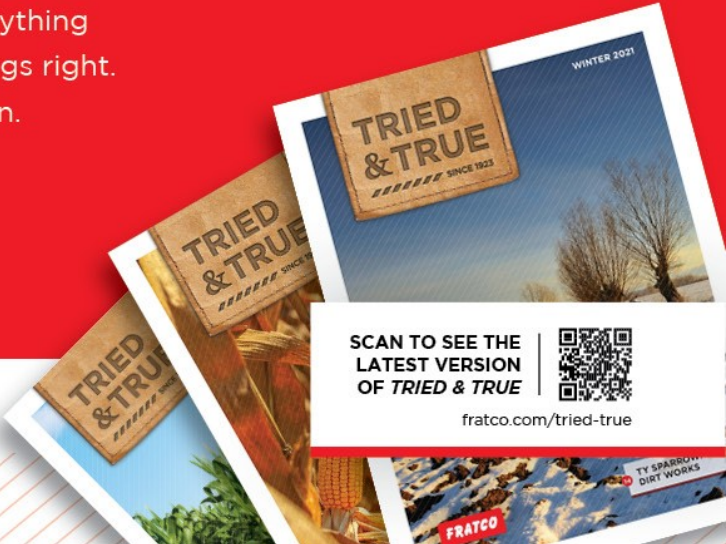
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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- Tour (TBD)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- Educational Seminars
- Associates' Night "Back to the 80s"

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

- Committee Meetings

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- Delegates' Meeting
- Board Meeting
- Awards Banquet



**ASSOCIATES' NIGHT**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

We have had a "Fiesta" and dressed like the "Old West", now it's time to go back - to the 80's! Come with your big hair, shoulder pads, colorful sweaters to Associates' Night and visit with our exhibitors.

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Plan ahead and bring your wives. This location offers close proximity to shopping, restaurants, and many other entertainment options. There will also be on-sight activities planned for the ladies and children in attendance.



## 2021-2022 Calendar of Events

September 25th—Board Meeting and Family Day at Indiana Beach

December 4th—Board Meeting at Indianapolis Marriott North

January 26th—28th—IN Winter Convention, Indianapolis Marriott North

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