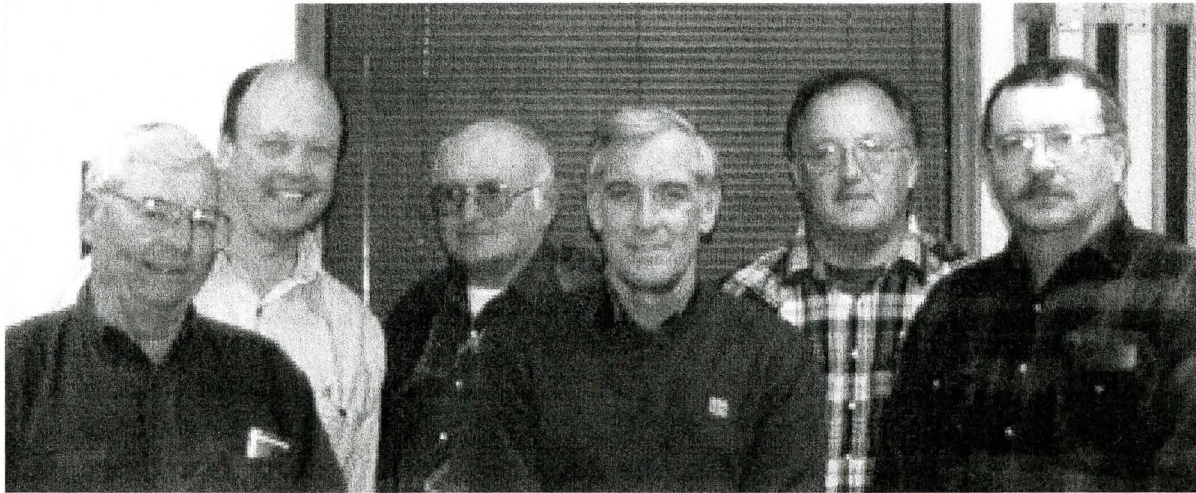


MILLS COUNTY

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



1999
ANNUAL REPORT



DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

District Commissioners Front Row: Doug Beckman, Commissioner; Paul Hathaway, Chairman; Lynn Goos, Vice-Chairman; Back Row: Stephen McGrew, Assistant Commissioner; John Jennings, Commissioner; Steve Roenfeldt, Commissioner; Not pictured: Albert Washburn, Assistant Commissioner.

Dear Friends of Conservation:

In the 58 years since the organization of the Soil and Water Conservation District, many changes have occurred in the Mills County landscape. Conservation practices have helped stem the disastrous effects of heavy rainfall. Education and partnerships have spread the conservation ethic. Our work is not done. New clients surface as urban expansion and development occurs within our county lines. New generations need to be continually educated. Your donations allow us to continue to implement conservation education and awareness in the district. Please help us. You may address your check to the **Mills County Soil and Water Conservation District** and enclose it in the self-addressed envelope or bring it by our office.

Thank you for your help in protecting our future.

Paul Hathaway, Chairman
Lynn Goos, V-Chairman
Steve Roenfeldt
John Jennings

Doug Beckman
Stephen McGrew, Assistant
Albert Washburn, Assistant

-----Financial Report-----

REVOLVING FUND

Balance on Hand
January 1, 1999 **\$311.04**

INCOME/DEPOSITS

Pop Can Monies	42.55
US Treasury	196,875.77
Money Market Fund	2,620.00
1-M Reimbursement	3,369.90
Dues Reimbursement	600.00
Check Void	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$203,558.22

EXPENSES

Postage	556.85
Dues	1,375.00
Office Supplies	1,581.96
Waubonsie Creek Watershed	197,119.52
Meeting Supplies	97.74
Insurance	200.00
Education and Awards	932.35
Commissioner Mileage	632.20
Misc.	221.04
District Computer	395.91
Film & Developing	126.15
Subscription Renewal	19.97
Donation	20.00
Stop Payment of Check	2.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	203,280.69

BALANCE AS OF
DECEMBER 31, 1999 **\$588.57**

4-\$5000.00 CD'S

MONEY MARKET FUND

Balance on Hand **\$10,169.62**
January 1, 1999

DEPOSITS

Interest	\$ 354.36
1-M Expenses	60.12
Swanson Scholarship	250.00
Cy Wearin Memorial	500.00
Donations	1,310.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$ 2474.48

WITHDRAWS

Checking	2,620.00
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Balance on Hand
December 31, 1999 **\$ 10,024.10**

III-M BUDGET 1997-1998

Total Allocation	105,584.00
Total Spent	103,076.33
Recalled by State	2507.67
Balance 12/31/99	0.00

III-M BUDGET 1998-1999

Total Allocation	98655.00
Total Spent	97,002.27
Recalled by State	652.73
Balance on Hand 12/31/99	0.00

III-M BUDGET 1999-2000

Total Allocation	109,812.00
Total Spent	57,602.40
Obligated	45,220.15
Balance on Hand 12/31/99	6,989.45

REAP PRACTICES 1999

Total Allocation	7026.00
Total Spent	1912.50
Recalled by State	5,113.00
Balance 12/31/99	0.00

REAP PRACTICES 2000

Total Allocation	7,455.00
Total Spent	5038.43
Obligated	700.00
Balance on Hand 12/31/99	1,716.57

REAP FORESTRY/NATIVE GRASSES 1999

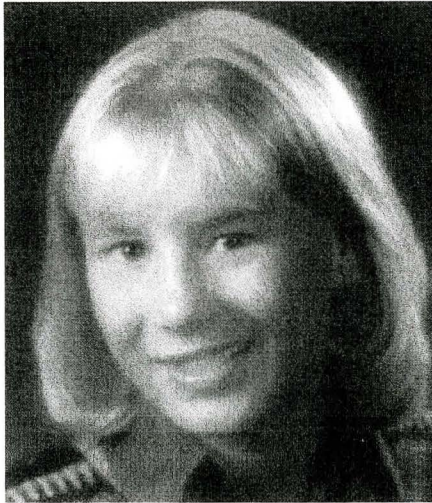
Total Allocation	1811.00
Total Spent	1,216.00
Recalled by State	595.00
Balance on Hand 12-31-99	0.00

REAP FORESTRY/NATIVE GRASSES 2000

Total Allocation	1,892.00
Obligated	1,892.00
Total on Hand 12/31/99	0.00

Mills County installed 38 terrace systems totaling 176,225 feet, resulting in soil loss reduction of 528 tons on 896.5 acres. In addition over 97,000 feet of conservation buffers and 51 acres of filter strips were installed.

1999 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

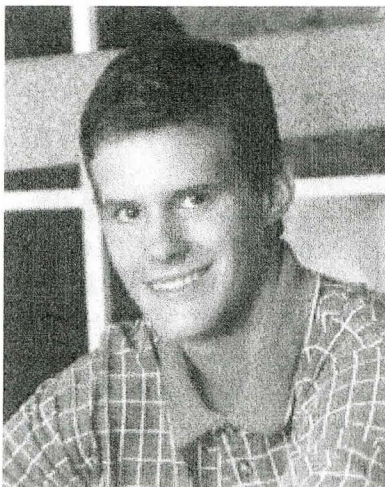
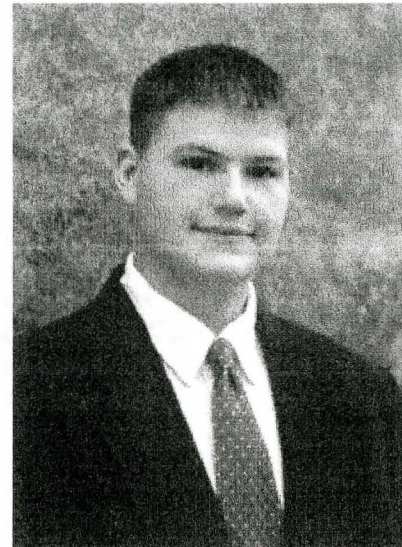


Alexis Wright

Alexis is the daughter of Alan and Janaan Wright and was a 1999 graduate of Malvern High School. Alexis was involved in 4H, Library Club, Trivia Club, Band, Chorus, and Swing Choir. Alexis is also involved with the world Tae-Kwon-do Association. Look out everybody she has her black belt. Alexis plans on attending Iowa Western Community College for two years and then advance on to Iowa State University to get her major in Animal Ecology and a minor in Bio Medical Technology. We wish Alexis the best of luck in her career.

Gregg Christensen

Gregg Christensen is the son of Doug and Lynn Christensen of rural Hastings. Gregg graduated from Nishna Valley High School. Gregg was very involved in high school activities including football, basketball, student council, and Quiz Bowl. Gregg's concern is urban development and the areas where some of the homes have been built. He states homes are being built where there is a problem with run-off and that conservation practices such as terraces and waterways are being destroyed. Gregg plans on attending Iowa State University and pursuing an Agricultural Business degree. We wish Gregg all the luck in the future.



Trent Jones

Trent Jones is the son of Arthur and Phyllis Jones of Tabor. Trent graduated from Fremont Mills High School. Some of his activities included: Senior Class President, Science Club, Track, FFA, Art Club, and Cross Country. As well as being very active in school, Trent also had jobs to keep him busy. Trent is concerned with the erosion of topsoil. He believes that everyone should practice proper soil management. Trent plans on attending Southeast Community College in Milford, Nebraska and study Machine Tool and CAD/CAM Technology. Good Luck Trent!

District Highlights



The Mills County Soil and Water Conservation District partnered with the Mills County Chamber of Commerce to present Conservation Awards.

Pictured above from left to right:

Paul Hathaway-Chairman

Lynn and Jan Goos-Conservation Achievement Award

John and Cindy Sayers-Flatland Farmer

Virginia, Jay and Janelle Christensen accepting the Lifetime Achievement Award for Alex Christensen

Rod Seipold-Young Farmer

Dick Stille, District Conservationist, retired December 31st. He had been with Natural Resources Conservation for 34 years. He had been in the Malvern field office for 20 years. We wish Dick the best of luck.

Rich Maaske was promoted to an Environmental position. He deals with urban conservation issues in Mills and Pottawattamie Counties. Rich is planning an Urban Conference in December to educate the public about conservation.

The district entered a back yard conservation tree in the festival of trees. Pine cones, babies breath, and nuts were among a few things used on the tree. The district had a drawing for a tree to be given away in the Spring. Lynn Kilpatrick was the winner.

The District partnered with the Mills County Extension Service to have a field day for the 4th and 5th graders of Glenwood, Nishna Valley and Malvern students. The students learned about different conservation practices.

Waubonsie Creek Watershed is finally completed. The project was started in the late 1970's. The last structure was finished in December.

The district had a Back yard Conservation Booth as the Mills County Fair. A bird house, flag, and flag pole were among a few prizes given away.

OFFICE STAFF



Office Staff Front Row: Bonnie Pierce Soil Conservation Technician; Joni Sell, WAE; Belinda Greene, Secretary; Linda Seipold, Soil Conservation Technician; Back Row: Rich Maaske, Environmental Specialist; Dick Stille, District Conservationist;

OUR COST SHARE PROGRAM

Mills County administers their cost share program to assist you in applying conservation practices to the land with financial assistance. The Iowa Department of Agriculture & Land Stewardship (IDALS) finances the program with emphasis of long range conservation practices such as terraces. The REAP program is also financed by IDALS with assistance on establishing natural resources such as tree planting and windbreaks. The Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will allow you to put contour grass strips and cropland along streams into grass and receive payment for ten years. A Soil Conservation Technician will assist you with on-site farm visits, determining practices best suited for your problem, and help with design and cost estimates.

- Sign an application at the NRCS office and receive assistance with design and cost estimate
- Sign up is taken during January and February. The drawing is held in March for order of cost share. Other applications may be taken during the year and considered as funds are available.
- Landowner receives notice when they are approved for cost share and contacts a contractor.
- An appointment is made with landowner and technician for layout of practice.
- Practice is installed. Bills are turned in to the office. Practice is inspected.
- Approved by the commissioners for payment. Landowner signs maintenance agreement requiring them to maintain practice for the specified period of time.

Cost Share Terraces

State Cost Share Terraces (in feet)

Roger Dietz	9200
Mar I War	7100
Jean Goos	9700
Lynn Costello	8900
Duane Kahl	3950
Virginia Gilliland	7050
Donald Hansen	2200
Gary White	600
Helen Lewis/Geraldine Laughlin	2200
Otha Dickersbach	1400
Janet Martin	1350
Jim McColleston	10050
Woodfill Farms Inc.	4200
Ellison VanPelt	9800
Kenneth Seipold	4850
Ray Volz	3100
Larry Lauman	5550
Sheldon Williams	1000
Jean Pestal	2250
James Frink	10300
Everett McGrew	2450
Pilling Farms	10350
Earl Maddocks Jr.	7200
Joe Hathaway	1100
Roger Sieck	8100
Ronald Dalton	1050
Don Sowers	8200
Vic McCall	2275
John McDonald	6950
Nancy Brannon	10150
Alfred Beier	6800
Chris Stephens	3150
Ruth Craig	1600
Mabary Farms Inc	2100

Non Cost Share Terraces (in feet)

Frances Lewis Holyoke	950
Becky Wearin Pulk	2100
Otha Mass Jr.	1000
Brad Lewis	3450
Allan Agnew	1000
Historical Society	600
James Canoyer	500

Tree Planting/Windbreak

Mielke, Sharon	3 Acres
Edward Wiseman	6 Acres

Bufferstrips (in feet)

McGrew Brothers	17600
George Bass	28400
Charles Vestal	600
Pluma McGrew	3500
Mark Bell	3000
Mike Gaylord	7200
Allan Williams	9700
Bill Hyde	14000
Theo Sedden	2900

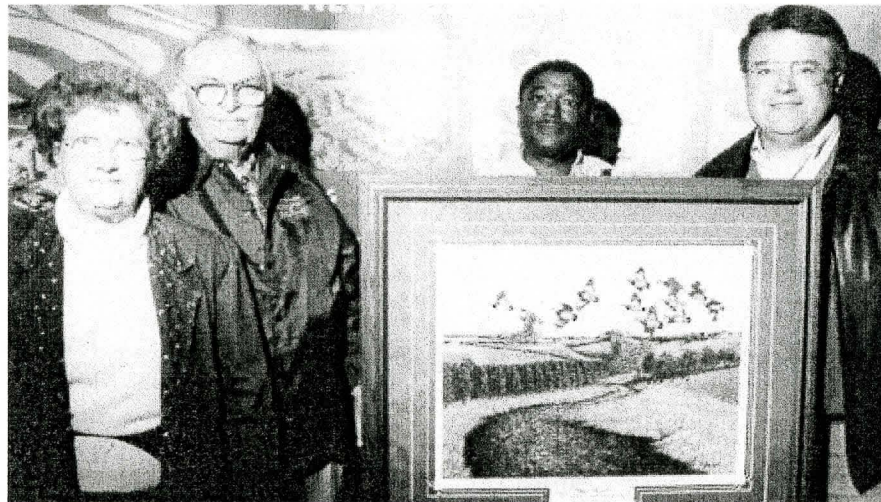
The bold represents tile jobs.

Century Conservation Farm

Albert Washburn was selected to represent Mills County as one of Iowa's Conservation Farm Families of the Century. Albert was one of the 78 farm families from across Iowa honored at the 1999 Farm Progress Show in the Amana Colonies on September 29th. They were officially recognized in a brief ceremony at the show. Albert was nominated by the Mills County SWCD Commissioners for his efforts to protect the water, air, and land that will produce our food into the next millenium. Albert received a limited wildlife print by the well known Iowa artist Larry Anderson, a jacket, and a certificate signed by governor Thomas J. Vilsack and other state conservation leaders.

Pictured above from left to right:

Carolyn and Albert Washburn
Leroy Brown, State Conservationist
Ken Tow, Division of Soil Conservation



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