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News of
Interest

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Growing Tama County



By Heath Kellogg
Executive Director
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Economic Development

Rex had been a farmer all his life and he decided that since he wore boots and a Stetson all the time, it was only logical that he should own a horse.

He heard about an old Hispanic man who had a horse for sale and gave him a call. The old man said the horse was well broken, gentle enough for his grandchildren to ride, and that he wanted \$250 for him. Suspiciously, Rex said, "I don't want \$250 for that kind of horse. What's wrong with him?" The old man said, "He don't look so good."

Because the price was right, Rex decided to go over and take a look at the horse. The old man took him out to the corral and there was a teenage granddaughter leading a good-looking bay gelding around with a piece of baler twine and 3 little kids on his back. Rex had seen enough... he slapped leather, peeled off \$250 in cash before the old man could raise the price, and included \$20 extra for delivery.

The next morning, the gelding was in his corral. He went out, saddled him up, and rode down to the creek... where the bay immediately walked off the creek bank.

As they fell 5 feet into the water, Rex bailed off and watched in dismay as the horse got up, ran down the creek until he bounced off a big boulder, took a left and hit a tree dead-on and then stood there, shaking. The farmer realized the horse was blind. He led the horse home, unsaddled him, went to the house and immediately called the old man. "Why didn't you tell me that the horse was blind?" he demanded. The old man said, "I did, Senor. I told you he don't look so good."

Words have power. They have power to inspire, and unfortunately to destroy too. This mastery of selecting the correct words to clearly communicate is especially critical in the business world. Making matters worse today in business you often have only a few seconds to get your "words" across to potential clients. With this very limited window of opportunity the words we choose need to be handpicked very carefully.

If you own or operate a business in Tama County (or work for one) - it is time to think about what words you are using. Are you getting the results you want? Could it be better? Should you bring your message to social media? Like it or not, there is a clear choice: innovate or continue to stagnate. Contact our office and we can provide information on how we can help clarify and deliver your message. Contact us at (641) 484-3108, or info@tamacountyiowa.org.

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and
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TAMA COUNTY SOIL AND WATER DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT



Tama SWCD's 2015 Wildlife Award recipients were Robert Sr. and Deanna Smith of Cedar Falls, Robert Jr. and Teresa Smith of Cedar Falls and Kenneth and Amy Lockard of Waterloo for their habitat efforts on 500 contiguous acres in Carroll Township. About 450 of those acres are in the Conservation Reserve Program, including food plots. The property's native seedlings are burned every few years to enhance the deep-rooted grasses and flowers and to control brush. Sometimes clover is interseeded after a burn in order to improve game bird hatching conditions. A newly-constructed 2.8 acre pond has been stocked. Ken says "It gives me great pleasure to go out to our Tama farm and see the work we have done from planting hardwoods, placing food plots, to the great fires we have started as we continue to enhance our prairie and fear we might again burn into our good neighbors on all sides. We have made friends from three different fire departments!"

New technician



Derek Carter is the newest technician at Tama County NRCS.

He has five years working experience in the agricultural field and was raised on an Iowa farm. Derek received his bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa with a focus in geographic information software. With this skillset he worked in Sales and Design for a Valley Irrigation dealership in Muscatine, Iowa. There he provided help to farmers to meet their yield goals related to water requirements to grow a successful crop.

Using his experience with geography Derek helped pair a producer's soil type to an appropriate water treatment. He learned that the sandy soils that are commonly found in that region are very related to the greater need for water. The soil was in poor condition from years of misuse, and adding more water was only part of the solution.

Derek realized a little soil health would go a long way to help the soil retain water

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Tama SWCD Commissioners: Commissioners John Kopriva (Vice Chair, Perry Township), Lou Ellen Brown (Co-Treasurer, Indian Village Township), Jack Boyer (Grant Township), Jan Wobeter (Co-Treasurer, Otter Creek Township), Dean McKenna (Chair, Clark Township). Not pictured: Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Vazquez-Koster.

A message from Tama SWCD Chair Dean McKenna

Hello, my name is Dean McKenna from Dysart. I am Chairman of Tama Soil and Water Conservation District.

In my 50 years of farming, there have been a lot of changes in how we farm. We have improved our soils and slowed down soil erosion by not plowing and tilling the soils as often as we used to. There is less chisel plowing and more no-till and strip tilling to plant a crop.

To reduce cost and to stay profitable always forces change. We have gone to two to three crops here in Iowa: corn, soybeans and hay. The world is growing and requires more food as the population increases worldwide.

Companies take what we produce in crops or livestock and convert them into food products. The

grain can also be used to make ethanol which is used as fuel for the cars we drive, reducing air pollution.

In an effort to improve our environment, the State of Iowa and the surrounding states have agreed to reduce our discharge of nitrates and phosphorus by 45% into our rivers and streams. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey has set up demonstration sites around the state to get us thinking about using cover crops, bio-reactors (wood chips at the end of the tile lines to filter out the nitrates), saturated buffers (which are tile lines that run around the grass bank of a river or stream) that are fed by a tile line into a field and regulated by a control box, so the water is filtered through the soil instead of directly into the river.

Nitrates occur naturally in our soil in the form of organic matter that holds our soil together so it doesn't wash away in rain water. Cover crops are green crops that grow from fall to spring to create healthy soils, gather leftover nitrates and phosphorus and convert it to soil cover and food for the soil life that lives under our feet. We need to grow bigger crops to feed the world as it grows. You can look around you and see new houses, roads and businesses being built.

So in closing, I want you to consider cover crops to keep your farm at home and not send it to the Gulf of Mexico. You need to stay profitable and have a good life farming. If we don't make these changes, we will not have a safe and healthy place to live. Stay safe.



2015 4-H projects: Each year, Tama SWCD recognizes 4-H and FFA fair projects in the categories of crop production, agriculture/natural resources, and environment/sustainability. Pictured are Layne Murty, corn production; Wyatt Jackson, earthworms; and Frances Jackson, rotational grazing. Layne is the son of Steve and Erin Murty, Gladbrook. Wyatt and Frances are the children of Matt and Ann Jackson, Garwin.



Pictured is Conner Murty's 2015 4-H popcorn project. Conner is the son of Steve and Erin Murty of Gladbrook.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Tama Soil & Water Conservation District
State Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Revolving Fund	
Balance on hand July 1, 2014	\$89,313.58
Receipts	36,102.76
Expenditures	-71,854.88
Balance on hand June 30, 2015	\$53,561.46
District Employee Fund	
Balance on hand July 1, 2014	\$15,521.83
Receipts	12,106.80
Expenditures	-9,899.02
Balance on hand June 30, 2015	\$17,729.61
Certificates of Deposit	
Balance on hand July 1, 2014	\$18,322.19
Interest Accrued	25.26
Expenditures	-0.00
Value June 30, 2015	\$18,347.45

State Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Iowa Financial Incentives Program: Cost Share	
SFY 14 Obligated Carryover	\$ 67,620.35
SFY15 Allocation	43,968.00
Transferred/Recalled	-6,197.99
Spent Obligated	-105,390.36
Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 0.00
Iowa Financial Incentives Program: Management Practices	
SFY 14 Obligated Carryover	\$ 3,000.00
SFY15 Allocation	4,400.00
Transferred/Recalled	-3,000.00
Spent Obligated	-4,400.00
Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 0.00
No-Interest Loan Program	
SFY 14 Obligated Carryover	\$ 20,000.00
SFY15 Allocation	0.00
Transferred/Recalled	0.00
Spent Obligated	-20,000.00
Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 0.00
Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: Forestry/Native Grasses	
SFY 14 Obligated Carryover	\$ 4,842.00
SFY15 Allocation	3,351.87
Transferred/Recalled	-0.00
Spent Obligated	-4,493.87
Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 0.00
Resource Enhancement and Protection Program: Practices	
SFY 14 Obligated Carryover	\$ 15,336.00
SFY15 Allocation	10,662.58
Transferred/Recalled	-342.24
Spent Obligated	-25,056.34
Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$ 0.00
Conservation Applied to the Land	
Cover Crop	714.6 ac
Grassed Waterway	27.3 ac
Site Prep for Natural Regeneration	7.5 ac
Tree/Shrub Establishment	27.9 ac
Water & Sediment Control Basin	7.0 no
Windbreak	5.6 ac



The District's Friend of Conservation Award is presented to people who have gone over-and-above in support of the District and its activities. The 2015 award was presented to Frank Albertsen, rural Toledo. Frank was raised in a predominantly Danish community in western Iowa, where as a youth he developed an appreciation for soil and water conservation. As a vocational ag instructor, his sophomore classes spent much of each year studying best conservation practices in land planning and crop production, and he coached several very successful soil judging teams. Many years ago, Frank was among a group of teachers who built and distributed water quality models to Iowa's Soil & Water Conservation Districts. For several years, Frank has used Tama SWCD's model while teaching Chemicals in the Environment at the District's annual 5th grade outdoor classroom. Until his recent retirement, he also served on the Tama County Women, Land & Legacy Local Team since the project began in 2007. On his home farm, Frank has used contouring, waterways, and grass buffers.



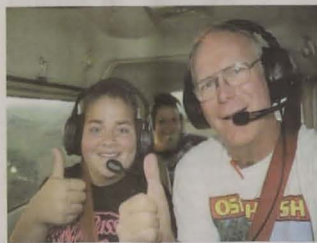
2015 Conservation Tillage Award winners David and Frances Bacon of rural Garwin continue a family legacy of outstanding land stewardship. They began farming in 1985 and transitioned from minimum tillage to ridge till to no-till through the years. The Basons implement grass strips, waterways, terraces, and filter strips in their operation and have been experimenting with cover crops.



Landowner/Tenant Award was presented to Rick and Jodi Hopper of rural Toledo and their landladies and landlods-- Bernard Kalinay of rural Toledo, Janet Zody of Toledo, Sonya Piper of Tennessee, William Beranek of Texas, Kathy Yanda and Seidel Family Farm of Toledo, Harrison Land Company of Brooklyn, and Rob and Jan Wobeter of rural Toledo. Rick and Jodi have shown an incredible sense of stewardship over the years, so it's no surprise their land ethic extends to farms they rent. Bernard Kalinay says of the Hoppers, "Rick and Jodi are conscientious soil protectors!" They incorporate a number of conservation practices into their farm management including, no-till, grassed waterways, contouring, sediment basins, grass buffers, terraces, hay and CRP. Included here is a drone photo one of the farms.



Jeff and Cheryl Bruene of rural Gladbrook were honored with Tama SWCD's 2015 Owner-Operator Award. Jeff joined his parents' family farm operation after graduating from Iowa State University in 1979. In 1983, he and Cheryl purchased 120 acres and began their own farming operation while Jeff continued to help his father on the family farm and farrow-to-finish hog operation. He took over the family farm in 1988 when his parents moved off the farm. The hogs have been replaced with an Angus cow-calf herd and Jeff and Cheryl have added to the farm land.



Grocery Sack Contest: Addie Bradley, North Tama school student, won the annual Grocery Sack Contest with her entry. She won a plane ride with Garry Brandenburg, Albion, for her award.



Last spring's District Scholarship was awarded to Kayla Toennies, a freshman at Iowa State University majoring in animal science and minor in agronomy. Kayla was awarded a \$300 scholarship from the local District and advanced to our Iowa regional competition, where she won an additional \$600. She is the daughter of Mark and Jacqueline Toennies of rural Chelsea.



Henry and Arlene Horstmann of rural Gladbrook were honored with Tama SWCD's 2015 Established Windbreak Award. They planted their windbreak of Black Hills spruce, Serbian spruce and concolor fir in 2004. Arlene says "It's amazing to see how much they've grown from year to year and to see the new growth each spring." She finds a walk through them is a very relaxing trip and that the trees attract many kinds of birds.



The District's 2015 New Windbreak Award was presented to Rita Dostal of rural Toledo for the 4.7 acre shelterbelt she planted in 2013 on her family's Century Farm. The shelterbelt includes trees, shrubs and a snow catch area of native grasses and flowers.



The District's 2015 Soil Health Award was presented to Mike and Mary Vavroch and Ryan and Allison Vavroch, all of rural Elberon. The Vavrochs use minimum tillage, no-till, grassed waterways and cover crops of winter rye and radishes in their operation. Mike says "The cover crop has really helped with erosion and also puts organic matter back in our soil as well as captures nutrients that would otherwise leach away." Son Ryan adds, "My passion is and will always be on the farm. We are always looking for ways to improve our practices and be the best stewards of the land possible. By using cover crops and minimizing tillage we have been able to reduce erosion and increase our soil productivity."



Otter Creek Lake- Looking to the Future

Bob Etzel

Executive Director
Tama County
Conservation Board

Concerns with water quality at Otter Creek Lake and a concerted effort to protect the popular public water body began several years ago.

This fall a Watershed Management Plan for Otter Creek Lake was presented at a kick-off meeting held at the Tama County Nature Center. Algae blooms, caused by phosphorus levels in the lake, were identified as a major concern. Also of importance are silt levels in the lake basin impacting specific areas of the lake.

So, what is being done? In 2007 the Hansen Addition to Otter Creek Lake and Park was begun. The project goal was to acquire highly erodible farm ground immediately adjacent to the park prop-

erty in an effort to provide long term protection of Otter Creek Lake. By 2010 an additional 252 acres was added to the original park property. Since then the land is being returned to a variety of natural communities (prairie, woodland, wetlands).

Work will continue over the next decade. Planned efforts on the park property include expanded wetlands protecting the NW drainage into the lake. Work of any project often relies on a team effort to accomplish important goals. The Tama Soil and Water Conservation District recently filed a grant application under the State of Iowa's Publicly Owned Lands Program. If the grant is approved funds will become available to work with landowners and operators in the Otter Creek Lake watershed to implement strategies to

reduce erosion and nutrient loss.

A long term goal, following successful implementation of protections on park property and improved practices on adjoining farm ground, is eventual inclusion in the Iowa DNR's Lake Restoration Program. Once included in the program attention can be focused on addressing in-lake issues and what can be done to restore the lake.

"The Tama County Conservation Board is excited to work together with the Tama Soil & Water Conservation District and our neighbors to help protect Otter Creek Lake," states Carolyn Adolphs, Chairperson for the County Conservation Board. "Protecting and improving this beautiful and popular natural resource is very important to our quality of life."

RIGHT- 2015 Urban Backyard Conservation Award winners Brett and Elizabeth Reece of Toledo were honored for their double-lot habitat around their Toledo home. The Reces and their two sons have landscaped the property with wildlife and privacy in mind.

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rather than running through a hole in the ground. Conservation should be just as critical as the machinery used to plant the corn. Looking at the results is only one of two parts when it comes to improving the land. Instead of continually increasing inputs of nutrients to force unproductive soils to grow, crop we should improve what's there in a natural way.

At that moment Derek quit and moved to Jasper County and applied at the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a temporary employee. While there he took responsibility of the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) where he helped to enroll 8000 acres into the program. The types of programs varied greatly and used different depending on whether they

focused on improving wildlife, soil erosion, or water quality.

In August 2015 Derek took a full time position in Tama County. With the help of GIS technology and advanced mapping software he has engineered waterways and soil storage basins. He hopes to work alongside producers in continuing to protect natural resources.

FROM OUT OF
THE PAST.....

MARIE K. VILETA

Buying Groceries in Early 1900's

If a wooden coffee grinder with a crank at the top would surface at an auction sale or at a flea market, there would be someone who would buy it, no matter what the selling price might be. A coffee grinder is a nostalgic item for some and a curiosity for others. As with many things, the reaction is relative.

There was a time when coffee was not purchased already ground specifically for the several ways of using it, and when it was purchased either in the bean form and ground at the store or in bulk, brought home and then ground as it was used.

Lion was a brand that was one of the first to package the coffee before it reached the wholesaler. In a very early advertisement, it was urged, "Let Common Sense Decide" and then it continued, "Do you honestly believe, that coffee sold loose (in bulk), exposed to dust, germs and insects, passing through many hands (some of them not over-clean), blended, you don't know how or by whom, is fit for your use? Of course you don't. But Lion coffee is another story."

The green berries, selected by keen judges at the plantation, are skillfully roasted at our factories, where peccations you would not dream are taken to secure perfect cleanliness, flavor, strength and uniformity."

This coffee company insisted that from the time the coffee left the factory no hand touched it till the user opened it in his kitchen. Because of this Lion Coffee was the leading brand of packaged coffees. It could be had only in 1 lb. packages with a lion-head on every bag. Users were urged to have the lion-heads for valuable premiums. So the coupon of today is not so new!

Those who do any amount of baking now use moist baker's yeast or the dry, beady variety in an envelope for breads. There are those who recall Yeast Foam. It was not as the name indicates, a foam! It came in dry, hard cakes and with the addition of sugar to the warm water

used to soften it, the foam came. The Northwestern Yeast Company of Chicago advertised that "you must use Yeast Foam, the wonderful yeast, if you want to make bread that is bread!" They announced that Yeast Foam was the yeast that took the First Grand Prize at the St. Louis Exposition. All grocers sold it at \$0.5 a package, an amount sufficient to make 40 loaves.

Another brand of yeast was Hart's yeast. If it was sold in Iowa it was not as wide-spread in its use and Yeast Foam. A later brand, popular in the 40's was Maca yeast.

For leavening in quick breads, cakes and cookies, "Royal Baking Powder has no substitute". So early ads extolled it powers. Royal and Calumet are names easily recalled by homemakers.

A grocery catalog was precious item to many before the time of supermarkets. Sears Roebuck & Co. put out one each fall in the early 1900's. It was a common thing for a depot agent to find many boxes of freight unloaded on his dock containing winter stocks of groceries.

What an exciting time a family had when they gathered around the wooden box and got their first glimpse of the contents!

W. B. Flafke Co., 91-93 Front Street, Portland, Oregon, placed advertisements in Tama county newspapers: "Do you eat prunes?" Then by direct from the producer. Their prunes were supposed to be the largest sizes grown and were packed in the best and finest style possible. An order could not be less than 100 pounds! However, four 25-lb. boxes of large fancy Italian Prunes, delivered (freight prepaid) to any railway station in the United States were only \$8.50. All one needed to do was to send the remittance with the order, giving routing instructions and R. R. station.

Ways of marketing and of buying groceries have changed in the last eighty years. And so have the prices!

Reprinted from the March 31, 1983 News-Herald.

Celebrating Easter with good food

STAR
COOKING..

MARILYN CHIZEK



Easter is Sunday, March 27.

Christians celebrate Easter to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the son of God. Churches are filled with people celebrating this holy holiday.

Some customs observed at this time are dyeing Easter eggs, having Easter egg hunts and the Easter bunny. The Germans brought the symbol of the Easter rabbit to America.

Many people gather together to celebrate Easter with good food.

Wishing everyone a Very Happy and Blessed Easter!

Carrot
Casserole

8 C. sliced carrots
2 medium onions, sliced
5 T. butter or margarine,
divided

1 (10 3/4-oz.) can condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 C. shredded cheddar cheese

1 C. seasoned croutons
Place carrots in a saucepan and cover with water; bring to a boil. Cook until crisp-tender. Meanwhile, in a skillet, saute onions in 3 T. butter until tender. Stir in the soup, salt, pepper and cheese. Drain carrots; add to the onion mixture. Pour into a greased 13"x9"x2" baking dish. Sprinkle with croutons. Melt remaining butter; drizzle over croutons.

Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Yield: 10-12 servings.

Mashed Potato
Casserole

8-10 large potatoes
1 C. sour cream
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese

1 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 C. American or cheddar cheese, shredded
1/4 C. butter

Cook potatoes and drain. Beat cream cheese and sour cream with potatoes until well blended. Add butter and seasonings. Spoon potatoes into a 2-qt. casserole; sprinkle with cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. *Note-May be

made a day or two ahead of time and stored in refrigerator before baking. Also freezes well.

Baked Ham with
Honey-Apricot
Glaze

1 (10-14 lb.) spiral-sliced, fully-cooked smoked ham
1 C. honey
1 (6-oz.) can frozen orange juice concentrate, thawed

1/3 C. soy sauce
1/3 C. apricot jam
1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg
1/4 tsp. ground cloves

Place ham on rack in shallow roasting pan. Mix together remaining ingredients in medium bowl; set aside. Bake ham at 325 degrees for 30 minutes; pour glaze over ham and continue to bake until ham is heated through, approximately a total of 1-1 1/2 hours.

Spring Green
Dessert

1 1/4 C. flour
1/2 C. margarine
1/2 C. chopped nuts
1 (8-oz.) pkg. cream cheese

1 C. powdered sugar
1 (8-oz.) carton whipped topping
2 (3-oz.) pkg. instant pudding, pistachio or any flavor

2 C. milk
Mix the first 3 ingredients by cutting margarine into flour. Pat in 9"x13" pan and bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool. Beat cream cheese and sugar together. Fold in half of the whipped topping. Spread it out cooled crust. Chill.

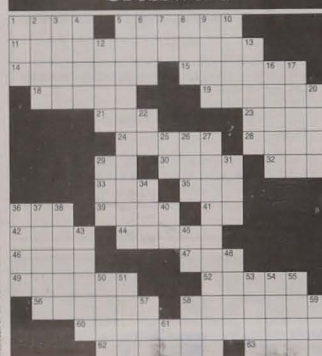
Whip pudding and milk together; spread on second layer. Top with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate several hours. Yield: 12 servings.

We hope you have fun Star-Cooking and eating!

If you have a recipe you would like to share with our readers, please submit it to Marilyn Chizek, in care of the Dysart Reporter, Northern Sun-Print, Reinbeck Courier, Tama News-Herald, or Trafer Star-Clipper. We look forward to hearing from you.



carrot casserole

Inside Iowa Today
Crossword

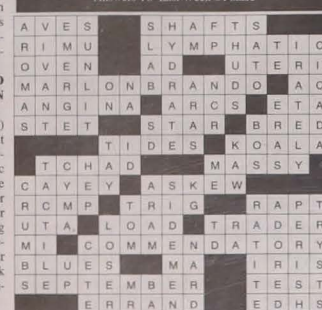
CLUES ACROSS

1. Matter
5. Puzzled
11. Well wish
14. Frightened
15. Home of the Cowboys
18. Between the junium and the ocean
19. Founded the Union Colony
21. Read-only memory
23. Sorcerers
24. Female parents
28. Unexpected obstacle
29. OFI
30. Used to have (Scottish)
32. Patti Hearst's captors
33. Rock TV channel
35. Revolutions per minute
36. Exclamation: yuck!
39. Be afraid of
41. Arizona
42. Red liqueur gin
44. More discourteous
46. Type of chef
47. Mother (Brit.)
49. Untidy in character
52. Inhibitions
56. Pans
58. Politician
60. Unofficial fighter
62. Type of Mustang
63. Branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Satisfaction
2. Astragals
3. Egg-shaped
4. Nothing more than specified
5. Measures speed of wind
6. In the middle of
7. Actinium
8. The Master of Shadows
9. Dutch cheese
10. Valley
12. A river between China and Russia
13. Masses of matter
16. They live along Gulf of Guinea
17. George... actor
20. Latvia's largest city
22. One thousandth of an ampere
25. Milliherry
26. Swiss river
27. Individually
29. Magneto motive force (abbr.)
31. Without armies (abbr.)
34. Portuguese municipality
36. Old Marxist-Leninist state
37. Malicious satisfaction
38. Actress Julianne
40. Rural delivery
43. Bar or preclude
45. Unit of measurement
48. Peninsula in Greece
50. Bird genus
51. Releases gonadotropin
53. Racquets
54. Southwestern state
55. Town in Benin
57. Car mechanics group
58. Brother or sister
59. Woolen rug
61. Milliliter

Answers To Last Week's Puzzle



Tama SWCD joins social media

Tama Soil and Water Conservation District has joined the realm of social media!

Find the District on Facebook at:
www.facebook.com/Tam



aSWCD. Read posts on current trends, the science behind agriculture and a little fun, too.

In addition to the District's page, you may also find Tama County Women, Land & Legacy on Facebook at:

www.facebook.com/somenlandandlegacytama-county. It focuses on women's outreach, women in the world of agriculture and hot topics related to upcoming events hosted by our local project.

Soil Health?
Ask Your
Farmer

More farmers, ranchers and others who rely on the land are taking action to improve the health of their soil. Many farmers are actually building the soil. How? By using soil health management systems that include cover crops, diverse rotations and no-till.

But how do landowners know if their tenants are doing everything they need to do to make and keep their soil healthy?

Barry Fisher, an Indiana farmer and nationally recognized soil health specialist with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service, recommends that they ask their farming partner this question:

DO YOU BUILD
ORGANIC MATTER IN
THE SOIL?

Organic matter (carbon) may be the most important indicator of a farm's productivity. The amount of soil organic matter often determines the price farmers will pay to rent or buy land. Finding a farmer who is interested in building organic matter by using practices like no-till and cover crops is like finding a bank with a better rate on a Certificate of Deposit, Fisher says.

TAMA COUNTY RESIDENTS

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