



BLACK HAWK SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Newsletter

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!

The recipient of the 2000 Krsnak-Runyan-Ward Memorial Scholarship is Jeffrey Coulter from Hartley, Iowa and currently a sophomore at Iowa Lakes Community College. Jeffrey is a full time student majoring in environmental studies-natural resources management. Upon completing the two-year program at Iowa Lakes, Jeffrey plans to continue studies at Iowa State University and major in Agronomy.

Jeffrey's goal is to become a soil conservationist and district conservationist for the NRCS in Iowa after completing college. We congratulate Jeffrey and wish him every success in his career.

NEW COMMISSIONERS

We have two new commissioners on our board - John Hoffman and Kay Kober. They replaced John Marsau and H. Arnold Harting who are now assistant commissioners.

**FLUORESCENT PINK MARKING FLAGS
FOR SALE AT OUR OFFICE
\$9.00/100**

CDI SCHOLARSHIP

The Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI) and its Auxiliary are cosponsoring the scholarship again this year. The scholarships will be presented to Iowa high school seniors to be used for their first year of education on the college level while pursuing programs of study in any field of agriculture or natural resources.

Five applications were submitted to the district office by March 1st. The Black Hawk SWCD Commissioners selected Amanda K. Rigdon's application to send on to the CDI Regional Director, who in turn select an application and forward it to the CDI Auxiliary President. The final selections are made then. Amanda plans to attend Hawkeye CC majoring in Agriculture Studies Transfer and then transfer to ISU in Ames to major in genetics and animal reproduction.

Regional winners will receive \$200. Three scholarships will be awarded on the state level in the amounts of \$1,000, \$500, and \$300.

WELCOME OUR NEW DC!

Renae Ford is the new District Conservationist in the Waterloo NRCS field office effective January 29, 2001. She is a graduate from South Dakota State University. Originally from northwest Iowa, Renae has been with NRCS for four years and has worked in Kossuth, Wayne and Decatur Counties.

Please stop in or call if you have any questions for Renae. She looks forward to meeting you.

TOUCH THE LAND

The 2000-2001 State 4-H Council and the Iowa State University Extension 4-H staff are organizing the 2001 Iowa 4-H Conference called "Step Outside Yourself", to be held June 26-28th on the Iowa State University campus in Ames.

This conference is open to all high school youth and includes guest speakers, fun and educational workshops, and community service. This year they are highlighting Iowa's environment through the Touch the Land tract.

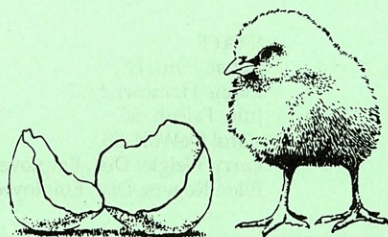
Specialists from the State 4-H Youth Development office, Forestry, and Animal Ecology departments organize this environmental tract. Touch the Land will provide a unique opportunity to explore Iowa's landscape, and to discover creative ways to shape and enjoy our environment. Most youth who attend will take back what they learned in the educational workshops and community service opportunity to their communities.

By participating in this environmental tract, youth will: 1) Meet real world practitioners and practical researchers involved in projects to improve the quality of the environment. 2) Learn new skills while accessing labs or participating in field experiences. 3) Have fun while learning the importance the environment plays in outdoor living experiences. 4) Participate in service projects in the Ames area that could be duplicated in their home communities.

The cost to participants is \$100 and Black Hawk Soil & Water Conservation District will sponsor one student from Black Hawk County to attend. If interested, contact the ISU Extension Service office at 3420 University Ave or call 234-6811.



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BLACK HAWK SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2000 ANNUAL REPORT

1M BUDGET

July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

Total Allocation	\$ 4,300.00
Commissioners Expenses	3,184.81
Office Supplies, postage & dues	<u>1,092.80</u>
Balance	\$ 22.39

3M BUDGET

Cost Share Ledger 1999-2000

Original & Supplemental Allocation	\$39,072.00
Projects Completed	21,017.17
Project Still in Progress	17,637.50
Recalled to Dept. 12/00	\$ 417.33

REAP Practices Ledger 2000

Original Allocation	\$ 7,455.00
Projects Completed	<u>1,875.10</u>
Recalled to Dept. 12/00	\$ 5,579.90

REAP Forestry Ledger 2000

Original Allocation	\$1,892.00
Projects Completed	<u>.00</u>
Recalled to Dept. 12/00	\$1,892.00

COMMISSIONERS REVOLVING FUND

Balance 7/1/99	\$ 211.62
Deposit	+12,334.29
Expenditures	<u>-7,272.62</u>
Balance 6/30/00	\$5,273.29

CONSERVATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

New Cooperators	38
Filter Strips (Acres)	698.85
Terraces (Feet)	5,350
Waterways (Acres)	51.7
Windbreaks (Acres)	5

All programs and services of the Soil Conservation Service are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or handicap.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2000 DISTRICT
ACTIVITIES

--The district received a Watershed Protection Development Grant for No Name and Dry Run Creek Watersheds. Two interns were hired to complete GIS information and field inventories.

--The commissioners continue to participate in the Buffers Initiative to assist in establishing filter strips.

--Mike Werner and Joe McKenna were presented their certificates from the Izaak Walton League for participating in the windbreak program.

--The commissioners manned their booth at the Hawkeye Farm Show at the UNI dome on March 14th, 15th, and 16th. A downing display showing Backyard Conservation was used.

--The district had a booth at the John Deere facilities for the 2000 Earth Day Fair April 18th - 20th. The booth theme was *Backyard Conservation*.

--Winegarden attended the NACD North Central Regional meeting that was held in Sault St Marie, Michigan July 9th — 12th.

--Schuchhardt and Mixdorf attended the field tour on July 27th sponsored by the State Soil Conservation Committee. The tour included Black Hawk, Franklin, Wright and Hardin counties.

--On August 8th, Marsau and Mixdorf attended the Black Hawk County Soil Survey Workshop held in Tama Hall at Hawkeye Community College.

--Winegarden, Harting and Schuler attended the 54th Annual Conference in Des Moines Sept. 6th and 7th.

--The arboretum at Hawkeye CC invited the district to have a booth at their workshop on September 9th. Winegarden and her husband manned the booth.

--The Black Hawk SWCD sponsored a teacher for the Food, Land, & People Teacher Workshops.

--Schuchhardt and her husband manned the district booth for Earth Science Week open house activities at the Raymond Quarry on October 15th.

--Winegarden, Harting, Schuchhardt, Mixdorf and Lichty attended the fall regional meeting on December 5th in Dyersville.

This report is published not only to show the conservation work completed, but gives us the opportunity to say thank you to everyone supporting conservation programs in the county. We especially appreciate every landowner and operator who applied a conservation practice during the past year, the local media for publicity throughout the year and everyone who helped to make our district's program a success.