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Soil Commissioner and Staff activities calendar

January - Terry Hoskins was sworn in as a new commissioner. Election of officers was held: Greg Zellmer, chairman; Mike Hall, Vice-Chairman, Connie S. Esbeck, Secretary; and Connie S. Esbeck and Ray Wilson, Co-Treasurer. Russell Joyce was appointed as an Assistant Commissioner. Ray Wilson and Terry Hoskins attended the New Commissioner Training session. Policy was established for the Great Plains drill. Property tax exemptions were approved on six sites.

February - Dan Brown, Cass County P.F. representative, met with the commissioners to explain some of PF's programs. Property tax exemptions were approved on two sites. Soil Stewardship material ordered for all Cass County third graders. Commissioners voted to request a local contract for Turkey Creek Watershed Sites 627A and 62-7A1 for spring/summer 2001 construction. District subscribes as an Iowa Watersheds member. A \$100 donation was given to the Cass County Cattleman's Association to help defray expenses for a pasture school held March 26. Anita FFA volunteers to



Soil Commissioners

Cass County Soil Commissioners include (first row, left to right) Mike Hall, Fred Kay and Ray Wilson; and (back row) Terry Hoskins, Greg Zellmer (2001 Chairman) and Russell Joyce.

Photo by Jennifer Nichols

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Soil Conservation Staff

Pictured above are Soil Conservation Staff members, (first row, left to right) Sindra Jensen, soil conservationist; Duane Ortegies, soil conservation technician; and Connie Esbeck, state secretary; (second row) Gary Wolfe, state technician; Ed Seidel, district conservationist; and Dennis Hockenberry, district employee.

Photo by Jennifer Nichols

World Food Prize winner to speak in Lewis

BY JENNIFER NICHOLS
NT Staff Writer

As part of a full-day schedule, Dr. Per Pinstrup-Andersen, the winner of the 2001 World Food Prize, will speak at the Wallace Foundation Learning Center near Lewis.

Pinstrup-Andersen, who will speak about what it will take to have a sustainable global food system by the year 2020, will present his speech at 1:30 p.m. on March 27 at the learning center. Following his speech at 2:30 p.m. will be a town meeting in which a panel of speakers will respond to and expand on Pinstrup's speech, and also take questions from the audience. This year's panel includes: Atlantic resident Denise O'Brien, farmer and 2001-2002 Kellogg Food and Society Fellow; Dave Williams, Wallaces Farmer Master Farmer and Chair of the Advisory Board for the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture; Catherine O'Connor Woteki, Dean of the ISU College of Agriculture; Neil Hamilton, Director of

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The day will end with an Annual Meeting of the membership of the Wallace Foundation for Rural Research and Development at approximately 5 p.m.

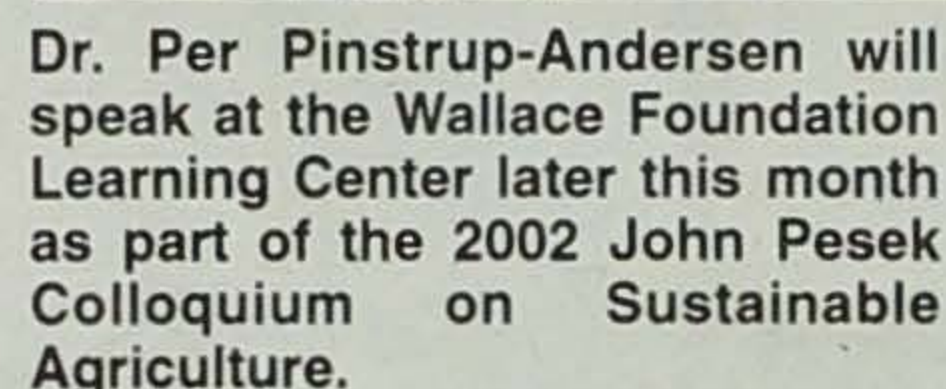


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April - The commissioners vote to donate \$50 each for two participants to attend the "Touch the Land" State 4-H Council/ISU Extension. The Project Agreement was signed for Sites 62-7 and 62-7A in Turkey Creek. Two property tax exemption applications were approved. Jensen reported that ten people are signed up as volunteers for the Backyard Conservation program and they will design and man the fair book this year. A \$750 Help-A-Habitat grant

August - Zellmer and Seidel attended the CDI regional meeting at Walnut. Zellmer reported on the activities ongoing in Cass County at the meeting. Esbeck presented I-M Budget Proposal for 2002 for review. Turkey Creek Watershed contract awarded to Joy Dirt Construction, Cushing, Iowa at a bid of \$110,750.16 for Sites 62-7 and 62-7A. Joe Schwartz, DNR Fisheries Supervisor, reported that cooperative DNR/DSC/SWCD funds are available for water quality practices for eligible conservation

November— Commissioners announced they will again offer a \$300 scholarship to a graduating Cass County senior. Information was sent to all schools in the county.

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Photo by Jennifer Nichols

4-H Share The Fun acts compete

Seven acts participated in the 4-H Share the Fun contest on Sunday, Feb. 10. Share the Fun is a state wide program that provides an opportunity for 4-H members to put fun into the 4-H program, expand the image of 4-H and perform before an audience for enjoyment.

Caroline Nichols of the Washington Winners took first place in this year's Share the Fun contest with her vocal solo "This Day." She received a purple ribbon and will advance to the Iowa State Fair in August. Caroline was accompanied by her mother, Cindy Nichols. Caroline also received the best overall music performance award, donated by the Tuesday Music Club.

Second place went to Kristi Fager, a member of Pymosa 4-H club with her Patriotic Medley, vocal solo. She also received a purple award and trip to the Iowa State Fair in August. Kristi was accompanied by her mother, Rhonda Fager.

The Washington GEM 4-H club, received third place overall with their skit "4-H Fear Factor." They received purple ribbons and will advance to Des Moines in August.

Fourth place honors went to Mark Jacobson, a member of the Washington GEM with his vocal Solo "God Bless the USA." He received a lavender ribbon. Discovery members of the Benton Blue Ribbons performed their skit "Club Exchange - the Flintstones Meet the Jetsons." They received a lavender ribbon and fifth place overall.

Receiving Blue ribbons were the Benton Blue Ribbons 4-H Club with "Who salted the soup?" and G & L Clovers with "A 'Flash' Bulletin."

Soil Commissioners Activities

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December- Zellmer attended the annual conference and reported that 62 counties were represented. Commissioners voted to sponsor two teams for the Envirothon 2002 contest. The larger structure in Turkey Creek has been completed

and clearing completed on the smaller one before a winter shut-down notice was issued. Commissioners and staff enjoyed their Christmas party dinner at Massena in conjunction with their regular December meeting.

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What's on the horizon for Conservation?

BY JEFF ZIMPRICH

Assistant State
Conservationist

Another calendar year and crop season has come and gone and 2002 is here. It seems like at this time of year, I find myself doing two things - reflecting on what has happened this last year and thinking about what is coming this next year. I would like to share with you a few of the thoughts that have been running through my mind related to conservation.

First, a look back. 2001 was a good year for conservation in southwest Iowa. Many of the NRCS field offices assisted more landowners to build more terraces, ponds, and waterways along with other structured prac-

tices, and planted more filter strips, managed more pasture acres better, and restored more wetlands than ever before. I just named a few of the conservation accomplishments from last year. Many other practices, projects and plans were completed. They all will work together to improve and protect our southwest Iowa natural resources.

Many of you may think of these accomplishments and immediately think of federal, state and local conservation pro-

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Workshop explores Audubon County Food System

BY SUSAN THOMPSON

ISU College of Agriculture
Communications Specialist

Communities throughout Iowa are experiencing important changes in how global and local forces influence the food and agricultural system. Some communities are responding by launching new food and agriculture ventures in an effort to "localize" the food system.

Audubon County is seen as a leader in such efforts. Because of that, it is one of four counties in which an Iowa State University research project dealing with community food systems is being conducted.

An evening workshop Feb. 21 brought more than a dozen Audubon County residents to the Audubon County Extension office

to meet with ISU researchers. Those attending represented a cross-section of people involved in general agriculture, food production, marketing and distribution in the county.

The group met with Clare Hinrichs, ISU assistant professor of sociology, who is directing the research project. Shelly Gradwell is the project coordinator. A number of ISU graduate students are assisting Hinrichs and Gradwell, including Matt Russell, formerly of Anita.

A "community food system atlas" was distributed. This 20-page document was filled with maps, graphs and text about the food system in Audubon County. Participants were asked to make suggestions on how it could be improved.

Workshop see page 5



Shown in photo l to r: Mark Nissan, Audubon County Farm Bureau and Robert Powers, Exira FoodTown listen to Matt Russell, ISU Graduate Student formerly from Anita explain the project. Others attending the workshop were Cindy Madsen, Charles Carpenter, Bea Peterson, Dennis Heflin, Donna Bauer, Eric Trager, and Mary Ottmar.

Contributors in 2001

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grams that were used to help fund these practices. I would ask you not to do that. The landowners, conservation professionals in local offices, conservation leaders in Soil and Water Conservation Districts, land operators, contractors and many others worked very hard to put this conservation on the land. The programs are tools and only tools. Programs are only successful when people promote their use, people learn how to use them and then implement them. We need to make sure we remember that no program from Washington D.C., Des Moines, or the county will be successful without the people and the partnerships. I applaud all of you who have worked to put conservation on the land.

Now, looking toward 2002 and the future. I just made the point that lots of people worked very hard utilizing many program 'tools' to put lots of conservation on the land. That work will make a positive difference. I do see one weakness in all this positive work... lots of it was done without an overall complete plan. That's what we should work toward this year and in the years to come.

I encourage each landowner and operator to work

together to develop a good overall conservation plan for the land they own and operate. I encourage you to think about all the resources on your land...the soil, water, air, plants and animals. The conservationists in your local NRCS county office can help you think about all these resources and suggest solutions that will help you care for them. This "planning" process is voluntary. Your objectives will be a focal point and you are the decision-maker. This plan should be the first step. Let's figure out what we need and want to do and then let's put the plan into action and put the practices on the land.

Let me close with this thought. Lots of people are thinking about 2002 and conservation and looking east toward Washington D.C. They want to know what is coming in the new farm bill related to conservation and many other aspects of agriculture. My advice is keep your eyes focused here - on your farm. Work to develop a complete conservation plan for your farm. Many tools are here and more are coming to help you apply the plan. This plan is your best first-step. Your local NRCS office staff are ready to assist you with your conservation efforts.

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Cass County Backyard Conservation wins State Earth Team Award

BY SINDRA JENSEN
Soil Conservationist

The Cass County Backyard Conservation Team recently won the State Earth Team Volunteer Award from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This award is given to a volunteer group that shows outstanding service to the mission of the Natural Resources Conservation Service

Workshop

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Information included in the atlas came from several sources. Secondary data covered demographics, environmental characteristics, the agricultural resource base, food distribution networks, economic outcomes, food system employment, community food security and access, education and advocacy surrounding food and agriculture, and retail food trade patterns.

County visits, informal interviews with a wide range of food system stakeholders and participants, case studies of farmers' markets and formal interviews with county food retailers, meat locker proprietors and social service providers provided additional information for the atlas. This primary and secondary data helped create a "portrait" of the county's food system.

Opening discussion at the workshop centered on trends, events and policies that are shaping Audubon County's food and agricultural system. The next step was to discuss where food eaten in the county originates and what can be done to grow more of it locally.

The final portion of the workshop was spent talking about the first draft of the atlas. Participants discussed how information could be used to shape a food and agricultural system in Audubon County that promotes community well-being, and an improved community food system.

Researchers will use comments from this focus group to revise and improve the atlas. A final report will be provided this summer to workshop participants and other stakeholders in the county.

Similar work is being done in Benton, Johnson and Marshall counties. The three-year research project, funded by the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, is slated to end this year.

(NRCS). The NRCS is a federal agency providing technical service to landowners and farmers for conservation practices. Since more and more people are living in cities and towns, NRCS decided to take 10 conservation practices and scale them down to fit in the backyard setting.

The Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District along with staff from the NRCS decided to recruit volunteers to assist them with the promotion of the Backyard Conservation Program.

Sindra Jensen, Soil Conservationist, The Cass County Backyard

Conservationist, approached the newly formed Cass County Master Gardeners to see if any of them would be interested in helping establish the Cass County Backyard Conservation Team. The response was wonderful. Starting with five volunteers that hosted a Backyard Conservation Kick-Off meeting in February, 2001, the group began the effort to help educate and inform the public of Cass County on the importance of conservation in their own backyard.

Conservation Team started with three informational meetings: backyard ponds, dividing perennials, and attracting backyard wildlife. We averaged about 60 people attending each meeting. This was an extraordinary success for a program's first year. This showed the group that there was definitely a need and a desire to continue with more information

on backyard conservation.

We are planning another year of activities for 2002 so keep your eyes and ears open for meeting dates and locations. If you are interested in conserving our natural resources either in your own backyard or on a larger scale please contact Sindra at the

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Conduct of Meetings Team- Bronze
Justing Retallic, Randy Hoover, Ethan Zellmer, Brandon Buffington, Travis Hansen, Matt Ward and Dave Breach

Freshman Creed Speaking- Bronze- Matt Hansen

Public speaking- Gold- advanced to districts- Rachel Smith

Extemporaneous Speaking- Gold- advanced to districts- Elizabeth Comes

Job Interview- Gold- advanced to districts- Marc Smith

Salesmanship- Gold- advanced to district- Louise Knop

Radio Broadcast- Gold- advanced to districts- Bret Euken

Arc Welding- Bronze- Levi Dolch

Oxy- Act. Torch- Silver- Tyler Dolch

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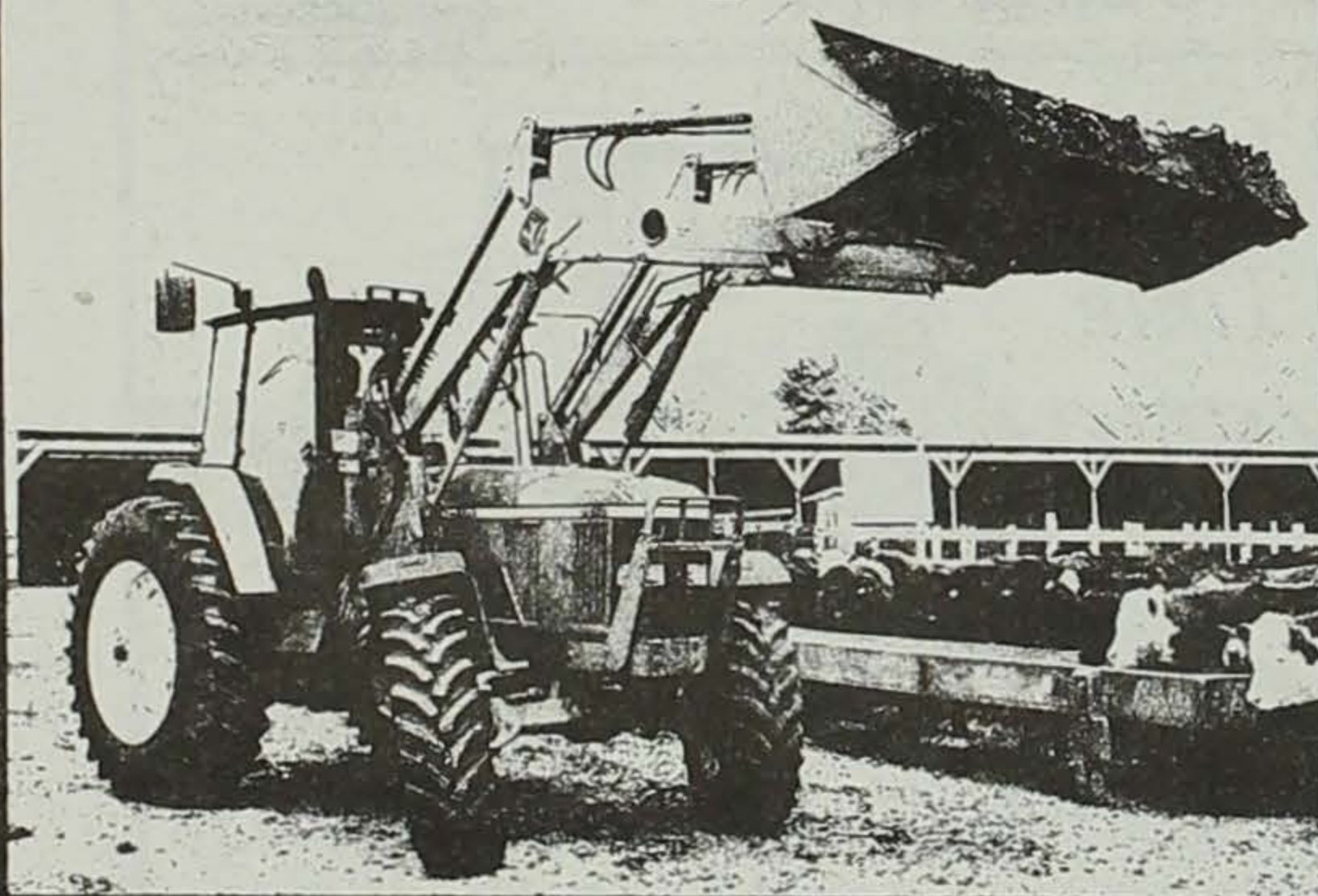
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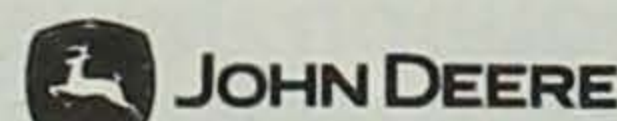
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I would like to say thank you to all the volunteers listed above for their service to the Backyard Conservation program and to the Cass Co. SWCD. We are grateful that you share your time with us and appreciate it greatly.

Again the Cass County Backyard Conservation Team will continue to have FREE public informational meeting around the county this summer and fall. Please keep you eyes and ears open to find out when the meetings will be held. Backyard Conservation, It'll grow on you!

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4-H Junior Leader**Louise Knop**

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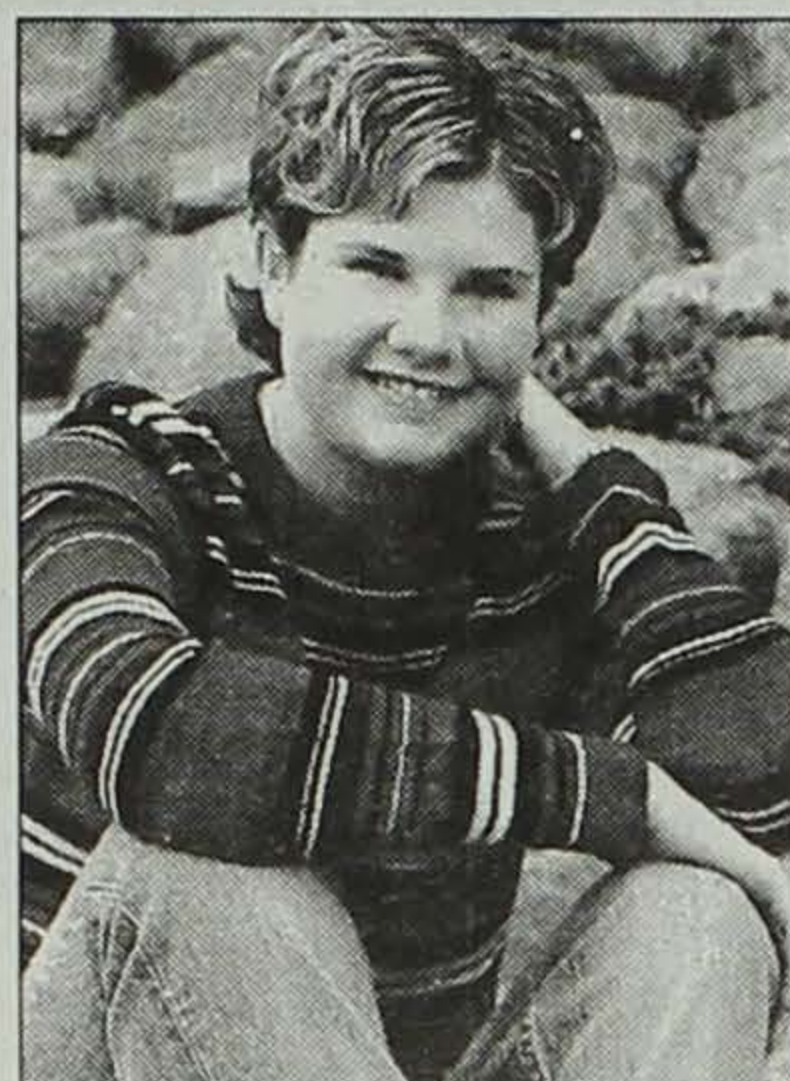
Parent's name: Fred and Janine Knop

Sisters/Brothers: I have one sister, Brittney and a brother-in-law, Adam.

Years in 4-H: I have been in 4-H for 10 years.

Age: I am 18 years old.

Name of Club: I am a member of the Bear Grove Blazers.

**1. What projects have you carried in 4-H?**

I have carried the projects of food and nutrition, clothing, sheep, and home improvement.

2. What have you done on the local club level?

I was historian for one year and I am secretary for the third year in my 4-H club.

3. What have you done on the county level?

I have been a junior superintendent for Clothing Selection and Fashion Review for the past two years at county fair. I am on the Cass County Youth Council this year. I have taught "Hand Washing" and "Bread in a Bag" workshops at the county discovery 4-H workshop for two years.

4. What highlight of your 4-H career stands out most in your mind?

I have so many highlights with 4-H, but the one that stands out the most is when I won Grand Champion at the Iowa State Fair in 1999 with my 4-H market lamb and had Reserve Champion 4-H market lamb in 2000.

5. Why do you like being a Junior Leader?

I really like helping kids get more involved with 4-H.

6. How do you feel about 4-H?

4-H has helped me become more involved with my community. I also wouldn't have been able to do many of the experiences I have done today without 4-H.

7. Future plans:

After I graduate high school this spring, I am going to college at DMACC to major in fashion merchandising and design and then transfer to Iowa State.

4-H Club News**Washington Winner's 4-H Club News****Rachel Hugeback,**
Reporter

The regular meeting of the Washington Winners 4-H Club was held February 9, 2002 at Anne Seehusen's house. The meeting was called to order by President Crystal Becker with secretaries report given by Elizabeth Hugeback and treasurers report given by Macala Rush.

Taylor Monson reported that the club made \$115 at the volleyball concession stand. Caroline Nichols stated that "Share the Fun," would not be represented by our club, but she will be performing an individual song. The "Flower Arranging Workshop" lead by Crystal Becker will not be held at the present. The "Personal Care Workshop" will be held March 9 at 10:30 a.m. It was discussed and voted on to compensate the ladies coming to teach this class.

A "Mother-Daughter Tea and Fashion Show" were discussed during new business. A committee made up of Taylor Monson, Rachel Hugeback, Kara Dean and Elizabeth Hugeback will look into this further.

Julie Hering, from the Cass County Extension Office, spoke to our club about extra fair activities including: Clothing Selection/Fashion Revue, Working Exhibits, Best of Iowa, Decorators Showcase and Extemporaneous Speaking. She encouraged each 4-H member to participate and try new things at

fair.

Leader Sheri Rush encouraged each girl to write her goals in her record book and start snapping pictures of your different project areas. Crystal Becker talked about the 4-H Fun Fair held in Elk Horn on February 3. She reported the event was well attended by the younger 4-H members of the different counties. Rachel Hugeback had a great time at the Discovery Workshop. She told about the different workshops and wished she could attend next year.

President Crystal Becker stated

that April 1-7 is "Cass County Community Service Week" and encouraged the 4-H members to come with ideas to the next meeting. Macala Rush and Betsy Larson gave record book information. Next meeting will be March 9 at the Evangelical Free Church, starting at 9 a.m. The meeting was adjourned and a presentation was given by Stephanie Hutchinson. Snacks were served.

4-H News see page 8**CONKLIN
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1-800-524-9141**"We Make It Work"****Pymosa 4-H Club win 4-H Volleyball Tournament**

"The Pymosa 4-H club took champion honors at the annual 4-H Volleyball Tournament held Sunday, January 20," reports Julie Hering, Cass County Youth Program Coordinator. "They beat Brighton in 3 games in the championship match." Twenty-two teams participated in this year's 4-H Volleyball Tournament.

Members of the Pymosa team included: Rachel Smith (captain), Chad Olson, Maggie Robinson, Jon Olsen, Anna Smith, Natalie Harris, Jenny Robinson, Jake Smith, Dan Holdsworth, Keith Olsen, Linda Olsen, Glen Smith, Al Robinson, Tom Holdsworth, and Linda Robinson.

Members of the Brighton clubs included: Adam Sonntag (captain), Jeremy Petersen, Heather Sager, Jordan Sager, Austin Sonntag, Whitney Sager, Mallory Kirchioff, Tom Nelson, Rachel

Rieck, Brian Nelson, Barry Robinson, Haley Peterson, Mick Sager, LaVon Sager, Lori Petersen and Buke Petersen.

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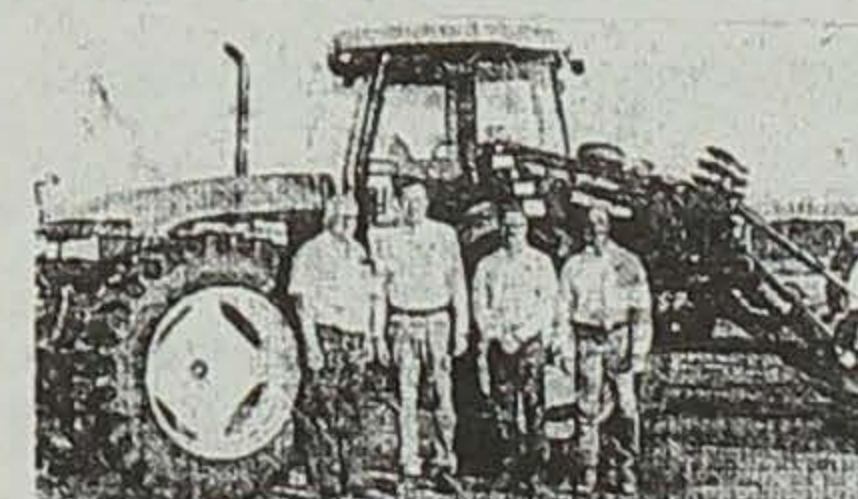
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Grove H.O.T. 4-H Club

BY JAMES HOWARD
Reporter

January 6, 2002

The Grove H.O.T. Club met at the Superbowl. New officers were installed: President- Stephanie Jacobs; Vice President-Whitney Jacobs; Secretary Katie Koll; and Treasurer- Justin Jacobs.

New business discussed was volleyball on Jan. 20, Mardi Gras ideas, initiation of new officers and paint barn #1 on 4-H grounds. The 4-H pledge was led by Justin Jacobs, the Pledge of America was led by Whitney Jacobs.

Feb. 10, 2002

The Grove H.O.T. 4-H Club met at the home of Megan, Michelle and Nathan Allen. All members were present. The 4-H pledge was led by Courtney Jacob, Pledge of America led by Troy Retallic. New business included pay for materials for Mardi Gras, bring prizes by March 10.

March 3, 2002

The Grove H.O.T. Club met March 3, 2002 at the Lincoln School. Pledge to the flag was led by Sarah Martens, the 4-H pledge by Nathan Allen. All members were present. Plans, prizes, shift work were discussed for Mardi Gras. County fair clean up and set up days were also discussed.

Union Lucky Clovers

BY GINESSA GERLOCK

The Union Lucky Clovers held their meeting March 3, 2002 at 5:20 p.m. at the Fire Station in Cumberland. The roll call was "Name a project you are taking to fair." Thirteen members were present, and Julie as our visitor. Thanks again, Julie! The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was not given.

Old business brought up was Mardi Gras, serving at Steffens' wedding, and Share the Fun report. We decided to charge 3-ten cent tickets for our face painting booth at Mardi Gras. Volunteers for the wedding were recorded. The report for Share the Fun was good, even though we didn't participate.

Items for new business were planning a club tour, and the new rules for preparation and clean up days at the Cass County Fair. Karen Thomsen will research our club tour; we had had the idea of the tour of the Henry Doorly Zoo. The new rules for the Cass County Fair were reported. As a reminder, they state that every club report to duty, and when that area is done, the club will move on to another area that needs help. This is so that set-up and clean-up job may get done faster.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45, and afterwards Carrie Euker gave a presentation. The next meeting will be April 7.

Pasture Management programs scheduled

BY SINDRA JENSEN
Soil Conservationist

In January, 2001, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Cass County Soil and Water Conservation District

(SWCD), and Cass Co. Extension Service hosted the first of many public information meetings on pasture management and alternative pasture ideas. The meeting was well attended despite of the snowy conditions with over 45

interested landowners.

Those attending the first meeting showed interest in having more hands-on field training throughout the grazing season. NRCS and Extension are currently working on setting dates for those meetings. Some topics to be included are grazing corn for forage, pasture renovation, and fencing and water improvement. High quality calving pastures was also a concern shared by many of the producers.

For anyone interested in renovating a pasture by interseeding more grasses or legumes into your existing stand the Cass Co. SWCD has a no-till drill available for rent that will handle interseeding into existing sod. If you are interested in renting the drill please call the district office at 243-3180.

With new Farm Bill more dollars will be spent on conservation. The Cass Co. SWCD is hoping to target some of their allocation towards livestock producers and grassland preservation. More information will follow on cost share availability.

If you would like more information please contact the NRCS as 243-3180 or Extension at 243-1132.

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I-M Budget

(Office Supplies/Expenses/Commissioners Expenses)

July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001	
00-01 Allocation	\$3,408.79
Commissioners Mileage/Expenses	591.50
Office supplies/expenses	2,129.79
Reimbursement for State and National Dues	687.50
Total Expenditures	\$3,408.79

III-M Budget

(Conservation Practices)

99-00 Allocation	\$23,190.00
(Period covers Jan. 1, 2001 - June 30, 2001)	
Cost-share warrants paid	\$23,190.00
00-01 Allocation	\$125,280.56
(Period covers July 1, 2000 - December 31, 2001)	
Cost-share warrants paid	\$98,521.88
Obligated funds for conservation practices	20,385.74
	\$118,907.62
Balance of Unobligated Funds as of December 31, 2001	\$6,372.94

01-02 Allocation	\$132,197.50
(Period covers July 1, 2001 - December 31, 2001)	
Cost-share warrants paid	\$77,461.71
Obligated funds for conservation practices	25,143.75
	\$102,605.46
Balance of Unobligated Funds as of December 31, 2001	\$29,592.04

No-Interest Loan Fund (RLF)

2001 Allocation	\$8,775.00
Warrant Paid	\$8,522.30
Returned to DSC	252.70
	\$8,775.00

2001 REAP FUNDS

REAP-P (Practices) Allocation	\$6,806.00
Obligated REAP-P Funds	\$6,806.00
(Period covers July 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001)	

REAP-F (Forestry/Native Grass) Allocation	\$4,127.00
Obligated for windbreaks	\$1,900.00
Balance of Unobligated REAP-F Funds	\$2,227.00

Districts Revolving Fund

Balance on hand July 1, 2000	\$1,699.00
Receipts:	
I-M Fund Reimbursement	\$3,495.14
Tree Sales	7,236.28
Contributions	753.50
Help-A-Habitat Grant	750.00
Miscellaneous	\$461.85
	\$12,696.77

Expenditures:

Commissioner Expenses	\$289.56
Postage	858.44
Association Dues	1,415.00
Tree/Shrub	5,461.20
Miscellaneous	1,117.21
	\$9,201.21
Balance on hand June 30, 2001	\$5,194.36

Grass Drill Fund

Balance on hand July 1, 2000	\$0.00
Receipts	
Buffer Strips Grant	\$5,000.00
P.F. Grant	5,000.00
Bank Loan	6,800.00
Drill rental fees	8,154.00
Miscellaneous	74.75
	\$24,995.50

Expenditures

Great Plains Drill	\$16,800.00
Insurance	361.00
Tool/Repairs	351.27
Miscellaneous	41.50
	\$17,586.52
Balance on hand June 30, 2001	\$3,569.60

Payroll/District Employees

Balance on hand July 1, 2000	\$3,569.60
Receipts	
Cass County Auditor	\$8,600.00
Buffer Initiative	5,000.00
	\$13,600.00

Expenditures

Payroll	\$6,877.41
Payroll taxes, benefits	1,525.00
Adair Co. SWCD	7,000.00
	\$15,412.41
Balance on hand June 30, 2001	\$1,757.19

