

Youngblut honored by Corn Growers Association

LA PORTE CITY —Black Hawk County corn grower Earl Youngblut is the recipient of the 1998 Iowa Corn Growers Association Service Award for outstanding contributions to the association.

Youngblut, who farms near La Porte City, earned the award because of his strong support and dedication to strengthening local, state and national corn growers associations.

According to Pamela Ward, IGCA communications manager, "Earl has gone above and beyond what anyone has ever expected of him. His leadership and experience are invaluable to the corn industry."

Youngblut joined the IGCA in 1988. Since then he has been active on a number of committees and has served six years as a state director. Youngblut has also received state and notional honors for his membership recruitment.

Sign-up, planning starting for cost-share funds

WATERLOO — Applications for cost-share funds to combat soil erosion in the Miller Creek Watershed in Black Hawk County are available Monday.

There is \$36,000 in cost-sharing

approved to implement environmental practices such as grass waterways, terraces, grade stabilization structures, farmstead windbreaks, tree planting, closing abandoned wells, wetland restoration and pasture management.

The area was selected by a consortium of environmental and farm organizations, as well as the public, as a priority for the funding.

National Resource Conservation Service staff will meet with producers to develop and five- and 10-year management plans, depending on the farm.

The primary resource concern is soil erosion by water, but the funding is intended to treat all environmental concerns.

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Farm Service Agency at 296-3185 or the NRCS at 296-3262.

Glickman leading forums on production agriculture

AMES — Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman is traveling to various states conducting a series of forums on production agriculture.

The Iowa forum will be held in Ames at the Sherman Center, Benton Auditorium, Iowa State University Thursday at 10 a.m.