

profits they take. That lack of social conscience is a major factor in costs to society.

Let's remember generic drug companies have been indicted on price collusion, not free enterprise. Moral bankruptcy is the cause.

EnviroFest success

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WATERLOO — The Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District profoundly thanks all those involved in the inaugural Cedar Valley EnviroFest held May 14 at Hawkeye Community College for 830 fifth-graders in the Waterloo Community Schools. This one-day event introduced environmental topics to students such as water quality, wildlife, soil health,

rocks and gems, recreational trails and recycling. A 15-member steering committee along with over 70 volunteers and 20 organizations enabled this event to run smoothly.

We thank members of our community whose contributions allowed us to invite professional presenters to share their story about the environment while interacting with the students. The Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District received positive spontaneous feedback from teachers and students saying this was the best "field trip" ever. The students' experience was directly related to our volunteers' enthusiasm. Their energy was contagious and unmistakably contributed to students successfully learning about their environment through hands-on experiences. Our deepest gratitude for everyone's contribution to make this event a success.