

2002 ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Terraces Honor Roll

✓ Charles D. McAfee	3050'
✓ W. Dale Jenkins	2400'
✓ Alvin H. Arp	4050'
✓ Frank E. McMullen	4000'
✓ Viola Silk	4750'
✓ C. R. Anstey Trust	4400'
✓ Larry Wagner	4100'
✓ Mike Freund <i>and Tony</i>	2400'
✓ Glen A. Dinkla	3250'
Larry D. Petersen	2300'
Basil Pelzeer	1950'
Robert A. Anstey	4800'
Joe Newell	4550'
Chris R. French	650'
Max H. Miller	850'
✓ Paul Dreager	1350'
✓ Marjorie Ford	1200'
✓ Michael J. Lee	850'
Dan Follman	900'
✓ Joe Newell	3650'
✓ Brian Follman	400'
✓ Jerry Lowers	200'
✓ Dennis Newell	4000'
✓ Meredith Family Farm	4050'
✓ Sam Fager	1150'
<u>65,250'</u>	
<u>12.4 mi.</u>	

Grade Stabilization Structure

Robert Buboltz	1
Marietta Holste	1
Stanford Pelzer	1

Windbreak

Paul Gude	0.4 Ac
Rebecca Clarken	0.6 Ac
Ryan Rich	0.8 Ac
Mike Pelzer	0.5 Ac
Dan Dorsey	0.4 Ac
Mark Knudsen	0.3 Ac
Kristy Pellet	0.2 Ac
Alan Zellmer	0.9 Ac
Alan Zellmer	0.4 Ac
Gene Ehrman	0.6 Ac
Scott Small	0.3 Ac

5.4 Ac.

Tree Planting Practice

Richard Scholl	4.0 Ac
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~~Grassed Waterway~~

Gerald Lappe	1.8 Ac
Marjorie Ford	2.2 Ac
Clinton Schutt	0.9 Ac

Sediment Control Basin

✓ Mark Whitley	1
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Reporting Period
July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

Terraces Honor Roll

Ernest Thomsen	3850'
Thomas L. Reilly	1100'
C. R. Anstey Trust	3500'
Daryl Schrier	2850'
Curt Behrends	2550'
Steven L. Nelson	7850'
Kenneth W. Sharp	5400'
Bruce Behrends	7600'
Schwarte Brothers	1950'
Mark Wedemeyer	5900'
Clifford Wright	4800'
Hunt Land LC	6000'
Wayne Steinbeck	5550'
Viola Silk	4000'
Dennis Newell	4750'
Chris French	1400'
David Buboltz	2150'
Donna B. Freeman	2500'
James Frisbie	4700'
Allen G. Thelen	2950'
Wade Rich	5550'
Florence L. Erickson	3300'
LaVern G. Alexander	3550'
Valley View Corp.	1800'
Charles D. McAfee	3500'
Donald L. Jensen	4750'
Larry Wagner	4550'
Max H. Miller	650'
Randy McCunn	2950'
Larry Wagner	6750'
Bill Kragelund	1600'
Karen Suddman	2900'

Diversion Terrace

Richard & Ryan Woodward	850'
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Grade Stabilization Structure

Greg McMartin	1
Mary Pat Gregerson	1
Daniel L. Schrier	1
Lloyd J. Pauley	1
Dale Hauptert	1
Chris French	1
Leona Johnson Est.	1

Windbreak

Rick E. Larsen	0.6 Ac
Jeff Thomsen	0.2 Ac
Ryan L. Woodward	0.8 Ac
Howard Henderson	0.6 Ac

Contour Buffer Strips

Gary Muller	24.6 Ac
Ida B. Eagen Est.	13.0 Ac
Duane J. Nelson	5.4 Ac
Donna Schwenke	14.7 Ac

Tree Planting Practice

Carl F. Lilienthal	3.0 Ac
Denise O'Brien	3.0 Ac
James Hunt	3.0 Ac

Grassed Waterway

Gerald Lappe	1.8 Ac
Marjorie Ford	2.2 Ac
Clinton Schutt	0.9 Ac

Sediment Control Basin

Doug Bradley	1
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Accomplishments
July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002

Terraces	23.3 miles
Diversion Terrace	850 feet
Sediment Control Basin	1 each
Grade Stabilization Structure	7 each
Windbreak	2.2 acres
Tree Planting Practice	9.0 acres
Contour Buffer Strips	57.7 acres
Grassed Waterway	4.9 acres



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DUANE ACKER RECEIVES NACD SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

The 2002 Special Recognition Award was presented by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to Dr. Duane Acker of Atlantic, Iowa, at the recent NACD Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. The national award is presented periodically to an individual who has made significant contributions to NACD and the conservation district movement in America.



Over the past several years Acker has volunteered his time and experience to NACD as a committed supporter of the conservation district movement. He served many long hours as a member of the NACD Conservation Delivery Systems Taskforce that presented a report outlining the future direction NACD should take in delivering a new generation of conservation programs. (Click image to download and print quality .tif copy.)

He was a member of the Farm Bill Implementation Committee, which worked on getting the original NACD proposal passed by Congress. He continues as a member of NACD's Conservation Functions Work Group, which is currently assessing the future roles of conservation partners. He has counseled NACD leaders on a number of farm policy issues over the past few years and his service is truly valued by them.

In the early 1990s he was appointed Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Science and Education. Prior to that he was administrator of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. Dr. Acker has reviewed food and agriculture policy programs in more than 20 countries.

He served as president of Kansas State University from 1975 to 1986. Prior to that, he held administrative and faculty positions at KU, the University of Nebraska, South Dakota State University, Iowa State University, and Oklahoma State University (where he received his Ph.D. in animal nutrition).

Acker has been a member of the Cass County Conservation District since the mid-1990s and contributes annually to the district's education and planning efforts. He and his wife, Shirley, are actively engaged in their farming operation where they apply conservation practices.

NACD is the national voice of America's 3000 local conservation districts that work with landowners, organizations, business, and government to protect America's soil, water, forest, and wildlife resources. Conservation districts work directly with more than 2.5 million cooperating landowners and operators to manage and protect land and water resources on nearly 98 percent of the private working lands in the United States.

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Note to editor: Click photo for a publication quality .tif photo of Acker receiving the award from NACD President Read Smith.

Contributors in 2002

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Plowman Earth Moving
James Hunt
Darlene M. Petersen
Lyle Esbeck
Dale Rourick
Erick Wickman
Vyrle DeBoss
Dennis Newell
Richard D. Anderson
Phyllis & Clair Schuler
Kendal C. Warne
Ag Business Associates
Roger Ford
Marjorie Ford
Chris French
Lee & JoAnn Poepppe
Glen Smith
Paul G. Knop
Harlan Northrup
Robert L. Gerlock
Massena Tiling
James Howell
Max H. Miller
Wm. & Jane Walkinshaw
R. Earl Miller
Calvin & Mary Ellen Knop
Lenora McGovern
Glenn R. Olsen
Ernest & Karen Thomsen
Randall & Phyllis Baier
Tanner Farms, Inc.
Chet Holland
Manatt Farms
Duane & Shirley Acker
Louis F. Frank
Frank Waters
Creighton Sindt
McCunn Equipment Co.
Lloyd Roberts
Royal & Shirley Bierbaum

Larry Steffens
Ted Wickman
Robert Bernhardt
Duane C. McFadden
Brent Bierbaum
Nick Hunt
James E. Ludeman
Brent Bierbaum
Jim & Joy Smith
Gary Pellett
Manatt Farms/Ted Bauer
Mark S. Whitney
Jack Carstensen
Erich Wickman
John D. Henkenius
Steve Erickson
Robert J. McDermott
Robert D. Gerlock
Robert Steffen
Gary D. Harter
Brian & Amy Follman
Bill Pellett
Mardelle M. Maley
Donald Sonntag
Dennis Hall
Marvin E. Behrends
Donald McCunn
Paul J. Gude
Haleen C. Pellett
Schildberg Const. Co., Inc.
Gene & Shirley Hosfelt
Daniel Comes
Harold Henderson
Jerry Lowers
LeRoy Nelson
Ruth L. Steffen

September

Annual conference announced for November 20-21 in Marshalltown. Zellmer and Seidel will attend. Proposed resolutions were distributed and discussed.

An O&M bill for fencing was approved for Turkey Creek Site 2-5.

Seidel is working with the Massena School and FFA Instructor to establish an outdoor classroom which would include a structure and wetland area on the Bob Buboltz land.

October

An O&M bill was approved for repairs for Turkey Creek Site 2-5.

A "Locally Led" meeting was held to set priorities for EQIP for Cass County.

November

Seidel and Zellmer gave reports on the annual conference they attended earlier in the month.

Approval given for O&M repairs on Crooked Creek Site 12-C1 and Turkey Creek Site 49.

Commissioners evaluated the EQIP worksheet, the percentages, and made suggestions on percentages of EQIP funding for various priorities.

Commissioners voted to offer two \$300 senior scholarships for the 2003 school year.

A nutrient management plan for 1284.8 acres was approved.

Spring Regional Meeting in Cass County will be March 25.

December

Commissioners and staff held their Christmas party at the Feedlot in Atlantic.

Crooked Creek Watershed Site 12-C1 was repaired and rip rap approved for Turkey Creek Watershed Site 49.

Great Plains Drill

The District purchased the Great Plains drill in the spring of 2001 and it continues to be in demand each spring and fall. Even though there was no CRP sign up in 2002, the drill was used by twenty-nine landowners on 554 acres. Dennis Hockenberry was in charge of delivering the drill to the site and picking it up after the landowner had finished with it. The drill rents for \$10/acre with a \$50 deposit required at the time of application. Although designed for native grasses, the drill works equally well in seeding cool season grasses.

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Senior Scholarship Recipient

Betsy Larsen, daughter of Rick and Jolene Larsen, Lewis, was the \$300 Conservation Senior Scholarship recipient in 2002. Betsy graduated from Griswold High School in May, 2002. Betsy is attending Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Her plans are to transfer to Iowa State University in Ames after this school year. Her goal is to achieve a career in Agricultural Science or in the Agricultural Education field. Being in 4-H and living on a farm helped Betsy to choose an agriculture career. Betsy's hobbies include riding and showing horses, reading, spending time with friends, working of 4-H projects, working with 4-H calves and horses, and staying involved with extracurricular activities at school. Some of her extracurricular activities include FFA; Quiz Bowl/Knowledge Bowl; Family, Career and Community Leaders of America; band, choir, yearbook; Students for Educational Services; teacher aid; tutor; and National Honor Society Betsy says she has enjoyed working at Orscheln Farm and Home in Atlantic because it has given her an opportunity to interact with farmers who have questions about what to feed livestock. She says she also enjoys helping gardeners decide what to use on their gardens to keep pests and weeds away. Betsy attends the Griswold United Methodist Church in Griswold. Her church activities include being active in the High School Youth Group, attending church and Sunday School, visiting shut-ins and doing community services and volunteer work. She also volunteers and helps the Lewis Town and Country Boosters when able.

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1	Cass County SWCD Drill Report November 14, 2002											
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4						Acres						
5	Statement					To Be	Check #	Rect.		Acres	Check	Receipt
6	Date	Name	Address	City	Zip	Planted	Deposit	No.	Location	Planted	Number	Number
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9	03/18/02	Howard J. Christensen	678042 Jackson Rd.	Wiota	50274	45	679	N/A	Franklin 21	42.0	803	217
10	04/02/02	Donald L. Jensen	2102 Chestnut St.	Atlantic	50022	30	9820	205	Pymosa	95.0	9864	215
11		Donald L. Jensen	Apt. #1				9698	202			781	216
12	04/04/02	Dale H. Christensen	2427 400th St.	Marne	51552	60	7539	210	Clay	65.0	7562	218
13	04/09/02	Roger Newell	15 W. 14th St.	Atlantic	50022	3	5635	211	Washington 3	4.0	130	Refund
14	04/09/02	Dan Follman	67595 760th St.	Massena	50853	25	9278	N/A	Massena 35	36.0	3174	220
15	04/10/02	Marvin Ohms	58626 750th St.	Anita	50020	22	7845	207	Lincoln 15	14.0	7872	214
16	04/11/02	Irene Rydl	2760 340th St.	Anita	50020	28	3719	212		25.5	3738	222
17	04/11/02	Al Wahlert	73666 Dallas Rd.	Anita	50020	20.5	2304	206	Grant 21	20.5	2318	219
18	04/30/02	Clifford Christensen	55344 Indep. Rd.	Atlantic	50022	5	11760	204	Washington 17	2.5	134	Refund
19	04/30/02	Tom Eilts	70364 Indep. Rd.	Wiota	50274	7	8563	31	Franklin 13	11.5	9195	227
20	04/30/02	Dean Hansen	2897 350th St.	Anita	50020	4	3285	213	Aud. 3 (Aud Co)	4.0	133	Refund
21	05/06/02	Don Sonntag	58979 Marne Rd.	Atlantic	50022	15	9196	209	City of Atlantic	10.0	719	226
22	05/09/02	Connie Kirchhoff	62182 Oxford Rd.	Atlantic	50022	15.8	10242	203	Cass 12	20	10327	225
23	05/28/02	Carl F. Lilienthal	2812 Country Cl.Dr.	Atlantic	50022	4	1184	201	Pymosa 27	9	4565	228
24	06/14/02	Dean Junker	411 Laurel St.	Brainard, MN	56401	60	No Num.	223	Memphis Rd.	61.0	1007	231
25	07/01/02	Jon Jordan	68948 Trbl.Ck. Rd	Atlantic	50022	11	1128	224	Benton	10.5	1130	234
26	6/27/02	Eric McLaren	1604 Asprin Dr.	Atlantic	50022	1.5	472	229	Victoria/Edna	4.5	Refund due	
27	06/10/02	Duane Acker	66344 Trbl. Crk.Dr	Atlantic	50022	4	None		?	4.0	3312	232
28		Monsanto (Lloyd Reeder)	P.O. Box 308	Atlantic	50022	0.5	Cash	230	Grove			
29		Jeremy Zellmer	61302 Echo Rd.	Atlantic	50022	15	1738	58383	Pymosa 29	3.0	Refund due	
30		Paul Gude	1409 East 17th	Atlantic	50022	3	1829	221	Grove 19	4.0	Refund due	
31	8/29/02	Phil Cullen	57606 700th St.	Wiota	50274	30	8676	235	Franklin 10	31.0	8767	244
32	8/28/02	Max Skellenger	69706 Jackson Rd	Wiota	50274	12	10264	236	Franklin 22	25.0	10279	240
33	8/23/02	Steven B. Jacobs	59495 620th St.	Atlantic	50022	20	9988	237	Grove 20	11.0	10043	242
34	9/4/02	Michael Follmann	67222 770th St.	Massena	50853	8	1482	238	?	7.0	1495	243
35	9/4/02	Jim Glynn	72282 Indep. Rd.	Wiota	50274	5	1122	239	Lincoln 7	6.0	10974	247
36	8/20/02	Alvin Wahlert	68948 Trbl.Ck. Rd	Anita	50020	7	0	0	????	7.0	2425	250
37	9/4/02	Darrell Hockenberry	75444 Hamburg R	Anita	50020	6	0	0	????	6.0	2327	241
38	10/2/02	Curt Schull/Maxine Hansen	59586 620th St.	Atlantic	50022	12	3880	245	Grove 21	10.0	3904	248
39	11/8/02	Daryll L. Peterson	1207 E. 12th St.	Atlantic	50022	12	2080	246	Washington 18			
40	11/14/02	Jim Glynn	72282 Indep. Rd.	Wiota	50274	5.0	0	0	Franklin	5.0	1148	249

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**ANNUAL REPORT - 2001
BUDGET & FINANCE**

I-M Budget

(Office Supplies/Expenses/Commissioner's Expenses)

July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

00-01 Allocation		\$3,408.79
Commissioners Mileage/Expenses	\$591.50	
Office Supplies/Exopenses	2,129.79	
Reimbursement for State and National Dues	<u>687.50</u>	
Total Expenditures	\$3,408.79	

III-M Budget

99-00 Allocation

\$23,190.00

(Period covers Jan. 1, 2001-June 30, 2001)

Cost Share Warrants Paid	\$23,190.00
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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	<u>20,385.74</u>
	\$118,907.62

Balance of Unobligated Funds as of December 31, 2001	\$6,372.94
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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	<u>25,143.75</u>
	\$102,605.46

Balance of Unobligated Funds as of December 31, 2001	\$29,592.04
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No-Interest Loan Fund (RLF) (2001 Allocation)

\$8,775.00

Warrant Paid	\$8,522.30
Returned to DSC	<u>252.70</u>
	\$8,775.00

2001 REAP Funds

REAP-P (Practices) Allocation

\$6,806.00

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

REAP-F (Forestry/Native Grass) Allocation

\$4,127.00

Obligated for Windbreaks	\$1,900.00
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Balance of Unobligated REAP-F Funds

\$2,227.00

District's Revolving Fund

Balance on hand July 1, 2000	\$ 1,699.00
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Receipts

I-M Reimbursement	\$3,495.14
Tree Sales	7236.28
Contributions	753.50
Help-A-Habitat Grant	750.00
Miscellaneous	<u>461.85</u>
	\$12,696.77

Expenditures

Commissioner Expenses	\$289.56
Postage	858.44
Association Dues	1,415.00
Tree/Shrub	5,461.20
Miscellaneous	<u>1,177.21</u>
	\$9,201.41

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	<u>41.50</u>
	\$24,995.50

Expenditures

Great Plains Drill	\$16,800.00
Insurance	361.00
Tools/repairs	351.27
Miscellaneous	<u>74.25</u>
	\$17,586.52

Balance on hand June 30, 2001

\$7,408.98

Payroll/District Employees

Balance on hand July 1, 2000

\$3,569.60

Receipts

Cass County Auditor	\$8,600.00
Buffer Initiative	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$13,600.00

Expenditures

Payroll	\$6,877.41
Payroll taxes, benefits	1,535.00
Adair Co. SWCD	7,000.00
	\$15,412.41

Balance on hand June 30, 2001

\$1,757.19

J. K. Koshch

Drill Fund
July 1, 2001--June 30, 2002
As of June 30, 2002

Check Number	Date Paid	To Whom paid	Check Amount	Date Rec'd	From Whom Rec'd	Amount Rec'd	Balance
Beginning Balance July 1, 2001							\$7,408.98
				7/19/01	Drill rental	\$1,690.00	\$9,098.98
115	7/19/01	Mike Hall (refund)	25.00				9,073.98
116	7/19/01	Dennis Hockenberry (chain, etc)	45.48				9,028.50
117	7/19/01	Rolling Hills Bank (note payment	7,081.87				1,946.63
118	7/23/02	The Cars Guys (refund)	25.00				1,921.63
119	7/23/01	Dale Kuehl (refund)	25.00				1,896.63
120	7/23/01	Malcom Bishop (refund)	25.00				1,871.63
121	7/23/01	Dennis Rosener (refund)	25.00				1,846.63
122	7/23/01	Glenn R. Olsen (refund)	25.00				1,821.63
123	7/30/01	Ed Seidel (letter for drill)	6.90				1,814.73
				7/31/01	Drill rental	2,170.00	3,984.73
124	7/31/01	Ed Seidel (letter for drill)	11.11				3,973.62
125	8/16/01	Phil Cullen (overpayment)	50.00				3,923.62
				8/21/01	Drill rental	603.93	4,527.55
126	8/23/01	McAtt (tire repair)	22.50				4,505.05
				9/7/01	Drill rental	350.00	4,855.05
127	10/10/01	Orschelen's (tarp & straps)	12.49				4,842.56
128	12/27/01	Rick Pellet (refund)	25.00				4,817.56
				1/25/02	Drill rental	100.00	4,917.56
				2/20/02	Drill rental	100.00	5,017.56
129	3/1/02	Farm Bureau Mutual (ins.)	341.00				4,676.56
				3/12/02	Drill rental	50.00	4,726.56
				4/2/02	Drill rental	300.00	5,026.56
130	4/9/02	Roger Newell (refund)	10.00				5,016.56
131	4/24/02	Lindeman Tractor (pins)	3.15				5,013.41
132		Voided check					5,013.41
133	4/30/02	Dean Hansen (refund)	10.00				5,003.41
134	4/30/02	Clifford Christensen (refund)	25.00				4,978.41
				5/1/02	Drill rental	2,262.50	7,240.91
				5/28/02	Drill rental	840.00	8,080.91
135	5/30/02	McAtee (service call & tire repair)	80.00				8,000.91
136	6/3/02	Lindeman (flange on drill repair)	155.33				7,845.58
				6/21/02	Drill rental	740.00	8,585.58
				6/28/02	Drill rental	40.00	8,625.58

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**Summary of Revolving Funds
Cass County SWCD
July 1, 2001 -- June 30, 2002
As of June 30, 2002**

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**Cass County SWCD
Summary of Revolving Account
July 1, 2001--June 30, 2002
As of June 30, 2002**

Check Number	Date Paid	To Whom paid	Check Amount	Date Rec'd	From Whom Rec'd	Amount Rec'd	Balance
Beginning Balance July 1, 2001							\$5,194.36
				7/10/01	Coop Funds	\$2,762.50	7,956.86
					1 M Rembursment	269.13	8,225.99
857	7/10/01	Greg Zellmer	\$28.80				8,197.19
858	7/10/01	Mike Hall	67.20				8,129.99
859	7/10/01	Fred Kay	7.20				8,122.79
860	7/10/01	Terry Haskins	33.60				8,089.19
861	7/10/01	N. Ray Wilson	50.19				8,039.00
862	7/10/01	Russell Joyce	7.20				8,031.80
				7/12/01	1-M Rembursment	493.20	8,525.00
863	7/12/01	Greg Zellmer	9.60				8,515.40
864	7/12/01	N. Ray Wilson	11.40				8,504.00
865	7/12/01	Terry Hoskins	16.80				8,487.20
866	7/16/01	Cass County SWCD Payroll	2,762.50				5,724.70
867	7/30/01	Wood Shop	8.98				5,715.72
				7/31/01	Postage	60.00	5,775.72
868	8/10/01	Dot Sterik	63.59				5,712.13
869	8/13/01	Reliable	25.13				5,687.00
				8/24/01	Tree Sales	61.48	5,748.48
870	8/28/01	Quill (office supplies)	17.51				5,730.97
871	9/7/01	Postmaster (stamps)	34.00				5,696.97
872	9/27/01	Quill (office supplies)	69.53				5,627.44
				10/2/01	Flags	21.00	5,648.44
873		Voided Check					5,648.44
874	10/5/01	Postmaster (stamps)	102.00				5,546.44
				10/10/01	I-M reimbursement	262.35	5,808.79
875	10/10/01	Orschelen's (tarps/trees)	20.97				5,787.82
876	10/16/01	Greg Zellmer	22.20				5,765.62

Check Number	Date Paid	To Whom paid	Check Amount	Date Rec'd	From Whom Rec'd	Amount Rec'd	Balance
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877	10/16/01	Mike Hall	33.60				5,732.02
878	10/16/01	Ray Wilson	22.80				5,709.22
879	10/16/01	Terry Hoskins	25.20				5,684.02
880	10/16/01	Russell Joyce	4.80				5,679.22
881	10/18/01	Anita Comm. Center (rental)	50.00				5,629.22
882	10/18/01	Blackburn Mfg. Co.	107.89				5,521.33
883	10/18/01	Akin Bldg. Center (padlocks)	47.00				5,474.33
884	10/10/01	Malone Seed (bird feeder)	26.49				5,447.84
		Printed Checks	20.00				5,427.84
885	11/7/01	NACD (donation)	50.00				5,377.84
886	11/7/01	Quill (office supplies)	24.10				5,353.74
887	11/13/01	Fareway (Sindra's meeting)	10.35				5,343.39
888	12/3/01	Choice Printing (rubber stamp)	21.20				5,322.19
889	12/13/01	Sec. Of State	5.00				5,317.19
890	10/13/01	Postmaster (cert. Letter)	4.17				5,313.02
891	12/20/01	Anita Printing (receipt books)	386.59				4,926.43
				12/21/01	Tree Sales	37.10	4,963.53
892	12/21/01	Postmaster (postage)	110.35				4,853.18
				12/31/01	Help-A-Habitat Balance	750.00	5,603.18
				1/7/02	U.S. Treas.--Turkey C	57,417.94	63,021.12
893	1/7/02	Joy Dirt Construction (#1)	57,417.94				5,603.18
894	1/8/02	Postmaster (cert. Letter)	8.57				5,594.61
895	1/18/02	Postmaster (stamps)	75.00				5,519.61
896	1/24/02	IA Dept of Ag (permit)	25.00				5,494.61
897	1/24/02	NACD (2002 quota)	750.00				4,744.61
898	1/24/02	CDI (2002 dues)	650.00				4,094.61
				1/25/02	Contributions	205.00	4,299.61
					Tree Sales	508.01	4,807.62
					I-M Reimbursement	815.22	5,622.84
899	1/25/02	Greg Zellmer	108.90				5,513.94
900	1/25/01	Mike Hall	19.80				5,494.14
901	1/25/02	Ray Wilson	23.40				5,470.74
902	1/25/02	Terry Hoskins	24.60				5,446.14

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903	1/25/02	Russell Joyce	18.00				5,428.14
904	1/25/02	Fred Kay	14.40				5,413.74
905	1/30/02	CDI (2 Envirothon Teams)	130.00				5,283.74
				2/5/02	Tree Sales	270.57	5,554.31
					Contributions	617.00	6,171.31
906	2/7/02	Postmaster (Cert. Letters)	17.77				6,153.54
907	2/7/02	Iowa Watersheds (Zellmer)	90.00				6,063.54
908	2/15/02	Postmaster (cert.letters/stamps)	17.77				6,045.77
				2/20/02	Turkey Creek Reim.	8301.11	14,346.88
909	2/20/02	Joy Dirt Const. (Pay #2)	8,301.11				6,045.77
910	2/20/02	Postmaster (Cert. Letter)	3.94				6,041.83
				2/20/02	Contributions	125.00	6,166.83
					Tree Sales	42.40	6,209.23
911	2/27/02	Brian Fager (Scholarship)	300.00				5,909.23
912	2/27/02	Dot Stirek (B.Y. Cons. Plants)	45.00				5,864.23
913	3/1/02	Custom Seed (B.Y. Cons)	25.00				5,839.23
914	3/1/02	Iowa Watersheds (dues)	50.00				5,789.23
915	3/1/02	Midwest Off. Tech. (ribbon)	27.80				5,761.43
916	3/8/02	Uline (B.Y. Cons. Supp)	35.49				5,725.94
				3/12/02	Tree Sales	420.82	6,146.76
					Contributions	85.00	6,231.76
					Turkey Creek Reim.	2657.57	8,889.33
917	3/12/02	Joy Dirt Const. (Pay. #3)	2,657.57				6,231.76
918	3/13/02	Julia McCormick (B.Y. Cons)	14.78				6,216.98
919	3/18/02	Postmaster (stamps)	68.00				6,148.98
				3/18/02	Tree Sales	265.00	6,413.98
					Contributions	30.00	6,443.98
920	3/29/02	NACD (250 books/guides)	124.08				6,319.90
921	3/29/02	Adair SWCD (Envirothon)	15.00				6,304.90
				4/2/02	Tree Sales	543.78	6,848.68
					Bal. Of I-M Bund	1,342.43	8,191.11
922	4/8/02	Orschelen's (tree supp)	40.71				8,150.40

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923	4/8/02	Orschelen's (brush trimmer)14	149.00				8,001.40
924	4/9/02	K-Mart (tree expense)	47.19				7,954.21
925	4/10/02	Fareway (tree expense)	4.87				7,949.34
926	4/10/02	Strautman (potted trees)	2,746.50				5,202.84
927	4/23/02	Cappels (Field Day exp)	11.99				5,190.85
928	4/23/02	Dollar General (Field Day)	40.00				5,150.85
929	4/23/02	Downtowner (Field Day)	60.00				5,090.85
				5/1/02	Tree Sales	2,109.79	7,200.64
					Tree Sales	2,913.38	10,114.02
930	5/6/02	Schumacher's (trees/etc)	2,018.29				8,095.73
931	5/9/02	Postmaster (stamps)	68.00				8,027.73
	5/9/02	Voided Lost checks to Greg #876 & 899				131.10	8,158.83
932	5/9/02	Greg Zellmer (replacement)	131.10				8,027.73
				5/21/02	Turkey Creek Reim.	10,645.13	18,672.86
933	5/22/02	Joy Dirt Const. (Pay. #4)	10,645.13				8,027.73
				5/28/02	Tree Sales	323.72	8,351.45
					Terr. Seeder rental	26.00	8,377.45
934	5/30/02	Atl. Septic & Drain Serv.	75.00				8,302.45
935	5/30/02	Atl. News Tel. (tree ads)	63.60				8,238.85
936	6/3/02	Cass Co. Fair Assoc.	100.00				8,138.85
937	6/19/02	Postmaster (stamps/cert.)	41.40				8,097.45
				6/21/02	Tree Sales	53.00	8,150.45
					U.S. Treasury	19,929.49	28,079.94
938	6/21/02	Joy Dirt Const (Pay. #5)	19,929.49				8,150.45
939	6/27/02	Mike Hall (mileage)	134.40				8,016.05
940	6/27/02	Terry Hoskins (mileage)	50.40				7,965.65
941	6/27/02	Fred Kay (mileage)	14.40				7,951.25
942	6/27/02	Greg Zellmer (mileage)	16.80				7,934.45
943	6/27/02	Ray Wilson (mileage)	45.60				7,888.85
944	6/27/02	Russell Joyce (mileage)	24.00				7,864.85
945	6/27/02	Postmaster (stamps)	21.70				7,843.15

**Cass County SWCD
Summary of Payroll Funds
July 1, 2001 -- June 30, 2002
As of June 30, 2002**

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**Cass County SWCD
Summary of Payroll Funds
July 1, 2001 -- June 30, 2002**

Balance on hand July 1, 2001							\$1,757.19
Check		To Whom			From Whom		
No.	Date	Paid	Amount	Date	Received	Amount	Balance
315	7/3/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	\$170.52				\$1,586.67
316	7/10/01	Treas of State (tax deposits)	126.50				1,460.17
317	7/13/01	Alyce M. Lane (payroll)	326.81				1,133.36
				7/16/01	From Rev. Fund	\$2,762.50	3,895.86
318	7/16/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	143.36				3,752.50
				7/20/01	Adair Co.-buffer	750.27	4,502.77
319	7/20/01	Treas of State (bal. of buffer)	750.27				3,752.50
320	7/27/01	Alyce M. Lane (payroll)	326.81				3,425.69
321	7/27/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	27.06				3,398.63
322	8/3/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	188.71				3,209.92
323	8/10/01	Alyce M. Lane (payroll)	297.91				2,912.01
324	8/24/01	Alyce M. Lane (payroll)	326.81				2,585.20
325	8/24/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	12.23				2,572.97
326	8/24/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	134.33				2,438.64
327	9/7/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	182.60				2,256.04
328		Voiced check					2,256.04
329	9/7/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	121.81				2,134.23
				9/12/01	Adair Co-Coop	1,737.50	3,871.73
				9/18/01	County Auditor	2,150.00	6,021.73
330	9/21/01	Alyce M. Lane (payroll)	326.81				5,694.92
331	9/21/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	347.47				5,347.45
332	9/25/01	IA Workforce Dev. (unempl.)	18.29				5,329.16
333	10/2/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	194.96				5,134.20
334	10/2/01	Treas. of State (tax deposit)	61.00				5,073.20
335	10/2/01	IPERS (retirement fund)	188.37				4,884.83
336	10/2/01	IA Workforce Dev. (unempl.)	2.87				4,881.96
337	10/5/01	Alyce M. Lane (payroll)	301.00				4,580.96
338	10/5/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	239.61				4,341.35
339	11/7/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	114.98				4,226.37
340	11/16/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	146.23				4,080.14
				11/19/01	DNR Grant	400.00	4,480.14
341	12/4/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	36.62				4,443.52
342	12/4/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	64.97				4,378.55
343	12/7/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	179.88				4,198.67
344	12/8/01	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	133.25				4,065.42
345	12/28/01	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	54.58				4,010.84
346	12/28/01	Treas. of State (tax deposit)	17.00				3,993.84
347	12/28/01	IPERS (retirement fund)	91.30				3,902.54
348	12/28/01	IA Workforce Dev. (unempl.)	1.23				3,901.31
349	1/28/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	137.58				3,763.73
350	2/5/02	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	23.92				3,739.81
351	3/8/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	234.51				3,505.30
352	3/28/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	133.25				3,372.05
353	4/2/02	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	68.04				3,304.01

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Check		To Whom			From Whom		
No.	Date	Paid	Amount	Date	Received	Amount	Balance
354	4/2/02	IA Dept. of Rev. (state tax)	7.00				3,297.01
355	4/2/02	IPERS (retirement fund)	79.85				3,217.16
356	4/8/02	Voided check					3,217.16
357	4/8/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	278.48				2,938.68
358	4/30/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	179.88				2,758.80
359	5/6/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	95.29				2,663.51
360	5/7/02	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	107.67				2,555.84
361	5/31/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	137.58				2,418.26
362	6/3/02	Wells Fargo (tax deposit)	24.92				2,393.34
363	6/14/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	212.53				2,180.81
364	6/28/02	Dennis Hockenberry (payroll)	256.49				1,924.32

1,976.99



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Justin Walter started working at Pelgrow in January as an agronomist.

Photo by Jennifer Nichols

New Pelgrow employee "AIMs" to please farmers

BY JENNIFER NICHOLS
NT Staff Writer

Pelgrow employee Justin Walter hopes farmers will be excited about Pelgrow's AIM software program.

The agronomist, who started with the company just two months ago, is very high on the program, which he says is unique to this area.

"AIM stands for Agronomy Investment Manager, and it is software program that stores information from the farmer's field or fields, like seed varieties, soil tests, fertilizer applications, chemical programs, everything in the whole agronomy practice," Walter said. "Each field has an ID name, and farmers can view the information on the internet or on a hard copy, and make changes at any time. Each year is also archived so farmers can compare from one year to

the next."

Walter said the software program has been around for past two to three years, and said the program is very useful to farmers, especially those who may have other duties to attend to beside their crops.

"I think it is an excellent management and marketing tool," Walter said. "Growers have a lot of things going on, for instance, maybe they also raise livestock. It is nice to have this system to deal with that part of the farm."

Walter is originally from Atlantic, and graduated from Northwest Missouri State, majoring in agronomy and minoring in horticulture.

"I worked with Pelgrow as part of the Multi-Occupational (MO) at Atlantic High School when I was a senior," Walter

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Cass County S.W.C.D. Soil Commissioners Calendar of Events

January- The commissioners authorized repairs to Crooked Creek Site 10C after which the commissioners were released of all obligations on this structure; Zellmer attended one day of the Iowa Watershed meeting held in Osceola; Election of officers was held- Mike Hall was elected Chairman and Terry Hoskins, Vice-Chairman- Connie Esbeck was appointed Secretary and Connie Esbeck and Ray Wilson were appointed Co-Treasurers- Russell Joyce was appointed as an Assistant Commissioner; The 2002 REAP Assembly was announced for March 6 for Cass County-It was held at the Griswold Community Center; Russell Joyce attended a Hungry Canyons meeting; and Jeff Zimprich gave an overview of the proposals for the new Farm Bill.

February- Cass County joined Audubon, Pottawattamie and Shelby Counties in requesting planning assistance for the PACS-Indian Creek Watershed, which drains over 200,000 acres; and Cass County's Backyard Conservation group won the area and state award.

March- IDALS announced the approved Permanent Layoff/Reduction in Hour's Plan for State Employees-State employees will take May 10, May 24 and June 7 off without pay; Commissioners were reminded of the Spring Regional Meeting on April 2; Betsy Larsen was selected as the recipient of the \$300 Senior Conservation Scholarship offered by the District; and Plans began for the Districts 60th Anniversary to be observed during August.

April- Plans continued from the District's 60th Anniversary in securing a location and caterer; The Cass County SWCD accepted the invitation to host the 2003 Spring Regional meeting; and O & M repairs were authorized for Crooked Creek Site 11C.

May- Commissioner Ray Wilson presented the \$300 Scholarship to Betsy Jo Larsen of Griswold during Class Night; Commissioners Greg Zellmer and Fred Kay were notified their terms expire 01/03/03; State Budget cuts for 2003 were reviewed; Crooked Creek

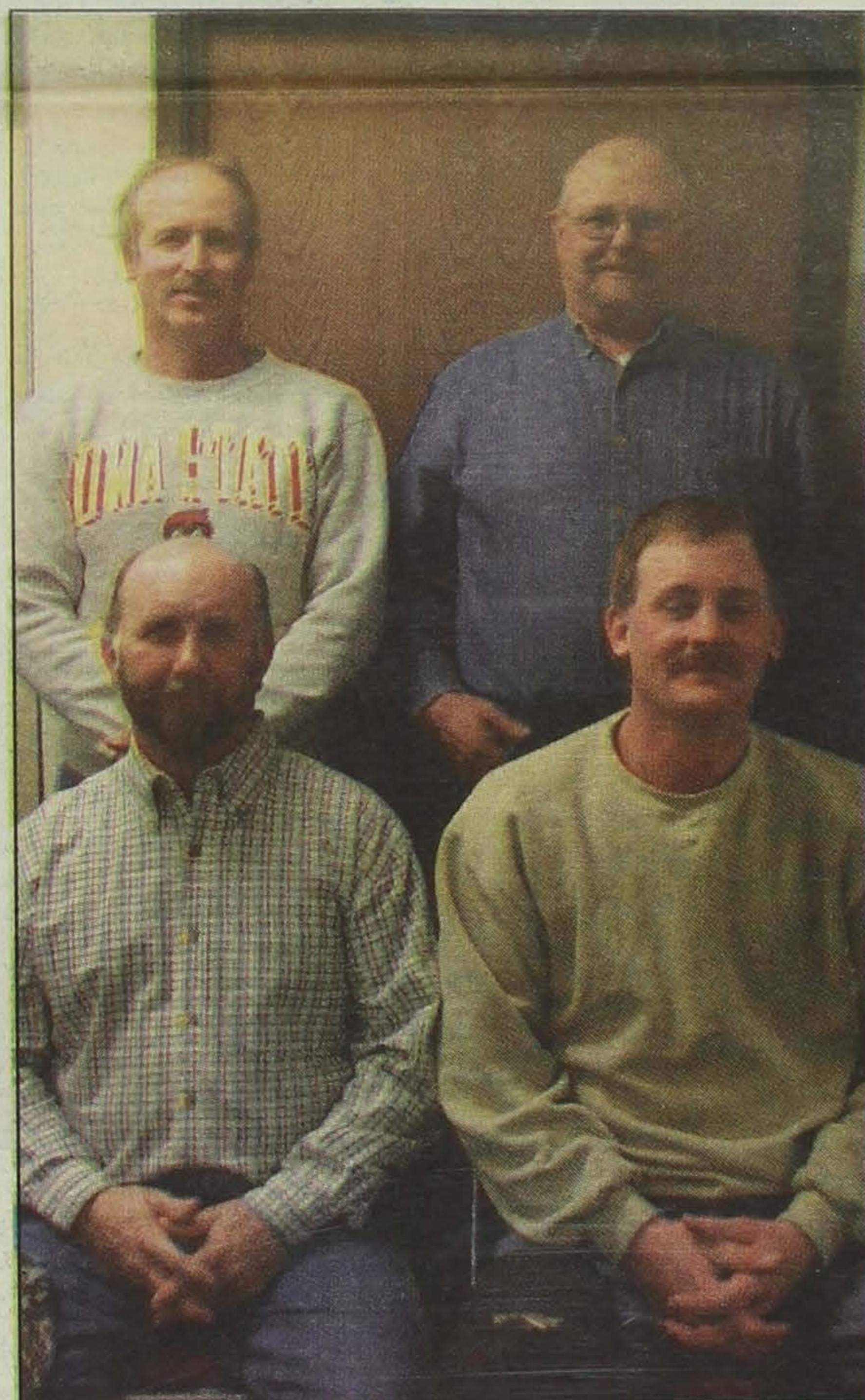
Watershed annual meeting for June 5 was announced; Commissioners were informed of Leadership Camp at Madrid on August 6-8; and Cathie Graves, Field Representative, discussed issues raised by commissioners.

June- Commissioners Zellmer and Kay take out petitions for another 4-year term; O & M bill approved for inspection of watershed structures; Copies of O & M inspection for Crooked, Turkey and Troublesome Creek Watershed were given to each commissioner for review-Letters followed to all landowners in these watersheds discouraging overgrazing-Landowners were informed

property tax exemption can be denied if structure is overgrazed or not properly maintained; Turkey Creek Watershed sites 59D-1, 59D-2, 50-D and 55-D were inspected by DNR-All found to be in good condition; Fall regional meeting August 20 at the Villager was announced; and a Project Agreement for three sites in Audubon County (66-4,85-1, 85-2) and Cass County (29-1) was presented for approval and signed by the chairman and secretary.

July- David Dukes has been contacted about being the speak-

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Pictured above are Cass County S.W.C.D. Commissioners including (first row, left to right) Mike Hall, chairman and Terry Hoskins, vice-chairman; and (second row) Commissioners Ray Wilson and Greg Zellmer. Not pictured are Commissioner Fred Kay and Assistant Commissioner Russell Joyce.

Photo by Jennifer Nichols

Senior Scholarship Recipient

Betsy Larsen, daughter of Rick and Jolene Larsen of Lewis, was the \$300 Conservation Senior Scholarship recipient in 2002. Larsen graduated from Griswold High School in May 2002, and is attending Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Her plans are to transfer to Iowa State University in Ames after this school year. Her goal is to achieve a career in Agricultural Science or in the Agricultural Education field. Being in 4-H and living on a farm helped Larsen to choose an agriculture career.



Home in Atlantic because it has given her an opportunity to interact with farmers who have questions about what to feed livestock. She says she also enjoys helping gardeners decide what to use on their gardens to keep pests and weeds away.

Larsen attends the Griswold United Methodist Church in Griswold. Her church activities include being active in the High School Youth Group, attending church and Sunday school, visiting shut-ins and doing community services and volunteer work. She also volunteers and helps the Lewis Town and Country Boosters when able.

Larsen's hobbies include riding and showing horses, reading, spending time with friends, working on 4-H projects, working with 4-H calves and horses, and staying involved with extracurricular activities at school. Some of her extracurricular activities include: FFA, Quiz Bowl/Knowledge Bowl, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, band, choir, yearbook, Students for Educational Service, teacher aid, tutor, and National Honor Society.

Larsen says she has enjoyed working at Orscheln Farm and

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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.

File Photo

er at the District's 60th Anniversary observance in August- Award winners were given final approval-Dale Gross will take aerial pictures of the award winners farms; A work schedule was set up for the commissioners for the fair booth-Pheasant Forever has asked to share the booth and expenses; An O & M bill was approved to Orscheln's for supplies; and a memo from Bill Ehm, IDALS Director, states that the Department of Management has advised that there will be no appropriated money at this time for DSC programs in FY 2003.

August- Nomination papers for Fred Kay and Greg Zellmer were filled with Cass County Board of Elections for the two positions; O & M bills were approved for machine labor and fencing for Troublesome Creek Site 24-3 and machine labor for Turkey Creek Site 42; The request for PACS-Indian Creek Watershed planning assistance has been put on hold-Request exceed the number of projects that can be provided in the next two years; An on-site review was made for Troublesome Creek Site 29-1; Esbeck presented a budget of the I-M funds for F.Y. 2003; Locally led meetings were

discussed and invitations were to be sent to several local interest groups; Ed Seidel and Alan Teel, ISU Extension, will be a part of a program led by Bill Bartenhagen, to provide information to the public about the new farm bill-The meetings are scheduled for September 4 and September 6; Cass County was approved for two EQIP applications for \$159,821; The District hosted their 60th Anniversary observance with a catered meal at the new community building. David Dukes was the speaker on no-till-Plaques were given to the award winners-Door prizes were distributed by local business; and Sindra Jensen announced the Backyard Conservation "Tagging Monarch Butterflies" meeting to be held September 12 at the Wayne and Greta Ullerich home.

September-Annual conference was announced November 20-21 in Marshalltown-Zellmer and Seidel will attend-Proposed resolutions were distributed and discussed; An O & M bill for fencing was approved for Turkey Creek Site 2-5; and Seidel is working with the Massena School and FFA Instructor to establish an outdoor classroom which would include a structure

and wetland area on Bob Buboltz land.

October- An O & M bill was approved for repairs for Turkey Creek Site 2-5 and a "Locally Led" meeting was held to set priorities for EQIP for Cass County.

November- Seidel and Zellmer gave reports on the annual conference they attended earlier in the month; Approval was given for O & M repairs on Crooked Creek Site 12-C1 and Turkey Creek Site 49; Commissioners evaluated the EQIP worksheet, the percentages, and made suggestions on percentages of EQIP funding for various priorities; Commissioners voted to offer two \$300 senior scholarships for the 2003 school year; A nutrient management plan for 1,284.8 acres was approved; and Spring Regional Meeting in Cass County will be March 25.

December- Commissioners and staff held their Christmas party at the Feedlot in Atlantic and Crooked Creek Watershed Site 12-C1 was repaired and riprap was approved for Turkey Creek Watershed Site 49.

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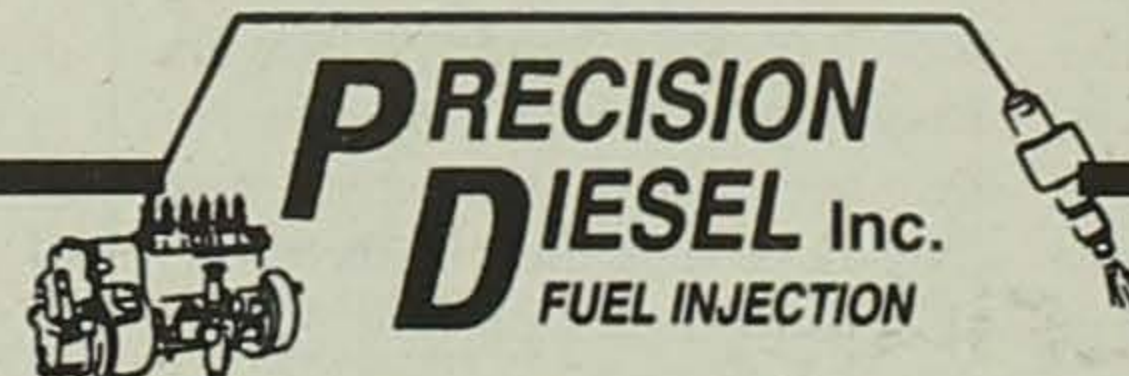
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Terraces Honor Roll

Ernest Thomsen	3850'
Thomas L. Reilly	1100'
C.R. Anstey Trust	3500'
Daryl Schrier	2850'
Curt Behrends	2550'
Steven L. Nelson	7850'
Kenneth W. Sharp	5400'
Bruce Behrends	7600'
Schwarte Brothers	1950'
Mark Wedemeyer	5900'
Clifford Wright	4800'
Hunt Land LC	6000'
Wayne Steinbeck	5550'
Viola Silk	4000'
Dennis Newell	4750'
Chris French	1400'
David Buboltz	2150'
Donna B. Freeman	2500'
James Frisbie	4700'
Allen G. Thelen	2950'
Wade Rich	5550'
Florence E. Erickson	3300'
LaVern G. Alexander	3550'
Valley View Corp.	1800'
Charles D. McAfee	3500'

Donald L. Jensen	4750'
Larry Wagner	4550'
Max H. Miller	650'
Randy McCunn	2950'
Larry Wagner	6750'
Bill Kragelund	1600'
Karen Suddman	2900'

Diversion Terrace

Richard & Ryan Woodward	850'
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Grade Stabilization Structure

Greg McMartin	1
Mary Pat Gregerson	1
Daniel L. Schrier	1
Lloyd J. Pauley	1
Dale Haupt	1
Chris French	1
Leona Johnson Est.	1

Windbreak

Rick E. Larsen	0.6 Ac
Jeff Thomsen	0.2 Ac

Ryan L. Woodward	0.8 Ac
Howard Henderson	0.6 Ac

Contour Buffer Strips

Gary Muller	2	4.6 Ac
Ida B. Eagen Est.		13.0 Ac
Duane J. Nelson		5.4 Ac
Donna Schwenke		14.7 Ac

Tree Planting Practice

Carl F. Lilienthal	3.0 Ac
Denise O'Brien	3.0 Ac
James Hunt	3.0 Ac

Grassed Waterway

Gerald Lappe	1.8 Ac
Majorie Ford	2.2 Ac
Clinton Schutt	0.9 Ac

Sediment Control Basin

Doug Bradley	1
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Great Plains Drill

The District purchased the Great Plains drill in the spring of 2001 and it continues to be in demand each spring and fall. Even though there was no CRP sign up in 2002, the drill was used by 29 landowners on 554 acres. Dennis Hockenberry was in charge of delivering the drill to the site and picking it up after the landowner had finished with it. The drill rents for \$10 an acre with a \$50 deposit required at the time of application. Although designed for native grasses, the drill works equally well in seeding cool season grasses.

Algae-feeding phosphorus found in Iowa lakes

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Water monitoring has found that 17 Iowa lakes have high levels of phosphorus, which leads to algae problems, foul odors, poor visibility, low oxygen and a bigger chance of bacteria problems. The 17 lakes have phosphorus levels above 200 micrograms per liter of water. Trouble starts at 70 micrograms per liter, according to John Downing, who is leading Iowa State University's study of 132 Iowa lakes, sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources.

Half the state's lakes had

higher average readings than last year when the average reading was 105 micrograms per liter, Downing said.

For the past three years, readings have been high at popular fishing and swimming holes such as Lake Darling near Brighton, Coralville Lake near Iowa City and Spirit Lake in the Okoboji area.

Phosphorus is a nutrient that occurs naturally, but too much is hazardous to fish and aquatic plants.

"It's what makes our lakes green in the summer," said DNR spokesman Kevin Baskins.

Accomplishments- July 1, 2001- June 30, 2002

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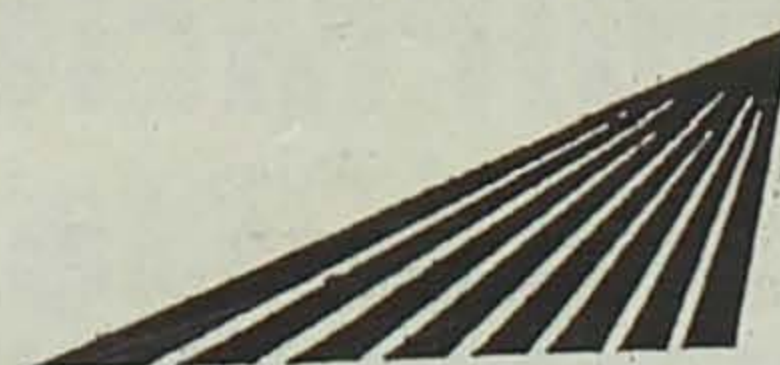
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Duane Acker receives NACD special recognition award

The 2002 Special Recognition Award was presented by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) to Dr. Duane Acker of Atlantic at the recent NACD Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla. The national award is presented periodically to an individual who has made significant contributions to NACD and the conservation district movement in America.

Over the past several years Acker has volunteered his time and experience to NACD as a committed supporter of the conservation district movement. He served many long hours as a member of the NACD Conservation Delivery Systems Taskforce that presented a report outlining the future direction NACD should take in delivering

a new generation of conservation programs.

He was a member of the Farm Bill Implementation Committee, which worked on getting the original NACD proposal passed by Congress. He continues as a member of NACD's Conservation Functions Work Group, which is currently assessing the future roles of conservation partners. He has coun-

(At right) Atlantic resident Duane Acker received an NACD Special Recognition Award from NACD President Read Smith during the NACD Annual Meeting last year.

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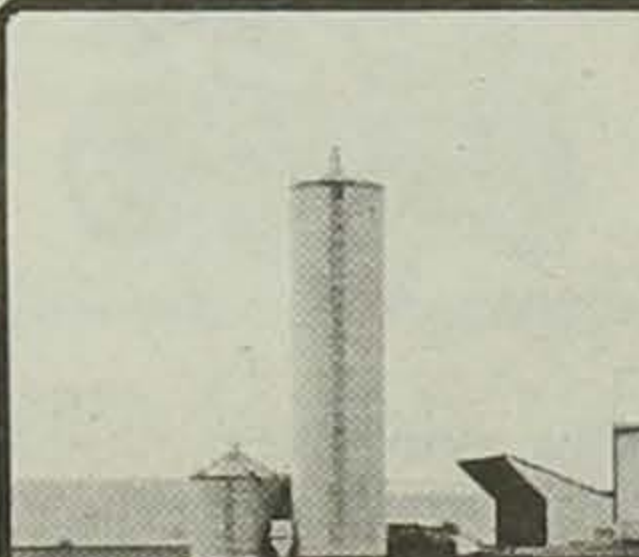
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I-M Budget

(Office Supplies/Expenses/Commissioners Expenses)
July 1, 2001 - June 30, 2002

01-02 Allocation	\$2,420.00
Commissioners Mileage/Expenses	\$603.30
Office supplies/expenses	\$1,116.70
Reim. for State and national dues	\$700.00
Total Expenditures	\$2,420.00

III-M Budget

98-99 Allocation	\$23,664.68
(Period covers February 22, 2002-July 30, 2002)	
Cost-share warrants paid	\$23,659.73
Returned to DSC 7/30/02	\$4.95
.....	\$23,664.68
00-01 Allocation.....	\$125,280.00
(Period covers July 1, 2000-December 31, 2002)	
Cost-share warrants paid.....	\$125,273.49
Returned to DSC 12/31/02	\$6.51
Total Expenditures.....	\$125,280.00
01-02 Allocation.....	\$132,197.50
(Period covers July 1, 2001-December 31, 2002)	
Cost-share warrants paid.....	\$132,086.95
Returned to DSC 12/31/02	\$110.55
Total Expenditures.....	\$132,197.50
02-03 Allocation.....	\$44,029.00
(Period covers July 2, 2002-December 31, 2002)	
Cost-share warrants paid.....	\$32,750.25
Obligated Expenditures.....	\$3,000.00
.....	\$35,750.25
Balance of Unobligated 2002-03 Funds.....	\$8,278.75
No Interest Loan Fund (RLF) (2002 Allocation).....	\$20,000.00
Warrants.....	\$20,000.00

2002 REAP FUNDS

(Period covers July 1, 2002-December 31, 2002)

REAP-P (Practices) Allocation	\$13,081.00
Obligated REAP-Funds	\$0.00
Balance of Unobligated REAP-P Funds	\$13,081.00
REAP-F (Forestry/Native Grass) Allocation	\$4,800.00
Obligated funds for windbreaks	\$0.00
Balance of Unobligated REAP-F Funds)	\$4,800.00

District's Revolving Fund

Balance on hand July 1, 2001	\$5,194.36
Receipts:	
I-M Reimbursement.....	\$3,182.33
Tree Sales.....	\$7,549.05
Contributions.....	\$1,062.00
Watersheds	\$98,951.24
Miscellaneous	\$3,750.60
.....	\$114,495.22
Expenditures:	
Commissioners Expenses	\$1,097.79
Postage	\$531.27
Education/Meeting.....	\$1,062.00
Office Supplies/Expenses.....	\$596.86
Association Dues.....	\$1,450.00
Tree/Scrub.....	\$4,967.13
Miscellaneous	\$3,020.39
Watersheds	\$99,147.24
.....	\$111,846.43
Balance on hand June 30, 2002.....	\$7,843.15

Grass Drill Fund

Balance on hand July 1, 2001	\$7,408.98
Receipts:	
Drill Rental Fees	\$9,246.43
Expenditures:	
Refunds	\$270.00
Supplies/Repairs	\$336.96
Note Payment on Drill.....	\$7,081.87
Insurance.....	\$341.00
.....	\$8,029.83
Balance on hand June 30, 2002.....	\$8,625.58

Payroll/District Employees

Balance on hand July 1, 2001	\$1,757.19
Receipts:	
Cass County Auditor	\$2,150.00
Transfer from Revolving Fund	\$2,762.50
Dept. of Nat. Resources.....	\$400.00
Transfer from Adair County	\$7,800.27
Expenditures:	
Payroll	\$5,109.71
Payroll taxes, benefits	\$1,773.36
Treasurer of State.....	\$750.27
.....	\$7,633.34
Balance on hand June 30, 2002.....	\$1,924.12

2002: An exciting year in conservation

BY LEROY BROWN
State Conservationist

This past year was quite an exciting year in conservation. Watching the conservation title unfold and signed into law May 13, 2002 was a very interesting experience. While the Farm Bill was evolving, the National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) worked with partners to develop strategies to handle the additional workload and new opportunities that we anticipated.

One tool we have discussed in great length this past year with Soil and Water Conservation Districts and other partners is Tech Service Providers. I see these professionals working closely with NRCS and districts to help us tackle additional work the new Farm Bill will generate. We will work hard together to provide seamless service to Iowa's landowners. It will take time to develop a new effective working relationship required by this opportunity, but with good communication and cooperation, the end result will be more conservation planning and healthier natural resources in Iowa.

The new Farm Bill also emphasizes our need to refocus on the locally led process that drives our conservation efforts. In fiscal year 2003, it is our joint challenge and responsibility to bring stakeholders to the table. We need local work groups to advise us and help guide the process. These local groups, involving stakeholders representing diverse interests in the agriculture and natural resource areas, will be making recommendations on cost share rates, how to fund program applications and other local priorities. Local stakeholder involvement is critical to successful implementation of many of the programs provided in the 2002 Farm Bill. We need to support local stakeholders. I encourage you to reach out to new and diverse groups in your community and to encourage their active participation.

We are now faced with the reality of the 2002 Farm Bill and all that it provides for private landowners and the conservation partnership. We are ready. And that is because of the talented, capable and dedicated individuals that make up Iowa's 100 Soil and Water Conservation District Boards and staffs, the Conservation

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seled NACD leaders on a number of farm policy issues over the past few years and his service is truly valued by them.

In the early 1990s he was appointed Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Science and Education. Prior to that he was administrator of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service. Dr. Acker has reviewed food and agriculture policy programs in more than 20 countries.

He served as president of Kansas State University from 1975 to 1986. Prior to that, he held administrative and faculty positions at KU, the University of Nebraska, South Dakota State University, Iowa State University, and Oklahoma State University (where he received his Ph.D. in animal nutrition).

Acker has been a member of the Cass County Conservation District since the mid-1990s and contributes annually to the district's education and planning efforts. He and his wife, Shirley, are actively engaged in their farming operation where they apply conservation practices.

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4-H News

Bear Grove Blazers

The Bear Grove Blazers met Feb. 10. Roll call was your favorite type of music. There were eight members present. The members decided to have a duck pond for Mardi Gras, which will be March 9 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Members signed up to set up or work the various shifts at Mardi Gras. Our next meeting will be held March 10.

Benton Blue Ribbons

BY NATHAN STORK
Reporter

January meeting

The January meeting of the Benton Blue Ribbons 4-H Club was held at the Wiota Fire Station at 7:15 p.m. on Jan. 19. Our balance on hand was \$1,398.68 with no bills. There were two visitors present, Adam Snyder and Charles Ankenbauer. In old business we discussed where to put our Benton 4-H county sign and about the 4-H volleyball tournament. As for new business we discussed

Mardi Gras which is coming up on March 9th, swine weigh-in which is April 5, and the senior lock-in that is being held on February 1. Our club discussed participating in the Relay for Life. Bria Blake, Emily and Curtis Ullerich gave presentations. Bria wrote a report about ice skating, Curtis taught us about bow and arrow safety, and Emily showed us how to make a fleece boa. The next meeting will be held February 16 at 7:15 p.m. at the Wiota Fire Station to be hosted by Shrivvers and Myers.

February meeting

The February meeting of the Benton Blue Ribbons 4-H Club was held at the Wiota Fire Station at 7:15 p.m. on Feb. 16. Our balance on hand was \$1,365.96 with one bill for \$10 that was to be paid for Share the Fun.

There were 18 members present and we welcomed two new members, Adam Snyder and Carly Daughenbaugh. The Discovery group got a blue at the Share the Fun and the older kids get to go on to the state fair with their "4-H Boot Camp." In new business we talked about collecting the fronts of cards for the St. Jude's Ranch for children, col-

lecting pop can tabs at the last meeting of the year, and the March Mania workshop which is being held at the Elk Horn School. We discussed about either going putt-putt golfing or going to Adventureland for our club activity. Sarah and Amy Williamson gave a report on good and bad sportsmanship and David Kraus did a presentation on some neat things with CD cases. The next meeting will be held at the Wiota Fire Station at 7:15 on March 6. Hosts will be Blairs and Blakes.

Brighton Bluebells 4-H meeting

BY WHITNEY SAGER
Reporter

The regular meeting of the Brighton Bluebells 4-H Club was held on March 9 at the Cass County Community Building. Vice President Amanda Blake called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m., after the club cleaned up their booth after Mardi Gras. Samantha Jensen led the club in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was "What is your favorite day of the week?" Fifteen members were present, including a new member, Justin

Richter. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved by Laura Cutler. Amanda Blake gave the treasurer's report, the balance on hand being \$534.54.

Amanda Phippen and Becca Frisbie reported on their 4-H day at the Legislature. The club received their Pioneer Grant for \$175 for landscape around the sign they are going to put up at the Community Center. Members were reminded about the swine weigh-in, which will be held April 5, 2003 at the Cass County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. to noon. PQA classes are March 18 in Atlantic and March 19 near Lewis for 4-H members who show swine at the fair. There will be an Intermediate Bowling Party that will be held April 5 from 3-5 p.m. Any intermediate who is planning on attending this event must sign up by March 28, and the admission fee is \$6. Laura Olsen gave the leader's report.

Amanda Phippen motioned to adjourn the meeting and Samantha Jensen gave a presentation on bead rings.

The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2003 at 7 p.m. at the Marne Church. The hostesses will be Whitney, Heather and Jordan Sager and Brooke Schlueter.

Achieving the maximum benefits of no-till

Conservation is not typically the top priority a farmer has when managing a particular cropland field. Profitability is what comes to mind first. No-till can have positive effects on both profitability and conservation, yet many farmers are still unaware of the many benefits, both long and short-term, that it has. Many operators in southwest Iowa have seen the positive impact it has economically, agronomically and environmentally.

From a statistical point of view, no-till has increased 35 percent from 1996 to more than 55 million acres currently, according to a report released by the Conservation Technology Information Center (CTIC) in West Lafayette, Ind. The CTIC collects and organizes data every other year from each county across the United States on the amount of land under certain tillage methods. They also found that nearly 20 percent of all cropland acres is under no-till. This high number, however, is deceiving and is portrayed largely in part from farmers who only use the practice for a year or two, which does not provide the full benefits of no-till. The maximum potential of no-till takes several years to be established. When tilled is alternated with no-till on an annual basis, the only benefit is a slight drop in soil erosion.

Craig Elliott, who farms in Ringgold County, commented, "Some people have no choice but to no-till, but I wouldn't have it any other way." Elliott has used no-till on his land, including bottom ground along the West Fork of the Grand River, since 1983, and says that his increased water infiltration rates is one of his biggest benefits.

Soil Quality

One of the goals of managing cropland is to consider the effect of certain tillage practices and systems on soil quality. Soil quality enhancement is important to support crop production and to sustain water supplies. No-till practices can enhance soil quality to help reduce the onsite and offsite cost of soil erosion, improve nutrient use efficiencies, and ensure that the resource is maintained for future use.

One factor of tillage that is

No-Till
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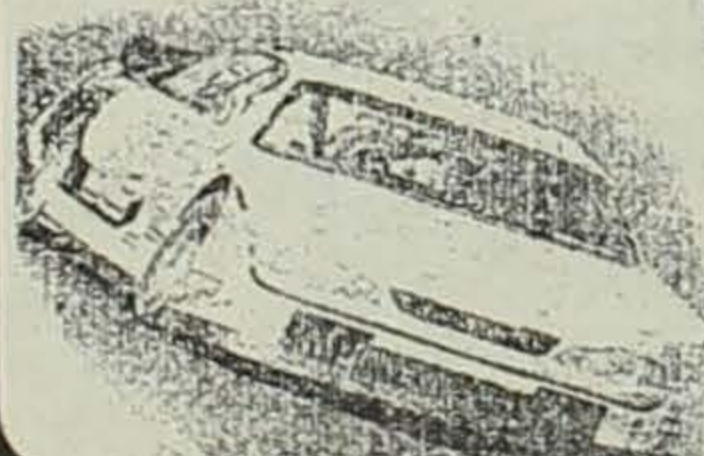
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increasing in importance is soil compaction. Many believe that the best way to reduce soil compaction is to use tillage practices. This is not always true. Even though tillage breaks the soil up, a "plow pan" may also be formed, in which a compacted layer is formed underneath the soil surface that slows down water infiltration. Bill Hammitt, a resident of Harrison County who has been using no-till has 1991, says that compaction must be fixed before it is too much of a problem.

David Dukes, who has been using no-till since 1990, adds that compaction must be managed well. Dukes also uses specialized equipment, such as rubber-tracked grain wagons and manure spreaders to minimize any compaction. Because compaction increases soil density and decreases the number and size of soil pores, drainage is decreased.

Another source of soil compaction is animal grazing, but that does not mean no-till farmers cannot put animals on their fields. Both Dukes and Elliot graze cattle on corn stalks, but add that managing it carefully is a must. Ground conditions, such as being muddy or frozen, are factors that influence the amount of compaction resulting from grazing.

No component of the soil plays a more important role than that of organic matter. It serves many purposes, including increasing in water infiltration, a reservoir of nutrients and water in the soil and serving as an aid in reducing compaction and surface crusting. Yet it's often ignored and neglected. Hammitt has seen a large increase in organic matter on his farm ground since he started to no-till. Before using no-till, soil tests showed his fields averaged 1-2 percent organic matter, but levels now average 3-4 percent, which is very close to native levels. However, the organic matter changes do not take place rapidly. It may take many years with minimal disturbance for the increase of organic matter to take place.

Using no-till can increase water infiltration as the soil changes. The soil will eventually regain its natural structure of soil aggregates. Macropores, which absorb water, increase in number under continuous no-till. Elliot says that his increased water infiltration rate is one of his biggest benefits. Dukes gives credit to his increased humus layer for his improved water infiltration.

Another reason for the increased water infiltration rates in the expansion in the earthworm and nightcrawler population. Tillage can destroy

the earthworms and bury organic food sources, decreasing the population. No tilling provides minimal disturbance, furnishing a soil that has extensive worm tunnels, allowing for increased water infiltration.

Barry Kusal, a long-term no-tiller for over 25 years near Manning in southern Carroll County, says that he has seen a four-fold increase of earthworms. Because of his improved infiltration rate, he went on to add, "My hill ground can take a 3-inch rain with few problems, but I see neighbors' tilled field not able to take one and a half inches."

Profit

Most likely the largest concern for farmers switching to no-till is the loss of yields. Most who prefer no-till are willing to accept some reductions in yield in exchange for lowered production cost and increased environmental benefits. Kusal says that a better way to look at yield comparisons of no-till versus tillage is to associate the savings of no-till. Even though his yields are slightly lower, he saves time and money by work-

ing the ground less.

Jim McAlexander, who has been using continuous no-till for over 10 years on his farm ground for over 10 years on his farm ground near Sidney in Fremont County, says that he noticed about a 10 bushel drop in corn yields the first few years and a slight decrease in soybean yields before the yields came back to near-normal levels.

McAlexander and his brother farm over 3,000 acres of bottom and hill ground and find time to custom drill another 1,000 acres of soybeans. Jim says that he is able to farm all of that land due to his cost and time savings using no-till.

David Dukes noticed that soybean yield initially improved when switching to no-till, while the corn yields increased later when the soil structure was reformed. Dukes also cites the increase on no-till farm ground due to great improvements in hybrids.

Soil savings

Perhaps the most accepted advantage of no-till practices is

the erosion control. It protects the soil against both water and wind erosion by leaving a protective layer of crop residue to cover it.

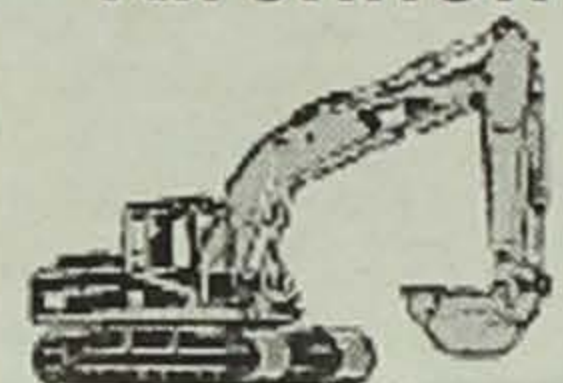
When asked if he had seen better erosion control with no-till, Pete Wendstrand responded, "Without a doubt." Pete, who farms near Essex in Page County, has been using continuous no-till practices since 1986. Wendstrand says that the sheet erosion is almost non-existent. All of the surveyed no-till farmers tie the decrease in soil erosion to the increased infiltration rates, allowing the water to soak in before any loss or damage occurs, while being able to get in the field faster.



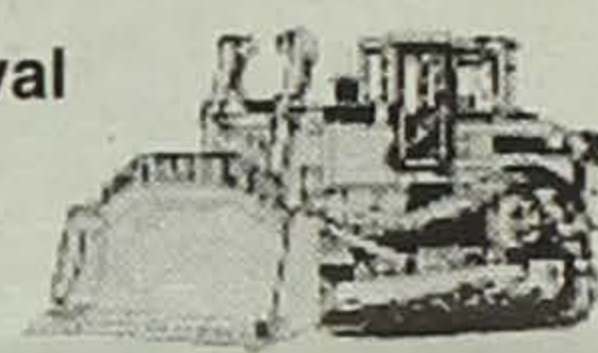
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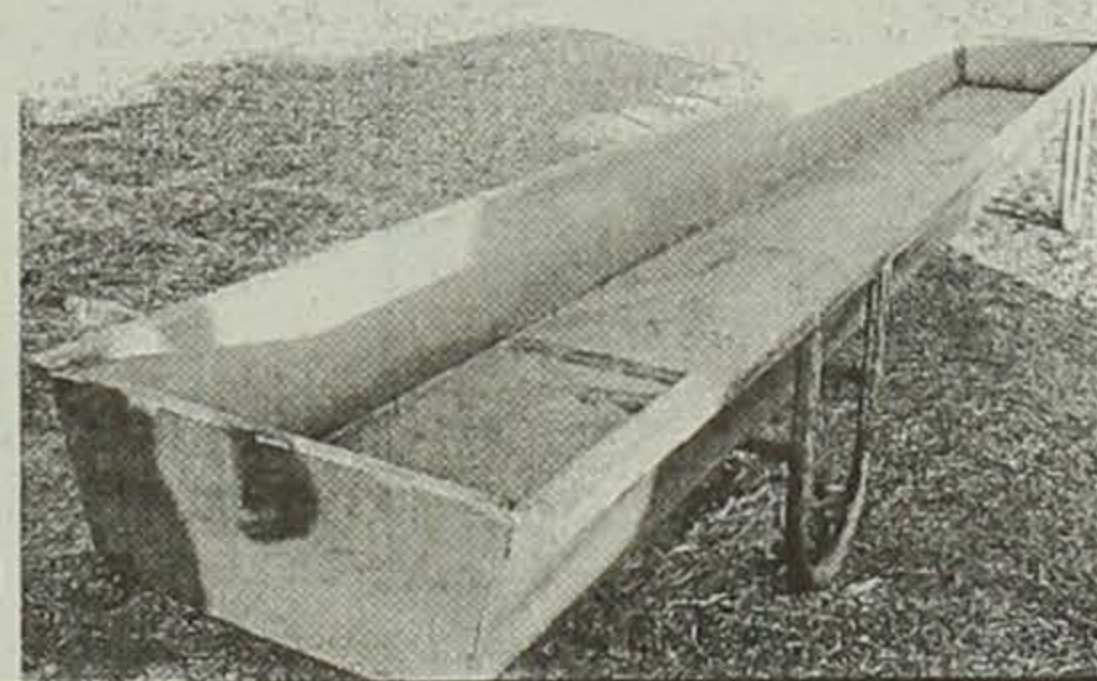
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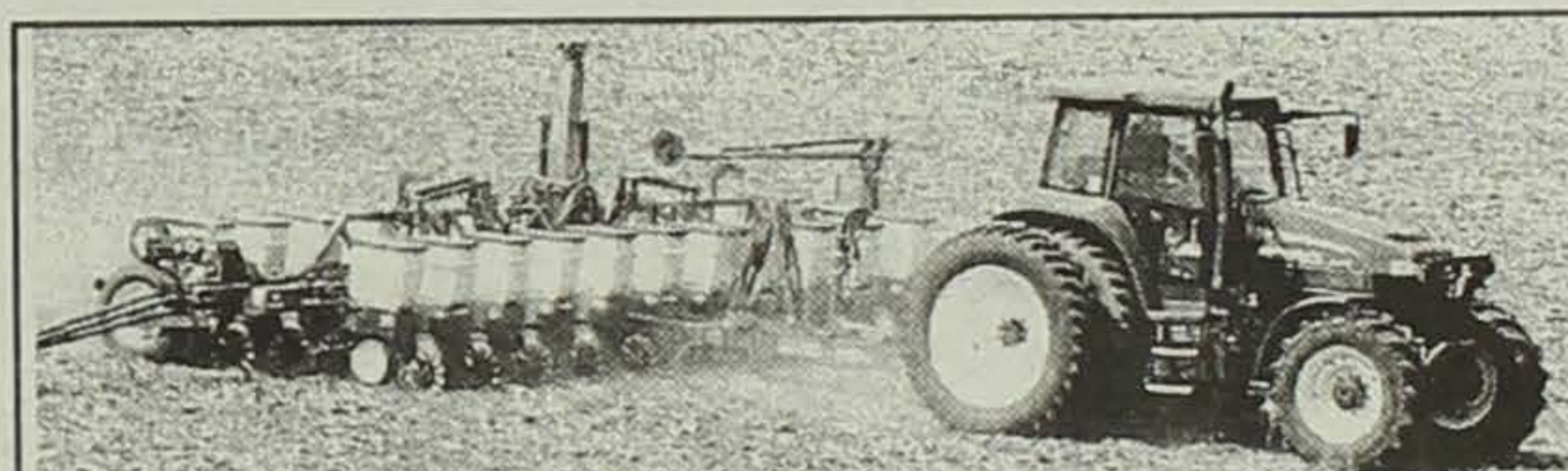
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Farm Bureau holds conference for young farmers

Young farmers from across the state attended the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation's young farmer conference in West Des Moines February 7-9. Among those attending were (pictured at right from left to right) IFBF young farmer advisory committee members Sam and Jill McKnight of Afton, Kevin and Mendy Stender of Massena, Michael and Tracy Marshall of Lewis and Drew and Alice Williams of Massena. Approximately 200 young farmers participated in the conference that offered them ways to enhance leadership and personal management skills. Conference speakers discussed farm succession and how to communicate with confidence.

Participants also received an overview of the Ag in the Classroom program, learned about Global Positioning System technology and the ag market outlook and received information on household and farm safety.

Photo contributed

4-H Junior Leader of the Month

Name: Macala Rush
Address: 66828 560th Street
Parent's name: Kenny and Sheri Rush
Sisters/Brothers: Melanie and Keith
Years in 4-H: 7
Age: 17
Name of Club: Washington Winners

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

Horticulture, Plant Science, Home Improvement, Clothing, Food and Nutrition, Self-Determined, Visual Arts, Photography and Poultry.

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

Made snowman ornaments for residents of the Heritage House, made cookies for Festival of Trees and Bloodmobile, planted and maintained flowers in Griswold medians, served ice cream at the Hitchcock House, painted barns at the fairgrounds, held the officers of president, treasurer, vice president, photographer and historian, record book leader and reporter. I've also held a knitting workshop for the club's members.

3. What have you done on the county level?

Extemporaneous Speaking, Working Exhibits, Best of Iowa, Educational Presentations, Decorator's Showcase, Junior Superintendent in Poultry and Radio, Share the Fun, and donated money for 4-Hers for 4-H.

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

I always enjoy fair, seeing people I usually don't get to see and having a great time. I also have enjoyed a lot of the youth council meetings and the senior lock-in.

5. Why do you like being a Junior Leader?

I hope that by being Junior Leader in my county that I can get the younger 4-H members excited about all the things that 4-H has to offer.

6. How do you feel about 4-H?

I feel that 4-H has given me several wonderful experiences. I've learn how to express my ideas and how to carry through with them. I've also met lots of great friends.

7. Future plans?

At this point I am considering studying Culinary Arts next fall.



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