



Des Moines County Soil and Water Conservation District 67th Annual Report

Soil to Spoon

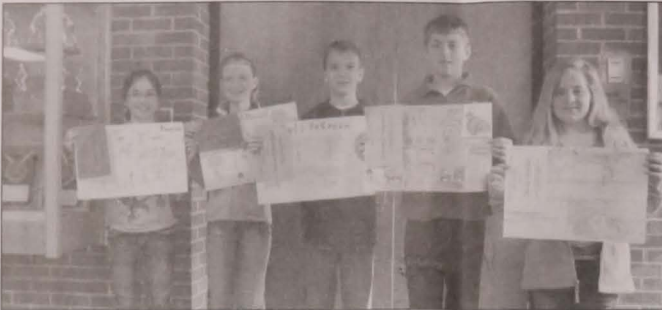
The Des Moines County Soil and Water Conservation District, in partnership with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance Company and Conservation Districts of Iowa, sponsored the annual poster contest for all students in the county.

The 2012 theme was "Soil to Spoon." The contest consists of five divisions—Division 1 is kindergarten and 1st grades; Division 2 is 2nd and 3rd grades; Division 3 is 4th–6th grades; Division 4 is 7th–9th grades; and Division 5 is 10th–12th grades. Judging criteria included conservation message, visual effectiveness and universal appeal.

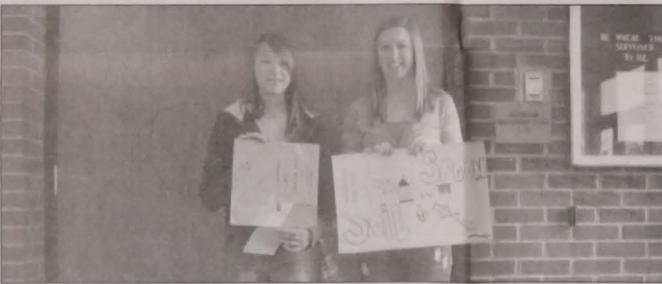
Additionally, each first place winner was submitted for regional competition. Division 5 winner, Amy Carlson, was selected as a regional winner and also a state winner. The SWCD is currently waiting to hear if her poster was chosen as a national winner.



Division 2 winners from Mediapolis Elementary were Max McClure, 3rd; Izabel Vincent, Honorable Mention; Drew Zurmuehlen, Honorable Mention; Wesley Kodis, 1st; and Justyn Wyatt, 2nd.



Division 3 winners from Mediapolis were Lily Bullinger, 2nd; Emma Gordon, 1st; Nolan Schmidgall, Honorable Mention; Benjamin Wolgemuth, Honorable Mention; and Olivia Moehle, 3rd.



Division 4 Honorable Mention winner from Mediapolis was Cullie McCurdy. Division 5 3rd place winner from Mediapolis was Joelle Witte. Not pictured is Mike Poggemiller, Division 5 Honorable Mention.



Division 5 first place winner was Amy Carlson and 2nd place winner was Elizabeth Linneman from Burlington High School.



Division 4 winners from West Burlington Schools are Catherine Todd, 1st; Athena Moad, 2nd; and Serifa Donaldson, Honorable Mention.

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2012 Des Moines County Soil And Water Conservation District Commissioners. Front L-R: Maureen Hutchcroft and Don Lounsbury. Back L-R: Bob Hinson, Jeff Burgess and Ron Snyder

Personnel During 2012 DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Maureen Hutchcroft, Chairperson
Don Lounsbury, Vice-Chairperson
Jeff Burgess, Co-Treasurer
Robert Hinson
Ronald Snyder

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONERS

Bradley Weiss

BURLINGTON FIELD OFFICE STAFF

Drew DeLang, District Conservationist
Shiloh Bradley, Resource Conservationist
Kindra Bradley, Soil Conservation Technician
Caleb Waters, Geode Watershed Coordinator
Casey Berghold, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist
(through September)
Erin Mickey, Intern/District Employee
(May - December)
Stephanie Smith, District Employee
(May - August)
Jamie Grimes, State & District Secretary

REVOLVING FUNDS ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand, July 1, 2011 \$28,998.04

Receipts:	
Seed Sales	\$11,584.39
Rain Barrel Sales	\$2,306.80
Cookbook Sales	\$150.00
Donations	\$3,537.92
Checking Account Interest	\$7.19
1M Reimbursement	\$2,000.00
Cntrtror/MCM Meeting Reimbrsmnt	\$376.59
TOTAL	\$19,962.89

Disbursements:

Postage	\$275.00
Sales Tax	\$600.00
Rain Barrels	\$1,809.29
Commissioner Travel	\$973.02
Poster Contest Prizes	\$240.00
PF Seed	\$10,066.20
Dues	\$1,100.00
Sympathy/Get Well Expressions	\$11.22
Scholarships	\$250.00
IJOBS - Flint Creek Hydrology Study	\$24,836.00
Office Supplies	\$78.65
Contractor's Meeting	\$179.58
Mid Contract Management Meeting	\$225.00
PF Banquet Sponsor	\$250.00
Field Day Expense	\$75.00
Advertising	\$15.24
Envirothon	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$41,104.20

Balance On Hand, June 30, 2012 \$7,856.73



Des Moines County SWCD Commissioner Bob Hinson looks for minnows with kids at the Des Moines County Fair in July. The SWCD sponsors a booth every year and develops a hands-on educational project. In 2012, the District built a working wetland and showcased the benefits of wetlands.

2012 DISTRICT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

	Amount	Unit
Terraces Constructed	29,660	Feet
Water & Sediment Control Basins Constructed	6	No
Grade Stabilization Structures Constructed	3	No
Grassed Waterways Established	10	Acres
Critical Area Planting Established	13	Acres
Cover Crops Established	22	Acres
Tree Planting Completed	7	Acres
Timber Stand Improvement Completed	69	Acres
Windbreaks Established	3,700	Feet
Wetlands Restored/Created	24	Acres
Livestock Watering Facilities Established	4	Each
Watering Pipeline Established	1,410	Feet
Fence Established	12,150	Feet
Season High Tunnel System Installed	1	Each
Conservation Plans Developed	11,633	Acres

Soil & Water Conservation District Scholarship Recipient
The Des Moines County Soil & Water Conservation District honored a local high school senior with a scholarship in 2012. This scholarship is sponsored in conjunction with the Conservation Districts of Iowa (CDI).

Patrick Moore of Notre Dame High School was the recipient chosen. He is the son of Kevin and Christina Moore. Patrick is currently attending Southeastern Community College.

Patrick was chosen from the applications received from seniors throughout the county. In order to be eligible, the student must be planning to attend college to pursue programs of study in any field of agriculture or natural resources. Criteria considered in judging the applications included scholastic achievement, need and leadership, which include service, character and self-motivation.



2012 Iowa Soil Conservation State Teacher Award Winner Nancy Carter and Des Moines County SWCD Chairperson Maureen Hutchcroft, after Nancy received her award during the annual CDI Annual Conference.

Carter Selected State Teacher Winner

The Des Moines County Soil and Water Conservation District is excited to announce that retired Mediapolis School teacher, Nancy Carter, was chosen to receive the first place award in Teacher Division I of the 2012 Iowa Soil Conservation Awards Program.

The purpose of the award is to recognize public or parochial school teachers who are performing outstanding service in creating public awareness of the need to safeguard our heritage of natural and human resources. Division I consists of teachers in grades K through 6.

The Des Moines SWCD nominated Nancy because she is a teacher that incorporates conservation and actively involves students in all aspects of the learning process. In turn, she garners enthusiasm from her students about conservation projects. She challenges students to think beyond themselves and think globally. Students can carry these lessons into adulthood and be thoughtful, well-informed citizens, who will work with others throughout life, making a positive impact on their family and community.

Nancy received the award during the Annual Conference for Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners on Thursday, September 6. The award was presented to her by Angie Reid of the Iowa Conservation Education Council.



The 2012 Envirothon competition team from Mediapolis High School: Danielle Dill, Blake Hubbard, Kellie Kuenzler, Brody Reis, and Garrett Rupe.

The Des Moines County Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored a team of students from Mediapolis High School who participated in the Southeast Iowa Regional Envirothon competition, held in Iowa City in March 2012.

The MHS team placed tenth out of sixty teams in Iowa regional competition, which allowed them to advance to the state competition held at Springbrook State Park. State competition was held in April, where the top three teams went on to national competition.

Team members were Danielle Dill, Dustin Eide, Blake Hubbard, Jordan Hubbard, Kellie Kuenzler, Jessica Moore, Caleb Nelson, Brody Reis and Garrett Rupe. The group was coached by NRCS Soil Conservation Technician, Kindra Bradley, and MHS Science teacher, Stacey Rector.

The Envirothon is a team competition for high school students. In the classroom, teams of five students are challenged to use their knowledge and critical thinking skills to answer written questions about Aquatic Ecosystems, Forestry, Wildlife and Soils.