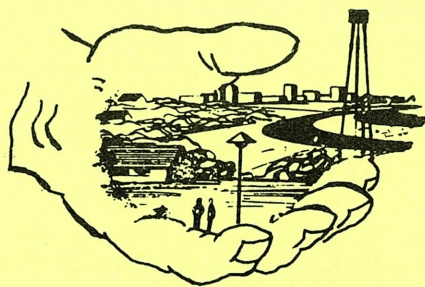




Our
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Our
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Black Hawk Soil Conservation District

FUNDS AVAILABLE

Our District has approximately \$20,000.00 available for cost-sharing on conservation practices with cooperators. It will be shared with landowners at a 50% rate.

To be approved, requests must be made at our District Office by March 1st. Approvals will be made only for projects to be completed in June. All agreements will be automatically cancelled June 30th, if the project is not started. We expect a new allocation for late summer and Fall work. If you have a Spring project in mind, we encourage you to contact our office!

\$ \$ \$

1980 CONTRIBUTORS

We would like to express our appreciation to the continuing list of contributors who have made donations to our program. Thanks so much!

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INTEREST AT A PEAK?

It is certainly interesting (if not overwhelming) to be a Soil Conservation District Commissioner, with the great public interest we're seeing now. "Oldtimers" are even saying they haven't seen this kind of public concern since "Dust Bowl" days of the thirties!

While our legislature has already passed some "landmark" legislation for soil conservation, they are now considering a bill developed by the Interim Study Committee that would accelerate our program at a greater rate. Among some of its provisions are: assisting counties to computerize their soil survey data, provide additional personnel to districts and require that every landowner have his erosion under control by 1990.

As you know, we have established some priorities for action - among them Big Creek, Dry Run of Cedar Falls and Miller Creek. These are areas with problems requiring special attention and we hope to provide this. At the same time, we want every landowner in Black Hawk County to feel free to contact us concerning any soil and water conservation problem they have. We think we can find a solution. Let us try!

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1979 ANNUAL REPORT

BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERSONNEL

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J. B. MCANINCH, DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST
GERALD C. STEVENS, CONS. TECHNICIAN (thru July)
CRAIG M. STANGE, SOIL CONSERVATIONIST (thru June)
DON SMITH, STUDENT TRAINEE (June, July, August)
VANCE K. WARD, CONS. TECHNICIAN (since Oct. 29)

EXTENSION SERVICE

LARRY E. LOENSER, DIRECTOR

The BLACK HAWK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT is a sub-division of State Government, administered by the Iowa Department of Soil Conservation. It is organized and managed by local people, who have the responsibility of protecting and improving our natural resource base. The Commissioners are attempting to do this through a cooperative effort with the many Federal, State and local agencies who have knowledge in the area of conserving our soil, water and related resources. We have taken a hard look at some of our past programs and are hopeful that our critical area inventory will permit us to step up the pace of conservation application.

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SOIL SURVEY

Our long awaited Standard Soil Survey Report finally arrived and was distributed in February and March. It was started in 1969 and the field mapping was completed in 1973. Many of our residents were surprised at the amount of information in the book and hopefully, it will prove useful. Over 1000 people attended eight meetings to receive their copy and learn how to use it.

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TILLAGE FLYER

Recent experiences with various tillage systems encouraged us to develop an information sheet with our Newsletter last Fall. Commissioner JOHN MILLER worked with Crop Production Specialist KAY CONNELLY AND District Conservationist BART MCANINCH to present some alternatives for Fall tillage.

We were pleased with reactions to this flyer. Apparently some others were also, since two other districts distributed it in their areas. The top corn yield in our district for 1979 was produced on a farm that has not been moldboard plowed in ten years.

POINTS OF INTEREST

1979 may not have been our best year, but it was sure one of the better ones! We sponsored two interesting bus tours, so our local people could see firsthand, some successful conservation projects.

Through the courtesy of the WATERLOO SAVINGS BANK, a busload of us toured the Northeast Research Center near Nashua. We were especially interested in the various tillage plots under study. We also looked at some of the new narrow base terraces in Bremer County. These have become quite popular, especially with those using larger machinery.

Another busload took a twilight tour around the Hudson area. We saw several farms with the narrow base terraces, FFA plots and the "Conservation Mile".

It makes one realize there's a lot of good conservation work being done in the county.

CONSERVATION MILE

The students of the Hudson FFA Chapter developed what they called the "Conservation Mile". They studied the causes of soil erosion and the methods of computing soil loss by using the Universal Soil Loss Equation.

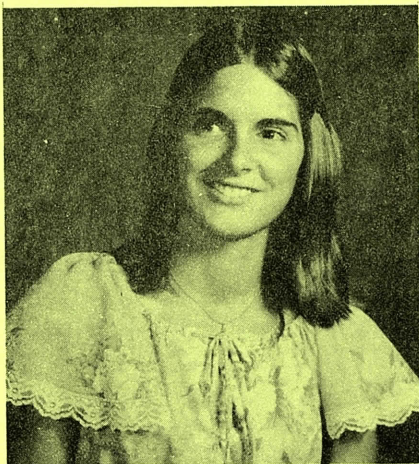
Farmers along a 2½ mile stretch of road near Hudson were contacted for their cooperation. Signs were erected at the start of the project and near each farm along the route. These signs displayed the farmer's soil type, slope, tillage practices and his soil loss.

Probably over 400 people had a bus tour of the project sometime during the summer. A special thanks to FFA Advisors RON RESSLER and STEVE SANDMAN, Commissioner JOHN MILLER and farmers along the route who permitted us to look right in their "front door". It was a good learning experience about erosion and conservation for many of us.

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4-H CONSERVATION PROJECT WINNERS

We're very pleased that three 4-Hers had conservation projects this past year -- KEVIN MORRISON - NANCY HARVEY - CRAIG SAGE. All three received plaques. CRAIG and NANCY attended the State 4-H Conservation Camp last summer and KEVIN will attend this year. Pictured below is NANCY HARVEY--



The District especially appreciates the efforts of the JIM SAGE family who encourage these young people by providing scholarships and prizes for the projects.

SPEECH CONTEST

Six local high school students participated in our District Speech Contest. Each of them did very well with the subject "S.O.S." - Save Our Soil".

MARY BETH CONDON of Columbus was our District winner and represented us in the Regional contest at Oelwein.

Our thanks to the BLACK HAWK MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY of Hudson for furnishing the cash prizes in the District contest.

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

VERNON HAPPEL was our District Over-all Winner in the farmer division of the Iowa Achievement Awards Contest. JOHN A. MILLER and BILL STRUBEL were winners in the Landlord-Tenant division and ROGER VAUGHN in the New Cooperator division.

Our winners in the Teachers' division were also Regional winners. - CATHERINE YOUNG, Science teacher at Kittrell School, teaches grades 5 & 6; and BRUCE DELONG, Biology teacher at West High School, teaches grades 9-12.

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FOUR TON CLUB

VERNON HAPPEL also became a Four Ton Club member this year. His farm is 100% in compliance with the State Soil Loss limits.

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IZAACK WALTON WINDBREAK AWARD

Our winner for 1979 was the GARY KARKOSH family in Lincoln Township. If you haven't seen this beautiful windbreak, we urge you to drive by and take a look at it at 10830 Gibson Road, Hudson.

MR. & MRS. MELVIN PECK, 1978 windbreak winners, helped Commission NIEMEYER choose the winner this year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979

1M BUDGET - Allocation.....\$1,870.00
Additional Alloc..... 313.35
Total allocation.....\$2,183.35

Commissioners' Exp..\$ 312.32
Office Supplies..... 277.89
Office Expense..... 1,317.97
Meeting Expense..... 275.17 2,183.35

Balance..... -0-

2M BUDGET - Allocation..... \$18,820.00

Salaries.....\$13,214.80
(Clerk & Aide)
Employee Benefits. 2,079.73
Equipment..... 433.97
Travel..... 77.00
Returned to State 3,014.50 \$18,820.00

Balance..... -0-

Contributions received in 1979..\$ 1,615.00

3M BUDGET (7-1-78 to 6-30-79)

Allocation.....\$25,257.25
Reserved for LTAs..... 8,707.08
\$16,550.17

5 requests approved..... \$16,550.17

77-78 LTAs allocation.....\$ 8,707.08

2 requests approved.....\$ 8,707.08

Balance..... -0-

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1979

NEW COOPERATORS..... 12
CONSERVATION PLANS..... 1689 Ac.
UNITS OF GOVT. ASSISTED..... 23
GRASSED WATERWAYS..... 4.6
MINIMUM TILLAGE.....3603 Ac.
PARALLEL TERRACES.....91,205 Ft.
TILE.....118,676 Ft.
WINDBREAKS.....27.5 Ac.



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