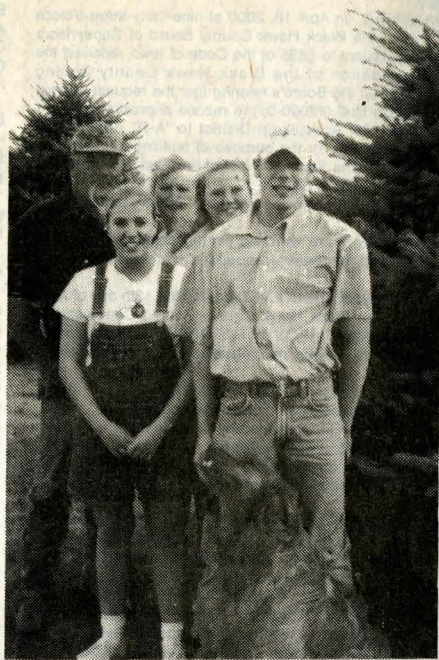


Werners and McKennas receive awards in IWL annual windbreak award program

Mike and Yvonne Werner of Big Creek Township were selected as first place winners in the newly established category for Black Hawk County in the Izaak Walton League's Annual Windbreak Award Program. Their windbreak consists of three rows of trees - two rows of Colorado Blue Spruce and one row of Techny Arborvitae.

Joe and Eileen McKenna of Lincoln Township, were selected as first place winners in the farmstead windbreak category for Black Hawk County in the Izaak Walton League's Annual Windbreak Award Program. Their windbreak consists of three rows of trees - all Colorado Blue Spruce.

John Marsau, chairman of the Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District, presented the Werners and the McKennas their certificate and letter of appreciation from the Izaak Walton League for their participation in the program. Each year the District selects a winner in each windbreak category whose windbreak provides the best energy savings to buildings and livestock, provides effective habitat and cover for wildlife, and that is aesthetically pleasing. The windbreaks must fit one of the following categories newly established - 2-5 yrs of age; farmstead - must be at least 5 years of age; and field shelterbelt - must be at least 5 years of age. It also must meet the Natural Resources Conservation Service's windbreak specifications. The Izaak Walton League Windbreak Award program is a way to recognize individuals for establishing field and farmstead windbreaks and to encourage more planting within the county.



Mike and Yvonne Werner and family



Joe and Eileen McKenna