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**Winegarden elected
to regional director post**

CEDAR FALLS — L. Jeanette Winegarden of Cedar Falls was elected regional director by the commissioners of Area 4 of the Iowa Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners.

Winegarden is chairwoman of the Black Hawk Soil and Water Conservation District. As regional director, Winegarden will represent the north-eastern counties to the state-level commissioner's committee.

She also will promote understanding for soil and water conservation programs through education and voluntary participation.

Winegarden's seat as the Cedar Falls Township commissioner on the

Black Hawk County Soil and Water Conservation District is being contested by Carl Hundley, also of Cedar Falls township.

Election rules dictate that two commissioners cannot be from the same township.

"I don't want to move, but I know don't have a choice," said Jerome Hoins, who has owned the property for 22 years and the home for 18. "They know they're going to do it, so why don't they just purchase the land and let us get on with our lives?"

Later, Hoins said he came out of the meeting "feeling a lot better ... they answered a lot of questions for us." The other home to be lost belongs to Gaylord and Sharlene Hindraker.

Another farm owner was philo-

Election may fuel conservation board feud

Chairwoman L. Jeannette Winegarden and her opponent, Marv Haugebak, were both re-elected.

By CATHY CUMMINS
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Tensions could rise on the Black Hawk County Soil and Water Conservation Board after an election challenge to the chairwoman's position failed.

Chairwoman L. Jeannette Winegarden easily outdistanced her opponent, Carl Hundley, in the polls Tuesday by a 2,653-vote margin. Her opposition on the board, Commissioner Marv Haugebak, who had asked Hundley to run against Winegarden, also was re-elected with 8,975 votes. Hundley received 8,941.

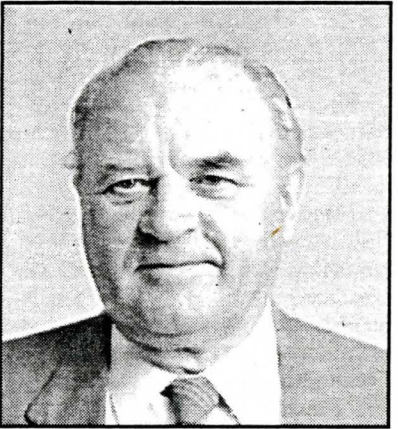
While Winegarden was happy with the results, calling it the best birthday present she has received, Haugebak didn't want to talk about the election. Nor was he happy about other commissioners on the board, who had spoken highly of Winegarden before the election.

The commissioners said Haugebak and Winegarden frequently clashed at board meetings over a variety of issues.

"Now it will be four against one instead of just one against one," Haugebak said Thursday. He added



L. Jeannette Winegarden



Marv Haugebak

CONSERVATION BOARD RESULTS		
Name	Vote Total.....	Percentage
L. Jeannette Winegarden	11,594	39.2%
Marv Haugebak	8,975	30.4
Carl Hundley	8,941	30.2
Total	29,510	

that he will continue trying to push his ideas through the five-member board.

Winegarden said she doesn't hold a grudge against the man who tried to oust her from the board.

"I don't have a problem with him," she said. "I've always tried to be nice to him, but I don't know how he'll feel toward me or the commission (after the election). He's the one who's

going to have to decide if we can work together or not."

The feud between Winegarden and Haugebak apparently started in the late 1970s. But this year a third party was brought into it when Haugebak talked Hundley, of Cedar Falls, into running against Winegarden for a seat on the conservation board.

All three were on the ballot for six-year terms Tuesday. Voters could choose two. But rules governing the conservation board dictated that Winegarden and Hundley were opponents because they lived in the same township.

"I feel really good about getting 39 percent of the vote," Winegarden said after the election. "We worked really hard on this, mostly by word of mouth."

Winegarden said a network of friends hit the phone banks before the election to talk up her position on the board. Winegarden has been elected to serve on several regional and statewide boards promoting soil and water conservation in the agricultural community.

Among Winegarden's supporters was Hundley. Losing the election was fine with Hundley, he said, adding that he'd voted for Winegarden.

"It really doesn't bother me one bit," Hundley said. "If I'd have gotten it, I'd have served; but I didn't and that's OK with me."

Survey: More metro motorists are buckling up

By HEATHER CLARK
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More metro-area motorists are using their seat

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tickets that carry a \$23 fine including court costs.
Waterloo Police Department spokesman Lt. Bob Greenlee worked with Iowa law enforcement