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Conserving Soil & Water in Tama County – 2000 Annual Report

"We all touch the earth, whether we're farmers who work the soil or other citizens whose spirits are enriched simply by living in Iowa's fertile land. That common thread, spun of a common heritage, has been woven into the tightly knit fabric of community. We pride ourselves on being Iowans, and we share more similarities than differences. Our identity and our citizenship come, in part, from running our fingers and our lives through that bountiful, beautiful land between two rivers.

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FARM NEWS



grass roots

By Dave McMillan

Awards week

One year ago, this column made only passing reference to the Y2K thing. Other than a few caustic remarks concerning the doomsayers, a brief wish list of things that ought to happen, and some unkind words about King Herod, I tended to treat the whole deal as a colossal non-event.

Now, one year later, the historical purists tell us that we are finally and truly embarked upon the Third Millennium, A.D., and I still haven't been able to see any dynamic changes.

Oh, we've just experienced a really weird election, the stock market finally stumbled, and somebody reinvented snow, but most things haven't changed much. The Yankees won again. Freedom to Farm still holds us hostage, tax time has evolved once again, and the sun still comes up in the east. I am resigned to the fact that great cosmic deers do not close on one millennium and open on another. The north wind still smells the same, and bites as hard, and those taxes will have to be paid.

But it does seem appropriate for this column to somehow mark the passing of a millennium. Perhaps I can do that by handing out a few kudos to those people and events that briefly lit up the past thousand years. My so-called "awards" will not be anyone else's list, but readers can treat it as a left-handed histo-

ry lesson. Here goes.

Bobby Knight Dubious Coach of the Millennium Award: This one goes to Henry the Navigator. Henry was fearless, innovative, and did not give in to the front office (his father was the king). He taught Magellan, Columbus, and others everything he knew, and then sent them out to prove that we live on a round ball. History does not tell us if he ever pitched any folding chairs, but he wasn't as pure as the driven snow, since the beginning of the slave trade is attributed to him. Not a good way to recruit new players.

Most Ill-prepared Award: ...belongs to King Ethelred II, of England, who was also known as Ethelred the Unready. In 1007, he paid 30,000 pounds to the Danes in return for their promise not to attack England for at least a couple of years. In 1012 he gave them another 48,000 pounds. In 1013 they attacked and Ethelred fled to France, where he died shortly thereafter. He is remembered as a poor judge of character, a lousy strategist, but mostly as being simply...not ready.

"Does Not Play Well With Others" Award: Lots of competition for this honor, but Henry VIII, of England, being a particularly nasty piece of work, wins hands down. Henry was married six times, managed to execute half of his wives, sired numerous

children, and died in his mid-fifties. While he was having a good time, Cardinal Woolsey ran the country, but made the big mistake of building a palace that was better than Henry's. After Woolsey's demise, the Church tried to rein Henry in, but he snuffed them off, made himself head of the Church, and proceeded to do away with anyone who challenged his authority. Henry was not very subtle, and everyone around him knew right where they stood...on real shaky ground!

Best Buy of the Millennium: Thomas Jefferson's tidy little purchase of everything west of the Mississippi River, from France, in 1803. Although he bought it sight unseen, Jefferson hit the jackpot with this bargain. He got several nice trout streams, some very good farm land, a couple of mountain ranges, more than a few trees, and lots of spacious skies. And this short list doesn't even take into account Las Vegas and the Santa Monica Freeway. All for about a penny an acre.

Greatest Invention of the Past 1000 Years: Chlorotetracycline. Nothing else is close. Without it we would all be at the mercy of bubonic plague.

Worst Invention of the Millennium: We reside in a society that manufactures more luxury items than necessities, and it is evident that we have inherited a

ton of problems with the invention of leisure time. The only guy who used to have any leisure time was Henry VIII, and look how he turned out! Idle hands are the Devil's tools!

Greatest Moment in Sports: Early October, 1951. Polo Grounds, New York. Bobby Thomson hits a homerun in the bottom of the ninth, and three runs score. Giants beat the Dodgers, 5 to 4, and win the National League pennant. You have to know the story of that whole season, and know how much dislike existed between those two teams, to really appreciate that moment. The radio announcer was reduced to an insane blithering idiot, and Leo Durocher and Eddie Stanky, two men who hated each other, hugged one another and rolled in the dirt like two children. All who were present were reduced to being children. I was a child, and I remember the moment as though it were yesterday.

Man of the Second Millennium: This is a pretty impressive award, but there are too many names to get this category down to a short list. Let's just say the winner is definitely not Elvis, and let it go at that.

Best Step Forward Award: goes to that eccentric, courageous, and visionary bunch of guys who wrote the U.S. Constitution. How novel of them to let the masses govern. How revolutionary an idea to place the individual on a higher plane than his government. How wonderful of them to give us all freedom, and (hey try very hard to let us keep it) realize it's just an experiment, but the thing is still ticking along after 225 years. People are starting to notice us. Maybe the Third Millennium will be better.

D. Mc

Opening grain prices on Jan. 12, 2001: at Central Counties Co-op, Traer, beans \$4.42 and corn \$1.89; at Tama Benton Co-op, Dysart, beans \$4.42 and corn \$1.89 and at Werner's Grain and Feed, Tama, beans \$4.40 and corn \$1.87.

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In the early 1970s, Americans made huge strides toward protecting the quality of the nation's water supply. Scientists began to study the impacts of animal feedlot runoff on the surrounding environment, and EPA's Clean Water Act was implemented.

Today, the United States is still acutely aware of water quality issues. Farmers who raise livestock are taking more care than ever to be responsible stewards of the land. However, much of the information on open lots available today is that same research material garnered nearly 30 years ago.

The Iowa Beef Center at Iowa State University recently designed a one-year grant to again study the impacts of cattle feedlot runoff in a modern setting.

"Not only are feed rations completely different today, but cattle genetics are vastly improved over what they were 30 years ago," said Jeff Lorimer, an assistant professor in the ISU Agriculture and Biosystems Engineering Department who will head up the new study. "This project is aimed at determining the nutrients in the solids coming off of Iowa feedlots rather than specifically focusing on liquids as in prior studies."

John Lawrence, director of the Iowa Beef Center, said Lorimer's study was the unanimous choice for the grant. "This study will help Iowa producers better understand the nutrient values of the manure in their lots. With this information in hand, they can decide how to best use these nutrients on agricultural lands and develop effective nutrient management plans."

Feedlot solids come from two main sources: scrapings and settling basins. Feeders who house animals in concrete lots normally scrape the lots clean once a week; those with earthen lots may only scrape annually. Therefore, nutrient concentrations will vary considerably depending upon facility type and scraping frequency.

Settling basins are required by federal law. By slowing the runoff, basins allow solids to settle and effluent to travel into a filtering system. Producers must clear basins regularly to keep them working properly, and then disperse the manure solids on cropland.

"By studying the nutrient concentrations in solid manure, we can help producers determine the best application rates for crop

Just one example of local benefits resulting from these surveys is that Iowa State University uses data from this survey to help generate their "Costs of Production" publication series. Data collected will present the only objective, true picture of the financial well-being of Iowa farm operators and will be the last financial picture presented to Congress as they begin work on the next Farm Bill. These data are also a resource when policymakers determine Federal assistance. In 2000, direct government payments totaled \$23 billion dollars.

Agricultural producers chosen to participate in these surveys will represent from 50 to 100 fellow producers, and will therefore make an important contribution to the overall welfare of America's farmers and ranchers. All individual data collected are held strictly confidential by law (Title 7, U. S. Code). Only statistical totals are published for selected geographic regions and the Nation.

Results from these surveys will be used by farm and ranch operators, farm organizations, commodity groups, lenders, university researchers, news media, local USDA agencies, farm suppliers, and others to compute prices paid, evaluate economic challenges facing America's food and fiber producers, determine the need for farm assistance, measure the cost of agricultural production and assess the ability for producers to maintain sustainable farms.

"Farm Production Expenditures" will be released July 19, 2001. For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the Iowa Agricultural Statistics Service website at www.nass.usda.gov/ia or call 1-800-772-0825.

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Spent	\$101,530.95
Balance	\$2,795.05
Share Funds 98-99	
al Allocation	\$118,352.98
Spent	\$116,886.35
Balance	\$1,466.63
Share Funds 97-98	
al Allocation	\$120,292.31
Spent	\$116,240.50
Balance	\$4,051.81
AP-F	
al Allocation	\$1,897.00
Spent	



THE OWNER/OPERATOR AWARD This year went to Ken and Carolyn Adolphs. The farm has been in the family for 48 years. The farm has 300 acres which is contour strips of corn, beans, oats and hay with grassed waterways and headlands. Tillage practices range from conventional to minimum tillage. The farm also has pasture and timber which are used for cattle



THE URBAN BACKYARD Conservation Award went to Frances Smith. Frances and her husband, Kenneth, have lived in Tama for 16 years. They have a son, Dr. Kenneth Smith. They have raised 14 special daughters and hosted numerous exchange and international persons. Frances enjoys reading, traveling and gardening. She taught school and was a social worker.

Star Cooking

By Marilyn Chizek

From out of the past.....

By Marie K. Vileta

Knowing fact from fiction

Kitchen myths are often handed down from generation to generation and treated as fact after enough passage of time. To help separate fact from fiction about working in the kitchen, the Health News service of Des Moines University-Osteopathic Medical Center challenges the following kitchen myths:

Kitchen myths that stand between you and better eating

If a potato has a green tint to its skin, you should throw it out.

No, you don't need to throw it away. The green tint does come from a pigment called chlorophyll, which can signal the presence under the skin of solanine and other compounds that could be toxic if ingested in large amounts. The substances are generated when a potato has been exposed to too much light, heat or cold. You can rescue your spud, however, by simply peeling away the green layer to a depth of 1/8 inch and digging out any sprouts, which also contain high concentrations of the unwanted compounds.

Bread is best kept in the refrigerator, sometimes.

The refrigerator is the best place to keep bread that is very moist or full of fruit pieces. Such breads lend themselves to bacterial growth, which is stemmed by the refrigerator's cold temperature—generally 38 to 40 degrees. But as far as keeping standard sandwich slices from going stale, the fridge is actually the worst place for storage. Staling actually happens faster at temperatures just above 32 degrees. If you're not planning to use an entire loaf of

bread within a few days, it's best to keep it in the freezer. The taste and texture will remain intact.

Honey can be substituted for sugar in baking.

While it's true that your body handles honey and sugar the same way (they're equal in terms of carbohydrate calories), baked goods don't. Honey is sweeter, so if you want to experiment with substitution, replace 1 1/4 cups of sugar with just 1 cup of honey. Also remember to reduce the amount of liquid in your recipe. Honey contains water and has water-attracting properties that tend to make baked goods moist.

Cold cuts cannot be frozen.

You can freeze cold cuts—if you do it carefully. First, make sure your freezer is very cold—0 degrees or colder. Freezing food faster minimizes "drip," the loss of fluid that happens when any frozen meat is thawed. Second, wrap the meat as tightly as you can in a moisture-resistance wrap, such as tin foil, to prevent freezer burn. If you like, you can also put wax paper between slices to keep them separate. Finally, remember that freezing won't prevent deterioration entirely—so try to use your cold cuts within a month or two.

Pasta tastes better if you salt the cooking water.

Instructions to add salt to cooking water are usually not intended for flavor, but to increase the water's boiling point. That makes the water hotter—and gets the pasta to cook faster. To raise the temperature of one quart of water by just one degree, however, you'd have to add an ounce of salt—nearly five teaspoons worth. That's a lot of extra sodium for a relatively small difference in cooking time.

It's also not necessary to add oil to your pasta water, if directed. Oil coats the sticky, starchy

surface of cooked noodles, making them easier to toss. But oil added to the cooking pot merely floats on top of the water and goes straight down the drain when you pour the pasta into a colander. If you'd prefer to avoid the extra calories, it's best to just toss the pasta with sauce and serve immediately, as this cuts down on stickiness.

Omitting an alcoholic beverage from a recipe won't affect the flavor much.

Omitting the alcohol will indeed omit any flavor imparted by the beverage itself. It will also diminish the development of any flavors that are carried better by alcohol than by water or fat. Chemical compounds dissolve differently in each liquid.

Reasonable substitutions can, however, be made for anyone following an alcohol-free diet. For example, orange juice and a pinch of zest can replace the orange-flavored liqueur in any recipe that calls for Grand Marnier. And there are many nonalcoholic wines, both white and red, available to use in dishes like coq au vin and boeuf bourguignon.

We hope you have fun Star-Cooking and eating!

If you have a recipe you would like to share with our readers, please submit it to Marilyn Chizek, in care of the *Dysart Reporter*, *Tama News-Herald*, or *Traer Star-Clipper*. We look forward to hearing from you.

From the office of Z. Solomon, Clothier, came this biographical self-sketch on July 4, 1892, "Z. Solomon, Clothier, Gents Furnisher, Established in Tama in 1879.

Born of Jewish Parentage in Russia Poland in the year 1854, Emigrated to America in 1870, Married Rosa Sime on March 4th, 1876, of which Union born onto them three children—Ida, Sophia and Mollie.

Initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship in 1882. Also a member of Masonic Fraternity and of the Lodge of Knights of Pythias.

Z. Solomon, Clothing and Boots and Shoes, was a business still listed in Tama in 1910. A detailed description of his business was not included in the Business Directory of Tama County, 1891. Most such listings were the same as paid advertisements and some merchants would not pay an out-of-town publisher to get space in the directory. However, a most interesting sketch of a Toledo Merchant was included:

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one is shown by Mr. Sime's great commercial success and his example is worthy of emulation by the thousands of shiftless, listless young men who complain of chronic penury and lack of employment, and who might with an effort make a name and competence for themselves.

"Mr. Sime conducts what is popularly known as the Globe Clothing House. He carries an immense stock of clothing of all grades, from the fine suit for the rich man down to the overall for the laborer, including a fine line of gents' furnishing goods, hats and caps. Among his specialties we notice the celebrated Boss Hat, no better made, and the Stauber Mfg. Co.'s perfect fitting pants, which are warranted not to rip.

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wish him success."

At the turn of the century, Tama and Toledo were the hub of a gigantic agricultural circle. A large percentage of the wealth of the rural area consisted of herds of sleek, well-fed cattle; and other livestock yielding at large and sure revenue.

The climate and rich soil of Tama County were adapted to the growth of cereal crops and it was said that astonishing crops were raised annually.

The successful farmer was said to be one who utilized the products of the soil in feeding stock, which always found a ready, remunerative market and the one who was in possession of a herd of cattle, a drove of hogs, or a flock of sheep because he was the owner of a commodity which could be turned into cash at any time.

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children, and died in his mid-fifties. While he was having a good time, Cardinal Woolsey ran the country, but made the big mistake of building a palace that was better than Henry's. After Woolsey's demise, the Church tried to rein Henry in, but he snuffed them off, made himself head of the Church, and proceeded to do away with anyone who didn't follow his lead.

Leonard Jansen, a technician with the National Resources Conservation Service, explained the available cost-share programs. Leonard knew EQIP was best suited for him. He liked the idea of having a multi-year contract for the large amount of work that needed to be done. If need be, the contract could be stretched out for five years.

Leonard started work in 1998 building 2200 feet of water and sediment control basins. He also installed an erosion control structure that benefited 17 acres. This structure was scheduled to be built in 2001 but moved ahead to 1998 due to cheaper construction costs.

The whole project was finished this year with 1900 feet of water and sediment basins constructed. What started as a four-year project was completed in three! One of Leonard's

ton of problems with the invention of leisure time. The only guy who used to have any leisure time was Henry VIII, and look how he turned out! Idle hands are the Devil's tools!

Greatest Moment in Sports: Early October, 1951. Polo Grounds, New York. Bobby Thomsen hits a homerun in the bottom of the ninth, and three

Feedlot Runoff Target of New Iowa-Based Study

In the early 1970s, Americans made huge strides toward protecting the quality of the nation's water supply. Scientists began to study the impacts of animal feedlot runoff on the surrounding environment, and EPA's Clean Water Act was implemented.

Today, the United States is still acutely aware of water quality issues. Farmers who raise livestock are taking more care than ever to be responsible stewards of the land. However, much of the information on open lots available today is that same research material garnered nearly 30 years ago.

ground," Lorimor said. "This can improve Iowa's water quality in two ways. One, it has the potential to keep producers from over-applying manure and two, by learning appropriate rates we can replace some commercial fertilizers with manure-only applications."

In addition to ISU research facilities, five to six privately owned feedlots statewide, both concrete and earthen, will be studied. ISU Extension field specialists will work with selected producers to measure volumes and collect samples each time a lot or settling basin is cleaned. "Iowa producers simply can-



JODY KASAL'S SON, JOSEPH, stands in the middle of the chute created in his father's EQIP project.



JODY AND JOSEPH KASAL ON THE outlet end of the box culvert. Tile on both sides takes the seepage from the waterway. At high flows, the water will spill out on rock filled baskets.

LEONARD JANSEN is pleased with the EQIP program. In this photo, he is standing beside a recently built sediment control basin.



LEONARD JANSEN'S EROSION control structure located in Otter Creek Township, was completed in 1998.

challenges is to control the broad-leaf weeds on his basins. He plans on becoming more aggressive with his spraying program.

On Leonard's 120 acre farm in Otter Creek Township, the only thing left to do is install filterstrips through the continuous Conservation Reserve program (CRP). This will provide a filtration area for the surface water before it enters the stream and also provide an excellent habitat area for the wildlife. Leonard's farm is a wonderful example of EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentive Program) working to benefit not only the landowner but also improving the quality of his soil and water resources.

Both Jody Kasal and Leonard Jansen are delighted that EQIP provided them with the capability to meet their conservation goals. Without EQIP the time to complete these projects would have been considerably longer.



CALEB DVORAK won the District's Grocery Sack Recycling Contest. There were 260 participants who decorated grocery sacks for the contest. This past summer, Caleb enjoyed his prize, a free airplane ride that was donated by Jim Pippert of Dysart. Caleb is the son of Doug and Andrea Dvorak.

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Tama County SWCD Financial Report FISCAL YEAR 2000 Reporting from July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000

I SHARE FUND

Share Funds 99/00

nal Allocation	\$104,326.00
s Spent	\$101,530.95
nce	\$2,795.05

4 Share Funds 98-99

ginal Allocation	\$118,352.98
nds Spent	\$116,886.35
ilance	\$1,466.63

ost Share Funds 97-98

original Allocation	\$120,292.31
unds Spent	\$116,240.50
Balance	\$4,051.81

REAP-F

Original Allocation	\$1,897.00
Funds Spent	\$1,111.12
Recalled	\$780.88

REAP-P

Original Allocation	\$7,455.00
Funds Spent	\$3,846.66
Balance	\$3,608.34

IM Account

Expenses

NACD/CDI due	\$800.00
Commissioner expense	\$2,166.45
Supplies/Printing Expense	\$2,489.45
Postage	\$1,510.39

District Employee Fund

Expenses	\$6,766.44
Income	\$7,354.29
Certificate of Deposit	\$5,000.00
Interest	\$151.23



THE OWNER/OPERATOR AWARD this year went to Ken and Carolyn Adolphi. The farm has been in the family for 48 years. The farm has 300 acres which is contour strips of corn, beans, oats and hay with grassed waterways and headlands. Tillage practices range from conventional to minimum tillage. The farm also has pasture and timber which are used for cattle grazing and recreational activities. This farm also has a stock cow herd, a small farrow to finish hog operation and a landscape nursery business. The Adolphi have two children. Ken enjoys watching sports, woodworking, traveling and hunting. Carolyn enjoys gardening, flowers, quilting, traveling, walking and cross country skiing. They are members of the Church of Promise, Tama County Farm Bureau, American Legion, and Black Hawk Farmers Marketing Assn. Carolyn is also on the Tama County Conservation Board and NE Tama County Food Pantry Board. Ken is a member of the Tama County Cattlemen's Assn. They have farmed since 1984.



THE URBAN BACKYARD Conservation Award went to Frances Smith. Frances and her husband, Kenneth, have lived in Tama for 16 years. They have a son, Dr. Kenneth Smith. They have raised 14 special daughters and hosted numerous exchange and international persons. Frances enjoys reading, traveling and gardening. She taught school and was a social worker both professionally and as a volunteer. Presently she is doing outreach work for the University of Chicago. She is a life member of the National Council of State Gardens Club. She is also a member of the GFWC/Iowa Federation Club and a member of the Marshalltown First United Methodist Church.



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD Rubenbauer were presented the Wildlife Award. The Rubenbauers enjoy their new pond and the wildlife that has appeared upon completion and renovation of this area. The Rubenbauers own and operate the LeGrand Elevator with locations in LeGrand and Toledo. They have two sons and one daughter, are grandparents to 13 children, and great-grandparents to three children. They enjoy travel and the special times with their grandchildren. Mr. Rubenbauer is a member of Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever.



THE NEW WINDBREAK Award went this year to Mark and Kerry Kucera. The Kuceras' windbreak consists of seven rows of hardwoods and evergreens. The windbreak is between 2 and 5 years old. The Kuceras have two sons, Todd and J.D., attending college. The Kuceras enjoy working outdoors with landscaping and trees. Mark works at John Deere in Waterloo and farms approximately 300 acres. Kerry works at the Tama County Assessors Office in Toledo. Mark belongs to the American Legion, Farm Bureau, K.D. and U.A.W. Kerry belongs to Iowa Quarter Horse Association and American Quarter.



MIKE AND KAREN FREED were present at the Awards Banquet to accept the New Cooperator Award for Freed Farms. Mike is practicing no-till on the more rolling farms and uses much tillage on the balance of the acres that he farms. He is currently enrolling the roughest ground into the CRP and has some acres enrolled in the filter strip program. Mike and his wife, Karen, have six children (two boys and four girls). They range in age from 14 to 28. Mike enjoys the outdoors and likes to hunt and fish, travel, go out to eat and attend movies. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Reinbeck, a past board member and past president of Central Counties Co-op. He has farmed since 1973, after graduating from Iowa State University in Ag. Business.

Native grass drill is now available to you

By Chester Worden, Soil Conservation Technician

The Tama County Soil & Water Conservation District has purchased a new notill, 10 ft. native grass drill that will be used for CRP native grass drilling this spring. Around 1,000 acres of CRP native grasses need to be seeded and enough private native grass drills are not available in our county. Tama SWCD will not be doing cool season grass and legume drilling as there are several regular drills in the county.

Contact the Tama County SWCD or NRCS office at (641)484-2702 by March 1, 2001, if you want your native grass and forbs drilled.

Tama County will offer a complete package to get these CRP acres completed. The drill, tractor and operator all will be provided for \$26 per acre plus a \$50 set up fee.

Tama County SWCD will also order native grass and forb (flower) seeds for you if you desire. The seeds will come from one supplier at current prices and be packaged in the proper amounts for your farm. If you would rather get your native grass and forbs from your own seed distributor, that is also permissible. The Tama County SWCD will not be offering cool season grasses and legumes like oats, red clover, birdsfoot trefoil, bromegrass, orchard grass, and perennial ryegrass. You must get

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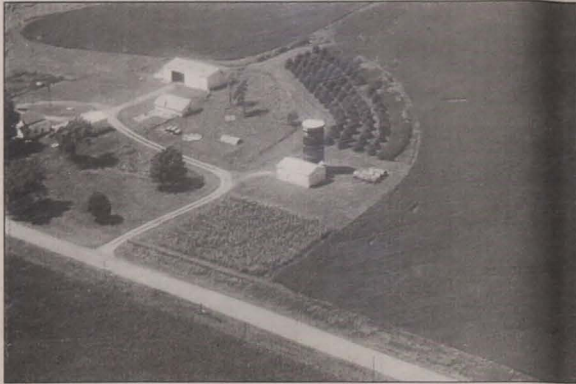
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MARLENE CRABTREE WAS PRESENTED the Established Windbreak Award for this fine windbreak planted over 20 years ago by Marlene and her husband. Marlene has three children that are all grown. She is a nurse and belongs to the Association of Nurses and the Tama Assembly of God Church. Her hobbies consist of homemaking and quilting.



THE LANDLORD/TENANT Award went this year to Loran and Linda Frericks, at left. Loran has rented 400 acres from Gerald and Doris Case (right) since 1985. Loran uses a corn-soybean rotation. On 300 + acres he practices minimum till and no-till. There are contour strips on 83 acres in the Union Grove Lake Watershed. They also have 125 acres on the home farm which they purchased in 1974. They are the third generation to farm this farm. The Frericks have two children and one granddaughter. Loran enjoys farming and feeding cattle. Linda is a cook at the Westbrook Acres Nursing Home in Gladbrook. Mr. Frericks belongs to the Tama County Farm Bureau and the Gladbrook Legion.

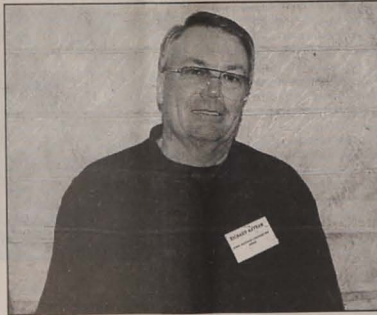
DORIS CASE, RIGHT, WAS PRESENTED the Landlord/Tenant Award. Gerald and Doris have five daughters, three sons-in-law and grandchildren. The Cases are retired. Doris lives on the farm and Gerald is a resident at Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown. Mr. Case was a Soil Conservation District Commissioner in Marshall County from 1959 to 1965. They own 647 acres of farm land, 440 acres of it in Tama County. Mr. Case practiced crop rotation and contour farming.



FSA EMPLOYEES AT THE Toledo Office, located in the USDA Building, are, from left, Nikki Novak, Joyce Wiener, Bonnie Murty, Frances Bacon, Nancy Smith, Barb Hempy, Karla Novotny, Diane Pokorny and Gene Long.



CHERYL PANSEGRAU won the Friend of Conservation Award. Cheryl was employed by Natural Resource Conservation Service for several years. In the last two years, she was the Water Quality Project Coordinator for Tama County. She currently is employed by the State of Iowa as a Court Attendant for Tama County. Cheryl and her husband, Dennis, have four children and one grandchild. Cheryl likes to read and enjoys walking.



RICHARD HAVRAN WAS awarded the Rural Backyard Conservation Award. Richard enjoys gardening and landscaping. He is president of the Dysart Historical Society, enjoys antiquing, hunting and helping his kids with their building projects, remodeling or whatever they might request. He is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Dysart, where he also shares his landscaping talent. Richard and his wife, Nancy, live in rural Dysart. They have three children and five grandchildren.



EMPLOYEES AT THE FSA Farm Loan program office in the USDA building in Toledo are, from left, Mike Schultz, Shelby Cruikshank and Bill Riley.

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Soil and Water Conservation

Tama County received funds from Iowa to promote projects

The Tama County Soil and Water Conservation District annually receives funds from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship to help protect Tama County's soil and water.

The funds the district receives are allotted to eligible district cooperators to pay a portion of approved soil and water conservation practices.

The majority of this annual allocation of IFIP (Iowa Financial Incentives Program) funds are used to promote the following conservation practices:

- Terraces (50% of cost up to \$5,000);
- Water and sediment basins (50% of cost up to \$5,000);
- Grassed waterway (50% of cost up to \$1,500);
- Grade stabilization structures (50% of cost up to \$1,500);
- Other conservation practices that fall under the IFIP (State cost-share or the REAP

Cost Share Projects completed in FY 2000

	No.	Amount
Grassed waterway	42	65.6ac
Terraces	6	8,100 ft.
Water & sediment basins	5	
Grade stabilization structures	18	
Grade stabilization ponds	3	
Windbreaks (farmstead)	1	1.3ac
CRP FY2000		401 ac.
CRP Continuous		9,172 ac.
CRP #20		2,810 ac.
Total acres in CRP		24,266 ac.

(Resources Enhancement and Protection) programs include:

- Farmstead windbreak;
- Critical area planting;
- Tree planting;
- Conservation cover;
- Field windbreaks;
- Pasture and hayland planti-

ng:

- Animal waste management systems;
- Timber stand improvement.

The District Commissioners and the NRCS office staff make every effort to spend or obligate all funds received each year.



THE CONSERVATION TILLAGE AWARD was presented to Rick Landt, pictured here with his wife and three daughters. Rick began no-tilling in 1990. He farms approximately 1,000 acres with one main tractor. He has found this method to be the most efficient. Rick has lived on the farm for 32 years. He has been actively and independently farming for 21 years.



THE FRIEND OF Conservation Award went to the Pheasants Forever Chapter of Tama County. The local chapter of Pheasants Forever has contributed funding for a District Employee to promote the buffer program in Tama County. This chapter was represented at the Banquet by these members.



DENNIS WIEBEN, LEFT, and Dennis Emke have finished their terms as Soil and Water Conservation Commissioners for Tama County. Wieben served for four years, and Emke served for 12 years.

Kenneth Backen and his mother, Geneva Backen, won the Buffer Initiative Award.

Kenneth and Barb Backen have three boys. His occupation is trucking first and farming second. He began farming in 1973. He uses conservation tillage, no-till and also has buffers on his 300 acre farm. He says his hobby is also his work. They also enjoy gardening.

Meet the Soil and Water Commissioners for County

Three Commissioners took the Oath of Office on Jan. 2, 2001 and will be serving in this capacity for four years.

The Commissioners are: Stanley Dostal, Jody Kasal and Rollee Haynes.

Stanley Dostal is serving his second term as commissioner and is from Carroll Township. He is a member of Tama County Pork Producers and actively farming.

Jody Kasal from York Township was an Assistant Commissioner the last year. Jody currently is farming and active in

several organizations in the county.

Rolie Haynes from Indian Village Township is the newest member of the District and will be serving 4 years. Haynes is a member of the Tama American Legion and has a small stock cow herd. He is a salesman.

Dan Bruene from Spring Creek Township, and David Beane, Carlton Township, continue to serve as Commissioners.

The Assistant Commissioners are as follows: Cathy Wieck, Dennis Emke, Melody Bro and Andy Chyma.

Everyone has a stake in the conservation of our soil and water.

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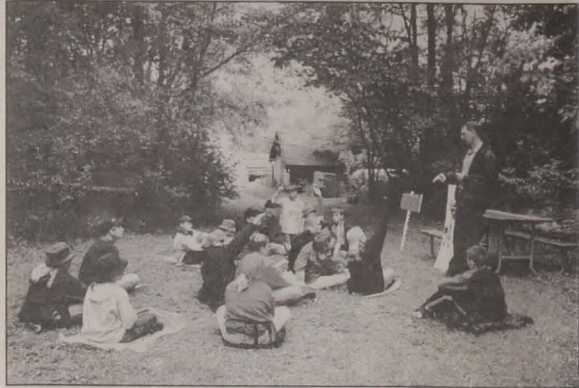
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District activities include the following:

1. Outdoor Classroom for all 5th grade students in Tama County which was held at the Otter Creek Lake Park in May.
2. Tree distribution for all 6th grade students in Tama County (this past year we presented approximately 400 6th grade students with a tree).
3. Scholarship Award for a student pursuing a study in the field of agriculture.
4. Awards Banquet to recognize Conservation Award recipients.
5. The District has an employee to promote the buffer program in the county.
6. Newsletters that are published quarterly to inform the public what is happening with the District and NRCS.
7. At the October meeting the SWCD approved the purchase of a no-till drill to seed the CRP buffer areas.
8. Fair booth at the Tama County Fair.
9. Leveraged funding for a District Employee to promote the CRP buffer program.



RICK TRINE, WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST (right) talked to county fifth grade students at the Outdoor Classroom held at Otter Creek Park in May.

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Changes today:

In order to bring you this special Conservation Issue, several regular items had to left out of this edition. Please watch next week for their return to "Tama County Today."

Outdoor Horizons

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Beginning this year, spring turkey licenses will be available only through the new Electronic Licensing System for Iowa

(ELSI). Licenses for zones and seasons unrestricted by quotas will be issued at the time of purchase. Licenses for zones and

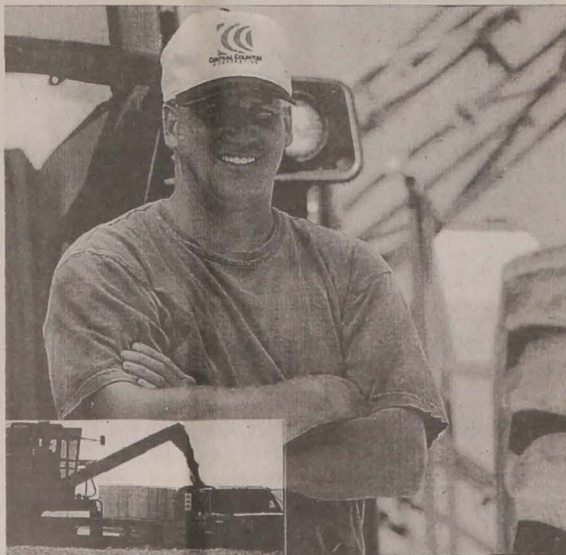
seasons with quotas must be applied for through ELSI. License purchase instructions, as well as the new spring turkey hunting regulations brochure, are available at any ELSI license agent.

Turkey hunters can also apply for or purchase a license through a license agent or by telephone by calling 1-800-367-1188. A nonrefundable \$5 convenience fee will be charged for each license or application purchased over the phone. License fees may be charged to Master Card or Visa or paid by electronic check, which will be explained at the time of purchase.

Those ordering by phone should be prepared to provide name, address, phone number, season and zone choice, credit card number or blank check and either a social security number, driver's license non-operator's identification or IDNR number. Hunters required to have hunter safety certification and who have not previously purchased a license through ELSI may be asked to fax a copy of their hunter safety card or letter. Telephone orders will be accepted 24 hours a day, seven days a week when turkey licenses are on sale. Those who want licensed for any season in zone four will simply buy the license at an ELSI vendor or order over the phone. Those who want a license for any one of the state forests, which are restricted by quotas, will purchase an application through the system.

Residents who want a license for zones one, two and three can apply through Jan. 28. If the number of applications received exceeds quotas, a drawing will be held. Licenses, or license fee refunds to unsuccessful applicants, will be mailed after the drawing. The agent writing fee, DNR administrative fee or convenience fee (if applicable) are nonrefundable. If a quota is not reached, unsuccessful applicants and those who did not apply may purchase excess licenses beginning Feb. 10 until the quota is filled or the last day of the hunting season for which the license is valid.

License for any season in zone four, which do not have quotas, can be purchased over the counter beginning Feb. 10. Licenses will remain on sale through the last day of the season for which the license is valid.



When Joe Diers takes a break from the farm, it's to talk about the business of farming.

Like most farmers, Joe Diers puts in long days. But some days are even longer than most.

Those are the days when he washes up, grabs a bite to eat, and heads to town for a producer meeting at Central Counties Cooperative.

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