

Conservation *update*

HOWARD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (HSWCD) ~YEAR IN REVIEW 2017~

Outdoor Classrooms

The 32nd annual **Arbor Day** Outdoor Classroom was held on April 27, 2017 at the Prairie's Edge Nature Center. There were 101 third grade students in attendance. Stations included *Backyard Conservation* with Neil Shaffer from Howard SWCD; *Wildlife* presented by Angela Bries of Howard County Conservation; *Bird Identification* led by Mary Jo Hartogh, volunteer from Elma; and *Tree Identification* with Jed Becker, volunteer from Cresco. Each student took home a potted Spruce tree.



The 40th annual **Natural Resources Day** Outdoor Classroom held on May 11, 2017 at the Prairie's Edge Nature Center welcomed 95 fifth grade students. Stations included *Entomology* presented by Angela Bries; *Bird Identification* with Mary Jo Hartogh; *Woodland Plants & Flowers* led by Connie Richter, volunteer from Lime Springs; *Soils* with Matt Frana & Kathy Moen, NRCS Soil Conservationists; and *Bees* with Jed Becker.



These events are successful thanks to volunteer instructors who have dedicated many hours of their personal time over the years. Thanks also to the Howard County Conservation Board for use of the Nature Center and grounds.



2017 HSWCD Scholarships



\$500 High School Senior Scholarship: **Sierra Ring**, Riceville High School, daughter of Daniel & Michele Ring (Elma)



\$500 College Student Scholarship: **Hunter Slifka**, Upper Iowa University, son of Keith & Edie Slifka (Cresco)



\$500 College Student Scholarship: **Trevor Malven**, Iowa State University, son of Tony & Bonnie Malven (Cresco)

Scholarship information and application forms can be found online at www.cdiowa.org (High School) and www.howardswcd.org (College).

Commissioners

L-R: Mike Lewis, Irene Lund (*Assistant Commissioner*), Bart Wilson, Harlan Hickle, Glen Pietan, Mike Natvig



These locally elected Howard County residents serve as volunteers providing local program guidance to solve natural resource concerns within the district. Public meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Howard County Field Office Staff

L-R: Shereen Ries (*NRCS Soil Conservation Technician*), Corey Brink (*NRCS District Conservationist*), Laura Ellingson (*Elyon Contract Clerk*), Kathy Moen (*NRCS Soil Conservationist*), Hunter Slifka (*HSWCD Technician*), Neil Shaffer (*HSWCD Watershed Project Coordinator*), Shannon Hurd (*IDALS Conservation Assistant*), Dakota Rasmussen (*HSWCD Technician*)



Progress Report

Iowa Financial Incentive Programs

- ◆ **\$234,846.31** in projects completed in FY17
\$111,069.85 paid in cost share
 - * **9.9 acres** Conservation Cover
 - * **46.3 acres** CP42 Pollinator incentives
 - * **5.2 acres** Forest Stand Improvement
 - * **1** Grade Stabilization Structure
 - * **17.3 acres** Grassed Waterways
 - * **5** Septic System Upgrades
 - * **5 acres** Shallow Wetlands
 - * **5.1 acres** Site Prep for Natural Regeneration
 - * **8** Windbreaks
 - * **1,315.8 acres** Cover Crops

◆ **8,664 total acres** of Cover Crops planted between FY14-FY18

Silver Creek Watershed Project

- ◆ Funded by EPA, IA DNR Section 319, WSPF & WIRB
- ◆ Brook Trout re-introduced to Mullen Creek in 2017
- ◆ July 2012 to date: **\$3,138,263.09** Conservation practices applied
- ◆ Continued water monitoring at **6** sites, now have **9** years of data
- ◆ Awarded **\$240,000.00** for Manure Storage Projects: WIRB Grant
- ◆ Awarded **\$285,350.00** for FY18: 319/WSPF Grant
- ◆ Awarded DALCI (Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative) Priority Watershed for FY17 over **\$194,190.00**
- ◆ DALCI practice applications: Streambanks, Vortex Weirs, Cover Crops
- ◆ Planning 10 Septic System replacements/upgrades per year at 50% cost share

Collaborative Projects with NRCS

- ◆ Howard County is **#1 in Iowa for CSP**
- ◆ Howard County is **#1 in Iowa for EQIP**
- ◆ Howard County is **#3 in Iowa for CRP**
- ◆ Grassed Waterways installed Spring 2017: 24,565' = **4.65 miles**
- ◆ Grassed Waterways installed Fall 2017: 19,815' = **3.75 miles**
- ◆ Surveyed in 2017 for 2018 construction: 37,553' = **7.11 miles**
- ◆ Total waterways constructed in 2017: 44,380' = **8.41 miles**

HOWARD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY 2017 REPORT ON ANNUAL USE OF DISTRICT FUNDS JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

DISTRICT REVOLVING FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$19,590.96
RECEIPTS		
	BOOSTER CLUB DONATIONS	\$8,016.00
	INTEREST	\$21.65
	SALES: MARKING FLAGS	\$24.00
	TRANSFER FROM TF: IM BUDGET ALLOCATION	\$2,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$10,061.65
TOTAL		\$29,652.61
EXPENSES		
	ANNUAL REPORT	\$459.50
	DONATION- RC&D	\$1,000.00
	DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$921.95
	EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION	\$149.50
	IM- COMMISSIONER EXPENSES	\$1,126.79
	IM- OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$150.10
	IM- POSTAGE	\$723.11
	OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS	\$708.55
	POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	\$185.21
	SCHOLARSHIPS	\$1,500.00
	SILVER CREEK INFO/ED	\$253.95
	CHECKS DATED PRIOR TO 7/1/16	\$696.18
	UNCLEARED TRANSACTIONS AS OF 6/30/17	-\$1,523.38
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$6,351.46
ENDING BALANCE		\$23,301.15

HOWARD SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY 2017 REPORT ON ANNUAL USE OF DISTRICT FUNDS JULY 1, 2016 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017

DISTRICT TECHNICAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$82,610.88
RECEIPTS		
	CRP DISTRICT INITIATIVE	\$5,000.00
	FARM BILL XIV	\$5,000.00
	IDALS INTERN SALARY	\$4,458.00
	IM BUDGET ALLOCATION	\$2,000.00
	INTEREST	\$88.71
	MISC INCOME	\$1,000.00
	SILVER CREEK 319 SALARY	\$75,233.72
	SILVER CREEK 319 TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$860.11
	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DONATIONS	\$10,000.00
	TURKEY RIVER GRANT	\$851.65
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$104,492.19
TOTAL		\$187,103.07
EXPENSES		
	INTERN SALARY	\$2,200.86
	DISTRICT TECH INFO/ED/OUTREACH	\$55.00
	DISTRICT TECH SALARY	\$9,070.28
	DISTRICT TECH TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$721.58
	PAYROLL ACCOUNTING FEES	\$415.00
	PAYROLL EXPENSE (IPERS)	\$12,520.87
	PAYROLL TAXES	\$30,168.12
	POSTAGE AND DELIVERY	\$117.35
	TRANSFER TO RF: IM BUDGET ALLOCATION	\$2,000.00
	SILVER CREEK INFO/ED	\$245.00
	SILVER CREEK SALARY	\$45,203.00
	SILVER CREEK TRAVEL/TRAINING	\$714.55
	UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$338.88
	WATER SAMPLE TESTING SUPPLIES	\$751.59
	CHECKS DATED PRIOR TO 7/1/16	\$817.80
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$105,339.88
ENDING BALANCE		\$81,763.19

Coloring Contest Winners

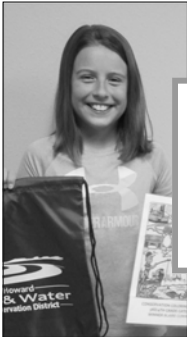
A Coloring Contest was held for Howard County residents in Preschool-6th grade. The following students were awarded a HSWCD drawstring backpack filled with goodies:



PreK/K
winner
Brynlie
Hvitved



1st/2nd grade
winner
Tate
Cummings



3rd/4th grade
winner
Blair
Cummings

5th/6th grade winner Cloey
Horns (photo not available)

Coloring Contest information and entry forms can be found online at www.howardswcd.org, or pick one up from our office.

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Booster Club FY 2017		Members:132	Total: \$8,016.00
SAVERS \$25-\$49	STEWARDS \$50-\$99	SUSTAINERS \$100-\$UP	
Andresen, Evelyn Barnes, Tom & Sue Bodermann, Duane & Kelly Brunner, Adolph & Carol Lou Buresh, Tom & Connie Cannon Farms Inc Chapman, Harold & Julie Christensen, Barry & Olivia Daley, Dave & Pam DeWalle, Tillie Dietzenbach, Urban & Lucy Dorow, Edgar Drtina, Richard & Sonia Elwood, Henry & Carol Evelyn Adamec Trust Flaherty, Robert Flugge, Beverly Franks, Richard & Yvonne Garmen Farm Govern, Elaine Grabau, Tim & Sheila Halvorson, Sheldon & Diane Hyberger, Ron & Donna Ihns, Lori Jaeger, Alice Lee Johnson, Steve & Wendy Kondes, James Krueger Family Farm LLC Larson, Stan & Joanne Martinek, Marvin & Michelle Martinek, Robert McGrane Farms, LLC Miller, Terry & Nancy Myron, Irv & Molly Neubauer, Lloyd Nibaur, Francis & Peggy Ollendieck, Pat & Mar Pecinovsky, Clair Platte, Emil & Charlotte Plumb, Robert & Joyce Praska, Sheldon & Mary Reis, Jason & Jennifer Riensch Farms Riley, John Riley, Steve & Marge Roberson, John & Eileen Rogne Spray Seele, William & Cheryl Shatek, Dan & Cathy Shea Brothers Smith, Dennis & Marie Steve Falck Concrete Const. Stevenson, Carol Stevenson, Chuck & Tammy Stevenson, Phyllis T&T Partnership Thraenert, Joe & Barb Wagner, Rick Zakostelecky, Dan & Ida	Affeldt, Louis Bouska, Amy Bronner, Brent & Patsy Christensen, Merlin & Fay Christensen, Steve & Rosalie Dahlke, LeRoy & Janet Dietzenbach, James Dietzenbach, Kevin Fencil, Victor & Sharla Fox, Mike & Marj Fritcher, Dave & Ruthie George E. Schumacher Estate Goering, Elizabeth Goeder, Gary & Sara Grimm, Roger & Judy Hagen, Rick & Sandy Haley, Ethel Ann Heimerdinger, Gary & Sue Hove, Tommie & Margaret Keune Farms Kruse, Bill & Pam Larson, Gary & Joanne Meyer, Harold Michels, Sandra MSKC AGAPE, LLC Ollendick, Ron, Ken, Dave Pedretti, Josh & Jennalee Peoples Savings Bank Prairie Ridge LLC Reicks, Ray & Linnette Reis, Brandon & Jessica Reis, Ron & Marilyn Rethamel, Eldred & Patricia Riley, Russ & Claudia Schmidt, Max & Georgia Shatek, Tom & Pauline Stark, Dean & Helen Swestka, Ron & Joyce Ullom, Rick & Jane Wilson, Bart & Julie	Bakken, Rod & Nancy Brush, Rick Carroll Construction LLC Chihak, Thomas Dorothy Schmauss Family Drilling, Dorothy Flugum, Ken & Janet Goeder, Don & Rosie Grover Farms Grover, Kurt Harris, Craig & Kristi Hickel, Harlan & Darlene Jestrab Excavating Lane, Roger & Joanne Ludwig Farms M&L Acres Matthias, Rod & Lori Mayer's Digging Co. Mehmert Tiling Mike & Melissa Adams Family Moore Farms Murphy Farms Natvig, Mike Neubauer Farms Inc Peter F. Kepros Memorial Fund Pietan, Glen & Lisa Sobolik, Jim Sovereigns Inc Thomson, Scott & Stephanie Voyna, Al & Karen Wolfe, James & Rockabrand, Janis	
SUPPORTERS \$5-\$24			
Schroeder, Dan & Amy Strike, Eldon & Janice			





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Providing leadership and education
 for protecting, enhancing and utilizing
 the soil and water of Howard County,
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The Howard Soil & Water
 Conservation District is an Equal
 Opportunity Provider and Employer.

Financial Assistance

Available: There are financial
 assistance programs available to
 build your conservation projects,
 with varying cost share rates. For
 more information: call, stop by the
 office, or go to www.nrcs.usda.gov
 or www.howardswcd.org

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Support Conservation in 2018

The Howard SWCD has been generously supported by its members since the district began the Booster Club in 1969. The Commissioners wish to thank all of the individuals and businesses who have generously donated over the years, and would appreciate your support again this year. You will receive a receipt for your donation.

Along with standard operating costs, the following are made possible with your support:

- **Scholarships** for Howard County High School seniors and College students who pursue a degree in Conservation or Natural Resources

- **Conservation Tour** of USDA and IDALS cost-shared projects in Howard County

- **Arbor Day** Outdoor Classroom and potted trees for 3rd graders

- **Natural Resources Day** Outdoor Classroom for 5th graders

- **Conservation District Employees**

- **Awards** for Conservation Farmer Recognition & Coloring Contest Winners

Levels of Support:

Supporter \$5—\$24

Saver \$25—\$49

Sustainer \$50—\$99

Steward \$100— UP

2018 Booster Club Membership

Name: _____
 (as you would like it to appear in our report)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Donation enclosed: \$ _____ (payable to "Howard SWCD")

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