

Soil & Water Conservation

Year in Review 2018

Outdoor Classrooms

The 33rd annual **Arbor Day** Outdoor Classroom was held on April 26, 2018 at the Prairie's Edge Nature Center. There were 106 third grade students in attendance. Stations included *Wildlife* presented by Angela Bries of Howard County Conservation; *Bird Identification* led by Mary Jo Hartogh, volunteer from Elma; *Tree Identification* with Jed Becker, volunteer from Cresco; *Gardening* with Shannon Hurd, IDALS-DCSWQ; and *Watersheds* with the ISU Conservation Station. Each student took home a potted Spruce tree.

The 41st annual **Natural Resources Day** Outdoor Classroom held on May 10, 2018 at the Prairie's Edge Nature Center welcomed 104 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; *Soil Health* with Neil Sass and Jacob Groth, NRCS; and *Bee Keeping* 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.



2018 HSWCD Scholarship Awards



\$500 High School Senior Scholarship: Madison McKenna, daughter of Shereen Ries & Brad McKenna

\$500 High School Senior Scholarship: Dakota Retterath, son of Dan & René Retterath

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

2018 Coloring Contest Winners

The 2nd annual Coloring Contest was held for Howard County residents in Preschool-6th grade. The following students were awarded a HSWCD drawstring backpack filled with conservation goodies: L-R: Aria Sebastian (PreK/K), Madelyn Johnson (1st/2nd), Ella Mae Dennler (3rd/4th), Taylor McElroy (5th/6th).



Coloring Contest information and entry forms can be found online at www.howardswcd.org

Progress Report

Iowa Financial Incentive Programs FY18

- ◆ **\$281,594.46** projects completed (**\$132,143.87** paid in cost share)
- ◆ **22 acres** Grassed Waterways
- ◆ **6** Septic System Installations/ Upgrades
- ◆ **6 acres** Shallow Wetlands/ Wetland Creations
- ◆ **3** Windbreaks
- ◆ **1,472 acres** Cover Crops
- ◆ **10,480 total acres** of Cover Crops planted between FY14-FY19

Silver Creek Watershed Project

- ◆ Funded by EPA, IA DNR Section 319, WSPF & WIRB
- ◆ Brook Trout re-introduced to Mullens Creek in 2017, additional **2,500** in 2018 to Mullens Creek & Silver Creek
- ◆ July 2012 to date: **\$5,120,538.00** in Conservation practices applied
- ◆ Continued water monitoring at **6** sites, now have **8** years of data
- ◆ Awarded **\$ 267,176.00** for FY19: 319/WSPF Grant
- ◆ Awarded DALCI (Driftless Area Landscape Conservation Initiative) Priority Watershed for FY18 over **\$194,190.00**
- ◆ DALCI practices: Streambanks, Vortex Weirs, Cover Crops
- ◆ Completed **10** Septic System replacements/upgrades per year at 50% cost share

Turkey River Watershed

- ◆ Completed IDALS Planning grant in **2016** awaiting funding for project
- ◆ Continued water monitoring at **6** sites for **8** consecutive years

Collaborative projects with NRCS, IFIP, Silver Creek

- ◆ Grassed Waterways installed 2018: **53,282 feet = 10.1 miles**
- ◆ Grassed Waterways ready to build 2019: **42,261 feet = 8.0 miles**
- ◆ Surveyed in 2018 for 2019 construction: **41 projects**
- ◆ **#3** in the state for 2018 annual CSP Payments: **\$847,676.00**
- ◆ **#2** in the state for Total CSP Contracts: **153**
- ◆ **#1** in the state for Total CSP Acres: **70,961**
- ◆ **#4** in the state for 2018 EQIP Funds obligated **\$920,593.00**
- ◆ **#2** in the state for Total EQIP Contacts (**66**), payments (**\$2,431,639.00**) & acres (**8,435**)

Contractors: Check Your Information

A list of contractors who do work or provide sales in Howard County, Iowa for conservation practices is available to our customers online & in our office.

1. Please review your information at www.howardswcd.org/contractors
2. Check that your selected services are correct
3. Send corrections/ additions to Shannon.Hurd@ia.nacdnet.net

Watch your mailboxes for the Soil & Water Conservation Tab in the Times Plain Dealer and TPD Extra... coming soon!

Financial Assistance

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

Commissioners

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



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 Rasmusson (HSWCD Technician)



Booster Club Members *FY 2018* \$7,252.00

SAVERS \$25-\$49	SUSTAINERS \$50-\$99	STEWARDS \$100-\$UP
Andera, Dale & Lynette	Adams Family, Mike & Melissa	Bakken, Rod & Nancy
Brunner, Adolph & Carol Lou	Anderson-Ristau, Wendy	Bruening Rock Products Inc.
Cannon Farms Inc.	Bouska, Amy	Carroll Construction
Carmen, Eugene & Judy	Bouska, James E.	Chihak, Annette & Thomas
Chapman, Harold & Julie	Brandmill, J.	Drilling, Dorothy
Christensen, Kelly & Audrey	Bronner, Brent & Patsy	Flugum, Ken & Janet
Christensen, Merlin & Fay	Christensen, Barry & Olivia	Gooder, Don & Rosie
Daley, Dave & Pam	Christensen, Steve & Rosalie	Grover Farms
Dietzenbach, Dean F.	Dahlke, LeRoy & Janet	Grover, Kurt
Dietzenbach, Urban & Lucy	Dietzenbach, James	Hickle, Harlan & Darlene
Drtina, Daniel	Dietzenbach, Kevin	In Memory of Godfrey Natvig
Drtina, Richard & Sonia	Farmers Feed & Grain Co. Inc.	Jestrab Excavating
Elwood, Henry & Carol	Fencl, Victor & Sharla	Lane, Roger & Joanne
Flaherty, Robert	Fox, Mike & Marj	Lewis, Mike
Flugge, Beverly	Goering, Elizabeth	Ludwig Farms
Franks, Richard	Haley, Ethel Ann	M&C Reis Dairy
Garmen Farm LLP	Heimerdinger, Gary & Sue	Mayer's Digging Co.
Grabau, Time & Sheila	Hove, Tommie & Margaret	Mehmert Tiling Inc.
Halvorson, Sheldon & Diane	Jirak, Richard & Joyce	Moore Farms
Johnson, Steve & Wendy	Keune Farms	Murphy Farms
Kondes, James	Kruse, Bill & Pam	Neubauer Farms Inc.
Krueger Family Farm LLC	Larson, Gary & JoAnne	Pinter Landscaping
Kurash, Steve & Marianne	Mahr, Mike & Gwen	Reinhart, Richard & Connie
Larsen, Shirley	Matthias, Rod & Lori	Reis, John & Kay
Larson, Stan & Joanne	Meyer, Harold	Riley, John P.
Lauraine Miles Dinger Trust	Miller-Reis, Marilyn	Sobolik, Jim & Sharon
Martinek, Bob	Natvig, Al & Yankey, Deb	Truman Rea, Nancy S.
Martinek, Marvin & Michelle	Nibaur, Francis & Margaret	Voyna, Al & Karen
McGrane Farms LLC	Ollendick Farms	Wolfe, James & Rockabrand, Janis
Moellers, Ken & Deb	Peoples Savings Bank	Zeimetz, Francis & Linda
Myron, Invin & Molly	Prairie Ridge LLC	
Neubauer, Lloyd	Reicks, Ray & Linnette	
Ollendieck, Pat & Mar	Reis, Brandon & Jessica	
Pecinovsky, Clair	Reis, Ron & Marilyn	
Platte, Emil & Charlotte	Rethamel, Eldred & Patricia	
Plumb, Robert & Joyce	Riley, Russ & Claudia	
Praska, Sheldon & Mary	Roger Brookins Trust	
Reis, Jason & Jennifer	Schmidt, Max & Georgia	
Roberson, John & Eileen	Schwade, Dale & Jeanine	
Rogne Spray	Seele, Bill & Cheryl	
Schroeder, Dan & Amy	Shatek, Tom & Pauline	
Shatek, John R.	Stark, Dean & Helen	
Shatek, Roger & Lori	Strike, Eldon & Janice	
Shea Brothers	Swestka, Ron & Joyce	
Stevenson, Carol	Truka, Joe & Jane	
Stevenson, Chuck & Tammy	Ullom, Rick & Jane	
Stevenson, Phyllis J.	Wilson, Bart & Julie	
T&T Partnership		
Thraenert, Joe & Barb		
Wagner, Rick		
SUPPORTERS \$5-\$24		
Daley, William		
Voves, Robert		



Natvig Recognized

Mike Natvig was recognized in December 2018 for serving as a Commissioner for 20 years. Conservation Districts are made up of five locally elected residents of Howard County who serve as volunteers providing local program guidance to solve natural resource concerns within the district. The Commissioners and field office staff thank him for his service and dedication to helping put conservation on the ground to improve the soil and water for future generations.



L-R: Bart Wilson, Mike Natvig

Earth Team Volunteers

Volunteering is a great opportunity for H.S. students to gain some experience in the agriculture and conservation field. You would increase valuable skills needed in the future, give you a "hands-on" opportunity, and it looks great on a resume. We match your interests and skills with the work and projects we have available, such as ArcGIS mapping, Conservation Planning, Field Design & Layout, Public Relations, Marketing, Photography, Educational Projects, and more.

Call 563-547-3040, ext #3 for more information.



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OR CURRENT RESIDENT



Support Conservation in 2019

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

2019 Booster Club Membership

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

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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

Please correct my name/address on your mailing list

Please remove my name from your mailing list

Levels of Support:

Supporter	\$5-\$24
Saver	\$25-\$49
Sustainer	\$50-\$99
Steward	\$100-up

