



# Nebraska Society News

SoilandWaterConservation Society

## April 2004 Newsletter

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### Upcoming SWCS Meetings

The Nebraska SWCS Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Northeast Chapter in Norfolk this year. Find all the information you will need concerning the NE Annual Meeting, June 9 - 11, in this Newsletter.

The International Soil and Water Conservation Society's (SWCS) annual conference will be held July 24-28, 2004, at the Radisson Riverfront Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. The conference will focus on four key topics

- Soil and Environmental Quality
- AG Management and Environmental Quality
- Assessing Effectiveness of Conservation Programs
- Geo-spatial Technology for Conservation

For additional conference information [http://](http://www.swcs.org/)

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### Nebraska State Soil Monolith Campaign

The Holdrege soil was designated the official state soil by legislative action of the Nebraska Unicameral in 1979. A new Smithsonian Soils Exhibit is in the process of preparation. One of the most important and permanent parts of this soils display will be representative state soil monoliths from each of the 50 states. These monoliths will serve as an excellent educational tool demonstrating the variety of soils across the nation; inherent aesthetic appeal of soils - their colors, textures and structures and the added attraction to citizen visiting the Nation's capital and the Smithsonian to seek out their own state soil display.

The Nebraska Society of Professional Soil Scientists in cooperation with the Soil Science Society of America are in the process of campaigning for the donations as Smithsonian special projects are supported by private contributions and not Federal or State funding. Every state is being asked to participate at the cost of \$10,000. This money will be used to create the actual Holdrege soil monolith that will represent the state of Nebraska. Recognition of major donors of \$1,000 or more will be listed on a plaque attached to the Holdrege soil monolith that is displayed in the National Museum of Natural History. This museum is the most visited in the world, hosting 6-9 million visitors a year. The entire display will have three components: an educational component; an interactive multiyear exhibit that will travel; and the state soil monolith

collection that will remain on permanent display in the Smithsonian.

Gifts to support the Holdrege soil being part of the Smithsonian Soils Exhibit can be made through the Agronomic Science Foundation. All gifts are fully tax deductible and will be individually acknowledged through the Agronomic Science Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) organization. Contributions may be sent to: Agronomic Science Foundation, 677 South Segoe Rd., Madison, WI 53711. Excellent information about this Smithsonian soils Exhibit is located at [www.soils.org/smithsonian](http://www.soils.org/smithsonian)

An information brochure about this Nebraska State Soil - Smithsonian Soils Exhibit is being prepared by the Nebraska Society of Professional Soil Scientists to use in this soil monolith campaign. For more information on the Nebraska soil monolith campaign contact: (Jim Culver, 402-483-0604, [j4culver@aol.com](mailto:j4culver@aol.com)).

### Food, Land & People (FLP)

The Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council has agreed to take on the initial leadership of the National Project Food, Land & People (FLP) program so it can be implemented in Nebraska. It is designed to provide classroom materials that focus on agriculture, conservation, the environment and cultural issues.

Thanks to a grant from the Gardner Foundation the RC&D Council is able to come to the table with a part-time coordinator, facilitator training funds, monies to correlate the lessons to the Nebraska standards, and funds to pay for the FLP license.

Through multiple subject areas, FLP has developed 55 lessons to help students in grades preK-12 understand how food and fiber production relates to the environment and people on local, national and global levels. FLP lessons compliment state Ag in the Classroom programs, and Projects WET, WILD and Learning Tree.

FLP encourages the development of a statewide coalition representing agricultural, environmental, educational, and natural resource groups to guide the implementation of the program. The Nebraska Chapter of SWCS has signed as a member of the coalition and is supportive of this effort.

## NORTHERN PLAINS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The Northern Plains Leadership Workshop held March 25-26, 2004 was very successful according to the 23 participants. All states were represented at the workshop and only the Northeast Chapter of Nebraska did not have a representative present, primarily due to distance and cost to attend. Highlights of the workshop were Craig Cox's, Executive Director of the Society, presentation on the society's challenges and future goals, Steve Kadas' excellent presentation on how to put on a successful technical workshop, networking opportunities, website development and PayPal demonstration, and the opportunity to play a minor acting roll in a membership video.

Membership: Membership continues to decline, however, Donna at headquarters gave some enlightening news recently when she discovered the society during the past few months (January - March) had actually gained members overall compared to the number of terminated and nonreinstated members. Retirees need to remember to renew once their direct withdrawal options are no longer available with their employer. Also, if cost is a concern once the paycheck becomes smaller consider contributor level @ \$25.

### Strong & high point(s) - Medora, ND Leadership Training Workshop:

- Fun, food and new friends and reacquaintances
- Many good leadership topics discussed. Its unfortunate that the workshop was considered non-technical. It was highly technical.
- Picked up good ideas to use on the job
- What the Society is doing, nationally, to influence policy development
- Better understanding of Society current events in order to improve local chapters & network with other NP chapters
- Strong presentation on membership, idea sharing, 'how to do' things
- Technical information available from NP region contacts
- Chapter CORE reports, membership campaigns, fundraising, etc.
- Methods for promoting SWCS and local chapter message
- Guidance & hints on doing chapter activities
- Information location on scholarships available from Society Hdqters
- New ideas including web page, pay pal, brochures, and newsletters.
- An opportunity to discuss concerns and issues
- Using Videos for chapter development and membership recruitment
- Great Technical tour and social exchange
- The Thursday Supper meal was fantastic
- Other numerous items not listed...

### Recommendations for the 2005 Leadership Training Workshop:

- Some place in MT; MT will host next year; MT offers to host 2005

### Proposed agenda and Tour items:

- Chapter Development; The 'how to' in chapter reports
- Membership recruitment and retention for non-NRCS membership
- Effective communication; electronic vs. hard copy
- Marketing natural resources technical issues
- 2007 Farm Bill development process and status of the farm bill
- Hot issues from the SWCS perspective
- Gather ideas for the 2006 international meeting and for tours
- Consider outside speakers
- Other numerous items not listed...

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### **SWCS NE Lapel Pins**

We continue to have a good supply of Nebraska Chapter SWCS lapel pins. Two hundred of these have been sold in the past few years. The pins sell for \$5.00 each. They make good gifts and at the same time serve as a fund raiser for the Chapter. The pins are available from David Langemeier, [dlangeme@inetnebr.com](mailto:dlangeme@inetnebr.com).

### **SWCS Golf Event**

The Nebraska Chapter is again planning a golf event. The exact date has not been set, but it will probably be in late August or early September 2004. Contact David Langemeier for more information:

[dlangeme@inetnebr.com](mailto:dlangeme@inetnebr.com)

## Can the Show Go On? Will you help?

Nebraska State Fair Park Native Plant Display Liaison Julie Lamphere met with Fair Manager Pat Lloyd in Lincoln in February 2004. The meeting was arranged the day after Lincoln woke up to a headline of something similar to 'Nebraska State Fair Lays Off Workers' in the local newspaper. The concern, obviously, was what would happen to the Native Plant Display?

Mr. Lloyd started the meeting by asking what SWCS actually did 'out there'. He wondered if we took care of more areas than just that in front of the 4-H Building, and would we be willing to do more on a volunteer basis. Julie outlined the history of SWCS involvement with the State Fair Park, including earlier shrub planting project on the waterway through the fairgrounds, as well as the 1967 initial planting of the Native Plant Display, and the subsequent 25th anniversary renovation of the display in 1992. Mr. Lloyd seemed surprised at all this and apologized for this unfortunate turn of events, explaining the dire-straits condition of the status of the fair.

Assurances were made that the 4-H Building will remain standing through, at least, the 2005 State Fair. Julie spoke for the group in opting out of taking over more areas as volunteer caretakers. Any comments on this, please contact Julie.

Promises of improved assistance by the general maintenance supervisor Scott Yound were made, including help straightening display posts and signage, as well as assistance when the display volunteers are present working as a group. We will still need to rely on our local SWCS volunteers to help keep our sponsored site attractive. Seasonal drive- or walk-bys by members are humbly encouraged. Besides, it is interesting to watch these tough native plants do their thing through the growing season, so please stop by at your convenience.

Obviously, no major renovations of the site are planned for now, even though some attempted excavation and execution of undesirable natives (sorry, but the prairie cordgrass is out of control!) occurred last fall. It really needs a little face lift; as prairie planners and planters know, composition keeps changing and in an educational display, that can be challenging but not hopeless. Plant labels and any more signage may have to be a thing of the past, unless we have a good, inexpensive idea.

If things really start to 'go south' (deteriorate) with this site, Julie will be the first to recommend alternatives to chapter members. For now, however, if the Native Plant Display is to live on, local SWCS members are needed to continue helping with the plants - the Spring Cleanup, spring/summer/fall walk-bys' by members looking for weeds and trash, herbicide applications (by Julie with her backpack sprayer State Fair's Roundup), and State Fair duty to make sure no adventurous seedhead tries to poke anyone in the eye (keeping plants back from the sidewalk). [Incentive: State Fair tickets may be available to do this.] It just isn't like the old days of many more active SWCS members like Pete Jensen, Norm Helzer, Val Bohaty, and the rest of you who actually made up the "Grass Plots COMMITTEE" of the past.

We will, of course, continue to be welcome and needed more-than-ever at the Native Plant Display. Our good SWCS name is on the site, although we certainly are not bound to it forever. Perhaps we will just walk away from it someday.

Any ideas, opinions or offers of help are always welcome by Julie. Contact her at 440-3431. And thanks so much for your involvement...

[Note: UPDATE APRIL 5, "the Monday after...". The Spring Cleanup was a great success and the south side of the 4-H looks much more tidy after only two hours of hard work, many donuts, and good company. Huge thanks to Doug, Nathan and Jacob Garrison, Lyle Steffen, Val Bohaty, Jim Culver, Michele, Ben and Thecla Schoeneberger, and Ross Scott. You guys are the greatest! Couldn't have finished it that quickly without you. Thanks also to Scott Yound and Bob Henrickson, former State Fair Arboretum Curator, for their help.

After removing debris, we could see that there are a few 'holes' (bare soil) in the plant display that beg for natives. A gracious offer of some native grass replacements was made by one member and anyone else who might have anything to contribute, please contact Julie ASAP. Open to anything native to Nebraska, especially forbs, that are fairly short to medium in height (e.g. 2-2.5 ft.). Julie will also be working with Terry, the temporary seasonal grounds worker who was there last year, to transplant a few things from other areas on the fairgrounds. Might as well fill in where we can, without too much effort.



*Spring 2004 NE State Fair Ground Native Plant Display Clean Up Crew!*

*Thanks again for a job well done!*

*More photos on website...*

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**“Enriching Lives through Alternative Agriculture & Industry”**

**Soil & Water Conservation Society Nebraska Annual Meeting**

**June 9 - 11, 2004 - Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, 920 So. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Hwy 275, Norfolk, NE**

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**Wednesday, June 9**

- 12:30 p.m. Registration for golf at Eldorado Hills Golf Club, 1227 Eldorado Rd.
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. Golfing at Eldorado Hills Ta-Ha-Zouka Park, Hwy 81, south side of Norfolk
- 3 - 6:30 p.m. Conference registration at Elkhorn Cabin, southeast corner of park near river
- 4:00 - 5:00 Horseshoe Pitching contest - bring your own horseshoes! Hike or bike the Cowboy Trail, shopping & more.
- 5:30 Social hour at the cabin (BYOB)
- 6:30 Catered Bar-B-Q meal
- 7:30 Musical Entertainment by Diego Ayala
- 8:30 Nebraska Chapter Board meeting, **Holiday Inn Express, 920 So. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Hwy 275, Norfolk**

**Thursday, June 10 - Holiday Inn Express, 920 So. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Hwy 275, Norfolk, NE**

- 7 - 8 a.m. Registration at Holiday Inn Express
- 7:00 Foundation Meeting
- 8:00 Opportunities with Specialty Forestry Crops - Scott Josiah, State Extension Forester
- 8:45 No-Till Profitability - Dan Gillispie, NRCS No Till Coordinator
- 9:30 Break
- 9:50 Board the bus for tour

**Speakers:**

Scott Josiah, State Extension Forester has taken a great interest in agroforestry crops suitable to Nebraska. He's devoted time and effort to researching the opportunities with specialty forestry crops such as fruiting shrubs, nut trees, woody florals and other natives.

Dan Gillispie, got started 16 years ago with no-till on his own land and is now the No-Till Coordinator for Nebraska Natural Resource Conservation Service. He farms 700 acres in Madison County and is a soil conservation technician in the Battle Creek field office. Dan initiated the Lower Elkhorn NRD's no till program in 1998.

Ed Swanson, chose 15 1/2 acres of rolling hills near Pierce for growing the 50+ varieties of wine grapes at Cuthills Vineyard, most of which were planted in 1985. Swanson, who has been making wines for over 26 years, and his wife Holly, remodeled the 1920 weathered barn into the winery, & opened December 17, 1994.

Bev & Chuck Henkel of Tucker Hill Farm have long been involved in community gardening, even back in New York. For several years they've been making some of their land available free to the minority population around Norfolk. They maintain organic standards, raise pasture poultry, goats and more.

**Thurs June 10 - continued...**

- 10:00 Tour Affiliated Foods Midwest
- 11:15 Return to Holiday Inn Express
- 11:30 Nebraska's Wine Industry - Ed Swanson, Cuthills Winery, Pierce
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch at Holiday Inn Express
- 1:00 Minority Outreach through Community Gardening - Bev & Chuck Henkel
- 1:45 Tours - Fore Quarters Inc., Timperly Truck Farming, DeGroots Apple Orchard
- 5:00 Return to Holiday Inn Express
- 6:00 Social 1/2 Hour & Banquet, **Divots Conference Center, 4200 West Norfolk Ave., (west Hwy 275) Norfolk**
- 7:00 Musical Entertainment by BlueGrassFire
- 8:00 Steve Chick, State Conservationist, NRCS, Lincoln
- 8:30 Presentation of Awards

**Friday, June 11 - Holiday Inn Express, 920 So. 20<sup>th</sup> St., Hwy, 275, Norfolk, NE**

- 8 a.m. SWCS Business Meeting - Marvin Brown, President NE Chapter
- 10:00 Tour Nucor Steel (personal transportation)
- Noon Adjourn & tour Northeast Nebraska on your own!

**Tours:**

Affiliated Foods Midwest is the fastest growing independent retail owned supplier in a twelve-state area serving over 800 independent retailers. The distribution center in Norfolk is one of the most modern, aggressive, efficient & high tech cooperative centers in the Midwest.

Fore Quarters Inc. is a 12,000-head feedlot located south of Norfolk. They feed flaked corn, silage, and wet gluten and offer financing opportunities.

Timperly Truck Farming (a gardening operation) is family operated & has been in business 34 years. They started with watermelon and cantaloupe production, but now produce up to 20 different vegetable and ornamental (Gourds, Indian Corn etc.) products. Their distribution network includes 800 stores in 8 states. The family is involved, but they rely heavily upon seasonal hires for a good share of the labor.

DeGroot Orchard is approximately 35 acres in size, has 5,000 trees, and will soon have 20 apple varieties. This third generation family business started the orchard in the early 40's. This tour will visit the cleaning, sorting & bagging areas as well as the orchard itself.

Nucor Steel - Nebraska was built in 1972, the first one in the state. The mill produces angles, rounds, channels, flats and carbon steel in special merchant and bar quality, all exclusive made from scrap metal. They have completed extensive capital projects to keep the facility modern. This is a special opportunity that is not offered very often so you won't want to miss it!

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**Registration Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

(as you wish it to appear on name badge)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>BEFORE</b>	<b>AFTER</b>			
	<b>5/20/04</b>	<b>5/20/04</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>=</b>	
<b>Full Registration</b>					
Members/Non-Members	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	___	=	_____
Students	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	___	=	_____
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>					
	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	___	=	_____
<b>Thursday only</b>					
Members/ Non-Members	\$ 50.00	\$55.00	___	=	_____
Students	\$ 45.00	\$50.00	___	=	_____
<b>Friday only</b>					
Members/ Non-Members	\$10.00	\$15.00	___	=	_____
Students	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	___	=	_____
<b>Golf Registration (optional)</b>					
Members/Non-Members	\$20.00	\$25.00	___	=	_____
Students	\$20.00	\$25.00	___	=	_____
<b>SWCS Shirt with embroider logo (optional)</b>					
T-shirt	\$12.00	N/A	___	=	_____

Circle Size: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

**Total Amount Paid** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment must accompany registration & be payable to:**

**Northeast Chapter SWCS**

**How to Register:**

MAIL... registration form with payment to:

Dennis Smith, 1907 Bel-Air Rd., Norfolk, NE 68701

For additional information on sites in the Norfolk area please visit:  
[http://incolor.inetnebr.com/dougg/swcs/Welcome\\_to\\_Northeast\\_Nebraska.pdf](http://incolor.inetnebr.com/dougg/swcs/Welcome_to_Northeast_Nebraska.pdf)

General Information for SWCS Annual Meeting  
 June 9 - 11, 2004

**Registration Information:**

**Full Registration** includes Bar-B-Q and entertainment Wednesday evening, breaks, lunch, tours, banquet and entertainment Thursday, business meeting, break and tour Friday.

**Wednesday Evening Only Registration** includes Bar-B-Q meal & entertainment.

**Thursday Only Registration** includes two breaks, lunch, tours, transportation, banquet & entertainment.

**Friday Only Registration** includes business meeting, break, and Nucor Steel tour.

**Golf Registration** is \$20 for 9 holes with a cart and flag prizes.

**SWCS T-shirts** are available with pre-registration only. They will be white with an SWCS logo embroidered on the left chest. Indicate S, M, L, XL, XXL or XXXL next to amount paid on registration form. They can be picked up at the conference registration table.

**Lodging Information:**

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites in Norfolk for Wednesday and Thursday nights. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel no later than **May 20, 2004** by calling 1-800-465-4329 or 402-379-1524 direct. Be sure to indicate that you will be attending the **“Soil & Water Conservation Society Nebraska Annual Meeting”** to receive the special conference rate (\$54.95 per night plus tax). You are encouraged to make your reservations early.

**Transportation:**

An air-conditioned motorcoach will be provided for the tours on Thursday.

**Cancellations:**

Cancellations must be made prior by June 2nd.

## SWCS Student Scholarship Winners - University of Nebraska Lincoln Foundation

The Nebraska Chapter and the Northeast Nebraska Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society have a scholarship fund at the University of Nebraska - Lincoln Foundation. The interest on this investment fund enabled us to give two \$750 scholarships in December 2003.

The year 2003-2004 scholarship winners are Scott A. Bohaty and Zachary Rigg.

Scott is an UNL Senior majoring in Natural Resources and Environmental Economics and comes from Bellwood, Nebraska. He is currently the Secretary of the UNL Soil and Water Resources Club. Scott plans to work for a natural resource related agency and has a two-fold objective for the future: improvement of the environment and improvement of the rural economy.

Zachary is an UNL Senior majoring in Agronomy with a Soil Science option and comes from Omaha, Nebraska. In college he has focused on water resources and water based systems. His goals include continuing to seek education in various aspects of natural resource conservation through various educational means and work experience.

The Nebraska SWCS chapters are pleased to announce these two scholarship winners. Please congratulate them when you see them and encourage them as they pursue careers in the natural resources field.

Note also in the picture below, Justin D. Cermak from Bellevue Nebraska. Justin received a degree in Biological Systems Engineering at UNL in December of 2002 and is currently a graduate student with an environmental emphasis and a minor in water resources planning. He is a graduate research assistant under the advisement of Dr. Thomas Franti conducting research to develop a storm runoff simulator for the evaluation of conservation buffers.

Justin received a \$750 Scholarship from the NE SWCS Foundation.

*Pictured (l-r): NE SWCS President Marvin Brown, Zach Rigg, Scott Bohaty and Justin Cermak.*



## 18,000 Federal Jobs; How Do I Apply?

Bet that caught your eye, too! What does "GS" mean? What types of natural resources positions exist in federal service? How is the pay? What benefits are offered? Can I, or do I have to, move? How do I find out more about becoming a federal employee? Answers to these and other questions were explained at the March monthly meeting of the UNL Soil and Water Resources Club. Julie Lamphere, SWCS Student Chapter Liaison, went over some of the basics of applying and working for agencies like NRCS, U.S. Geological Survey, National Park Service, and the U.S. Forest Service. Also speaking was Brenda Woodward, former SWRC President, now working for USGS. The talk was announced in various UNL classes, so there were students other than SWRC members attending, too.

This group was eager to hear about "18,000 Federal Jobs; How Do I Apply?". The presentation title derived from the about-average number of federal vacancy announcements on "<http://usajobs.opm.gov>" website in the past few weeks. These, of course, are not all natural resources positions, so discussion focussed on topics like searching for relative opportunities, understanding academic and application requirements, "KSAs" (Knowledge, Skills and Abilities) requests, and even acronyms (e.g. federal 'alphabet soup')! Things many of us take for granted, but that can seem daunting to people first considering the federal direction in their career. Handouts were distributed and included federal application forms, sample vacancy announcements, searching tips, 2004 pay scales, and sample benefits explanations. Previously, the students received information on federal internships and other working arrangements, which has also generated some interest in familiar natural resources agencies. Please contact Julie if you have anything interesting or relative for the students (like nonfederal employment opportunities, which are passed along). Offers from potential speakers or area tour ideas are also welcome. Call (402) 440-3431.

## CPESC, Inc.

Certified Professional in Erosion & Sediment Control

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A Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment control (CPESC) is a recognized specialist in soil erosion and sediment control. The certification program, sponsored by the Soil and Water Conservation Society and the International Erosion Control Association, in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy, provides the public with evidence of professional qualifications. Program Purposes:

The public demands evidence of professional competence from persons whose activities affect the physical and economic well being of people throughout the world. This need has been recognized in such professions as medicine, law, and engineering. Laws governing misuse of land and water resources and damages inflicted on others by erosion and sediment have been passed in many countries by their states and provinces. These laws create a need for the services of professionals trained in proper erosion and sediment control methods. Such professionals increasingly must be able to show evidence of their qualifications. A certification program, identifying professionals qualified for educational, scientific, and service activities with public and private agencies in the erosion and sediment field is in the public interest. Through the SWCS and IECA, professionals in this field have developed standards and procedures for certifying persons qualified in erosion and sediment control.

### Certification:

Certification is based upon scholarly preparation, knowledge, and experience. Professionals listed on the registry will (a) meet the educational and practical experience standards, (b) subscribe to the code of ethics, (c) qualify for particular identification of special abilities, and (d) pass a qualifying examination. A Certification Review Committee (CRC) passes on the credentials of each applicant for certification. All decisions of the CRC pertaining to eligibility for certification and inclusion on the registry must be considered final after an appeal. Contact for Nebraska:

David Lightle, phone: 402-437-4008 or email [Dave.Lightle@nssc.nrcs.usda.gov](mailto:Dave.Lightle@nssc.nrcs.usda.gov)

For more information on CPESC certification, visit the website at

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## 2004 Student Pancake Feed

Members of the UNL SWCS Student Chapter (the Soil and Water Resources Club) would like to express their great appreciation to the many SWCS members who came through and showed their legendary SWCS support and to others who attended the 2004 Pancake Feed. Thank you so much, everyone! (Yes, the pancakes were delicious.)

Warren United Methodist Church, close to UNL's East Campus, provided the setting on March 5, 2004. The club co-sponsored the event with the Range Management Club. The SWRC will use their share of the money for various activities including community service projects, membership recruitment, and natural resources educational tours. This April, the club will take a trip to the Kanza prairie and the Land Institute in Kansas.



*Hot cakes enjoyed by all.*

## 21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

**January 28, 2004, 6:30-8:00 am**

Opening and MC: Marvin Brown, President, Nebraska Chapter.

Steve Chick, Nebraska State Conservationist, NRCS-USDA, gave an update on NRCS Conservation Security Program.

Dr. Greg Ruark, Director USDA Agroforestry Center in Lincoln, discussed the USDA National Agroforestry Center's technology exchange with the Peoples Republic of China's Ministry of Water Resources.

Coordinator: Kris Reed. Rolls: Val Bohaty. Coffee and room set-up: Kris Reed. Finances: David Langemeier.

Student scholarship winners Justin Cermak, Scott Bohaty and Zachary Rig were introduced.

Attendance: Nebr. Legis. Senator 1

SWCS Members 22

Non-SWCS 4

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**VOTE BY JUNE 1, 2004**

BALLOT – Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation  
Foundation  
Board of Director, 5-year term

Paul D. Smith \_\_\_\_\_  
Lincoln, NE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Write In)

Return Ballot by mail or email to -  
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All SWCS members are eligible to vote.

Summary of candidate:  
Paul Smith retired as a Resource Conservationist  
with SCS in 1994. He helped organize the  
foundation and has been involved with it for 15 yrs.

**WIN-WIN SITUATION**

Now that you have your taxes done, do you feel like  
Uncle Sam took too much?

If so, make a contribution to the Nebraska Soil and  
Water Conservation Foundation. The Foundation is a 501  
(c) (3) organization, so your contribution may be tax  
deductible. The Foundation WINS because each contri-  
bution helps to promote and support special activities in  
education, public information and research in Nebraska.  
You WIN because you may lower your tax liability

For further information, contact Kris Reed,  
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Thank you, even a small contribution will make a  
difference.