

Wright SWCD

Awards Banquet and Annual Report

Awards Banquet

- Held each year, usually in February
- The menu and meal preparations are coordinated with the 3 local schools in Wright County, rotating each year.
- The high school Family/Consumer Science instructor and a group of students plan the menu; fix the entire meal; serve the meal; set up and decorate the tables.
- The banquet is held in the student center of the high school.



- Those invited to the banquet –
- All local award winners and their spouses given in the categories of owner/operator; landlord/tenant; windbreak; woodland owner; new cooperators; elementary & secondary teachers.
- Students who were chosen as the 1st; 2nd; and 3rd place winners in the local poster contest, along with their parents.
- Staff; commissioners; assistants; newspaper editors; DSC; NRCS; and area office, along with their spouses.

- The district pays for everyone's meal who attend the banquet.
- In 2008, 91 people were invited to the banquet and 61 were able to attend.
- District expenses in 2008 were –
 - \$732.00 for the meals at \$12.00/plate
 - \$ 50.00 for frames of the certificates
 - \$ 34.71 for table decorations



Annual Report

- Published yearly in March
- District coordinates the report with the 3 local newspaper offices in Wright County – Belmond Independent; Clarion Monitor; and Eagle Grove Eagle.



- The newspaper offices sell the ads to help fund the report.
- The local office staff writes the articles and then emails them to the newspaper office.
- Pictures of award winners are taken at the banquet.
- Newspaper staff assembles the articles and pictures; completes the layout of the report.

- The Belmond Independent office prints all the copies of the report and distributes them to the Clarion and Eagle Grove offices for mailing.
- Each newspaper office then inserts the report in their own local weekly paper.



- The Wright SWCD Annual Report reaches approximately 6000 households in Wright County.



- The costs that the Wright SWCD had last year were –
- \$200 to the Belmond Independent to print the extra copies needed.
- \$200 to the Eagle Grove Eagle to insert the copies in their local paper.
- \$100 to publish “Thank You” ads that are placed in the Belmond Independent and Clarion Monitor after the report has been published.

- A copy of the report is mailed to all of the field offices in Area 2, including RC & D and the area office.
- Copies are mailed to DSC; NRCS; and CDI along with the various regional coordinators; foresters; and other organizations that the district works with throughout the year.

