

# Conservation Mailer



McIntosh County Soil Conservation District

Summer 2018

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## Board Members

Cody Sand – Chair  
 Cordell Bettenhausen—Vice Chair  
 Sandy Meidinger—Supervisor  
 Rodney Eszlinger—Supervisor  
 Nancy Betsch—Supervisor

**SCD Staff**

Ashley Melom—District Clerk  
 Terry Gropper— District Technician

**NRCS**

Joan Spence—District Conservationist  
 Michael Bichler—Farm Bill Specialist  
 Sherrece Zimmerman— Ultima NRCS Contractor

## Happenings:

- **11/6 Board Meeting @ 9 AM in USDA Conference Room**
- **11/12 Closed—Veterans Day**
- **11/22 Closed— Thanksgiving Day**
- **12/4 Board Meeting @ 10 AM in USDA Conference Room**
- **12/5 Appreciation Banquet**
- **12/25 Closed— Christmas Day**
- **1/1 Closed— New Years Day**

**5 Steps to Assistance**  
 How to Get Assistance from NRCS for Farms, Ranches and Forests

- 1 PLANNING**  
 Visit your local NRCS field office to discuss your goals and work with staff on a conservation plan.
- 2 APPLICATION**  
 With the help of NRCS, complete an application for financial assistance programs.
- 3 ELIGIBILITY**  
 As part of applying, we'll file paperwork to ensure you're eligible for assistance.
- 4 RANKING**  
 NRCS ranks applications according to local resource concerns.
- 5 IMPLEMENTING**  
 Put conservation to work by signing a contract and implementing conservation practices.

## Joan Spence

Welcome Joan Spence new District Conservationist at McIntosh County NRCS. Joan has worked as a Soil Conservationist in Iowa, Montana, and Minnesota.

Joan has also worked as a wet lands specialist. Come stop in the office and introduce yourself. We know there has been a lot of different faces in the Ashley field office but we are proud to announce that Joan plans to stay for awhile. The District Conservationist is at the producers disposal to help with programs through NRCS.

## Sand Ranch Pollinator Tour

On August 9th Cody Sand held a pollinator tour out at his ranch. There was roughly 20 people in attendance. It was a great morning for producers and others alike to see the difference the Sands Holistic Approach has done for the pollinators on his property.

“A couple things that really caught my attention: The quality of the forbs and grasses on lands that were grazed hard enduring the drought of 2017 but were scheduled to be rested during the 2018 season. The number of regal fritillary butterflies. The superb flavor of grass fed beef. The smiles on people who attended.

Things that didn't catch my attention: Many grassland nesting birds. Quality habitat generally had them out of sight. Quality shelter and space prevented us (potential predators) from seeing a lot of wildlife that was most certainly present.”  
 -Curtis Bradbury, NRCS State Biologist.

“I think another huge takeaway from the tour was that we had wildlife professionals and ranchers discussing land management together. Sometimes these are two groups that might not always see eye to eye or be interested in working together, but that certainly happened on the Sand's Ranch. Hopefully we can continue to encourage and develop these types of working relationships across the state!” -Sara HamiltonBuxton, NRCS Biologist.





## Eco Ed

On September 25th the Logan County SCD hosted the Eco Ed 8th grade tour. Schools in attendance were Ashley, Wishek, Zeeland, Napoleon and Gackle. There was a total of 60 students that had lessons on Rangeland, Woodlands, Wetlands, Soils, and Water Quality. Each session was relatively hands on and interactive with the students. Prior to attending, each student had to take a test of questions. Then, upon completion of the sessions, they take a post-test that consists of the same questions as the pre- test. This is done to evaluate if students acquired new knowledge from the program. We are proud to say that we have noticed an increase in test scores! The students also received a goodie bag and a t-shirt the day of this event.

### Job Vacancy Announcement:

District Technician

McIntosh County Soil Conservation District

**Closing Date:** November 22nd, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

**Start Date:** December 17th, 2018

**The Position:** This position will provide technical and administrative assistance for the McIntosh County Soil Conservation District and the NRCS. This is a part time position with full time summer hours with on the job training alongside the current District Technician for the first month.

**Minimum Qualifications:** High School Diploma, experience in natural resources/agriculture, farming operations a must, familiar with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power-Point, current driver's license, movement and lifting requirements, must be able to work independently, strong communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills required. Helpful if you have knowledge in Arc-GIS.

**How to Apply:** Applications can be obtained at the McIntosh County Soil Conservation District Office, 118 E Main St, Ashley or by calling 288-3406 Ext 3. Detailed job descriptions will be provided upon request.

### Winter Tree Care Tips:

- \*Rake up and remove fallen leaves and debris that have accumulated around your trees.
- \*Wrap the lower main stem of young trees to help protect their thin bark from winter damage such as scald, winter burn, and rodent damage.
  - \*Prune any dead or damaged branches.
- \*Watering in the fall is a great way to help trees survive the winter. Rule of thumb is to give 2 gallons of water per inch of stem diameter.
- \* Make sure to clear off any dirt and debris that may have accumulated on your weed barrier fabric.

Recognition of  
Harvest Bowl Award Recipients  
*Bettenhausen Farms*  
and  
Soil Conservation District  
Achievement Winners  
*Kary & Carl Lindgren*

- Steve Tomac, ND Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee, will share an upbeat message to help put the current farm and ranch stresses into perspective.
- Overview of the State Board of Agricultural Research and Education's review of Extension
- Ag Improvement Association elections

\$5 charge for meal  
RSVP by calling  
701-288-5180 by November 26  
Anyone with an interest in  
Agriculture is welcome to attend!



Hosted by:  
McIntosh County Ag Improvement Association  
McIntosh County Soil Conservation District & NRCS  
NDSU Extension — McIntosh County

## 2018 Ag Banquet

Wednesday, December 5

Social 5:30 p.m.

Meal to start 6:00 p.m.

American Legion Hall, Ashley

# TREE ORDER FORM 2019

# of Trees	Shrubs Conservation Grade 6-12 inches	# of Trees	Small Trees Conservation Grade 6-12 inches	# of Trees	Conifers Conservation Grade 6-12 inches
	American Plum		Amur Maple		Black Hills Spruce
	Buffaloberry		Russian Olive		Rocky Mt. Juniper
	Caragana		Ussurain Pear		Ponderosa Pine
	Nanking Cherry		Manchurian Crabapple		Scotch Pine
	Sand Cherry		Siberian Crabapple		Colorado Blue Spruce
	Black Chokecherry		<b>Med-Tall Trees</b> Conservation Grade 6-12 inches		Eastern Red Cedar
	Common Chokecherry				Siberian Larch
	Shubert Chokecherry				
	False Indigo		Boxelder		
	Golden Currant		Bur Oak		
	Hardy Apricot		Green Ash		
	Arnold's Red Honeysuckle		Hybrid Poplar		
	Freedom Honeysuckle		Red Maple		
	Juneberry		Silver Maple		
	Common Lilac		McDermand Pear		
	Pekin Cottoneaster		Oahe Hackberry		
	Redosier Dogwood		Siberian Elm		
	Hanson Hedge Rose		Siouxland Cottonwood		
	Woods Rose		Golden Willow		
	Seaberry		Black Cherry		
	Skunkbush Sumac				
	Silverberry				
	Nannyberry				
	Russian Almand				
Quantity					
	Conservation Grade	X	\$ 2.00	\$	
				\$	
	Flags	X	\$ 0.10	\$	
	Fabric per Linear Foot	X	\$ 0.50	\$	
	Stakes	X	\$ 0.15	\$	
Subtotal				\$	
Sales Tax* (.05% non farmers)				\$	
<b>Down Pmt: 50% due with order if \$1000 or less, 20% if over \$1000</b>				\$	
<b>Balance Due</b>				\$	

Pre Tree orders must be received at the office no later than December 28th, 2018.

Print: Last Name, First Name

Address City State Zip

Phone Number

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

INVOICE #: \_\_\_\_\_

D. PAYT MADE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

F. PAYT MADE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_

**McIntosh County SCD**  
**PO Box 389**  
**Ashley, ND 58413**

Return form and down payment to: