

# WEST MCLEAN SCD

West McLean Soil Conservation District, Garrison ND

Winter 2017

## Awards Banquet

West McLean SCD's Annual Awards Banquet was held January 17th at the Garrison Golf Course. We recognized the Bryan and Jerry Hauf families for being the 2017 Soil Conservation Achievement Winners.

Byron Holtan was presented with an Appreciation award for his loyal conservation efforts and 24 years of service as a West McLean SCD Board member. He resigned from his position. In December,



We also welcomed Jay Hansen as our newest member of our board. Jay and his family were selected for our 2016 Achievement Winners. We look forward to having him on the board.



# Sakakawea Chapter of Pheasants Forever

Sakakawea Chapter of Pheasants Forever has gone hand-in-hand with many aspects of the mission of West McLean Soil Conservation District, partnering since the chapter's founding in 1991 to help producers help the land.

Ways the chapter can work with landowners vary depending on the goal, whether it's planting grass, trees, and even flowers: Stopping wind and soil erosion by planting shelterbelts also provides wildlife habitat and winter shelter. Grass plantings, especially a diverse mix of grasses and forbs, provide livestock forage and nesting cover for upland game birds, songbirds, and other wildlife. And planting flowers – technically referred to as pollinators – bolsters the very thing that provides food for people throughout the world, the pollinating insects responsible for pollinating many of the plants that ultimately are food on the table.

The Sakakawea Chapter has a variety of levels of cost-share available to help offset a landowner's cost of trees, whether a new multi-row shelterbelt, renovating an existing shelterbelt, or replace trees that died in a recently planted shelterbelt with hand plants.

In addition, they have cost-share programs for grass plantings and pollinator plots, which work well in areas that are too small and difficult for machinery to access. A small pollinator plot in those types of areas helps reduce weed growth and is more cost-effective for the producer.



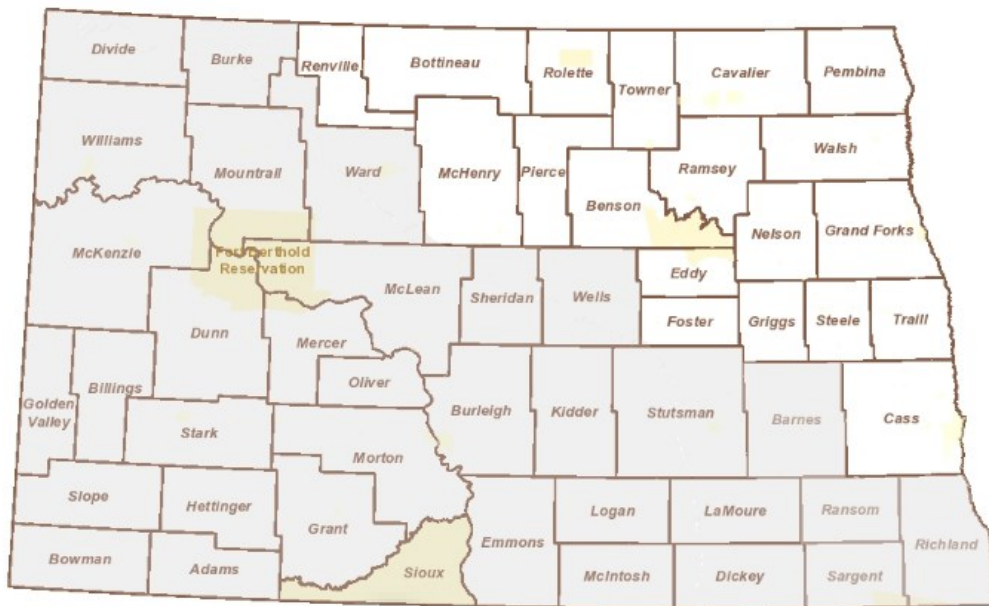
The chapter also has free seed available for producers who want to offer a boost for wildlife during the winter by leaving a small tract of standing crop as a food plot. When left standing adjacent to winter cover, a food plot can be a valuable asset to help wildlife as it ventures out of cover to try to locate food sources.

By: Pat Stockdill

**More information is available by contacting Rod Stockdill,  
Sakakawea Chapter habitat chairman, (701) 337-6252.  
Call today to see if you qualify for assistance!!!**

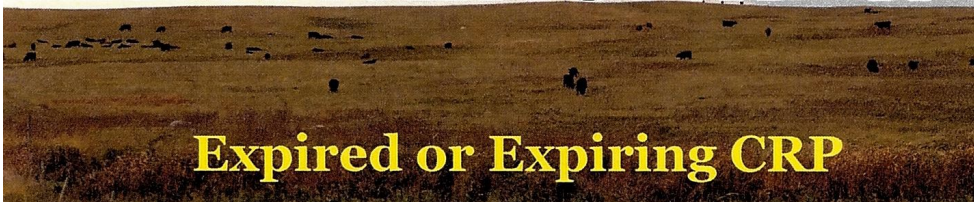
Small pollinator plantings, such as this one east of Turtle Lake, provide valuable wildlife and pollinator habitat while eliminating weeds in small field areas producers might not be able to access with their equipment. Cost-sharing with landowners on small pollinator planting tracts is one of several ways the Sakakawea Chapter of Pheasants Forever works with landowners throughout McLean County and the surrounding area. (PHOTO COURTESY OF DALE JORGENSEN, MCCLUSKY).





WGP II Project Area

# WORKING GRASSLANDS PARTNERSHIP II



**Expired or Expiring CRP**

The Working Grasslands Partnership (WGP) grant proposal will promote livestock grazing as a management tool for improving grassland bird conservation. WGP will provide landowners with voluntary options to help develop expiring CRP acres into a livestock grazing systems that will also benefit grassland birds. Outdoor Heritage Fund OHF is a state grant program which provides grant funds for projects that include access to public and private lands for sportsmen, implementation of best management practices for farming and ranching stewardship of the land and water, fish and wildlife habitat preservation, and development of parks and outdoor recreation areas.

60% Cost Sharing

Fencing

Water Well, Pipeline,  
Tanks, and Pump  
Systems

Solar Power

One Time Up-Front  
Habitat Incentive Pay-  
ment for CRP expired  
in 2017 and 2018

Rotational Grazing  
Practices

**DANE BUYSSE**

**DUCKS UNLIMITED**

**2525 River Road**

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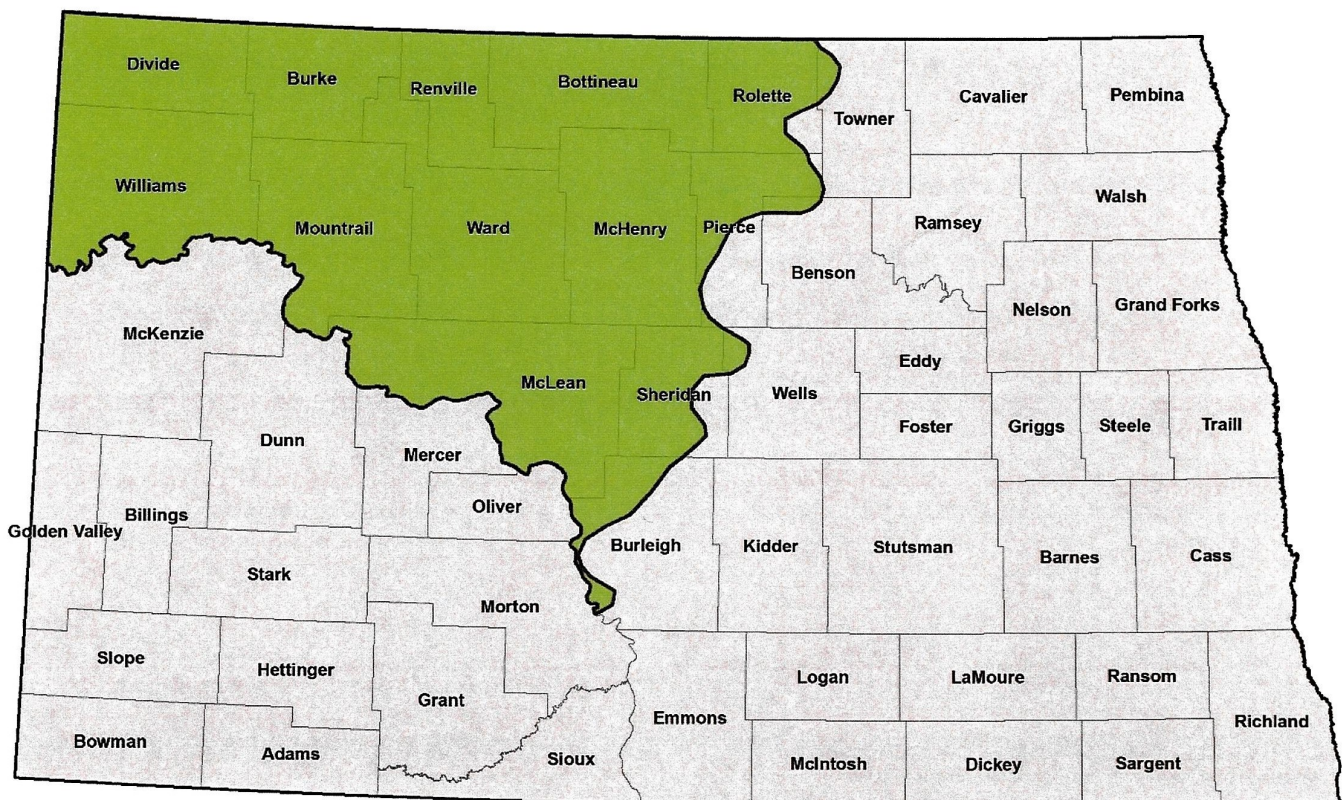
# Grasslands Enhancement Pilot Project

## -Provides Grazing Incentives on Leased State School Trust and Public Land

Do you have a need for water, fencing and power on leased State School Trust and public land? The Grasslands Enhancement Pilot Project (GEPP), funded through North Dakota's Outdoor Heritage Fund, may be the opportunity you have been looking for. Ducks Unlimited and the North Dakota Natural Resources Trust have partnered to provide grazing incentives for lessees of State School Trust and public land in the Bakken oil field (North of the Missouri River).

Across the Bakken, lessees of State School Trust and public land have a need for quality water, cross fencing, and power to allow for rotational grazing practices. GEPP will provide cost-share to implement rotational grazing infrastructure. This opportunity will make it more cost effective to transition to rotational grazing and better utilize leased land. The objective of the program is to provide lessees with the resources to improve rangeland health, plant diversity, drought tolerance and water quality.

Contact Dane Buysse with Ducks Unlimited at 701-425-4852 or [dbuysse@ducks.org](mailto:dbuysse@ducks.org).



Grasslands Enhancement Pilot Project Area



# Tree of the Quarter

## Silver Buffaloberry (*Shepherdia argentea*)

After the year we had last year with lack of rain and most of North Dakota being in moderate to severe drought status Silver Buffaloberry was chosen as the tree of the quarter for a reason. It is one of the most drought tolerant trees in North Dakota. Its well adapted to dry, moderately alkaline and saline soils. It tolerates infertile soils because of its ability to fix and assimilate atmospheric nitrogen.

Silver Buffaloberry is a tall, thorny, thicket forming native shrub. It gets its name from the silvery-gray color on the leaves. It produces a red berry that can be used to make jellies. Some female plants can produce a yellow berry as well. Crown height can be from six feet to fourteen feet.

This thick fruit producing shrub is recommended farmstead windbreaks, nesting cover, nesting sites and important for mule deer and sharp-tail grouse to browse on in late winter months.



Photo credit: NDSU Ag Extension

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Conservation District

## Board Meetings in 2018

March 13 @ 1:30pm

April 10 @ 8:30am

May 8 @ 8:30am

June 12 @ 8:30am

July 10 @ 8:30am

August 14 @ 8:30am

September 11 @ 8:30am

October 9 @ 8:30am

November 13 @ 1:30pm

December 11 @ 1:30pm

**Meetings are held at the  
USDA Service Center and  
are open to the public.**

**Date and times are subject  
to change.**



West McLean SCD hopes you stay warm during this cold winter!

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2018 Handplant Order Form

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_____ Almond, Russian	_____ Cottonwood, Siouxland	_____ Pine, Ponderosa
_____ Apricot, Hardy	_____ Crabapple, Midwest	_____ Pine, Scotch
_____ Arnold Hawthorn	_____ Crabapple, Siberian	_____ Plum, American
_____ Ash, Cardan Green	_____ Currant, Golden	_____ Poplar, Hybrid
_____ Ash, Green	_____ Dogwood, Redosier	_____ Poplar, Northwest
_____ Buffaloberry	_____ Hackberry, Oahe	_____ Poplar, Robusta
_____ Buffaloberry, Sakakawea	_____ Juneberry	_____ Rose, Hanson Hedge
_____ Caragana	_____ Juniper, Rocky Mountain	_____ Rose, Wood
_____ Cedar, Eastern	_____ Lilac, Common	_____ Sea Buckthorn
_____ Cherry, Black	_____ Lilac, Villosa	_____ Spruce, Black Hills
_____ Cherry, Nanking	_____ Maple, Amur	_____ Spruce, Colorado Blue
_____ Cherry, Sand	_____ Maple, Silver	_____ Sumac
_____ Chokecherry	_____ Oak, Bur	_____ Walnut, Black
_____ Cotoneaster	_____ Olive, Russian	_____ Willow, Golden
		_____ Yucca

Total Number of Handplants: \_\_\_\_\_ x\$2.00 \_\_\_\_\_

7% Sales tax \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if you are a farmer/rancher and are tax exempt: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out form and mail it back to the West McLean Soil Conservation District Office along with Payment .

Deadline to order MARCH 31st




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**March 2nd**  
Deadline for  
New CSP  
Applications



Tree Orders need to be  
placed by March 31st