**Tree of the Quarter:** Siberian Larch (*Larix sibirica*) is a deciduous conifer native to western Russia. The Siberian Larch is an extremely hardy tree that is suitable to the well-drained soils outside of the Red River Valley in Cass County. Beginning each spring, the Siberian Larch grows light green, needle-like leaves, that spiral around the branch on new woody growth and grow in clusters on older woody growth. Come Autumn, they transform into a vibrant bright yellow before falling to the ground in the winter. Don’t panic when the needles drop, they’re supposed to do that! Larch add a unique touch to a windbreak or farmstead planting. They require full sunlight, and grow at a pace typical to most other conifer species in our area. Siberian Larch plugs are available through the Tree Store.

2018 Achievement Award Winner

We are pleased to announce that the Tyler Zimmerman Family, Leonard, have been awarded the 2018 Achievement Award. Tyler has been no-till farming, along with extensive use of cover crops, for 4 years. He’s found success in seeding winter rye in the fall, following with green seeding of corn and soybeans into it the following spring. In addition, the Zimmerman family has used the EQIP program for a variety of enhancements, including a high tunnel system for garden crops. Tyler and his family are dedicated to the land and strive to apply conservation practices to every aspect of their operation. Congratulations to the Tyler Zimmerman Family for being named our 2018 Achievement Winner! They will be recognized at the 2018 North Dakota Conservation Districts’ Convention in Bismarck.
The 2019 Tree Order Form is out! Autumn is an excellent time of the year to take inventory on what trees you need to replace in the spring. Get a count of your trees and order easily online in November at the online Tree Store. New this year, a 5% Discount is available for early orders using the code: Orderearly2019. Coupon expires 12/31/2019. Use online or on mail-in orders.

Mark your Calendars!!

Our annual Ladies Ag event will be held on March 14th, 2019 at the Fargo Air Museum. We are excited to announce that Elisa Korenne will be the keynote speaker this year. Elisa is a Yale Graduate and award-winning songwriter known for her original songs about oddballs in history. She began her music career in 2001 after leaving her role at the international development nonprofit she cofounded, Geekcorps. She left New York City in 2006 to be an artist-in-residence in rural west central Minnesota. When she fell in love with a local outdoorsman, she moved and became a fish-out-of-water in New York Mills, Minnesota. Since becoming a Minnesotan, Korenne has become known as a pioneering rural artist. Now, Elisa Korenne is a singer-songwriter, storyteller, and a student of history who weaves songs about the human condition from strands of blues, rock, folk, and Americana. Gull Lake TEDx chose Korenne to be a featured speaker at their April 2017 conference. Prairie Public Television in Fargo commissioned her to create songs and appear in a series of ten mini-music documentaries of unusual people and events in the Upper Midwest. Her memoir, Hundred Miles to Nowhere: An Unlikely Love Story was released in 2017 to rave reviews. Please plan to join us for an evening of engaging entertainment and wonderful food!

Conservation Quote of the Quarter:
“Two sounds of autumn are unmistakable...the hurrying rustle of crisp leaves blown along the street by a gusty wind, and the gabble of a flock of migrating geese.”

Hal Borland

2018 Scholarship Winners

We are excited to announce we have awarded the scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year.

Ashley Thies has been awarded first place, with a $1000 scholarship. She will be attending VCSU, majoring in Fisheries and Wildlife Science.

Jarrett Lardy has been awarded the $750.00 scholarship. He will be a senior at NDSU, majoring in Range Science.
Preventing Wildlife Damage to Young Trees

We often plant trees to improve wildlife habitat, but it’s this wildlife that oftentimes destroys the trees. Identifying the animal causing the damage is the first step in preventing future damage. Deer, lacking upper teeth, will tear the vegetation from the branch. They will also eat higher up on the new trees. Rabbits and hares, with teeth on both the top and bottom of their mouth, will nip cleanly the trees. The best option, aside from caging each tree individually, is to apply Plantskydd to each tree. Made from an organic mix of ingredients, including dried blood, it’s available in both a liquid and granular form. The liquid is sprayed liberally on each tree to protect from larger browsing animals, while the granular, sprinkled on the ground around the tree, will protect from smaller ground animals. For protecting larger plantings, Plantskydd can’t be beat, as it’s both economical and effective. It is available for purchase year round in our office.

Grass Seeding Season

The District put the no-till drills to good use this season. Utilizing the new 30’ Great Plains and 7’ Tye drill, the crew seeded a variety of projects. Between the spring and late summer seeding windows, over 2,000 acres of Cass County was seeded. A wide variety of projects were completed, including pasture plantings, alfalfa, Pocket Prairies, multi-species cover crops, and perennial grass between tree rows. The District would like to thank the producers that had us seed for them, and look forward to continuing to help landowners in Cass County put conservation on the ground in 2019.

Upcoming Events

- **October 8th—Columbus Day:**  
  Office Closed
- **October 16th—Board Meeting:**  
  Fargo Field Office
- **November 12th—Veterans Day:**  
  Office Closed
- **November 20th—Board Meeting:**  
  Fargo Field Office
- **November 18-20—NDASCD Convention:**  
  Bismarck
- **November 22nd—Thanksgiving:**  
  Office Closed

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