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Susan Muske, District Manager Robert Flath, Watershed Coordinator

Amanda Brandt, District Conservationist

Kelsey Naze, Soil Conservationist

District programs are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

District board meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 8 p.m., LCSCD office, but are subject to change. Be sure to contact the office for the latest info. Meetings are open to the public





LAMOURE COUNTY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Congratulations to the Wendel Family—2018 Achievement Winners





The LaMoure County Soil Conservation proudly selected the Mike and Shari Wendel family as the 2018 LaMoure County Achievement Award winners. The Wendels are 4th and 5th generation farmers from LaMoure. Mike and Shari have five kids, three of which are still at home: David, Derek, Reed, Rose and Ryder. They own Wendel Farms and Wendel Livestock. The Wendels farm and ranch in LaMoure and Dickey County; where they run 250 head of Registered Angus Cattle and have a Production Sale each spring. They also have a 500 head finishing feedlot. The Wendels use no-till planting, cover crops, interseeding of cover crops, rotational grazing, waste management and tree planting as important management tools in their operations.

The ND Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program is a statewide program where each of the 55 Soil Conservation Districts in ND recognizes farmers and ranchers who have made an outstanding effort to conserve their valuable resources. The Wendel's aerial photo will be part of an exhibit that travels throughout North Dakota for the upcoming year and will reside in the LaMoure SCD "Hall of Fame." The North Dakota Soil Conservation Achievement Awards Program has continued since 1948 and is the only program of its kind in the nation.

Meet the new NRCS District Conservationist



Hi, my name is Amanda Brandt, some of you may know me by my maiden name Slykerman. I am the new District Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) at the LaMoure County Field Office. I grew up near Grand Rapids, ND on a dairy farm and am the daughter of Steve and Luanne Slykerman. After graduating high school from LaMoure in 2003, I attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston. I majored in Natural Resources Management and graduated in 2007. After college I accepted a position with the agency and broadened my experience at many different locations. They include Forman, Valley City, Minnewaukan and Napoleon. The past 7 ½ years, I have been the District Conservationist in Valley City working out of the Barnes County Office.

My family consists of my husband Tatem and our three children. Tatem is currently the Farmers Union Insurance Agent in LaMoure. Our children are Aspen (5), Eve (3) and Baron (22 months).

I enjoy hunting, fishing and spending time in our yard. I also enjoy golf, but only when the ball goes where it's suppose too! I am excited to be working in my home county and look forward to working with some familiar faces! Stop by the office and say hi.

Amanda Brandt



Help Wanted

We are taking applications for the seasonal Tree Crew positions which runs from approximately May 1 to June 30 depending on the weather.

Two positions are available which include helping machine plant trees in the field or helping sort and bag tree orders in the shed then scheduling pick up with customers. Flexible days and hours.

Starting wage is \$12/hr if under age 18 and \$16/hr if over age 18.

If interested please stop in or call the office at 883-5344, ext. 3 for an application or visit our website at www.LaMoureSCD.org

<u>Deadline to apply is March 22. Inquires welcome after this date, however the positions may be filled.</u>



Farewell Shelby!

I have truly enjoyed my last couple years spent in LaMoure County working with many of you. It has been humbling to watch your operations grow and change with conservation in mind. However, my life journey is taking me back

to my home county- Stutsman. There I will continue to work for the USDA-NRCS in Jamestown. I hope to visit occasionally, but for now want to wish everyone well!

Thank you all, Shelby Larson

There is still time to order handplant replacement trees!

Orders are preferred by March 15th. Order forms can be picked up at the office or call 883-5344 Ext. 3 to have one mailed out to you.



Find us on the web at LaMoureSCD.org

WEDNESDAYS 2-3 p.m.

Feb 6—April 17



REGISTER ONLINE:

www.ag.ndsu.edu/ fieldtofork

Or contact Julie Garden-Robinson At 701-231-7181 or Julie.garden-robinson@ndsu.edu



EXTENSION

Field to Fork

Webinar Series

- ⇒**Feb. 6:** Successful Seed Starting at Home—Randy Nelson, Extension home horticulture and agriculture production systems educator, University of Minnesota
- ⇒ Feb. 13: Hops in North Dakota: What You Need to Know Before You Get Started Kyla Splichal, horticulture research specialist, NDSU Williston Research Extension Center
- ⇒ Feb. 20: Growing Apples in North Dakota Tom Kalb, NDSU Extension horticulturist
- ⇒ **Feb. 27:** Trendy and Healthy Houseplants *Esther McGinnis*, assistant professor and NDSU Extension horticulturist
- ⇒ March 6: Cool Fruits for Cold Climates: Selections From the Northern Hardy Fruit Evaluation Project - Kathy Wiederholt, fruit project manager, NDSU Carrington Re- search Extension Center
- ⇒ **March 13:** Let's Not Waste Food: Exploring Food Preservation and Composting *Julie Garden-Robinson. NDSU Extension food and nutrition specialist*
- ⇒ **March 20:** One Potato, Two Potato, Three Potato, Four: Best Management Practices to Produce More *Susie Thompson, NDSU associate professor, potato breeding*
- ⇒ March 27: How to Identify, Manage and Prevent Common Diseases in Your Garden -Jesse Ostrander, plant diagnostician/director, NDSU Plant Diagnostic Laboratory
- ⇒ **April 3:** Pollinator Gardens Janet Knodel, professor, NDSU Plant Pathology Department, and McGinnis
- ⇒ **April 10:** Getting Started With Herb Gardening Yolanda Schmidt, NDSU Extension agriculture and natural resources agent, Pierce County
- ⇒ April 17: Best Practices on Health and Hygiene When Handling Foods for the Public
 Julie Wagendorf, director, North Dakota Department of Health's Division of Food and Lodging

Wildflower Seed Mix Available

The LaMoure SCD will offer premixed bags of wildflower seeds available for purchase at nearly wholesale price. Like last year, the mix will contain about 13 different wildflowers and 2 short grasses. The types of wildflowers chosen were picked based on affordability, ease of establishment, flower color, and season of bloom. The grasses were included to help keep weeds down and to aid in the overall look of a wildflower meadow.

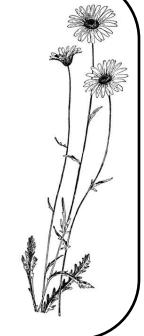
We will be selling the mix in 1 lb bags which is enough to plant a 1/4 acre patch, or an area 100 ft x 100 ft. Each bag of the wildflower mix will cost about \$35, depending on what our cost comes in at. There will be a limited supply available. You can contact us now to pre-order a bag or just call us in the spring to see if there are any left.

If you are interested in pre-ordering or would like more info:

*Call: 701 883-5344 ext. 3

*Email: Susan.Muske@nd.nacdnet.net *Text: Susan at 701 320-8724.

More info and pictures can be found on our website: LaMoureSCD.org



2018 Yearly Activities & Accomplishments





LaMoure SCD

- Participated in NDASCD Conservation Achievement Awards Program
- ◆ Sponsored and organized Eco-Ed Camp for LaMoure

County 6th grade students

- ◆ Sponsored "TREES" program for LaMoure County schools
- ◆ Distributed Soil and Water Stewardship materials to LaMoure County churches
- Awarded trees and prizes to the winners of the "Keep ND Clean" poster contest
- Hosted the annual Achievement Banquet
- Attended State Association meetings
- ◆ Planted 164,756 ft (31.2 miles) of trees
- Installed 126,116 ft (23.9 miles) of weed barrier
- Hand planted 900 trees
- Sold 1200 tree tubes
- Sponsored Cottonwood Creek Watershed project
- Participated in the Pheasants Forever PZM project
- Provided no-till drills for 1,650 acres of grass and cover crop plantings
- Assisted producers and land owners with grass and cover crop plantings
- Provided equipment and services such as manure spreader and composter
- Promoted NDCDEA Poster Contest
- Attended several conservation meetings
- Participated in NRCS Contribution Agreement
- Awarded SCD Assistance Program Grant
- Published newsletters
- Maintained website

NRCS EQIP Deadline March 15

LaMoure NRCS

- ◆ Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans: 1 plan
- Cover Crops: 2,389 ac.
- Nutrient Management
- Basic application: 1170.7 ac.
- Precision application: 4,226 ac.
- Integrated Pest Management: 8,602 ac.
- ♦ Conservation Crop Rotation: 6,440 ac.
- ♦ No-Till and Reduced-Till: 3,658 ac.
- Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment: 25,181 ft.
- Salinity Soil Management Planting: 8 ac.
- Field Borders: 9.9 ac.
- ◆ Critical Area Plantings: 23 ac.
- Wildlife Habitat: 534 ac.
- ♦ Prescribed Grazing: 1,354 ac.
- Fence: 27,449 ft.
- Pipeline: 7,251 ft.
- Livestock Water Tanks: 2

NEW! Post Pounder for rent \$200/day

