

**SPRING  
NEWSLETTER  
2012**

- Order trees now for Spring planting
- Plantskydd available to repel deer and pests
- Contact office for tree moving

District Staff:

Jared Arlien - District Tech.  
Bev Blekeberg - District Clerk

SCD Board Supervisors:

Deb Hauser  
Jason Marchus  
Dan Brossart  
Jim Teigen  
Curt Roerick

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# Pierce County Soil Conservation District

Contact: 776-2207 ext.3

## John Fjellanger and Lisa Wagner Receive the 2011 Tree Maintenance Award

John Fjellanger and Lisa Wagner were presented a plaque by the Pierce County Soil Conservation District for being selected as the 2011 Tree Maintenance Award winners, at the annual Pierce County SCD Awards Banquet held November 28, 2011.

They received the award for their excellent work in keeping their many tree plantings clean and free of weeds, and replacing any trees that did not survive.

Congratulations to the John and Lisa for a job well done!!



## 2011 SCD Accomplishments

- \*Planted 50,820 LF (19.4 acres) of Farmstead / Feedlot Windbreaks for 18 producers
- \*Planted 8,993 LF (6.7 acres) of Field Windbreaks for 5 producers
- \*Planted 2,500 LF (.1 acres) of Wildlife tree plantings for 1 producer
- \*Installed 48,067 Lf of Synthetic Weed Barrier on 17 tree plantings
- \*Planted approximately 9,496 trees and shrubs for Farmstead, Field Windbreaks, and Wildlife Tree Plantings
- \*Sold approximately 5,107 hand plant trees / shrubs
- \*Moved and transplanted (with tree spade) 217 trees for 19 customers
- \*Rotary Mower – approximately 815 acres mowed by 16 producers

## Kukla's Received 2011 Pierce County SCD Achievement Award

Rockie and Jeanne Kukla, and their daughter Carolyne, whose ranching operation is located in Spring Lake Township, about 12 1/2 miles North of Rugby, were selected as the 2011 Conservation Achievement Award winners by the Pierce County SCD.

Conservation Districts Convention at Bismarck, in November 2011. The Pierce County SCD also held a banquet in November 2011, honoring the Kukla's. They received a 16' X 20" aerial photo of their farmstead from the SCD and a Plaque sponsored by the Merchants Bank and Bremer Bank.

Congratulations Kukla's for your conservation accomplishments and your contribution to the conservation effort!!

The Kukla's were guests of the Pierce County SCD at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual ND Association of Soil



## Lilli French ND State Winner in the KNDC Poster Contest

Lilli French, a student at Little Flower School, received a plaque at the Pierce County Soil Conservation District's annual Conservation Achievement Awards Banquet held last November. Her poster was awarded **first place** in the fourth grade division of the State's **Keep ND Clean** poster contest. Lilli is the daughter of Karissa and Jason Brossart, Rugby.

Keep up the good work, Lilli!!



## Supervisor's Comments.....by Supervisor Jason Marchus

Put the ice poles away and load the pickup with seed treat or bags of whatever. Spring is almost here. I know our thoughts haven't been on snow blocked roads or plugged driveways this winter. It's been great! But every winter won't be this forgiving. A living snow fence can help on some of the County/township roads in the next several winters to come. A lot of farmstead trees are past their prime. New trees on the outside of these farmsteads will rejuvenate the overall appearance and allow for the expansion of your farmyard. With the size of machinery getting larger, our older farmsteads seem to get smaller. Remember when that tractor you use to run your auger was the main tractor. How wide can headers get?

The Soil Conservation District will no longer be providing batwing mower rental. It started as somewhat of a money maker, then we thought of it as a service. Truth is, Vince and Tom see it as much as farmers do. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. The district is thinking about setting up a chisel plow with Haukaas leveling shovels. When set 3/4 inch above ground, it may help smooth CRP or work in no-till situations. Would any of you have a use for this? If you have any questions or suggestions on this idea, please let Jared in the office know. He loves when you call his personal cell phone. If anyone actually read this article please let me know.

Good luck in the 2012 season and be safe.

## 2011 SCD Annual Report

### 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011

#### January:

- Hired Jared Arlien as our new District Technician
- Re-appointed Jason Marchus and Curtis Roerick as 1 yr. term Supervisors
- Appointed Deb Hauser as Chairman of the SCD Board
- Appointed Dan B. Brossart to represent the SCD on the Souris Basin Planning Committee Board – Jared Arlien, Dist. Tech as alternate.
- Paid NDASCD and NACD annual dues
- Developed the 2011 Pierce County SCD Annual Work Plan
- Purchased a 2000 Chevy 1 ton truck

#### February:

- Set up and approved the 2011 SCD Budget
- Sponsored Tom Gibson, TREES Program at Ely Elementary School
- Booth at the Pierce County Ag Show along with FSA & NRCS

#### March:

- Sponsored Tom Gibson, TREES Program at Little Flower School
- Dist. Tech Arlien attended a Tree Workshop in Bismarck
- Published the Spring Newsletter/Annual Report

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2011

#### April:

- Supervisors, District Tech, District Conservationist attended the SCD Annual Area III meeting hosted by the Mouse River SCD at Westhope.
- Arlien attended EAB First Responder Workshop and Trimble GPS training in Devils Lake.

#### May:

- Began spring “tree moving” with tree spade
- Hired tree planters / barrier layers crew
- Lilli French, Little Flower School 4<sup>th</sup> grader, selected as 1<sup>st</sup> place winner, in her grade level, of the State “Keep ND Clean” poster contest.
- Received funds from Upper Dakota RC&D to help cover expenses of our “Mail Box Self Guided Tour”
- Received our tree stock and began tree planting
- Rotary Mower service was made available for renter throughout the season
- Upgrade our Quick Books to QB 2011

#### June:

- Selected Rockie & Jeanne Kukla and daughter Carolyne as the Pierce County SCD
- 2011 Conservation Achievement Award winners.
- Applied for, and were accepted, for allocated biennium funds from NDSSCC
- Completed tree planting
- Applied for 1 mill Mill Levy
- Began laying fabric weed barrier on tree plantings

## Annual Report continued...

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2011****July:**

- Completed weed barrier laying
- Brian Gysbers, Soil Conservationist, joined the NRCS staff

**Aug:**

- Applied for NRCS / SCD Contribution Agreement fund for 8/2011 thru 7/2012
- Began Plans for 2011 Eco Ed Camp and 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Ag Night

**Sept:**

- Revised our Service Charges for 2012
- Held our Annual 7<sup>th</sup> grade Eco Ed Camp at Balta Dam for 45 Rugby Jr. High students
- District was approved for NRCS / SCD Contribution Agreement funds
- Published the 2011 SCD Fall Newsletter

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011****Oct:**

- Set up mail boxes for the "Self Guided Tour"
- Began fall tree moving with Tree Spade
- Local Work Group meeting was held
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Ag Night was held with approx. 150 women attending
- Selected John Fjellanger and Lisa Wagner as our 2011 Tree Maintenance Award winners

**Nov:**

- Dist. Tech, District Conservationist, 3 Supervisors, and Achievement Award winners attended the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual NDASCD Convention and meeting at Bismarck.
- Held our annual SCD Conservation Awards Banquet

**Dec:**

- Sold our 1987 Dodge pickup
- Brian Gysbers, NRCS Soil Con, transferred to Rolla NRCS
- 12 Monthly meetings were held during 2011

**HELP WANTED: Tree Planting Crew for 2012 Season**

**Flexible hours, flexible days**  
**Beginning at the end of April through June**  
**For starting wages, contact office at 776-2207 ext.3**

\*Drivers license required\*

**Skills to perform the job include, but not limited to:**

- \*Lifting bails and bundles of trees
- \*Riding tree planter to plant trees
- \*Assist with lifting rolls of fabric weed barrier
- \*Riding fabric machine to cut fabric weed barrier
- \*Stooping over to pull trees through fabric
- \*Drive tractor if necessary

## Supervisors and Staff Appreciate Patrons

Thank you!! The Pierce County Soil Conservation District Supervisors and Staff, and the NRCS Staff, would like to thank all patrons of the District for their support and their many efforts in conservation work.

We would like to thank NRCS, FSA, ND Association of Conservation Districts, National Association of Conservation Districts, ND State Soil Conservation Committee, NDSU Extension Service, ND Game & Fish Dept., US Fish & Wildlife Service, ND Forest Service, County Commissioners, area banks, businesses and organizations, local governments, our legislators at state and national levels, and all those involved in carrying out conservation practices and promoting the conservation efforts. We are very grateful for all you have done.

The District Supervisors would like to express their appreciation to all area businesses who have so generously donated toward our Women’s Ag Night and other conservation programs. We would also like to express their appreciation to Chuck and Jan Repnow, of Strand Studio, for the years they have generously donated their time and services to the SCD by taking and furnishing photos of our annual Award Winners.

A special thank you to Merchants Bank and Bremer Bank for helping sponsor our annual awards banquet by furnishing the Emcee for the banquet, and a plaque for our Conservation Achievement Award winners, each year.

### 2011 District Data

- Conservation Plans . . . . .	.81
- Conservation Applied . . . . .	.101
- Cover Crops . . . . .	3,293 acres
- Prescribed Grazing . . . . .	5,180 acres
- Brush Management . . . . .	.26 acres
- Water Tanks . . . . .	.7
- Dugouts . . . . .	0
- Wells . . . . .	1
- Pumping plants . . . . .	.2
- Well Decommissioning . . . . .	2
- Livestock Water Pipeline. . . . .	3,577 feet
- Fence . . . . .	10,540 feet
- Pasture and Hayland Planting . . . . .	50 acres
- Residue Management Mulch-till. . . . .	0
- Residue Management No-till. . . . .	3,255 acres
- Pest Management . . . . .	5,184 acres
- Nutrient Management . . . . .	6,847 acres
- Windbreaks . . . . .	62,313 LF
- Weed Barrier Fabric installation . . . . .	48,067 LF



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NON-PROFIT  
U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Permit #35  
Rugby, ND  
58368

Or Current Resident

### SCD Services Available:

**Tree Machine Planting:**

\$25.00 / 100 LF

**Weed Barrier Fabric:**

\$ 55.00 / 100 LF machine applic.

**Handplant Trees:**

Conservation Grade Trees: \$1.50 ea.

Bundle of 25 (same species) \$30.00

Larger Trees: higher

**Apple Trees:**

4' – 6' size \$15.00 / ea.

**Tree Protectors:**

2' - \$2.50 / ea.

4' – 6' - \$4.50 / ea.

**Plantskydd Deer Repellant:**

1 lb. Soluble Powder concentrate: \$24.95

1 Qt. Pre-mixed Spray: \$21.95

1 lb. Shaker: \$14.95

1.32 gal. Pre-mix jug \$54.95

**Rain Barrels:**

55 gal. barrel, Water Saver Kit, Spigot: \$50.00

Water Saver Kit only: \$25.00

(plus 7% sales tax)

**Tree Moving:**

\$45.00 / 1 tree plus \$4.00/ loaded mile

\$40.00 / 2 – 10 trees “ “ “ “

\$35.00 / 11 or more “ “ “ “