



# Conservation Leader

March, 2017

Oliver Soil Conservation District  
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## *2017 Ladies Ag Night*

### *Black Tie Affair*

Keynote Presentation:

Growing Cold Season Grapes & Wine Tasting

Presented By: Wolf Creek Winery

**\*\*\* Musical Entertainment Provided By  
Center Stanton Music Department**

Tuesday April 4th

Doors Open 5:30 pm

Betty Hagel

Memorial Civic Center

Please RSVP

before March 29th by

contacting our office

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## SCD Update

Wow time fly's. Hard to believe its already the middle of March. The 2017 planting season will be here before we know it and just like on your own operation, the SCD is currently gearing up for what we expect to be a great year.

At our March board meeting the board decided to add auto-steer to both our custom seeding operation and also our tree planting program. They also spent a considerable amount of time discussing some new equipment / service ideas. If you ever have ideas for equipment or services you would like to see provided by the district please make sure to call JD at the office or visit with any of the supervisors.

Along with getting ready for spring planting, the SCD just closed the second batching period for the Oliver - Morton- Grant (OMG) Grant. The Grant received funds through the Outdoor Heritage Fund and made cost share for rangeland projects available to Oliver, Morton and Grant County producers. The Office Staff will be working on ranking and putting together contracts for those of you who applied and were approved.

Finally I would like to invite each and everyone of you to attend our 2017 Ladies Ag Night Event "Black Tie Affair". This years event will be Tuesday April 4th with doors opening at 5:30. Our keynote speaker will be The Wolf Creek Winery from up along Wolf Creek on Lake Sakakawea. They will be speaking on growing cold seasons grapes and also letting you sample some of their products. We are very excited for this event and hope that you will all join us.

### Dates to Remember

April 4th - Ladies Ag Night  
April 7th - SCD Board Meeting (12 pm)  
May 5th - SCD Board Meeting (7 am)  
Pre Order Tree Pickup Day (Tentative)

## New Farm Bill Specialist



Hello, I'm Sarah Hamilton, and I'm your new Farm Bill Specialist for Morton, Burleigh, and Oliver Counties. My job is to provide technical and programmatic assistance to producers in voluntary Farm Bill Conservation Programs such as CRP, EQIP, and CSP.

I grew up in Alabama and frequently visited my grandfather's farm where I developed an appreciation for farmers, ranchers, and private landownership. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife Science from Auburn University and my Master's Degree in Renewable Natural Resources with a concentration in Wildlife Science from Louisiana State University. After graduation, I accepted a position with an environmental consulting firm in Bismarck. I enjoy hiking, kayaking, fishing, and traveling.

I am excited to be working with the Soil Conservation Districts, and I look forward to working with farmers and ranchers on conservation practices! If you have any questions or want to learn more about the Farm Bill Programs offered through your local NRCS office, contact me or stop by the office anytime.

## Cost Share Available

If you are looking at making improvements to your live-stock operation, there may be cost share available from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For more information please call Chad Klindtworth Private Lands Biologist For the Audubon WMD at 701-442-5474 ext. 119

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J.D. Hanson

### DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Maria Tellez (Earth Team Volunteer)

Sarah Hamilton

Branden Bott

Val Hartman

### NRCS PERSONNEL

Alan Schwalbe

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### SUPERVISORS

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