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Pope Soil and Water Conservation District

November 2023

## Cihlars Named 2023 Outstanding Conservationists



Joe and Melanie Cihlar are pictured to the left along with their children Henry, Vinnie, and Oliver of Glenwood and they are the 2023 Pope County Outstanding Conservationists. They operate a 620-acre MDA Water Quality Certified farm raising corn, soybeans, wheat, forage, grapes, and cover crops.

They also own and operate Rolling Forks Vineyard employing 40 people.

They have implemented the following conservation practices: cover crops, shelterbelt, reduced tillage, no-till, 12 water quality intakes, 3 terraces, 16 water and sediment control basins, integrated pest management practices, native grass plantings, food plots, weather station, and variable rate drip irrigation.

They have worked closely with Pope SWCD and NRCS on implementing practices. They are active members in the chamber, Minnesota Grown and Grape Growers Association, Farm Bureau, and 4-H.

The Cihlars are good stewards and leaders in our community who are using conservation methods in their operation and enjoy sharing their knowledge with others. We are proud to select them as this year's recipient for this recognition and their conservation efforts. Congratulations Cihlars!

The Pope SWCD and Pope County will recognize the Cihlars at a County Commissioner Meeting in December and they will also be recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District Convention in Bloomington on December 13th.

Pollinator, Grass, and Tree Plantings



Watershed TAC & JPB Bus Tour of Project



Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certified in 2016

Hosted Breakfast on the Farm



6 Water and Sediment Control Basins Planned for Fall of 2023, 47 acres of No-till (2025) and Cover Crops (2024) also planned



Paulson CRP & Grade Stabilization Site



8 Water & Sediment Control Basins installed in 2015

# TREE OPEN HOUSE

**When:** December 20, 2023

**Where:** Pope SWCD Office

1680 Franklin St N  
Glenwood, MN

(320) 634-5327

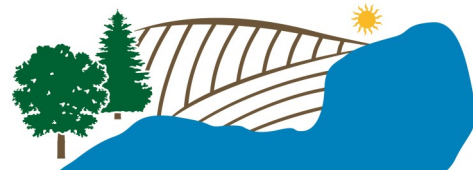
**Time:** 11:00 AM –3:00 PM

**Details:** Meet with Pope SWCD Staff for assistance on tree plans and cost share programs. Place your tree order for 2024!



***COME ENJOY CIDER,  
COFFEE, AND DONUTS!***

**POPE SOIL & WATER**



**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**



## **Borash Hired as Conservation Technician**

Please join us in welcoming Christopher Borash, our new Conservation Technician who began working here in August. Christopher recently moved to Starbuck with his wife Kaitlyn, who works as an Ag Teacher at the Morris High School. He was raised in a family of 8 kids on a 4<sup>th</sup> generation dairy farm near Holdingford, MN and attended the University of Mary in Bismarck for degrees in Criminal Justice and Wildlife Conservation. In his free time, Christopher enjoys tending to his flock of about 30 sheep, playing various musical instruments, hunting and enjoying the outdoors with his wife.

# Area Fifth Graders Attend Conservation Day



*Pope SWCD Staff pictured left that assisted with the Conservation Day events were Kimberly DeMorett, Holly Kovarik, Christopher Borash, and Nicole Brede.*

Pope SWCD staff teamed up with Stevens SWCD staff to assist with Conservation Day at Scandia Woods Environmental Learning Lab (SWELL) near Cyrus on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Over 300 fifth grade students from seven area schools in Stevens and Pope County attended, as well as teachers, volunteers and agency professionals. There were thirteen stations for the students to rotate through with topics ranging from deadly links, prairie wildlife, reptiles and waterfowl to wetlands, composting, orienteering, water quality and more.

Pope SWCD had two stations: "Deadly Links" where kids discovered how pesticides enter and affect the food chain through an interactive game involving grasshoppers, shrews and hawks and "Prairie Wildlife" in which kids learned the flora and fauna of the prairie during a scavenger hunt. A station presented by Stevens SWCD "In the Woods" taught the history of the forest in MN as well as how to age a tree by counting rings on a cut tree or using a formula for a living tree.

Presenters came from several different government and private organizations, as well as SWCDs: Pope SWCD, Stevens SWCD, Douglas SWCD, Grant SWCD, Stevens NRCS (Natural Resources Conservation Service), Pheasants Forever, North Fork Crow River Watershed, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Ranger Randee and Osprey Wilds Environmental Center.

Many sponsors make this outdoor event possible: Pope County Pheasant Restoration, Stevens County Pheasants Forever, Glacial Ridge Gobblers, Stevens County Local Water Plan, Pope County Land & Resource Management, North Fork Crow River Watershed District, WCROC, Lawn & Driveway Service, Bremer Bank, Hill Top Lumber, Eco Water, Glenwood Fire Department, Donnelly Rod & Gun Club, Federated Telephone, Engebretson & Sons and Morris Lions Club. Volunteers and staff came from Stevens SWCD and the Farm Service Agency, Pope SWCD and Karl & Linda Retzlaff (SWELL location landowners). Thank you to all these sponsors and volunteers!

The day was chilly but sunny and everyone had a fun time learning and interacting with educational games, demonstrations and activities. This was the 16<sup>th</sup> year for Conservation Day at SWELL which takes place every fall.

Pope SWCD was formed to assist people in Pope County with technical support towards conservation of land and water resources. Education of both youth and the public is of great importance. Conservation Day is one of several educational events that Pope SWCD assists with or organizes for youth. Pope SWCD can be reached at 320-634-5327 or [www.popeswcd.org](http://www.popeswcd.org)

# Plan Now for 2024 Tree Plantings



Pope SWCD encourages you to start planning now for a spring planting in 2024. We can assist you in design and implementation of the tree practice.

We encourage you to start now so that we can order your trees early. This past spring we had availability issues and were not able to get certain varieties. Come in to our Open House on December 20th to get your order placed. Call Christopher Borash now to start planning 320-634-5327.

**Pope SWCD provides services including tree planting, grass seeding, and rental services. We also provide materials for seeding projects and trees.**

**Contact the SWCD for your conservation needs. Call 320-634-5327 and ask for Christopher.**



**REMINDER TO CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! THE WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT MAY APPLY. ASK FOR Holly 320-634-5327.**

# 2024 SALES PROGRAM ORDER FORM

## POPE SOIL & WATER



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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Order early for the best selection of trees. We can have shortages of some varieties.  
You will be notified in April of pick-up dates for trees, tree products, and for grass seed orders.

Prices are subject to change.

**Special orders available upon request, call now to secure your order! No project to big or small!**

**Open House scheduled for December 20th with cider and donuts. Come meet our staff and place your order.**

ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
<b>SHRUBS (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Buffaloberry	\$50.00		
Chokeberry, black	\$50.00		
Hazlenut	\$50.00		
Hi Bush Cranberry	\$50.00		
Juneberry	\$50.00		
Common Lilac	\$50.00		
Cotoneaster	\$50.00		
Redosier Dogwood	\$50.00		
Sand Cherry	\$50.00		
Villosa Lilac	\$50.00		
<b>LARGE TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Siouxland Cottonwood	\$50.00		
Hackberry	\$50.00		
Bur Oak	\$50.00		
Silver Maple	\$50.00		
Sugar Maple	\$50.00		
American Linden Basswood	\$50.00		
<b>SMALL TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
American Plum	\$50.00		
Common Chokecherry	\$50.00		
Red Splendor Crab	\$50.00		
<b>EVERGREENS priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Black Hills Spruce	\$50.00		
Colorado Blue Spruce	\$50.00		
Ponderosa Pine	\$50.00		
American Arborvitae (White Cedar)	\$50.00		
Red Pine (Norway Pine)	\$50.00		

# Trees Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Page Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**See Reverse Side for Tax.**

**\*\*Conservation Grade Trees Must Be Ordered in Minimum Quantities of 25 unless otherwise noted.**

# 2024 SALES PROGRAM ORDER FORM



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
<b>POTTED EVERGREENS</b> ( <i>other varieties of evergreens available upon request</i> )			
Black Hills Spruce	\$16.50 each		
<b>TREE CARE (Plant Skydd Repellent)</b>			
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 200-300 1' seedlings) 1 lb powder	\$25.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 400-600 1' seedlings) 2.2 lb powder	\$37.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 100 1' seedlings) 1 liter premixed	\$20.00		
<b>TREE CARE</b>			
Tree Shelters 5' height (biodegradeable)	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Wood Stakes 5' height	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Bulk Roll of Weed Fabric 500'	\$200.00 per roll		
Staples/1000 per box (Anchor Pins)	\$80.00 per box		
<b>SERVICES -- All Services have a \$150.00 one time service charge</b>			
Custom Installed Weed Fabric (fabric included in price)	\$0.60 per foot		
Custom Tree Planting (\$100 minimum charge)	\$0.75 per tree		
Custom Cultivation	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding ATV	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding No-till Drill	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
<b>EQUIPMENT RENTALS (Delivery charges do apply)</b>			
Tree Planter (minimum charge of \$50.00)	\$50.00 per day		
No-Till Drill (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$10.00 per acre		
Packer (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$2.50 per acre		
Rainbarrels	\$75.00 each		
<b>CUSTOM GRASS SEED MIXES (priced per acre)</b>			
<i>Custom mixes available upon request suited to meet program requirements. Call for a quote 320-634-5327</i>			
<p>*Planning and Design service with on-site visit. (FREE)                      *Trees sold are for conservation purposes only.                      *SWCD cannot guarantee survival rate of trees.                      *SWCD reserves the right to substitute sizes or cancel species due to availability.                      *A <b>25% down payment</b> is required on all orders at the time of the order.                      All orders after March 1st 2024 must be paid in full at the time of the order. All balances due by April 1st, 2024. Orders Cancelled after February 1st, 2024 will be charged a 25% cancellation fee.</p>		<p><b>Total This Side :</b></p> <p><b>Total Front Side :</b></p> <p><b>Subtotal :</b></p> <p><b>7.375% Sales Tax :</b></p> <p><b>Total Order Cost :</b></p> <p><b>Paid :</b></p> <p><b>Balance :</b></p>	

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## DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN FOLLOW POPE SWCD ON FACEBOOK!

# 19th Annual Water Fest A Success!

The Pope and Stevens SWCDs worked together to host the 19th Annual Water Fest event on September 22nd for 6th grade students from 7 school districts. The event is held at the Pope County Fairgrounds. There were 350 students, volunteers, and presenters that make this event successful.

A big thank you to: Pope, Stevens, Grant, Douglas SWCDs; Pope Douglas Solid Waste Management, Pope County Ag Society, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Sauk River Watershed District, North Fork Crow River Watershed District, Middle Fork Crow River Watershed District, Stevens County Medical Center, University of Minnesota Extension, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Mark and Kay Blauert, Midwest Machinery, Federated Telephone, West Central Sanitation, Minnewaska Lake Association, Fluegel, Anderson, McLaughlin & Brutlag Chartered, Department of Natural Resources, Agralite, Cory and Marybeth Walker, Loene & Bob Bowlin, Richard & Rita Benson, Heather & Cornelius Beaufkof, Randy Pederson, Pope County Mothers & Others, Judi and John Dahlseng, Eco Water Systems of West Central Minnesota Lakes Area, Strecker Agency Inc., Affordable Floor Covering, Mohr Plumbing and Heating, and the Science Museum of Minnesota.



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## **Important Dates**

Board Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7am.

The public is welcome to join us.

November 14 Board Meeting

December 11-13 MASWCD Conference

December 19 Board Meeting

January 16 Board Meeting



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