

# Garland County Conservation District

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## NEWSLETTER

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*Quail Forever Biologist:* Kelly Bufkin   *Soil Scientist:* Elizabeth Gray   *Technician:* Terry Hunter

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### ANNUAL NUT SALE

*The Garland County Conservation District is currently taking orders for Pecans and other assortments of Nuts.*

*The large, shelled Pecan halves and pieces are from the 2018 crop in year in South Georgia*

To place an order: Call Hesper Hortman at 501-545-4016

or mail your order, along with your check to  
GCCD, 600 Main St. Suite Q, Hot Springs, AR 71913

**Deadline: October 26**

**Available for pick up from November 20**

<b>Mammoth Pecans</b>		<b>Almonds</b>	
Halves - 1 Lb. ....	\$9.00	Whole Roasted and Salted-1 Lb. ....	\$6.50
5 Lb. Box (loose) .....	\$43.00	Chocolate Covered- 1 Lb. ....	\$7.50
30 Lb. Bag (loose) .....	\$250.00	Whole Nonpareil- 1 Lb. ....	\$6.25
Pieces - 1 Lb. ....	\$8.50	Sliced Blanched- 1 Lb. ....	\$7.00
5 Lb. Box (loose) .....	\$40.00	<b>Other Nuts</b>	
30 Lb. Bag (loose) .....	\$230.00	In-shell Pistachios, Roasted and Salted	
<b>Other Pecan Halves</b>		1 Lb. ....	\$7.50
Milk Chocolate, White Chocolate, Dark		Whole Cashews, Roasted and Salted	
Chocolate, Chocolate Amaretto, Honey		1 Lb. ....	\$8.50
Toasted, Cinnamon Spice and Praline-		Chocolate Covered Cashews	
1 Lb. ....	\$9.00	1 Lb. ....	\$8.50
<b>Peanuts</b>		Halves and Pieces English Walnut	
Spanish Shelled Peanuts Raw -5 Lb. ....	\$15.50	1 Lb. ....	\$7.00
Honey Roasted- 1 Lb. ....	\$5.00	Deluxe Mixed Nuts, Roasted and Salted	
Double Dipped Chocolate-1 Lb.....	\$6.00	1 Lb. ....	\$7.50
<b>Chocolate Covered Raisins- 1Lb. ....</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	<b>Sugar Free</b>	
		Chocolate Covered Pecans- 1 Lb.....	\$9.00

#### **Conservation Sampler**

A sealed box containing 1lb bag each of Pecan Halves, Whole Cashews, Honey Roasted Peanuts, Walnuts, Chocolate Amaretto Pecans, Double Dipped Peanuts, Chocolate almonds and Chocolate Covered Raisins..... \$53.00

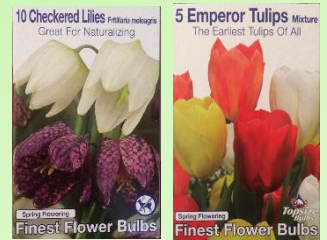
## 2018 Bulb Sale!!



1 box of Bulbs for \$4 and 3 boxes for \$10

### Bulb Selection:

Mountain Lilies, Mediterranean Bells, Grecian Windflowers, Grape Hyacinths, Double Daffodils (Replete), Emperor Tulips Mixture, Checkered Lilies, Daffodils Mixture, Giant Allium, Daffodils Tête à Tête, Wood Hyacinths, Early Snow Glories, Blue Allium, Double Daffodils (Tahiti), Double Daffodils Mixture, Wild Tulips, Fox's Grape, Allium Drumstick, Triumph Tulips Mixture, Snow Crocus Mixture, Giant Daffodils, Emperor Tulips, Pink Daffodils Mixture, Deluxe Crocus Mixture



## 2018 Scholarship Winner

The Garland County Conservation district recently awarded Anna Cicero of Hot Springs with the annual AACD Dave Ferguson Scholarship for Garland county. Cicero was chosen for her essay on this year's topic "Watersheds: Our Water, Our home". She is a 2018 graduate of Lake Hamilton High School.



Pictured are Garland County Conservation District board member, Doug Meredith and scholarship recipient, Anna Cicero.

## Garland County Fair

The GCCD had a table in the horticulture building at the Garland County Fair. We provided information on the variety of programs offered through NRCS, Quail Forever and Soil survey. We also had a giveaway for an Orca Cooler donated by Parker's Country Corner True Value.



*Rachel Hoffman*

# CHANGING FACES!

## WELCOME

## Thank you!



David Parker, son of retired board director Gene Parker, has recently joined the GCCD board. David is a lifelong resident of Garland County. He is co-owner of Parker's Country Corner True Value located in the Red Oak community. He and his wife Ami have 24 head of cattle, 15 goats and 1 donkey along with 2 rescue black labs. Mr. Parker is excited for the opportunity to follow in his father's footsteps with the GCCD.

### New District Manager!



Hesper Hortman is the new District Secretary at the Garland County Conservation District. She has lived in Hot Springs her whole life

and has two wonderful daughters. Hesper looks forward to working with the people of Garland County.

### + New Farm Bill Biologist



Kelly Bufkin is the New Farm Bill Biologist working with Quail Forever and partnered with the NRCS and AGFC. He can help you create and implement plans to improve wildlife habitat.



After serving Garland County on the Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors for over 34 years, Mr. Gene Parker left his position as Chairman as of January 2018. Mr. Parker was very instrumental in obtaining the funding for the "Erosion Table" at Mid-America Museum. Through

the years, the hands-on display taught many individuals about soil erosion and ways of erosion prevention. Mr. Parker felt that education was the main ingredient in the conservation of our natural resources. He served on many boards in our community through the years, Farm Family of the Year, Quorum Court, FFA, 4-H and Garland County Fair, just to name a few. We thank him for being a dedicated servant to our community, county, state and nation through the years!!

### New Soil Scientist



Elizabeth Gray recently moved from Chesterfield VA to Hot Springs to be a Soil Scientist for the NRCS. Elizabeth

went to Virginia Tech graduating in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Crop and Soil Science. She is excited to be working as a Soil Scientist and hopes to help and educate people about soils

## 2018 Farm Family of the Year

Congratulations to the Parker family of the Red Oak community.



## Department of Conservation Districts Specialty License Plate



From every purchase of this specialty license plate, the Garland County Conservation district receives \$20.00, which helps put conservation on the ground. For more information call 1-501-682-2915 or visit [www.dfa.arkansas.gov](http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov).

In Season produce for Fall and  
Winter

Greens, kale, chard, pumpkins, winter squash,  
sweet potatoes, radishes, rutabagas

Carrots year round

Look for them at your local farmers market!

## Equipment for Rent

Visit the office, Call 501-545-4016 or email Hesper Hortman at [Hesper.Hortman@ar.nacdnet.net](mailto:Hesper.Hortman@ar.nacdnet.net)

**\$100 DEPOSIT REQUIRED FOR ALL  
RENTALS**

### **TYE NO-TILL DRILL**

7-foot with Hydraulic Remote Outlets  
Minimum Tractor Size: 55 HP  
\$7 per Acre  
\$50 Minimum

### **PASTURE SPRAYER**

300-Gallon  
\$25 per Day

### **LOG SPLITTER**

35 Ton, Vertical or Horizontal Slitting  
\$50 First Day  
\$25 Each Additional Day

### **TOOL FOR ELECTRIC FENCING**

First 3 Days Included  
\$5 Each Additional Day



### **Beaver Problems?**

Garland Co Conservation  
District now pays a bounty of  
\$15.00 per beaver tail.

Funding for this program is provided by the Quorum Court along with state funds. To be eligible, a trapper must register with the Conservation District, have a valid hunting license and have trapped the beaver in Garland Co

## USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Accepting 2019 EQIP Applications

Farmers and landowners in Arkansas have until Nov. 2, 2018, to submit applications to receive financial assistance to implement conservation activities through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for the 2018 program year. Applicants can sign up at their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service field service center.

A **Nov. 2, 2018**, deadline is set for:

- Conservation Activity Plans
- High Tunnel Systems
- National Organic Initiative
- National On-Farm Energy Initiative

Individuals and other entities actively engaged in agricultural production are eligible to participate in EQIP. EQIP offers a continuous application sign-up. However, to be considered for funding under the 1st batch period, sign-up applications must be received by Nov. 2. An application deadline for other EQIP initiatives, will be announced soon.

All applications will be evaluated for funding based on a state and nationally developed procedure to optimize environmental benefits. Applications ranking highest in a funding category will be funded according to priority and is subject to availability of program funds.

For more information, visit <http://www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov/> or contact the local USDA/NRCS field service center.

The FY 2019 EQIP implementation schedule is:

<b>EQIP - 2019 Signup Number 1 Implementation Schedule:</b>				
<b>Funding Category</b>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Ranking Deadline</b>	<b>Preapproval Begins</b>	<b>Obligation</b>
Conservation Activity Plans	Nov. 2, 2018	Nov. 9, 2018	Nov. 12, 2018	Jan. 31, 2019
National Organic Initiative	Nov. 2, 2018	Nov. 9, 2018	Nov. 12, 2018	Jan. 31, 2019
High Tunnel Systems	Nov. 2, 2018	Nov. 21, 2018	Nov. 26, 2018	Jan. 31, 2019

## Savory Recipe of the Quarter Sweet-Potato and Sausage Hash

From *Rachael Ray Every Day*

2 large sweet potatoes (about 2 pounds) \*,  
peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces  
1/2-pound bulk pork sausage  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 bell peppers (any color), chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
Salt and pepper  
Green salsa, for serving

In a medium pot of boiling, salted water, cook the sweet potatoes until almost tender, about 4 minutes.

Drain and set aside.

In a large nonstick skillet, cook the sausage over medium heat until browned and crumbly, about 10 minutes; transfer with a slotted spoon to paper towels to drain.

Heat the oil in the skillet over medium-high heat. Add the bell peppers, onion and garlic and cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add the sausage, cumin and sweet potatoes and cook for 5 minutes more. Season to taste with salt and pepper and serve with green salsa

Yield: 4 servings.

\* Sweet Potatoes are in season so try to get them at your local farmers market

## Sweet Recipe of the Quarter

### Pecan Squares

From *AACDE Cookbook*

2 c. all-purpose flour  
½ c. powdered sugar  
1 c. butter, cut up  
1 (14-oz.) can sweetened condensed milk  
1 large egg  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 package almond brickle chips\*  
1 c. chopped pecans\*

Combine flour and powdered sugar in a medium bowl. Cut in butter with a pastry blender until crumbly.

Press mixture evenly into a greased 9 X 13-in pan. Bake at 350° for 15 minutes.

Combine sweetened condensed milk and next 4 ingredients: pour over prepared crust. Bakes at 350° for 25 minutes or until golden. Cool and cut into squares.

Yield: 4 dozen. \*We used Bits' O Brickle found in the baking section of your supermarket. \* You can get your pecans from us! We are taking orders until October 26!

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