

Garland County Conservation District

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NEWSLETTER

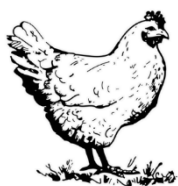
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ANRC REMINDS POULTRY OPERATORS TO REGISTER

The Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) and the Garland County Conservation District wants to remind all owners of Poultry Feeding Operations (PFOs) that the annual registration for PFO's begins January 1, 2019 in accordance with the Arkansas Poultry Feeding Operations Registration Act (Act 1060 of 2003). **Registration dates will run through March 31** and affect any PFO with 2,500 or more confined fowl. There will be an annual \$10.00 registration fee per operation payable to that district.

Under Arkansas law, persons in the state of Arkansas who own or operate Poultry Feeding Operations where 2,500 or more Poultry are housed or confined on any given day will be required to register annually with the Commission and pay a \$10.00 fee for each operation.

Failure to do so will result in the following penalties:

First Offense: Written notice of Non-Compliance with the Arkansas Poultry Registration Act.

Second Offense: You may be fined up to fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Third Offense: You may be fined up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

For more information about PFO registration contact your local Conservation District or call Arkansas Natural Resources Commission in Little Rock; Miccah Bowen, (501) 682-3968.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to County Judge Rick Davis and the Quorum Court for their continued support. Many thanks as well to our community for your ongoing patronage.

Happy New Year!

The Garland County Conservation District recently presented a contribution to Brian Page, Administrator of COMPACT Family Services, for their garden project. This will help to purchase the materials for building their raised outdoor garden beds as well as expanding their composting operation.



Pictured: Judy Castleberry, Brian Page, Hesper Hortman, Tommy Sorrells, Melvin Daniel, Doug Meredith, David Parker

LEARN TO BURN

Introduction to Prescribed Fire for Landowners

An introduction to prescribed fire to educate landowners on the safe and effective use of fire as a land management tool. Topics include fire ecology, using fire to maintain wildlife habitat, writing a prescribed burn plan, liability, personal protective equipment and tools. Lunch will be provided at no charge. This event is sponsored by Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Quail Forever and Arkansas Forestry Association.

February 14, 2019

Malvern AR - 4 H Center 1407 MLK Blvd, Malvern AR 72104

Register at:

<https://learn-to-burn-malvern-4-h-center-2-14-19.eventbrite.com>

Space is limited

Lunch provided

FORESTRY

MONDAY, FEB 11 TH 6 PM
HSC FAIRGROUNDS

Hot Springs County Extension

- Tree ID & Value- Jaret Rushing, County Extension Agent
- Estimating Timber Value- Kyle Cunningham, U of A CES Assistant Forestry Professor
- Process & Pitfalls to Selling Timber- Vic Ford, U of ACES Interim Associate Director ANR
- Forestry EQIP Practices- Derek Nokes, NRCS District Conservationist

Dinner Sponsored by Farm Credit
Please call the Extension Office to RSVP by
Monday, February 4th
501-332-5267

Supported by:
U of A Division of Agriculture Research and Extension
Farm Credit of Western Arkansas
NRCS

Equipment for Rent

Visit the office, call 501-545-4016 or
email Hesper.Hortman@usda.gov

NO-TILL SEED 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

TOOLS FOR ELECTRIC FENCING

First 3 Days Included
\$5 Each Additional Day

SAVE A TREE

Do you have an email address? By signing up to receive our newsletter electronically you will help to conserve one of our most precious natural resources!!

Call 501-545-4016 or email
Hesper.Hortman@ar.nacdnet.net

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.

WELCOME



We would like to welcome Darryl Mahoney as Garland County Judge.



Hello Everyone,

My name is Kelly Bufkin, and I am here to help restore quail habitat in Garland County. I work for Quail Forever, the nation's leading upland wildlife habitat organization, as a Farm Bill Biologist. A Farm Bill Biologist is sort of a "one stop shop" for anything wildlife-related

on private lands. I work with farmers, ranchers, landowners, and natural resource agencies to figure out what we can do on their property to make it more attractive and suitable for quail. What makes this so great is that any habitat improvements done to a property for quail are going to directly benefit many other species of wildlife, including deer, turkeys and pollinators. With funding and support from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Arkansas Game & Fish Commission (AGFC) we work to promote, accelerate enrollment, coordinate and implement the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill and other related wildlife conservation programs, such as AGFC's Acres for Wildlife. Through these programs we hope to offset the cost of conservation work on private lands and help landowners with their management goals. So, if you have an old field that you are tired of bush hogging, come by and see us. If your woods have grown up and could use a little attention, we can take a look at that too!

BEAVER PROBLEMS?

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

Funding 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 County.



Could you use some extra money at college next year? Thinking about studying agriculture, environmental science or conservation? Then listen up!

As part of a statewide education program, the Garland County Conservation

District is offering a

\$250.00 scholarship for a local high school student. As well as receiving the District Scholarship, the winner will be eligible to compete at both the area and state level.

The Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts awards two scholarships (\$1,000 and \$500) based on student's essay. The rules are simple, and the contest is open to juniors and seniors with a minimum 2.5 grade point average who are Garland County residents and will follow a conservation related course of study. Contest entries must be submitted by **February 22, 2019** to the Garland County Conservation District at 600 Main St. Suite Q, Hot Springs, AR 71913.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS

Monthly board meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the NRCS office at 600 Main St. Suite Q.

Savory Recipe of the

Sweet Recipe of the

Crock Pot Beef and Barley Stew

Jessie's Layers of Love Chocolate Brownies

From AACD Simply Sweets Cookbook

INGREDIENTS

- 1.5 lbs beef (chuck roast or other tough beef cuts, trimmed of excess fat and cut into 1-inch pieces)
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and diced into 1/2-inch pieces (Yukon gold or russets are preferred)
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and diced
- 2 ribs celery, sliced in half lengthwise, then cut into 1/2-1-inch pieces
- 4 cloves garlic, minced or 1 tsp jarred minced garlic
- 6 bouillon cubes or 2 Tbsp better than bouillon beef base (optional but recommended)
- 1/2 tsp salt (or to taste)
- 1/4 tsp black pepper (or to taste)
- 1/2 tsp dried thyme (or to taste)
- 1 dry bay leaf (or to taste)
- 1 tsp dried rosemary (or to taste)
- 6 cups beef broth or stock
- 2/3 cup pearl barley

INGREDIENTS

- 3/4 c. all-purpose flour
- 1/4 c. cocoa powder
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 stick butter cut in pieces
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1/2 c. brown sugar
- 3 large eggs
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 c. chopped pecans
- 3/4 c. white chocolate chips
- 1/2 c. caramel sauce
- 3/4 semi-sweet chocolate chips

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Brown beef in a large skillet (preferably an iron skillet) over MED HIGH heat (typically 1-2 minutes per side but watch to make sure they don't burn). Can add vegetable or canola oil to skillet to help with sticking.
2. Add beef and all remaining ingredients to slow cooker and stir to combine. Cover and cook on LOW for 7-8 hours or on HIGH for 4-5 hours.

Preheat oven to 350° F

Grease 8 in square baking pan

Combine flour, cocoa and salt in small bowl.

Beat butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in a large mixer bowl until creamy.

Add 2 eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Add vanilla extract; mix well.

Gradually beat in flour mixture.

Reserve 3/4 c. batter. Spread rest of batter in prepared pan.

Sprinkle nuts and white chocolate chips over batter. Drizzle Carmel sauce over top.

Mix reserved batter and 1 egg until light in color. Stir in semi-sweet chocolate chips. Spread evenly over caramel sauce.

Bake for 30-35 minutes or until center is set. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Cut into squares

