

- Passing along a few announcements for the RMCD scholarship & internship opening as well as a couple of seminars/conferences that might be of some interest.

POLK COUNTY GRAZIER

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An eNewsletter by the Rich Mountain Conservation District

RMCD Scholarship Information

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY RICH MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Do you know someone who could 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, Rich Mountain Conservation District is offering a first place \$1000 scholarship and a \$500 second place scholarship for a local high school senior according to James Watkins, Chairman of the district. As well as receiving the local 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 all high school seniors with a minimum 2.5 grade point average who are Polk County residents and will follow a conservation or agriculture related course of study. **Contest entries must be submitted by March 29, 2024 to the Rich Mountain Conservation District at 508 7th Street Mena, AR 71953.**

High school counselors and FFA sponsors have entry forms and rules. Those interested should call the Rich Mountain Conservation District office at 479-437-6054 or come by 508 7th Street in Mena. Please see attachment for more information.

“To be a successful farmer one must first know the nature of the soil.”
— *Xenophon, Oeconomicus, 400 B.C.*

RMCD Taking Resumes - *Ideal for a local college student interested in conservation, agriculture, or forestry.*

Rich Mountain Conservation District (Polk County) is taking resumes for a part-time Conservation Technician Assistant position.

Work duties include but not limited to: assisting landowners with installation of conservation practices & programs, working knowledge of agriculture, and working with GPS equipment & computers.

Flexible hours of work will be between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Work involves various outside jobs and some office duties.

Contact us at 479-394-6054. Bring resume to 508 7th Street, Mena between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or email to rmcdistrict2023@gmail.com as soon as possible.



Upcoming Events (please see attachments):

- Ouachita Beekeepers Association -
Honey Bee Swarms Seminar

7pm on March 14th, 2024 at University of
Arkansas Rich Mtn

Biology and Management of

Honey Bee Swarms

March 14, 7 pm

UA Rich Mountain
Ouachita Center

FREE



Join the
Ouachita Beekeepers

and

UADA Extension

Apiculture Specialist

Dr. Jon Zawislak

for an evening of
honey bee education

discussing **why honey bees**

swarm and how

to manage swarms

The Ouachita Beekeepers Association meets regularly on the **SECOND THURS** at 7 pm at the UA Extension's Education Building, 211 DeQueen Street in Mena.

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- **AGLC 2024 Arkansas Grazing Conference**

9am on March 28th, 2024 at Hope



2024 ARKANSAS GRAZING CONFERENCE

March 28 - University of Arkansas Community College | 2500 S Main St, Hope, AR 71801
March 29 - Durand Center, Harrison, AR | 303 N Main St, Harrison, AR 72601 | Doors Open at 8:00 AM

Multi-Species Grazing - Adding Sheep and/or Goats to a Beef Operation

Mark Kennedy

Owner

Kennedy Grassland Services, LLC

Precision Agriculture in Cattle and Forage Production - Technology and Applications

Dr. Jason Davis

Assistant Professor of Remote Sensing and Pesticide Application

University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture

Maximizing Profits: Introducing Grass-Finished Beef to Your Cow/Calf Operation

Brent Fry

President

Osage Creek Farm, LLC

Cattle Grazing Management: A Systems Approach to Putting It All Together for a Successful Operation

Jeremy Huff

State Grazing Land Specialist

NRCS

Building Grassland Soil Health

Stan Boltz

Regional Soil Health Specialist

USDA



Registration: \$40 (Lunch Provided)
Pre-Register at
www.argrazinglandscoalition.org
or call 501-944-7310

Know someone who would enjoy receiving this newsletter?

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Sent on behalf of the Rich Mountain Conservation District.
Thanks for your interest in grazing management and conservation,

Steve Swall

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