

# POLK COUNTY GRAZIER

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*An eNewsletter by the Rich Mountain Conservation  
District*

**“Whoever could make two ears of corn or two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country than the whole race of politicians put together.”**

*— Jonathan Swift, Gulliver’s Travels, 1726*

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## **ATTENTION POULTRY GROWERS:**

**The annual poultry registration process has changed for 2024**

The 2024 PFO registration will now be an online only program; growers will no longer go to the Conservation District office. The Arkansas Department of Agriculture has posted a link on our website (image and location of the form are shown below) for growers to register their operations.

We appreciate your help in providing this information to anyone that may come in asking about the registration; please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. The intent is to make this process easier on the grower and to streamline the results, while assuring the program is sound and supports our efforts towards healthy soil and clean water.

Growers will need to create an account the 1<sup>st</sup> time they register. The purpose of this is to eliminate the mundane process of information collection and prevent the replication of data each year. When they create their account, they will provide all the information they have in the past. The following years will only require logging in and entering litter use and bird information; basically, information that changes from year to year. However, they will have the opportunity to go back in and change any previous information, like number of acres, phone numbers, or if they have changed companies or added houses; they can't change any of the litter use data once they enter it in.

Thank you.

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Poultry Registration Website:

<https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/poultry-feeding-operations-registration/>

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# RMCD Scholarship Information

## SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED BY RICH MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Contact person: Cynthia Mateu

Phone:479-437-6054

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Mena. Please see attachment for more information.

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**"To be a successful farmer one must first  
know the nature of the soil."**

*— Xenophon, Oeconomicus, 400 B.C.*

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Mena between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or email to [rmcdistrict2023@gmail.com](mailto:rmcdistrict2023@gmail.com) as soon as possible.



## Upcoming Events (please see attachments):

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- U of A Extension -Small Ruminant Workshop

6pm on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Lockesburg



# Small Ruminant Workshop



Join us! Many topics will be discussed. Our goal is to have everyone leave with a farm management plan!

**Hosted by:**  
Howard & Sevier  
County Extension  
**Presented by:**  
Dan Quadros  
*Assistant Professor  
Small Ruminant Specialist*

## Meal Provided!

Pre-Register by calling:



Howard County-870.845.7517  
Sevier County-870.584.3013

**REGISTER BY  
MARCH  
FIRST!**



**Time: 6 pm**  
**When: March 7, 2024**  
**Where: Jackson/Cole Hall**  
**Lockesburg**

The University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture is an equal opportunity, equal access, affirmative action institution. If you require a reasonable accommodation to participate or need materials in another format, please contact the Sevier County Extension Office as soon as possible. Dial 711 for Arkansas Relay.

- **AGLC 2024 Arkansas Grazing Conference**

8am on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.argrazinglandscoalition.org)  
or call 501-944-7310

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Know someone who would enjoy receiving this newsletter?

Please feel free to forward it to them and have them contact our office to be on the mailing list in the future!

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

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