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Attention: Farmers and Landowners

Do you need grass seeds for your CRP Project?

The Poinsett County Conservation District can order your grass seeds.

Contact Brandy for more information.

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Farm Family of the Year: The Walton Family

Darin Walton and his family of Trumann, Ar was selected as this years farm family of the year. Darin, pictured below with his wife Leigh Ann, and two daughters Leigh Kathryn 10, and Caroline 7. Darin has been farming since 1988; he now runs a 2,340 acre operation. Darin also runs a flying service by the name of Walton Ag Wings. Darin has had his pilots license since 1988. Darin was a graduate of Trumann High School in 1986 and after high

school he attended Arkansas State University, during which time he acquired his first patch of farmland. Darin's wife Leigh Ann is a Speech Language Pathologist at Valley View Elementary School in Jonesboro. His two daughters remain very active in school participating in many after school activities. Darin has served as a board member for the Poinsett County Conservation District since January of 2009.



Pictured are, from left: (back row) Darin Walton, Leigh Ann Walton, Bud Bingham, Bob Walton, (front row) Millie Bingham, Caroline Walton, Kat Walton, and Sue Walton.



Congratulations Walton Family!

Poinsett County Fair

The Poinsett County Conservation District will be presenting an exhibit in the Poinsett County Fair in the exhibit building.

This years theme is "Backyard Habitat" and focuses on creating habitats at the home. We will have a backyard habitat setup in the exhibit building along with some extra information on the subject.

One of the main missions of the Conservation District is to promote the wise use of the soil and water resources in the county; and one way of doing that is providing conservation information to the public.

COME CHECK IT OUT!





Blackberry Pie Recipes Source: Allrecipes.com

With this time of year there are always fresh blackberries growing throughout the county. Here is a blackberry pie recipe that will help make wise use of those delicious blackberries.

Ingredients-

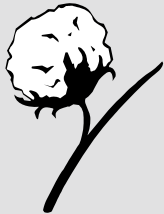
- 4 cups of fresh blackberries
- 1/2 a cup of white sugar
- 1/2 cup of all purpose flour
- 1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/4 cup white sugar

Directions-

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F
2. Combine 3 1/2 cups berries with the sugar and flour. Spoon the mixture into an unbaked pie shell. Spread the remaining 1/2 cup berries on top of the sweetened berries, and cover with the top crust. Seal and crimp the edges, and

cut vents in the top crust for steam to escape

3. Brush the top crust with milk, and sprinkle with 1/4 cup sugar
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce the temperature of the oven to 375 degrees F and bake for an additional 20 to 25 minutes, or until the filling is bubbly and the crust is golden brown. Cool on wire rack.



WEAR MORE COTTON

6 Ways to Practice Pool Water Conservation

by Josh Peterson, Planet Green

1. Turn Down the Thermostat If you have a heated pool, lower the temperature a few degrees.
2. Get a Pool Cover Pool covers reduce evaporation by 30 to 50% and will warm the pool.
3. Plant a Windbreak Wind whipping across the surface of the pool will remove water from the pool.
4. Check for Leaks A leaky swimming pool can waste over 100,000 gallons of water per year.
5. Keep Filters Clean to Prevent Backwash If there is backwashed water, use it on your lawn. Keeping your pool clean will reduce stress on the filter.
6. Horseplay and Splashing will waste water. I personally enjoy horseplay. But horseplay does waste water. Knocking it off will save water.

Items for Purchase

Office Sales

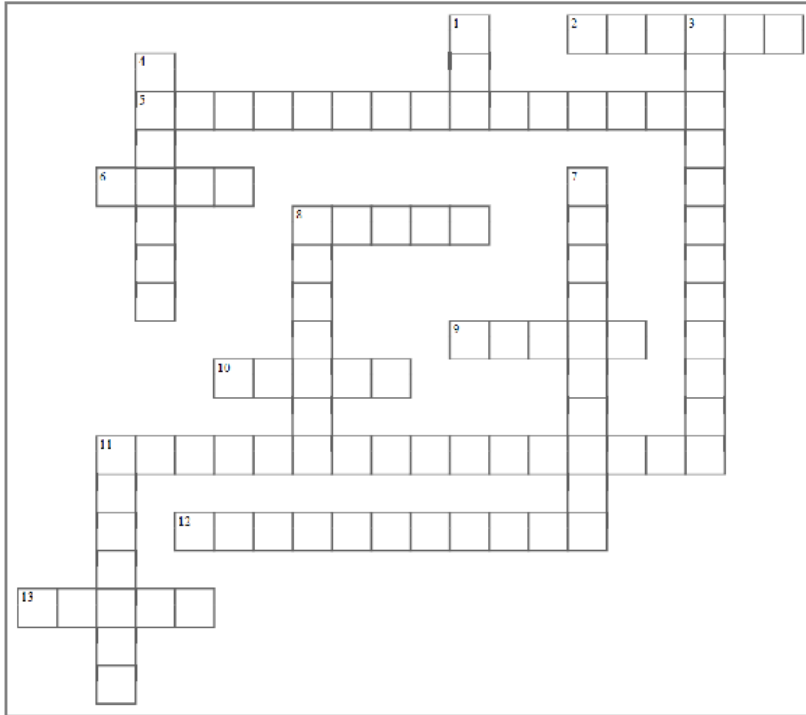
- 2012 Plat Books \$60.00
- 2012 Wall Maps \$80.00
- 2012 Electronic Plat Books \$60.00
- Flags \$5.00/bundle

AACDE Fundraiser

- 16 oz Tumbler Cups \$5.00
- Soup Mix \$5.00
- Dip Mix 2 for \$5.00
- Candles 2 for \$5.00
- Fruit of the Land Cookbook \$5.00
- Sweets Cookbook \$5.00



WATER CONSERVATION



ACROSS

2. Turn off the ___ when brushing your teeth.
5. The Water Conservation Office mascot.
6. An amphibian that ribbits.
8. FOGs (fats, oils, and greases) are sometimes liquids when heated up, but turn into a ___ when cooled down.
9. FOGs(fats, oils, and greases) can clog your ___ and cause your house to flood.
10. A liquid that all living things need to survive.
11. The process of cleaning our wastewater so it can be returned to the Mississippi River.
12. One place Athens gets drinking water from is the North ___.
13. Fix ___ from toilets and faucets.

DOWN

1. Drink ___ water instead of bottled water.
3. To use wisely.
4. Added to drinking water to keep our teeth healthy.
7. Water that has been used in washing, flushing, and manufacturing.
8. Take ___ showers to save water.
11. Another name for a marshy area made with treated and cleaned wastewater.

Answers can be found on www.poinsettcountycd.com

Fishing Report for Lake Poinsett

by **Ronnie Weston, Outdoors Editor**

Lake Poinsett – Although it isn't in Lake Charles' class as an outstanding bass fishery Poinsett displayed a well-balanced bass population. We saw a few 20" fish as well as a good number bass greater than 16". Poinsett did contain a relatively large number of bass smaller than 13". The lake could stand an

increase in harvest rates for this small size bass.

One thing that does bother me a bit about the lake is that it doesn't seem to have an abundance of forage. It may be that the annual fertilization program that used to be conducted needs to be restarted to encourage more forage fish production.

Poinsett's bream population showed a mixed bag as well. Some nice keeper bluegill and redears were observed but nothing like what was seen at Lake Hogue. Most of these panfish were sub-harvest size.



EAT MORE RICE

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Mission: The purpose of the Poinsett County Conservation District is to plan and promote the wise use of soil and water resources in Poinsett County and to assure fair and equitable treatment of all people.

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