



December 2013

Poinsett County Conservation District

Volume 14, Issue 2

If you're interested in becoming a sponsor to this newsletter please contact us at the office via email, phone or in person.

### **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.**

### **Inside this issue:**

- Cookie Recipe **2**
- For Sale Items **2**
- Puzzle **3**
- NRCS Announcements **3**
- Beaver Program **3**
- Contact Info **4**
- District Sponsors **4**

## **2013 Water Use Registration**

The 2013 water use registration began on October 1st. Postcards have been sent out to notify that registration has begun. We can send out registration forms by email, mail or fax. Producers have until March 1st to register their water use and can pay by mail or in person. After March 1st there will be a late penalty incurred. Producers can also call 870-578-2444 ext. 3 and set

up an appointment to come by our office. Our office hours are Monday–Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Water Use questions or registration requests can also be emailed to nathan.pierce@ar.nacdnet.net or brandy.gardner@ar.nacdnet.net. Thank you for your efforts to report your usage by the deadline.



## **Arkansas Game and Fish Certificates**

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) has shared with the Districts “my first” certificates. These certificates feature my first duck, turkey, fish, and deer along with the option of with or without a photo insert. These certificates are free to download on our website at [www.poinsettcountycd.com](http://www.poinsettcountycd.com). They are also available on the AGFC website at [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com). You can also come by the office Mon-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm for a print of these certificates if resources are not available. These are a great way to show recognition to a young ones accomplishment or a great addition to a wall mount.



## **2013 Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting**

This year’s Annual Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) meeting was held from December 10th to the 11th. The meeting took place at the Wyndham Hotel in North Little Rock. During the meeting, several topics from Water Use Registration to Improving Soil Health with Grazing Management were discussed. There were

several speakers at the event including Charles Glover, AACD President and Poinsett County Conservation District Board Chairman; Beau Bishop, Governmental Affairs Arkansas Farm Bureau; Mike Sullivan, State Conservationist for NRCS; Dr. Tony Windham, Vice President of U of A Coop Ext. Service; Joe Fox, State Forrester Arkansas Forestry

Commission and special guest speaker Governor Mike Beebe among others. The meeting serves as an opportunity for multiple agencies across the state to get together to better serve their perspective agency.



**Peppermint Meltaways Recipe**

Source: [tasteofhome.com](http://tasteofhome.com)

**Ingredients:**

- 1 Cup of butter, softened
- 1/2 Cup of confectioners' sugar
- 1/2 Teaspoon peppermint extract
- 1 -1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup of cornstarch

**Frosting:**

- 2 Tablespoons butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 Tablespoons 2% milk
- 1/4 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 2 to 3 Drops red food coloring
- 1/2 Cup of crushed peppermint candies

**Directions**

1. In a small bowl, cream butter and confectioners' sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in extract. Combine flour and cornstarch; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well.
2. Shape into 1-in. balls. Place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until bottoms are lightly browned. Remove to wire racks to cool.
3. In a small bowl, beat butter until fluffy. Add the confectioners' sugar, milk, extract and, if desired, food coloring; beat until smooth. Spread over cooled cookies; sprinkle with crushed candies. Store in an airtight container. Yield: 3-1/2 dozen.



**WEAR MORE  
COTTON**

**Items for Purchase**

Office Sales

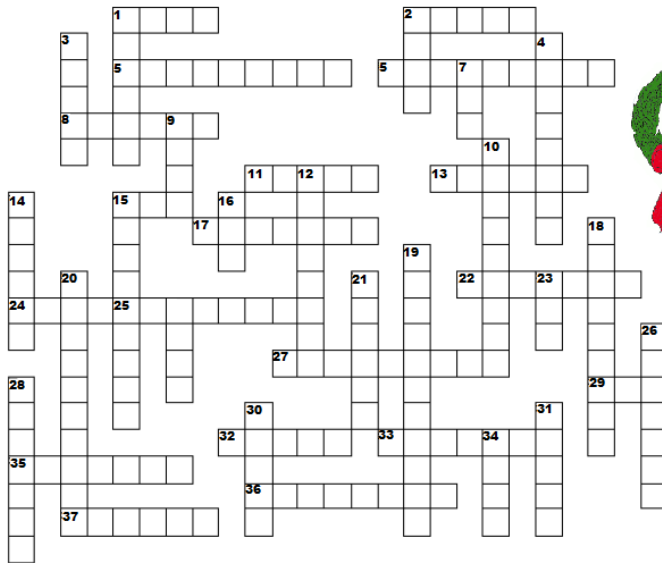
- 2012 Plat Books \$60.00
- 2012 Wall Maps \$100.00
- 2012 Electronic Plat Books \$60.00
- Flags \$5.00/bundle

Be sure to check out our webpage frequently and like us on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest information and programs available. Scan the QR code with your smartphone which serves as a link to our webpage.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Answers can be found at: [www.poinsetcountycd.com](http://www.poinsetcountycd.com)



**ACROSS**

- 1 The mother of Christ.
- 2 People often mail these to friends and acquaintances.
- 5 Santa's home and workshop are located here.
- 6 Traditional red-and-white-striped candy.
- 8 Santa's vehicle.
- 11 A Christmas song.
- 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.
- 15 If you \_\_\_\_\_ a live Christmas tree, you must throw it out after the holidays.
- 17 A treat commonly left for Santa.
- 22 They followed a star to find the Christ child.
- 24 The night before Christmas.
- 27 Decorations commonly hung on trees.
- 29 The color of Rudolph's nose.
- 32 \_\_\_\_\_ Claus.
- 33 Kris \_\_\_\_\_.
- 35 A "door" for Santa.
- 36 St. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 37 These electric decorations were introduced as a safe replacement for candles on Christmas trees.

**DOWN**

- 1 Baby Jesus had this for a bed.
- 2 Naughty children may find a lump of this in their stockings.
- 3 "not a creature was stirring, not even a \_\_\_\_\_."
- 4 People who go door to door singing Christmas songs.
- 7 If you \_\_\_\_\_ a live Christmas tree, you may plant it after the holidays.
- 9 Another word for present.
- 10 These should be hung by the chimney with care.
- 12 The animals that travel with Santa.
- 14 Christmas Eve services are held
- 15 "I'm dreaming of a white \_\_\_\_\_."
- 16 A colorful decoration often added to the top of a package.
- 18 Angels announced Jesus' birth to these people.
- 19 These spicy holiday cookies are often shaped as people.
- 20 This type of Christmas tree may be used year after year.
- 21 A round object often hung on a door.
- 23 A small person who helps Santa.
- 25 Santa's preferred beverage.
- 26 He guided Santa's sleigh one golly Christmas Eve.
- 28 String this to decorate the Christmas tree.
- 30 Old \_\_\_\_\_ Nicholas.
- 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas!
- 34 One of the three gifts the wise men brought to the Christ child.



## NRCS Deadlines

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is opening the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) for new enrollments for fiscal year 2014. Producers interested in participating in the program can submit applications to NRCS through Jan. 17, 2014. The program emphasizes

conservation performance — producers earn higher payments for higher performance. In CSP, producers install conservation enhancements to make positive changes in soil quality, soil erosion, water quality, water quantity, air quality, plant resources, animal resources and energy. For more information visit [www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov)



**EAT MORE RICE**



## Beaver Control Program

The 2013 Beaver Control program started November 14th. Since then, there has been over 441 beaver tails notched in this county. Beaver are a huge problem for farmers as they cause flooding, and can cause water flow to stop in an irrigated area. If beaver control is a problem in

your area, we have several trappers that are willing to serve. For a complete list of trappers you can call the office at 870-578-2444 ext. 3, or email [nathan.pierce@ar.nacdn.net](mailto:nathan.pierce@ar.nacdn.net) or [brandy.gardner@ar.nacdn.net](mailto:brandy.gardner@ar.nacdn.net). If you are a trapper and would like to start receiving a bounty of \$10 a tail,

contact the office with the number provided. The district will need a copy of your drivers license, hunting license, and trappers permit.



## Poinsett County Conservation District

505 Brooks Ave  
Harrisburg  
Arkansas  
72432

Phone: 870-578-2444 ext. 3  
Fax: 855-652-2089  
E-mail:  
brandy.gardner@ar.nacdnet.net  
nathan.pierce@ar.nacdnet.net  
Hours M-F 8:00-4:30

### Office Staff:

Brandy Gardner, District Coordinator  
Nathan Pierce, District Technician  
Chris Culver, District Conservationist  
Justin Smith, Conservation Technician  
Roger Cousins, Soil Conservationist

### Board Members:

Charles Glover, Chairman  
Tom Wimpy, Treasurer  
Brian Mack, Member  
Jimmy McDonald, Member  
Darin Walton, Member

*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.*

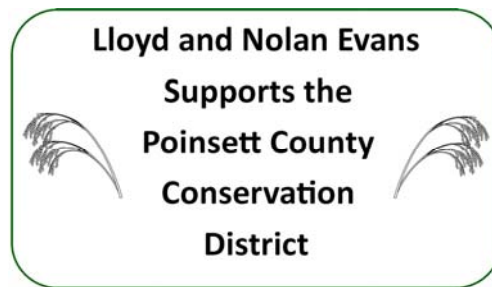
[www.poinsettcountycd.com](http://www.poinsettcountycd.com)



Find us on  
**Facebook**



We support our  
Conservation District  
**Barry & Whit Walls**



# Thank You District Sponsors

