

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT WITH JOHN COTENAS/GRASSLAND SPECIALIST

Now that winter is here, we need to make sure we keep up on waterers and ponds. Check them to make sure that they are not frozen, as always be careful if you are breaking ice on ponds. It also isn't too late to make sure your equipment is ready to go for the spring, you don't want to fill your sprayer just to find the pump has cracked due to freeze damage or is rusted solid. Here at the District, we pull the pumps and place them in a heated space with a light coat of olive oil run through them to keep them freed up. Now is also a good time to start thinking of controlled burns. Clearing out the underbrush and excess leaf matter will help native grasses to sprout.

NRCS does offer a program through EQIP to help you with burning but, if you can't wait call us to see if we can cost share with you on it, we can offer advice to help you to do it safely. You can also start thinking about planting pollinator fields to increase the pollinator population which will create better yields for your crops whether its hay or otherwise.

The Bull Shoals-White River Watershed project is in full swing and we still have funding available to help on cost share. If you think your in the project area, please give me a call and I will come out and discuss whether you qualify or if we have practices that will improve your farm or property. As a reminder the District has 2- No-Till Drills, 2- 300-gallon sprayers and an 8-foot-wide tow behind roller that the Baxter County residents may rent. 870-425-3527 ext. 3

I hope you all take this time to enjoy the company of your families.

Be safe !

BAXTER COUNTY CONSERVATIO DISTRICT

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**BEAUTIFICATION TREE PROJECT FOR 2022**

PLANTS ARE IN 2 GAL. POTS OR LARGER 2 YRS +

406 W. WADE AVE. MTN. HOME, AR. 72653

**ORDERS MUST BE IN BY MARCH 11,2022**

870-425-3527- ext. 3

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

SUN VALLEY MAPLE TREE	-----22.00	_____
BRILLANT RED CHOKEBERRY BUSH	-----20.00	_____
NEW JERSEY TEA BUSH	-----17.00	_____
BUTTON BUSH	-----16.00	_____
RUBY SPICE SUMMERSWEET BUSH	-----17.00	_____
PAGODA DOGWOOD TREE	-----22.00	_____
REDOSIER DOGWOOD BUSH	-----17.00	_____
WITCH HAZEL	-----22.00	_____
ST. JOHNSWORT BUSH	-----16.00	_____
SOUTHERN MAGNOLIA TREE	-----24.00	_____
SUGAR TYME CRABAPPLE TREE	-----30.00	_____
BLACK GUM TREE	-----22.00	_____
SWAMP WHITE OAK TREE	-----20.00	_____
SHUMARD OAK TREE	-----20.00	_____
BALDCYPRESS TREE	-----20.00	_____