



Farm News

By: Tom Mills
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Annual Tobacco Meeting

Monday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.
Rockcastle Co. Middle School
Tobacco farmers are facing a crop year with the greatest changes in history. This year, the Tobacco Producers Meeting will focus on the changes and their effects on the tobacco program. Dr. Will Snell, U.K. Extension Economist, will explain how the quota formula works and how a 1000 pound base in 1997 has become a 354 pound base in 2000, what will the tobacco companies purchasing pool stocks or higher imports do to next year's quotas, how cross-country leasing will operate, and are Federal Government Disaster Relief payments plus Phase II payments available to tobacco farmers for 1999.

Rockcastle County's effective

quota of approximately 1.25 million pounds may be the lowest in history but tobacco continues to be an important cash crop. Dr. Bob Pearce will discuss current production information for the 2000 crop. Tom Mills will share research results from the tobacco demonstration on float bed covers.

Local sponsors and the Young Farmers Association will host a meal for those attending the tobacco meeting. To help plan the meal and to assure everyone is served, please register by calling the Extension Office at 256-2403 by Friday, February 18, 2000. Registration may also be made after office hours at the same number by leaving your name and number attending on the answering machine. Your help will be appreciated.

Water Quality Cost Share Program was created to help agricultural operations protect the Soil and water resources of Kentucky. This program is a result of House Bill 377 that was passed in the 1994 General Assembly. This Bill establish annual cost share funds to be administered by conservation districts with priority given to animal waste related problems and agriculture district participants where pollution problems have been identified. The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will provide initial funding for the program.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation, located in Frankfort, as funds are available.

For more information stop by the conservation district office located at the USDA Service Center, Hwy. 150, Mt. Vernon. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or phone Randall Templeman, District Conservationist, at 256-2525 Ext. 3.

Extension Office News

4-H Clothing Projects

The Extension Office is looking for volunteers to assist with after-school clothing projects at the elementary schools. The dates are: Mt. Vernon, March 13-16; Broadhead, March 20-23; Roundstone, March 27-30. Volunteers should call the Extension Office at 256-2403.

Tell-a-Friend

A mammography awareness program will be conducted by Extension Homemakers this Spring. Training for volunteers will be February 17, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Volunteers will call their friends to remind them to make appointments for their annual mammogram. If you would like to participate in this program, call the Extension Office at 256-2403 for information.

Crookpot Cookery Class

February 28, 10:30 a.m. at the Extension Office. The class is free. Call 256-2403 for details. Free recipe leaflet available.

Learn to Sew

Learn to sew during a free Sit-n-Sew Workshop on February 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come to the Extension Office at your convenience on the 28th. Bring your own pattern, fabric and thread. Hazel Jackson, Family and Consumer Science Agent, will be available to assist you. Call 256-2403 for details.

Hunter Education Course

A Hunter Education Course will be taught at the Extension Office on March 16 and 17, 6 to 9 p.m. and March 18th at 9 a.m. Anyone born after 1975 must have a Hunter Education Card to hunt. Please call 256-4950 or 256-2403 for more information.

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Strawberry Plants

Orders for strawberry plants are now being taken at the Extension Office. Cost is \$10 per 100 plants. Supply is limited. For more information or to place an order, call the Extension Office at 256-2403.



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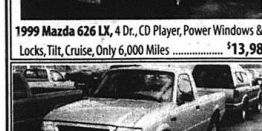
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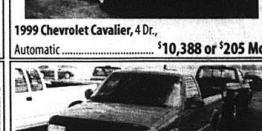
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Come in and see Sonny Hutchinson, Steve Feltner,
Bobby Brittain or Mike Douglas

Reality Store is March 2nd at RCMS

By John McQuary
Co. Ext. Agent for 4-H/Youth Dev.

As an eighth grader, few of us understand how our course of study at school and our lifestyle decisions would affect our future. On March 2, 2000, Rockcastle County Middle School hopes to make that point a little more clear for students preparing to enter high school.

RCMS will be involving students in a "Reality Store". Based on interest and research conducted in their Careers course, students have selected a career which they may consider pursuing. With their salary, students will be required to meet monthly expenses. Booths will be set up for them to pay such bills as taxes, groceries, insurance, and house payments.

The Reality Store goal is to give students an understanding of how expensive it is to care for families, based on a set income, as they learn

firsthand about careers, expenses and day-to-day living skills. Students will begin to understand why parents cannot always buy children everything they want and that sometimes it is necessary to adjust our expectations to our means.

Since there will be approximately 17 booths for this event, RCMS is seeking volunteers. The project will be held at Rockcastle County Middle School from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Any community business people or eighth grade parents who are willing to assist at any time on this day would be welcome. If you are interested in helping with the project or have questions, contact Leha Cromer, David Owens or Carla Parsons at the middle school at 256-5118 or John McQuary at the Rockcastle Extension Office at 256-2403.

Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1 and extending through February 28.
The Kentucky Soil Erosion and

Conservation District Cost Share Program Announced

The Rockcastle County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water

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Friday, Feb. 18th Noon to 5 p.m.

"What Is Written"

We continue our series of articles on the plan of salvation this week by looking at the next step after, hearing and believing. Repentance. This term means to "to think differently or afterwards, i.e. reconsider." It involves a change of heart about sin, to turn from it, and to turn toward God and what is right. It is prompted by godly sorrow, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2 Cor. 7:10. Now notice that godly sorrow is not repentance, but that it worketh repentance. Repentance is that change of mind that leads to the fruits of repentance, a changed life. When men and women truly repent, you will see changes in attitudes, a changed outlook, changed speech, a changed life. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." II Cor. 5:17. Repentance is the hardest command, I believe, in God's plan of salvation, because people don't like to change! But God commands repentance, "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent." Acts 17:30, and God doesn't command the impossible. Have you repented?

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