

Agricultural News

By: Marden Alexander, FSA Director

Tobacco Leasing

Quotes for the 2000 crop year were mailed on April 7, 2000. Leasing for the crop year 2000 began April 10th and will continue through July 3rd.

Small Grains

Producers growing small grains (wheat) must report their acreage by May 31, 2000. If crop acreage is not filed timely and producer applies for a Loan Deficiency Payment, then a charge of \$26.50 will be applied for a late file.

Conservation Reserve

Program's Continuous Signup
Agricultural Secretary Dan Glickman has announced that landowners can receive more money for participation in the Conservation Reserve Program continuous signup. The new financial incentives—totaling up to \$350 million in the next three years—include signing bonuses and more money for installing and maintaining conservation practices.

The continuous signup enhancements, part of the Clinton-Gore plan

to strengthen the farm safety net, consist of additional economic incentives and updated rates including:

1. An up-front signing bonus of \$10 per acre for every year the contract covers. This amounts to \$100 to \$150 per acre at the start of the contract to help defray up-front installation costs for filter strips, riparian buffers, grassed waterways, field windbreaks, shelter belts and living snow fences.

2. A payment equal to 40 percent of the practice installation cost, in addition to the 50 percent cost-share paid by USDA for establishing certain approved practices.

3. Increases in maintenance rate incentives for certain practices involving tree planting, fencing or water development. Between \$2 to \$5 per acre may be added to existing maintenance rate incentives.

4. Updated marginal pastureland rental rates (\$44 per acre in Rockcastle County) nationwide to better reflect the market value of these lands. In many cases, rental rates increased with the update.

Unlike the regular CRP program, the continuous signup program allows procedures to enroll eligible highly environmentally sensitive land at anytime, without waiting for a sign-up period or competing against other offers. Conservation practices protect streams and rivers by keeping sediment and nutrients from entering the water, providing cleaner drinking water, enhancing recreation and improving wildlife habitats.

For more information pertaining to CRP contact the local FSA office.

The Family Room

By Dr. Don Whitehead

Should You Be a Coach?

I love baseball. Last night I watched a 37-year-old rookie pitch his first game in the major leagues. After spending 16 years playing in the minor leagues and in the Orient, he finally got his chance at the big time. He has to love baseball in order to persevere for that long a time.

Many leagues for children and youth will soon be in full swing. Coaches are being chosen and some are already hard at work. Even young truly has been called upon to coach in past years. (I see myself as a younger Tommy Lasorda.)

Coaches have a big effect on the young people on their teams. Coaches can inspire or they can tear down the confidence of these young people. Coaches must have a large amount of patience for dealing with the players and an even greater amount of patience for dealing with the parents.

What does it take to be a coach for young people? What qualifications are there for those who are interested in the job? (In my case I think anyone who was still breathing would have been given serious consideration.)

In answer to these pressing questions I have devised the following questionnaire for prospective coaches in T-Ball, Little League, Cal Ripken, Coaches Pitch, Babe Ruth, and all other youth leagues. The same test can also be used to identify potential coaches for basketball, soccer and other sports.

PROSPECTIVE COACH'S TEST

After each statement write "yes" if the statement applies to you or "no" if it doesn't.

1. I can keep my cool when a mob

of 10-year-olds is crowding around me all yelling, "I wanna pitch! I wanna pitch!"

2. I can endure the sore muscles that I have after the first practice of the year in which I hit seven thousand four hundred thirty-two ground balls to the infield.

3. I can remain calm when a parent questions my knowledge of the game, my ability to make judgments and my parentage because her child only played two innings in today's game.

4. I can still sleep at night even though my team is 0-8 and has yet to score a single run.

5. I can keep a straight face while telling my team that their relatives and neighbors will be anxious to buy the new Super Dooper Drain Plugs that we are selling for only \$27.95 in

order to raise money for our league.
6. I will not hurt a child who asks for the seventeenth time, "Coach, when is our next game?"

7. I can smile and shake hands with the opposing coach even though my team has just lost its twelfth straight game.

8. I experience only mild anger when the tournament games that were rained out are rescheduled for the week of my vacation.

If you have three or more "yes" answers, you have definitely been called to be a coach. If you answered "yes" to all the questions, you should apply for sainthood.

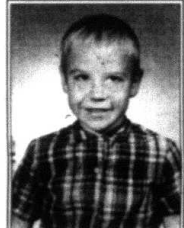
"Sweet n' Sour"

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she had learned not only where they were but they meant comfort and sleep. Judy, never lost that trait for helping around the house or farm.



Steve and Nikki Brogan would like to announce the arrival of their daughter, Destiny Cheyenne Brogan. She was born at Pattee A. Clay Hospital. Destiny weighed 6 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Johnny Ray and Nerissa Baker and Carter and Olga Curtis. Great grandparents are Homer and Christine Shelton and Lorene Baker.



Lordy Lordy! Our son is 40!

One of the cute little things she did was the day Mat asked her to get him some sandpaper from the porch so he could sharpen the hoe he was working with in the garden. She was gone a long time and when she returned with it he asked what had kept her so long, her instant reply was, "Daddy I wanted it to be good and sharp so I stopped and sharpened it on three rocks."

Judith Gwynn, soon shortened to Judy, our first born, and the one to bless me with the name MOTHER, and made me eligible to celebrate Mother's Day with honor has not turned out to be the perfect child of my dream world, but she has been a daughter to be proud of. Her help at home was not limited to house work, she also helped with farm duties, then worked her way through college, at Berea and later, grad school in Bowling Green, Ohio. Now she is retired after seeing her own two through college.

This year she and Geoff came down a few days before Mother's Day and once again she helped her mom do things a little beyond my ability to handle now; they painted and mended inside wood work, etc. They didn't call it a Mother's Day gift but what better gift could one receive?

So, Mother's Day is not only one day in May, it is every day of the year and a lifetime job for a woman who becomes one.

Happy Birthday
Janet Carol
Guess who
loves you!



Happy 18th Birthday Nick!
We love you - Granny and Pap

\$100 Reward

Leading to the person or persons taking the vase from the headstone of Teddy Vance in the Elmwood Cemetery last week

Contact Sheriff's Office or City Police Dept.
Marge Vance - 256-2184



For Sale

1985 Chevrolet Blazer 4x4
74,000 miles, 2 doors, good condition
\$3,000 - Reduced to \$2,500
256-3512 after 5 p.m.

Rockcastle County High School Baccalaureate Service

Sunday, May 21 • 2:30 p.m.

at the

New Barn in Renfro Valley
RCHS Band

Matt Smith, Graduating Senior

will be the guest speaker

The Class of 2000 needs your support. Join the students and parents for this Spiritual Challenge

Superior Food Market's

Going Out of Business Sale

Owner is retiring due to illness.

All Merchandise, excluding cigarettes and tobacco products,

20% off

Discounts will be taken at Register.

We, the Reppert Family, thank you for your loyal support over these many years. It's been a pleasure serving you.

Property for Sale: Contact Ford Realty