

Birthdays

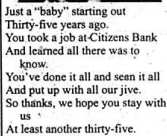
Taylor LaBelle Bullock celebrated her first birthday on May 3rd with a "Winnie the Pooh" party. Her big brother, Eric Michael-Paul celebrated his second birthday on June 12th with a "Bear in the Big Blue House" party. They both want to say thank you to all for the wonderful gifts and for coming to their celebrations. Proud parents are Michael S. and Paula Bullock of Copper Creek. Grandparents are Paul and Jean Morgan of Copper Creek, Glenda Bullock of Broadhead and Charles Wicker of Richmond. Great grandmothers are Stella "Taylor" Bullock of Broadhead and LaBelle Harris of Berea. They are also the nephew and niece of Sheila and Kenny Thacker and first cousins of Amber and Morgan Thacker of Copper Creek.



Anthony and Becky Machal would like to announce the birth of their first child, Cora Elizabeth, born June 14, 2000. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 18 3/4 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Owen and Bonnie Mink. Paternal grandparents are Bob and Betty Machal.



Happy 50th Birthday Jenny-Love. Lonnie, Mark, Chris, April, Georgia & Walter



Just a "baby" starting out Thirty-five years ago. You took a job at Citizens Bank And learned all there was to know. You've done it all and seen it all And put up with all our jive. So thanks, we hope you stay with us At least another thirty-five.

Agricultural News

By Wendell A. Anderson, FSA District Director

Signed Up For Your Free Money?

FSA offices across the state are now accepting applications for the 2000 Tobacco Loss Assistance Program. If in the 2000 crop year you are a landowner with a tobacco quota, a land operator with a tobacco quota or a producer who markets tobacco in your name then you are eligible to receive payment. The TLAPO applications are available at your local FSA office. REMEMBER: SIGNUP ENDS SEPTEMBER 1ST. Late filed applications will not be accepted!! One last note-ALL OWNERS OF THE FARM MUST SIGN THE TLAPO APPLICATION EVEN IF YOU ARE GETTING 0% SHARE. This pertains to husband and wife as well as other owners.

Report of Burley Tobacco Loss Before Harvest

Farmers who have suffered a burley tobacco disaster loss are reminded to file a report with FSA prior to harvest to retain their eligibility to lease quota away under the disaster lease provisions.

The disaster lease provision was implemented to provide relief to producers that suffer a disaster loss and are unable to produce and market the farm's effective quota. To be eligible for a disaster lease and transfer, the transferring farm must have:

1. A crop acreage report on file with FSA.
2. Planted an acreage sufficient to produce the farm's current year effective quota.
3. Made a reasonable and customary effort to produce the effective farm marketing quota.
4. Suffered more than a 20 percent crop loss
5. Met all price support eligibility requirements.

Farms that fail to report losses before the harvest will be a required spot check.

Perk Referendum

People and businesses who owned and sold hogs or pigs or imported hogs, pigs, pork or pork products during the representative period from August 18, 1999 through August 17, 2000 will be eligible to vote in a referendum to determine if producers and importers favor continuation of the Pork Checkoff Program, formally known as the Pork Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Order.

There are three types of eligible voters:

1. Persons who own and sell hogs or pigs in the U.S. in their own name;
2. Persons who import hogs, pigs, pork, pork products in the US in their own name; and
3. Persons who are designated to cast the single vote for a business entity that owns and sells, or imports hogs, pigs, pork or pork products into the U.S.

Producers voting by absentee ballot may obtain ballot packages from Aug. 18th through Sept. 18, 2000.

Pre-Harvest Preparation

Within a month we will begin to witness a dramatic transformation of the countryside, as autumn colors will begin to blaze across the landscape. Tawny brown leaves accented by burnt orange and flaming crimson will replace the once green colored foliage signifying the maturation of yet another growing season. The color changes in nature's flora are a beautiful reminder of fall, and a harbinger of harvest activity. Farmers are currently reviewing their harvest checklist for things that need to be done before harvest can begin in earnest.

In addition to preparing all the farm equipment for harvest, producers also have to think about having their paperwork in order before the combines can roll. Currently the Farm can concentrate on harvesting, assured that the maximum allowable assistance for the delivered grain is automatically locked in. In this way FSA is helping farmers receive the basic financial assistance they need to remain competitive during these inequitable times of substandard commodity prices. By visiting the local FSA office before fall harvest, producers can file the necessary LDP forms for both program and non-program crops.

Remember: Sign up for the Tobacco Loss Assistance Program runs through Sept. 1, 2000.

Service Agency (FSA) has a number of ways to help producers during these times of historically low commodity prices. Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) are available on most small grain, coarse grain and oilseed prices. LDP eligibility for program crops like wheat and corn, has previously been restricted to those acres covered by a Production Flexibility Contract (PFC). But now non-participating farm production can receive LDPs on bushels that were previously considered to be ineligible.

Producers also need to be certain that all grain which may go directly to the elevator at harvest is covered by a CCCO-709 field direct form at the FSA office. Farmers should have this form filled out for all their crops just in case harvest conditions would cause a high moisture load or surplus production that would go directly to the elevator. When grain is dumped at the elevator, beneficial interest generally transfers, and the CCCO-709 authorizes the LDP rate for the specific day that the grain was delivered to the elevator. By insuring that all bushels are covered for LDP eligibility prior to combining, farmers

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(Take off Pounds Sensibly) TOPS meets Thursday at 6 p.m. at Broadhead Christian Church basement on Main St. in Broadhead. For more info, call 1-800-932-TOPS or locally 758-0407.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Aug. 21st: Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Anglin Falls, Clear Creek, Wildlife.
Tues., Aug. 22nd: Buffalo, Castle Village, Broadhead Adult Daycare, Negro Creek.
Wed., Aug. 23rd: Ottawa and Bee Lick.

Kiwanis Club

The Rockcastle Kiwanis meets Thursday at noon at the Kastle Inn Restaurant. All visitors are welcome.

Marine Corps League

Bluegrass Chapter 1012 of the Marine Corps League meets every fourth Thursday of the month at the Igloo Club at the Bluegrass Army Depot. For more info, call Jack Dimer at 269-7310 or Nathan Seals at 256-0741.

VA Rep Here

VA representative will be at the Rockcastle County Courthouse the first and third Mondays of each month behind County Judge/Executive's office from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Conway TOPS

TOPS (Take off pounds sensibly). We are celebrating with an Hawaiian Open House Thursday, August 17th at 7 p.m. For more info, call 256-3033, 256-0448 or 1-800-932-TOPS. TOPS meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at BRVFD.

R.A.A.P. Meeting

Rockcastle Adoption Agency for Pets Inc. meets the first Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Help build an animal shelter in Rockcastle County. Call Terry at 758-9202 or Vickie 256-5183 for directions.

RCHS SBDM

The RCHS SBDM Council will hold its regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the RCHS Conference room.

Saddle Club

The Rockcastle County Saddle Club meets the first Monday of each month at the clubhouse on Hwy. 1326 (old Broadhead Road) at 7 p.m.

A potluck dinner is served. The directors meet the last Thursday of each month if called by the Saddle Club president. Questions? Comments? Call 758-4706

JobStart

Can't find a job? Need new skills? JobStart, a job skills training program, can help. For more info, call Jennifer at 256-9612.

Parent/Swim Team Meet Final Parent/Swim Team meet for the Cedar Rapids Dolphins will be Sunday, August 20th at 2 p.m. followed by potluck and awards.

Soup Bean Supper

Laurel Home Guard will have a soup bean supper Sat., Aug. 26th starting at 6:30 p.m. Price is \$5. For more info, call 606-528-1817.

Yard Sale

Rockcastle Teen Center, Friday and Saturday, 10 to 4. Lots of different items. Prices 50¢ and up.

PTG Meeting

RCMS Parent/Teacher Group would like to invite everyone to attend our first monthly meeting August 18th at 5 p.m.

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Free Class

Meals in Minutes will be taught on August 31, 10 a.m. at the Extension Office. Recipes and samples during the class. Call 256-2403 for details.

Class of 1970

Class of 1970 Reunion of the Mt. Vernon High School will be held Sept. 2nd at 6 p.m. For additional information, contact Danna Ford at 256-4446 or Sherry Graham Robinson at 256-5945.

Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Banquet

The Mt. Vernon High School Alumni Alumni Banquet will be held Sept. 9, 2000. Social time and registration will be from 4:30 until 6:00 p.m., dinner will then be served. The honored classes will be the classes of 1950 and 1967. We urgently need addresses of the 1950 class. If you know someone from this class please contact Glenis McBee Dick at 256-4257 or Carol Purcell Riddle at 758-8150. For reservations please contact the above persons.

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PUBLIC NOTICE 2000 Proposed Tax Rate PUBLIC HEARING

The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court will hold a public hearing on Friday, August 25, 2000 at 9 a.m. at the Rockcastle County Courthouse for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate. Based on state estimates, this will add only one penny per week (.52c per year) to the average tax bill in Rockcastle County.

The tax rate levied last year was 0.074% and produced revenues in the amount of \$165,381. This year's compensating rate is 0.072% and will produce revenues in the amount of \$171,569. The Rockcastle County Fiscal Court proposes a tax rate of 0.074% which will produce a total of \$176,335 in revenues.

Revenue expected from New Property is \$5,431.48;
Revenue expected from Personal Property is \$44,322.67;
Revenue expected from Motor Vehicles is \$50,466;
and Revenue expected from Watercraft is \$1,178.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for General Government Purposes. The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the Rockcastle County Fiscal Court publish this notice with the above information contained herein.

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