

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

Lansuit

Producers have been questioning the packet received concerning the Tobacco Grower's Class Action Settlement. DeLoach v. Philip Morris. Producers are advised that FSA cannot assist in completing the claim form. However, we will be as helpful as possible. It is anticipated that FSA can provide the information needed beginning August 1, 2003.

For additional information, please call the toll-free helpline at 1-800-371-9820 or visit the following website: www.delouchclaimaction.org.

Livestock Compensation Program (LCP). The Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 extended the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP), originally created in 2002, into 2003. The 2003 LCP is an emergency initiative administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA) that provides immediate assistance to eligible owners and cash lessors of certain types of livestock for damages and losses due to any natural disaster.

Producers who did not receive assistance under the 2002 LCP and who are in counties that were approved as a disaster area are eligible for LCP.

To be eligible, a producer's livestock operation headquarters must be physically located in a county with a qualifying disaster designation. Eligible livestock are livestock owned or cash leased on or before June 1, 2002 and have been owned or cash leased for a minimum of 90 calendar days and include cattle, sheep, goats and buffalo as well as canfals.

The deadline for submitting LCP-11 applications is close of business July 3, 2003.

Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP)

Producers whose signatures are received after June 1, 2003 and before September 30, 2003 for DCP requests will be considered late filed. The late fee is \$100. The fee is assessed per year and farm.

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

USDA has announced the nationwide availability of more than \$700 million in funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Of this amount, Kentucky will receive \$6,854,500 to provide cost share assistance to farmers. In addition to the cost-share funding, Kentucky will receive funding to provide technical assistance to producers.

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes environmental quality. Farmers may receive financial and technical assistance for certain conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

Although EQIP has a continuous application period, cut off dates are set in order to rank applications. The next cut off date for ranking applications in Kentucky is July 11, 2003. Persons interested in signing up for EQIP should visit their USDA service center as soon as possible.

For more information about EQIP and other conservation programs, please contact Randall Templeman, District Conservationist at 256-2525, Ext. 3.

Crop Disaster Program

On February 20, 2003, the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 (the ACT), was signed into law. The ACT provides for Crop Disaster Program (CDP) for losses because of weather-related disasters to agricultural commodities in crop year 2001 and 2002.

Producers filing for losses must provide production evidence or records to substantiate the 35% loss of the crop. Tobacco and pasture are not eligible under CDP. Producers receiving payments on losses must purchase insurance to cover losses for crop years 2004 and 2005.

No deadline for sign-up has been announced.

For more information, contact your local FSA office.

Federal Disaster Assistance

On June 3, 2003, President Bush declared a major disaster in Kentucky, based on damages and losses caused by severe storm, flooding, mud and rock slides and tornadoes that occurred from May 4 through May 27, 2003.

The 40 Kentucky counties which were declared as primary counties are eligible for Federal Disaster Assistance, including Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency (EM) loans. Additionally, 49 other Kentucky counties are named as contiguous disaster areas which includes Rockcastle County.

EM loan applications for physical and production losses will be received through February 3, 2004 and applications pending that date may be processed and completed.

Office Closure

Rockcastle County Service Center offices of FSA and NRCS will be closed Friday, July 4, 2003 in observance of Independence Day. The offices will re-open on Monday, July 7, 2003 at 7:30 a.m.

Important Program Dates

July 3, 2003 - Deadline to sign up for LCP-11

July 15th - Deadline to acreage report (corn, soybeans, tobacco, grass)

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Program sign up continues

Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign up continues

Conservation Reserve Program sign up continues

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On Saturday, June 28th, at the Crab Orchard 4th of July celebration, Mt. Vernon Lions Club president David DeBoard, agent in his Pathfinder for vision screening in search of building Mt. Vernon Lions Club's future "one child at a time". The setup for the screening was held at the McKnight Funeral Home. Top photo: a special thanks to Helen Petery, Kristi Murphy, Bob and Ann Elisea; Jefferson Calico and Speedy Gonzalez; from the Lancaster Lions Club. Not shown in photo were John Hackley, secretary and prosecuting attorney from Stanford, Carol Brown, James Manuel, Connie Frere, Bob Brown and Teresa Stevens, all from newly formed Broomfield Lions Club. All of this could not have been possible if it wasn't for Kyle McKnight, bottom photo above with president David DeBoard, owner and operator of McKnight Funeral Home. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



Monday night, June 23rd, Mt. Vernon Lions Club president David DeBoard went in his Pathfinder to the Garrard Co. Fair in Lancaster in search of finding kids to help through vision screening. In the top photo, back row from left are Lions Eye Health Program Coordinator Ann Elisea and Speedy Gonzalez. Front row from left are DeBoard and Ann's husband, Bob. It was a very successful turnout. DeBoard is still on the road in search of building Mt. Vernon Lions Club's future "one child at a time".

New Student Enrollment

New Student Enrollment at Mt. Vernon Elementary School will be held Wednesday, July 23 through Friday, July 25 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Students not previously enrolled in Kindergarten or students moving to MVES from another school need to register on these days. (Students needing to register for preschool will do so at a different time to be announced in early July). The following are items that will be necessary to complete enrollment:

1. Current official immunization certificate (available from health department).
2. Physical on Kentucky form.
3. Vision exam (for students entering school for the first time)
4. Social Security card.
5. Copy of official birth certificate.
6. Name and address of previous school (if applicable)
7. Copy of custodial papers (if applicable).

If you have questions regarding enrollment, please call Cindy at 606-256-2953 weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Request for Bids from Certified Installers for Septic System Installations

RID #16-1121

The Cumberland Valley R&D Council, Inc. in conjunction with PRDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) is soliciting bids from installers desiring to install septic systems for southern and eastern Kentucky. The successful bidder will be required to complete installation of the systems within sixty (60) days of the date of the award.

The Scope of Work, Request for Bid, and General Conditions is available upon request.

Interested installers should send statements and proposals to the Rockcastle County Conservation District until July 11, 2003 at 3:30 p.m. Faxed or email proposals will not be accepted. Liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000 and proof of workers compensation insurance or a worker's compensation exemption form is required with each bid.

A selection committee will review, evaluate and rate each bid based on their submitted bid. The Rockcastle County Conservation District will contact the installer with the winning bid and enter into negotiations. If the parties are unable to negotiate a satisfactory agreement, the second ranked installer will be contacted. Once an installer has been selected, all unsuccessful installers will be promptly notified. The selection committee will adhere to the provision of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 3. No person shall be excluded from participation in, or denied benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in the implementation of this program on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, females and minorities are encouraged to apply.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration provides funding for this project. The formal solicitation of seeking qualified installers is being conducted to fulfill the requirements of the funding agency.

News from the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum

Hello everyone,

June has been full of hard work here at the Hall of Fame, but well worth it. The unveiling of the George Gibson bandjo exhibit is set for the weekend of July 11, 2003. It will take you from ancestral banjos through the early 1900s. We hope every one will come experience this display of musical history. The exhibit will find its home at the museum for the remainder of this year and through the 2004 season.

A strong effort continues in getting the word out to our surrounding areas and the entire state concerning things such as our education programs and community involvement. Robert Lawson has taken our name and mission to the Richmond chapter of the Kiwanis Organization and was well received. Teachers throughout the state continue to contact us scheduling tours and lending

advice to help better our education programs. Much support has been given by local businesses and clubs and organizations as well as community leaders for the growth of this facility. We are indeed grateful.

Our 2004 Induction, to be held the 19th of February, is coming together nicely. Tickets will go on sale sometime in September. We hope everyone will find their way to Frankfort to share this special evening with us. Check your paper for upcoming advertisements of this exciting event.

We now have several bricks engraved on our patio through the BRICK FUNDRAISER. These bricks are available for a tax deductible gift of \$200.00 or more. Call 1-877-356-3263 for details.

Until next month take care and enjoy your summer!
Kentucky Music Hall of Fame and Museum Staff

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE

BUDGET SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE FISCAL COURT OF ROCKCASTLE COUNTY, KENTUCKY:

SECTION ONE: The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 03/04 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

(01) General Fund	
General Government	\$464,719
Protection to Persons and Property	76,015
General Health & Sanitation	72,448
Social Services	4,000
Recreation & Culture	33,704
Debt Service	64,266
Administration	202,989
Total	\$918,131
(02) Road Fund	
Roads	\$491,744
Debt Service	344,836
Capital Projects	60,000
Administration	74,250
Total	\$970,830
(03) Jail Fund	
Protection to Persons and Property	\$513,609
Debt Service	134,748
Administration	89,207
Total	\$737,564
(04) LGEA Fund	
Roads	37,245
Administration	10,792
Gen. Government (Office of Co. Coroner)	17,100
Total	\$65,137
(08A)911 Fund	
Protection to Persons and Property	\$143,134
Debt Service	23,537
Administration	57,979
Total	\$224,650
(12) Forestry Fund	
Protection to Persons and Property	\$1,685
Administration	30
Total	\$1,715
(27)Economic Development Fund	
General Government (Econ. Dev.)	\$254,000
Administration	4,677
Total	\$258,677
(10) Water Systems Project	
General Health & Sanitation	\$725,000
Total	\$725,000
(08B)CSEPP Fund	
Protection to Persons and Property	\$69,268
Administration	9,759
Debt Service	3,200
Total	\$82,227
(14) Fairgrounds Fund	
Recreation & Culture	\$14,000
Administration	2,000
Total	\$16,000
(08) Disaster & Emergency Services Fund	
Administration	\$964
Total	\$964
(11) Animal Shelter Dog License Fees Fund	
General Health & Administration	\$815
Administration	35
Total	\$850

Adopted this 27 day of June 2003

/s/ Buzz Carlotta
County Judge Executive

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

All interested persons and organizations in Rockcastle County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.

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