

Agricultural News

By Warden Alexander, FSA Director

County Committees Monthly Meeting

The Rockcastle County Farm Service Committee (COC) will hold monthly meetings open to the public, the first Thursday of each month beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will be at the Rockcastle County FSA office located in the USDA Service Center on Hwy. 150 in Mt. Vernon. The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs., August 14, 2003.

The COC members are vital to the day-to-day operations of FSA. The COC members help FSA at the local level by deciding the kind of programs their counties will have and how they will operate. FSA committees operate within official regulations designed to carry out Federal laws and applying their judgement and knowledge to make decisions.

DeLoach vs. Phillip Morris Class Action Settlement

While FSA office will not be completing the class action settlement applications mailed to producers, we will provide information helpful to those producers wishing to participate. Producers may file a written request to FSA requesting the basic quota and marketing for crop years 1996-2000. Also, FSA has blank applications available for those who wish to participate and did not re-

ceive an application.

Producers are reminded it is their responsibility to verify the data provided.

If you need help completing the form, please contact the local County Extension Office or call the help line at 1-800-371-9820.

We want to take this opportunity personally say "Thank You" for understanding this is not an FSA program and we are only here to furnish information to the best of our ability.

County Committee Candidates
Rockcastle County Farm Service Agency is accepting nominations for 2003 County Committee elections. Nomination forms can be obtained from your FSA County Office and should be submitted by September 5, 2003.

If you or someone you know has an interest in providing guidance on federal farm program issues, impacting local farmers and ranchers, then the Rockcastle County FSA wants your nomination.

All landowners, operators and tenants of legal voting age are eligible to serve on FSA County Committees and vote in these elections.

Hurry in and submit your nomination TODAY! For more information, contact

your local FSA at 606-256-2325.

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Continuous CRP Sign-up

Eligible acreage devoted to certain special conservation practices such as riparian buffers, filter strips, grassed waterways, shelter belts, living snow fences, contour grass strips, salt toleration vegetation and shallow water areas for wildlife may be enrolled at any time under CCC's continuous CRP sign-up. These practices are not subject to competitive bidding. For more information, contact your local FSA office.

No deadline for sign-up has been announced.

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.

Farm Storage Facility Loans

The FSA office has Farm Storage Facility Loans available to producers who have a need for increased storage. In order to be eligible, a producer must have a satisfactory credit history, have no delinquent federal debt, be a producer of facility loan commodities such as corn, soybeans or wheat, demonstrate the ability to repay the debt and be in compliance with USDA provisions for highly erodible land and wetlands.

Disaster Leasing

Farmers who suffer a barley to tobacco disaster must file a report with FSA prior to harvest to retain 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 to disaster lease and transfer, the transferring farm must: file a crop acreage report, file the effective quota, provide a measurement fee, have suffered more than a 20% loss and meet all price support eligibility requirements. If determined eligible for disaster leasing, the measurement fee will be refunded to the producer.

Remember, if you are a producer whose tobacco is suffering from recent weather conditions, black shank, blue mold, root disease, etc., come to the FSA office and file under the disaster provisions PRIOR TO HARVEST.

Farm Changes

Producers who have purchased or sold land should inform the FSA office of the change. A copy of the deed or land contract sales is required to update FSA records with correct ownership. Producers are also reminded to inform the FSA office of any change of address.

Important Program Dates

Grassland Reserve Program sign-up ends August 8, 2003.
Crop Disaster Program (CDP) sign-up began June 6, 2003.

Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) Farm Storage Facility Loan Program sign-up continues.
Conservation Reserve Program sign-up continues.

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Berea Attic now operated by Mountain Mission Dev. Corp.

The Berea Attic, located between Mt. Vernon and Berea on U.S. 25, and formerly operated by Christian Appalachian Project, is now owned and operated by Mountain Mission Development Corporation.

The Attic was opened by CAP, a Catholic-based organization, in 1965. First located in the white barn behind St. Claire Church, the Attic then moved to Broadway and for, many years, was located behind the old Berea High School (Fruit Jar High) on then-Haiti Road. The Attic has been at its present location since 1970 where it provides good quality used clothing to their customers at affordable prices.

Mountain Mission Development Corporation is non-denominational and governed by a board of directors and a president, Morris Norflett, president of the corporation, is a past president of Morehead University. MMDC provides many of the same services that CAP provided and is in

partnership with CAP to provide these services.

The Berea Attic works with many agencies and ministerial associations, through a referral and voucher system, to provide clothing to individuals and families of need and low income at no cost. The Attic is a referral center for other help organizations, such as BAPT, CAP outreach program, counseling programs, DSS and many more. The Attic now serves northern and southern Madison County, as well as 37 eastern KY Counties.

The Berea Attic staff stayed with the store so you will see the same friendly faces, Ingrid, Becky, Connie, Nina and J.C. are ready to help or just chat for a while. We will be having our end of season sale August 14, 15, 16. Stop by and visit with us.

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Farmers Market Opens

The Rockcastle Farmers Market is now open on Saturdays at Renfro Valley from 8 a.m. to 7 and on Wednesdays at Brodhead from 8 a.m. to 7. Both locations are accepted.

BES PTA

Brodhead Elementary School PTA meeting, Tuesday, August 19 at 7 p.m. The blast pod will be performing. Buy tickets for the Longhanger basket gift set raffie.

Diabetics Support Group

The Diabetics Support Group will meet Monday, August 18 at 6 p.m. in the basement of the Cumberland Valley Home Health Bldg. in the Industrial Park. Dr. Karen Saylor will be speaking on the endocrine system. Come and learn more about this disease.

RES SBDM

Roundstone Site-Based Council will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 3:30 in Room 105. The next meeting is scheduled for August 12.

Ornament Class

A Holiday Lightbulb Ornaments Class will be taught at the Extension Office on August 22 beginning at 9 a.m. The class is free. Call 256-2403 to register.

Republican Club Note

The Rockcastle County Republican Club will meet monthly, beginning in September, on the first Tuesday night of each month at Katie Inn Restaurant at 7 p.m.

GED on Computer

CAP Adult Learning Center is offering a program for you to study online, using your computer or the center's. Choose your own times. We can teach you to use the computer. FREE! For more info, call Janet at 256-5307.

Kiwans Club

Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at Noon at Katie Inn. All visitors welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon. For more info, call 256-2129.

Conceal Carry Class

There will be a Conceal Carry Class Saturday, August 16th at 9 a.m. at Cummins Sporting on Bypass 461. Call 256-2182 for more info.

Bookmobile Schedule

Mon, Aug. 18: Calloway, Red Hill, Livingston, Lamer, Pine Hill, Tus, Aug. 19: Day Health St. Citizens, Brindle Ridge. Wed., Aug. 20: Ottawa and Bee Wick.

Brodhead City Hall Note

Until further notice, Brodhead City Hall will be open irregular hours because of illness. Call 256-8835 to see if anyone is there or you can still pay-bills by mail or by using the drop slot.

BBDC Meeting

The quarterly board meeting of Daniel Boone Development Council, Inc. is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26 at 6 p.m. at the Laurel County Courthouse in the Community Room. The public is invited.

BRFD Fish Fry

Brodhead Rural Fire Dept. will have a fish fry on Sat., Aug. 16th at the Quail Inn on Hwy. 70. Carryout will begin at 3 p.m. and all are \$5 each. Dine-in begins at 5:30 and all dine-in dinners are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12. All you can eat fish if you dine-in. All proceeds go to the Brodhead Rural Fire Dept. Be sure to come out and join us for lots of friendly fellowship and plenty of good eats!

Food Coupon Program

Rockcastle County Senior Citizens is working with local Farmers Market and Ky. Dept. of Agriculture for a Senior Food Coupon Program. Through Sept. 30th, all seniors, sixty and older with monthly income less than \$1,385 per person, will be eligible. Sign up Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Rockcastle County Senior Citizens, located behind Lumber King on Hwy. 28 to 28E. Vernon or call the center at 256-4316 for good eats!

Subscribe to the Signal 606-256-2244

ABSOLUTE AUCTION

Saturday, August 23rd • 10 a.m.
W.K. Cummins Estate • 92 Acres in 15 tracts

Copper Valley Subdivision
Including 1 1/2 story Log Home on 17 Acres

Sale Location: From Richmond/Berea I-75 Exit 76 West on Hwy. 21 2.3 Miles left on Hwy. 954 3 miles left on Copper Creek Rd. Go 2 miles to C. Valley Rd. Watch for signs

Tracts range in size from 2.2 acres to 17.2 acres

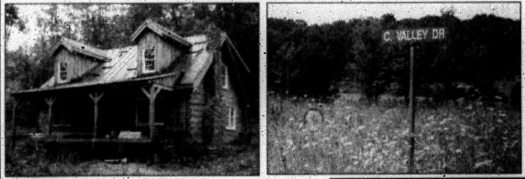
Tract 30 - 17.2 Acres

1 1/2 story long home with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, great room with fireplace, covered porch and deck, electric, plumbing, HVAC, septic, all roughed in. Home is approximately 2/3 complete. Unique opportunity to purchase small tracts in desirable location.

Tracts have district water available, woods, black topped road.

Terms: Real Estate - 10% day of auction. Balance with deed in 30 days or prior arrangements made with Auctioneers.

Note: 7% Buyers Premium added to winning real estate bid to determine final sales price.



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