

USDA offers low cost housing loans

County Judge Executive Bazz Carlifos, Mayor Clarice R. Kirby, and Development Board Executive Director Jerry R. Renner, recently met with Kenneth Arterburn and Christine Brewer, both with the Kentucky-USDA Rural Development Office to discuss various housing loan programs for Rockcastle County. The group also had the opportunity to discuss the county's Strategic Plan, especially the areas addressing housing.

Mr. Arterburn and Ms. Brewer presented the county officials with a variety of low cost, low interest loan programs that the citizens of Rockcastle County could apply for.

One of the loan programs can be used to purchase a new single family home. Another is one that can be used to make needed repairs to an existing single family home. The

USDA also offers loans to business, both start-up and existing, and to industry.

USDA Rural Development has various housing programs available for low to moderate-income families. Programs which include the USDA; are not currently being utilized by the citizens of Rockcastle County.

The USDA encourages anyone interested in learning more about these various loans to contact them representative. The USDA representative is in Mt. Vernon the second Tuesday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M. He will gladly answer any of your questions and will assist you with completing the applications, etc.

For more information regarding these low cost housing loans, please

contact the USDA at the Farm Service Agency office building in Mt. Vernon at 606-245-2525, or contact the USDA Rural Development Office at 859-624-1982 ext. 4.

"Benny Ham"

(Cont. from front)

ther, who was driving, stopped and gave the man a ride. Henry said Ham told him he had done his time and should be treated with respect.

Among Ham's local survivors are his brother Jerry Ham of Quail and daughter-in-law Cindy Witt Ham, a former Rockcastle County High School teacher, who is married to Ham's son Tim.

"Bittersweet"

(Cont. from front)

vendors and items available will include books, cookware, jewelry, toys, purses, blankets, candles, soap, knives, woodcrafts, crocheted crafts, cookbooks, dolls, pictures, quilts, ceramics, scarves and hats with school logos, floral arrangements, jewelry, wind chimes, baskets, CDs, cassettes, t-shirts and antiques.

The first item of entertainment for the festival will be a country music performance by C.C. Chance on stage at 4 p.m. when the festival officially opens to the public. At 5 p.m. there will be open microphone Karaoke and at 6 p.m. Bad Temper Band will perform. Fire the Choir Contemporary Christian Band will perform at 6:30 followed by 40 Days West Contemporary Christian Band. The Bittersweet Cloggers will perform at 7:30 and they will be a street dance, featuring Wild River Band, from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. when the festival closes on Friday night.

Saturday's event kick-off with the annual Health Essentials/Bittersweet 5K Run, beginning at the courthouse. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the run will begin at 8 a.m. with Tamara Feller singing mountain music on stage.

Trophies/donor prizes will be awarded for the run at 9 a.m. and, at 10 a.m., Northside Baptist Church will present their church puppets in interpretive movement.

The Bittersweet Cloggers will perform at 11 a.m., followed by the phrase at noon and, immediately following the parade, Bad Temper Band will perform, followed by C.C. Chance.

At 3 p.m., Kentucky Comfort Bluegrass Band, featuring Zed McKinney-Person and Mitch Drew, will be performing as will Michael Frederick at 4 p.m., Behind the Cross at 5 p.m. and Ruby Powell and J.B. Baker at 6 p.m.

The street dance begins at 8 p.m., featuring the Wild River Band and the festival closes at 11 p.m.

There will be something for everyone during the festival. Pick up a free book mark at the Rockcastle County Library booth, have your blood pressure checked by the Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA), check out the wonders in the Fish and Wildlife Bus, peruse all the great old photos of Mt. Vernon in the Mountain Renaissance booth, visit the Country Music Hall of Fame booth, register for a free ham at the Republican party booth, talk to the candidates in their booths, stop at the Trist for Life booth for some free popcorn and have your child finger, printed by the Mt. Vernon Police Dept. or the Rockcastle County Sheriff's Dept.

There will also be pony rides, a petting zoo and a game trailer in the gravel pit below the courthouse. All kinds of food will be available at two food courts - Community Trust Bank parking lot and the lot next to Cox Hardware. There will be baked goods, funnel cakes, nachos, BBQ, crab cakes, Italian Sausages, stuffed potatoes, chili dogs, tenderloin, hamburgers, fries, elephant ears, polish sausages, brats, roasted corn, sweet potatoes, baked potatoes, pycchops, pizza, candy, blooming onions, chips and coffee plus other beverages.

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