

Agricultural News

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Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payment Program (DCP) - 2013

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, enacted on Jan. 2, 2013, amends the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 and provides for a one-year extension of the Direct and Counter-Cyclical (DCP) program. To be eligible for direct and counter-cyclical payments, producers must enroll their farms in DCP during the sign-up period which began on Feb. 19, 2013 and ends on Aug. 2, 2013.

For more information about this and other FSA programs please visit your local FSA county office or www.fsa.usda.gov.

Crop Acreage Reporting

Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds agricultural producers of the acreage reporting requirements that must be met prior to receiving program benefits. Filing an accurate acreage report

for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planting acreage, can prevent the loss of benefits for a variety of programs. July 15th is the final date to certify all crops, except small grains.

Producers must report acreages to maintain eligibility for Price Support Programs, Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP). All cropland on farms must be certified to remain eligible for these programs

CRP Sign-up

Kentucky Farm Service agency (FSA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up beginning May 20, 2013 and ending on June 14, 2013. CRP addresses critical resource issues. In addition to erosion control, CRP provides significant water quality ben-

efits including reduced nutrients and sediment loadings and adverse consequences associated with floods as well as expanded and enhanced wildlife habitat.

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance for planting covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years).

Important program dates and Interest Rates

Farm Operating Loans-Direct = 1.375%	Farm Ownership Loans=3.5%
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“Strange”

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combusted. She was in no evident pain and continued to sit in a chair. He managed to put out the flames with his hands. The girl slipped into a coma and died shortly thereafter.

This is only the beginning into the phenomenon know as SHC. Hopefully, you have enjoyed this “hotly debated topic”. Each case is indeed “Strange, but true?”.

Reference sources:
Wikipedia ,
TheShadowlands.net and
science.howstuffworks.com

“Memories”

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them on the adventure, and of course I agreed. I cannot recall precisely who all was in attendance, but I do remember that it was Charles Bennett Farris, Shannon, and I who climbed into the big Buick. If my memory serves me right, there were a total of six teenagers in the car.

Shannon drove to the top of Greenfish Hill and turned around. At the top of the hill, he headed down the steep grade. By the time we reached the flat spot just before reaching Renfro Valley, he said, “We only got to 105, so let’s try it again.” Frankly, I was ready to get back to the Gulf station, but I didn’t want to chicken out so back up the hill we drove.

This time, Shannon got a run at the vertical highway, and I noted that his gasoline foot was firmly placed on the floor. All I could see was a maze of telephone poles flashing by the windows. I have to admit that I was scared out of my wits. When we leveled off, Shannon an-

nounced, “We did it! We were going 120 miles an hour!” Whew! I was glad the experience was over! I did not feel comfortable going that fast in any car – but especially not in a convertible.

I will always remember that Roadmaster as being one of the sharpest automobiles that I have ever seen. While doing some research, I found out that the car cost approximately \$4,355 in 1954. Today, the same vehicle (on the internet) was priced at more than \$80,000.

That model remains one of Buick’s classiest large automobiles—and it is still in high demand to this day. I will certainly never forget experiencing the true capabilities of that baby during that ride on Greenfish Hill. It enabled me to personally attest to the fact that it was most certainly a car that could give you a ride at a breakneck speed!

A Place to Remember, Mourn and Heal Memorial Dedication set for May 6th at Frankfort

An idea born of one woman’s grief will soon become a reality, a place where people can go to remember, grieve and heal over the loss of children to miscarriage, still birth or abortion.

The dedication of the Kentucky Memorial for the Unborn will be held on Monday, May 6th at 5:30 p.m. at Frankfort Cemetery. Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Lexington and Rev. Wayne Smith, Retired Pastor of Southland Christian Church, will speak at the event. Both Gainer and Smith have spoken in support of the project since its inception and were present at the groundbreaking on September 22, 2009.

Kathy Rutledge, whose own search for healing from an abortion at the age of 18 inspired the project, says the memorial is a place where mothers, fathers and families can go for healing and to seek peace with the past.

Located in a secluded section of the cemetery, overlooking the Palisades and the Kentucky River, the memorial was designed by Lexington landscape architects, M2D Design, and based on a modern interpretation of the historic Wailing Wall in Jerusalem.

The native limestone and granite wall emerges from the enfolding landscape and sweeps along a graceful arc forming a subtle enclosure like a womb. A biblical passage begins the experience

“Points East”

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yet to turn out a loaf of bread fit to eat when compared to Charlie’s. Indeed, some of my attempts have resulted in things that might be considered lethal weapons by law enforcement agencies.

One day last week Charlie stopped by our house and he had Bobby Stinnett, the Paint Lick Methodist Church pastor, with him. Of course I was raving about Charlie’s bread to Reverend Bobby until he cut in to tell me that he knew all about that bread.

At a recent auction the Church was conducting to raise funds for something, Bobby had paid \$25.00 for a loaf of Charlie’s bread and he only got it that cheap because the other bidders felt sorry for him being on a Preacher’s salary and still craving Charlie’s bread that badly.

along the wall where names and messages will be inscribed. At the foot of the wall is a shelf for seating, flowers, notes and small mementoes. Within this enclosure is a life-size bronze statue of Rachel, a woman referenced in Jeremiah 31 of the Bible as one “weeping for children” who finds hope in God. The statue was designed by Nebraska artist Sondra Jonson.

Rutledge says that without a tangible expression of closure, some people tend to bury their pain inside. “Having a concrete place where they can go to remember a child nurtures the healing process and brings a sense of peace.”

Naming lost children also provides healing, she adds. “We want people to be able to put those names in stone, so their children are never forgotten.”

For more information, about the memorial, dedication or granite inscriptions, visit the website at www.Kentuckymemorialfortheunborn.org or call 859-255-2000. You may also contact Donna Dean at 606-308-4627.

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