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USDA farm storage loans available

Kentucky USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) State Executive Director John W. McCauley reminds farmers and ranchers that Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) are available through FSA.

Farm Storage Facility Loans are a great investment for producers who are at the mercy of commercial storage facilities," said McCauley. "Many facilities charge premium rates nationwide and sometimes availability is a concern when these facilities are at maximum capacity."

The Farm Service Agency offers low-interest loans to grain producers to build new or upgrade existing storage facilities and permanent drying and handling equipment. Loan opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- New conventional-type cribs or bins, oxygen-limiting and other upright silo-type structures, and flat-type storage structures designed for whole grain storage,
- Perforated floors, safety equipment, quality improvement equipment, electrical equipment and concrete components for a fully functional storage facility,
- Remodeling existing storage facilities to increase storage capacity.

"Producers with on-farm storage facilities have more

control when it comes to marketing their crop," said McCauley. "The added control and flexibility allows producers to sell their crop at optimal times when prices are more favorable."

Farm storage facility loans must be approved prior to site preparation, construction purchase or construction, and must be secured by a promissory note and security agreement. The new maximum principal loan amount is \$500,000. Participants are required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment.

Additional security is required for poured-cement open-bunker silos, renewable biomass facilities, cold storage facilities, hay barns and for all loans exceeding \$50,000. New loan terms of seven, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. Interest rates for each term rate may be different and are based on the rate which CCC borrows from the Treasury Department.

Contact your local FSA Office for more information on Farm Storage Facility Loans or visit the web at www.fsa.usda.gov/ky.



Blast from the Past!!!

This week's photograph is of the Piney Branch General Store, year unknown. The store is shown on the left and dwelling house on the right. If you have a photograph for Blast From the Past contact David Owens at 606-256-9870 or scoopowens24@yahoo.com.

Jingle Bell run/walk is this Saturday

Rockcastle Regional's annual 6K Jingle Bell run/walk is Saturday at the Renfro Valley Entertainment Center.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. The registration fee on race day is \$25. However, the fee is \$20 for those who pre-register before next Monday at noon.

The course will start and finish at Renfro Valley Entertainment Center. Awards will be handed out to the overall male and female winner, top three male and female walkers and the top finishers of each listed age group.

All participants will receive a free sweatshirt while supplies last. There will also be a \$100 cash prize to the fastest male and female. Gifts will also be scattered throughout the course for participants to find that contain cash, gifts or coal.

For more information about the race contact Susan Turley at 606-256-7746 or s.turley@rhcc.org.



The Walmart Foundation provided a \$1,500 grant to Pongo Fire Department. The grant was provided upon the recommendation of the Walmart Distribution Center # 6097 after its review of the needs of Pongo Fire Department. Pictured from left to right are: Pongo Fire Department Chairman, David Hawk and Walmart Distribution Associate and Pongo Fire Chief, Tony Bullock. Walmart and the Walmart Foundation are proud to support the charitable causes that are important to their customers and associates in their own neighborhoods. The Walmart Foundation funds initiatives that focus on education, workforce development, economic opportunity, environmental sustainability, and health and wellness. To learn more, visit www.walmartfoundation.org.

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Bookmobile Schedule

Mon., Dec. 9th: No service. **Tuesday, Dec. 10th:** Scaffold Cane, Disputanta, Clear Creek and Wildie. **Wed., Dec. 11th:** Pongo, Ky. 3245 and Bryant Ridge. **Thurs., Dec. 12th:** Child Development Center.

Rockcastle Co. Saddle Club Annual Christmas Party

The Rockcastle County Saddle Club will hold their annual Christmas Party on Saturday, December 7th, beginning with a potluck dinner at 7 p.m. at their clubhouse on the Old Brodhead Road. If you want to participate in gift giving, men should bring a man's gift, women a woman's gift and children a child's gift. Santa Claus will be present for the children. Come and join us for good food and a good time.

Winter Carnival at RCMS

Rockcastle County Middle School will host a Winter Carnival on Friday, December 6th from 5 to 7:30 p.m. There will be carnival games, food, face painting and a silent auction. Come join the fun!

Christmas Flea Market

Woodstock Community Center will have a Christmas Flea Market on Saturday, December 7th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you would like to set up a booth, call 606-922-7175 for information. There will be Tupperware, Mary Kay, Papparazzi Jewelry, trees, ornaments, wrapping paper, Home Interior, etc. Come on out and join the fun. Take Hwy. 70 to Hwy. 39, turn left, 3 miles on right.

Santa's Workshop

Registration is now open for children, ages 9-16, to attend Santa's Workshop at the Rockcastle County Extension Service. There will be two workshops - December 19th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and December 20th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children will make five to six gifts for family and friends. An adult member is welcome to attend with the child. Cost of the workshop is \$10 and each workshop is limited to 15 children. Please call the Rockcastle County Extension Service at 256-2403 for additional information and to register.

Brodhead Lodge Meeting

The Brodhead Masonic Lodge #556 meets every third Saturday at 7 p.m. on Main Street in Brodhead above Brodhead Pharmacy.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Tuesday nights at 8 p.m. behind Our Lady of Mt. Vernon Church on Williams St. in Mt. Vernon.

Kiwanis Club Meetings

The Rockcastle Kiwanis Club meets every Thursday at noon at the Renfro Valley Lodge. Everyone is invited.

Historical Society Hours

The Rockcastle Historical Society is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the RTEC garage building.

American Legion Post 71

American Legion Post 71 meets the second Thursday at 7 p.m. of each month on the third floor of the courthouse. Commander David Owens invites all Rockcastle veterans to join this organization that honors American soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Choose a glass of water
instead of a sugar filled drink.
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Christmas Shopping Open House

December 7, 2013
and December 21, 2013
10 AM - 3 PM

Local vendors and crafts people will be on hand selling merchandise.

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