

# Library News

By Kristiana Burk

Times is certainly flying by quickly. It is amazing that it is almost Thanksgiving! I am so thankful for the wonderful staff, board and patrons that support the Library and the work that we do. I truly believe that when we are thankful for the blessings we have, work hard and support each other, there just about anything is possible!

The Halloween Party that was held here at the Library on October 31st was a great success! There were lots of little witches, goblins and more running around playing games, participating in contests, and enjoying refreshments. The children enjoyed playing games like the Bat Toss, Pin the Nose on the Jack O'Lantern and Pass the Pumpkin. Costume prizes were awarded for the most original, most hilarious and the scariest. Kathy, our Children's Librarian, wants to send a heartfelt thanks to all that attended and helped out, all who made the night a special one to remember.

Recently, the Children's Area of the Rockcastle County Public Library has adopted the following slogan that we feel states the role that the Public Library should play in each child and parents' minds: "Challenge Our Children's Future: Discover the Library." As many of you would agree, our children are the future of our community. It is our responsibility to make sure that they know how to think for themselves, are literate and know how to be effective citizens. Recent statistics show that challenging the future of our children and the Library goes hand in hand. Today, I would like to present some of these interesting facts in hopes that you

will encourage your children, grandchildren or any children that you are in contact with to discover the services and resources that the Library has to offer, all for FREE!

I received an e-mail just the other day from my Grandmother in Texas who told me that she had completed all of her Christmas shopping already! That was amazing to me, because I haven't even started!! Anyhow, that made me start thinking along the lines of gifts and then in connection with the Library, that one of the greatest gifts that a parent or guardian can give their child is the gift of reading and learning. According to the American Library Association, who conducts various studies on the effectiveness of Reading and Literacy on all ages, "Kids Who Read Succeed" is more than just a slogan; they call it a fact. They discovered the following statistics: Half of a child's intellectual development occurs between birth and four years of age. Children who are read to from an early age tend to learn new sounds, increase their vocabularies and stretch their imaginations more than other children.

Children who have been exposed to reading and other cultural experiences before they begin school have an overall better chance at success in formal learning.

The threat of illiteracy for children who don't learn to read well is very real. Today nearly 15% of American adults—more than 27 million people—cannot read or write, and another 40 to 50 million can neither write clearly nor fully understand what they read. Children whose parents are functionally illiterate are twice as likely as their peers to be functionally illiterate.

Children who grow up using the Library continue to use the Library when they grow up. A national telephone survey found that 48% of the adults surveyed had visited a library during the previous year. Of those, 80% had used the Library as children.

After seeing the evidence, it is clear that the Library and challenging a child's future goes hand in hand. We are here with books and more that will enhance children's learning. We have toys, games, audio books, videos, special programs and story hours.

In closing, I want to leave you some tips that may help you challenge your child's future as a partner with the Library.

**From Birth:**  
Talk to your baby, Sing, Read, to your baby each day, and Come to Story Hour each Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. Make reading a "cuddling" time, and don't forget to tell your own stories.

**Toddler-Preschool:**

## Agricultural News

By: Warden Alexander, FSA Director

### Marketing Cards

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now mailing marketing cards for producers whose paper work is in order. If you do not receive your marketing card within the next week and have NOT contacted your tobacco then you need to contact the FSA office and complete the needed paperwork for the marketing card to be issued. Land operators are reminded to inform tenants of farms their paperwork must be completed prior to the issuance of the marketing cards.

Take your child to the Library and bookstores often, have your child register for a library card, make a special call at home for library books and your child's books. Take your child to plays, puppet shows, musical performances, and other live entertainment. Also, take favorite books or magazines with you wherever you go for those "waiting times" at the Doctor, Dentist or Grocery Store Line.

**School Days:**  
Use the Library often; let your child see both Mom and Dad reading and using the Library, enroll your child in the Summer Reading Program. As reading skills improve, encourage your child to read to anyone and anyone. Look for creative ways your child can "try out" his/her reading skills (cereal boxes, newspapers, e-mails, notes to your child).

I hope that this information has been helpful and interesting. If you have any questions or need information call the Library at 256-2388.

FSA continues to seek voters and candidates for the upcoming COC election. All eligible voters, including spouses, are urged to contact the local FSA office if they have not received election ballots in the past. Nomination forms are now available from the FSA office for the area of L.A.#2, Community B. This area is the southeast section of Rockcastle County bound by Pulaski and Laurel County. Highway boundaries are Highway 70, Highway 150 and 25. To work best, the COC must represent the whole of local agriculture. By seeking diversity, FSA will bring a greater range of expertise, different perspectives, and a broader understanding of the various business and marketing aspects to the committee's work.

### Office Closure

The USDA Service Center will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans Day.

### Loan Deficiency Payment

Producers who retain beneficial interest in a commodity eligible for a loan or a loan deficiency payment (LDP) are eligible for payment if all of the following remain with the producer:

- Control of the commodity
- Risk of loss
- Title of the commodity
- One of the eligibility requirements for Loans and LDP's is the crop must have been produced on contract acreage (AMTA), exception to soybeans.

A recent bill will now allow non-contract crops to be eligible for LDP's for 2000 year only.

For further information on the LDP program contact the local FSA office.

**Cross Country Leasing**  
Falls in Kentucky  
Hampton Kenton, Jr., State Ex-

ecutive Director of the Farm Service Agency in Kentucky, announced the preliminary unofficial results of the Cross Country Leasing Referendum for Kentucky. The results show:

- Number of Eligible Voters: 170,810
- Number Voting: 71,588
- Number Voting Yes: 32,203
- Number Voting No: 39,385
- Percent Favoring: 45.0.

The Agricultural Appropriations Act (Public Law 106-78) provided the Secretary of Agricultural authority to permit the lease and transfer of a burley tobacco quota from one farm to another farm within the State, if a majority of the tobacco producers approve lease and transfer by a State-wide referendum. The Secretary called for a referendum in Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio. Congress in the recently enacted Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000 clarified their original intention by allowing that majority of those voting will be sufficient to determine the outcome of cross-country leasing referenda. In light of the recent change in the law, the Secretary determined to conduct a referenda in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and Tennessee.

Active tobacco producers are eligible to vote in the referendum between October 23 and October 27, 2000. Ballots were counted locally by the FSA County Committee.

Lease and transfer of burley tobacco quota in Kentucky will continue to be determined by the outcome of the same county. This vote does not affect disaster lease and transfers.

**Classified  
Deadline  
Noon Tuesday**

## NOTICE Rockcastle County Schools Plan For Inclement Weather School Closings Early Dismissal

Every effort will be made to keep parents and concerned citizens informed as to school closings, early dismissals and possibly a delay plan.

The number one concern is the safety of students. After an extensive evaluation of road conditions in the county, taking into consideration all roads, a decision will be made in regard to closing school.

School closings will be announced on radio stations and three television stations. They are as follows: Radio - WRVK (AM 1460), WVLC (FM 93), WBUL (FM 98.1), WMXL (FM 94.5), WLAP (630 AM), WRSL (FM 96.3), WLKT (FM 104.5) WKQQ (FM 100.1). Television - WKYT (Channel 27), WLEX (Channel 18), WTVO (Channel 36). If possible, the closing will be announced the evening before the closing date. If a determination cannot be made the day prior to the closing date, every possible effort will be made to reach a decision by 6:00 a.m. The announcement will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. This will be conducted the same for the delay plan, if it is concluded the delay plan would be the appropriate plan of action.

If the delay plan is used, breakfast will be served upon the arrival of students at school.

Early dismissal of school due to inclement weather will be announced on WRVK. Roads will be closely monitored as school is in session to determine if there is a need for early dismissal. If the need for early dismissal does occur, parents should make arrangements to meet children as they arrive safely.

Parents and students should not call any radio or television stations to inquire about school closings. This could delay the information distribution to the necessary channel by tying up the phone lines.

### Rockcastle County School System Delay Plan

Occasionally, there are mornings when an additional hour is needed to check bus routes and temperatures/weather conditions sometimes can change between 6 a.m. and 7 a.m. As a result, the Rockcastle County School System will consider a one hour delay in school opening due to weather conditions.

If a one-hour delay status is warranted, the delay will be announced by the following radio stations: WRVK (AM 1460), WVLC (FM 93), WBUL (FM 98.1), WMXL (FM 94.5), WLAP (630 AM), WRSL (FM 96.3), WLKT (FM 104.5), WKQQ (FM 100.1), and the following television stations: WLEX (Channel 18), WKYT (Channel 27), WTVO (Channel 36), at 6:00 a.m. or as soon as possible.

There may be a time when a few isolated bus routes may not be made or may be delayed for an hour while the rest of the bus routes will be made on the regular schedule. These bus routes will be announced only on WRVK radio station.

In instances of a delay schedule, breakfast will be served as soon as students arrive at school.

## Rockcastle Auction House NOW OPEN Friday Nights at 7 p.m.

**SOME OF THE ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED, INCLUDE:**  
Lamps; tables; cabinets; baskets; chairs; stools; picture frames; sets of dishes; glassware; Porcelain Dolls, Knives, drill bit set; drills; hacksaws; measuring tape; combination wrench set; spotlights; groove joint pliers; bolt cutters; hammers; scwdrivers; soldering pin sets; bench vise; fence pliers; door locks; C-Clamps; wood clamps; jumper cables; extension cords; spray gun; 25 pc. Allen-wrench set; lanterns and much more.

**Doors open at 6 p.m.  
Auction begins at 7 p.m.**

### Terms and Conditions:

1. Cash or good check, day of sale.
2. All items must be paid for before removing from premises
3. All items sold "As Is - Where Is." There are no warranties or guarantees made or implied by the auctioneer or seller(s).
4. Absentee bids will be accepted.
5. All items sold will be subject to the 6% Ky. Sales Tax, unless you are a dealer buying for resale. All dealers must fill out a tax exemption certificate.
6. Announcements day of sale take precedence over printed matter.

**Make your appointment now for  
your Consignment Sale!!**

## Rockcastle Auction House

U.S. Hwy. 25, 1/2 mile past Renfro Valley on left, next door to Mt. Vernon Plumbing and Electrical Supply

Jeff Cromer

Operator/Apprentice Auctioneer

Sam Ford, Auctioneer

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