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Casey County News

**Casey County
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County Committee
Vallard Goode
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County Committee meets
1st Thurs. of each month

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Committee Elections Don't Miss Out on Voting

Casey County will have three candidates competing for votes in the upcoming County Committee Election. The Official Ballots will be mailed November 3, 2006 to all known eligible voters. Ballots must be returned or postmarked no later than December 4, 2006.

The local FSA Office will be holding this election for a person to represent Local Administrative Area One (LAA1). This position is currently held by Vallard Goode. LAA1 includes the Liberty and Creston areas of the county.

Voter Eligibility

Farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers of legal voting age can vote if they are eligible to take part in any FSA program. You must live in LAA1 (or have a farming interest there) in order to vote in this election.

If you have participated in FSA programs in the past, you should automatically receive a ballot in the mail. If you do not receive a ballot, contact the FSA Office immediately to obtain one.

Remember that voting eligibility is not limited by the size of operation or type of production. It does not matter if you farm on a small or large scale; your vote counts the same in the FSA Election process.

Contact FSA if you have questions about voter eligibility.

The Ballot

When you receive the official ballot in the mail, please note that the nominees will be shown in section 12 of the ballot. Circle the name of **ONLY ONE** candidate from which you are voting **OR** you may "write-in" the name of any other eligible farmer. If you vote for more than one candidate, your ballot will not be counted. Follow the instructions on the ballot to complete the voting process and return the signed certification envelope containing your voted ballot. Your ballot will not be counted if you fail to sign the envelope. Voting by proxy (power of attorney) is prohibited and will not be counted. A list of eligible voters is on file in the county office.

Counting the Ballots

The ballots will be counted Thursday, December 7th at the Casey County FSA Office. FSA personnel follow strict guidelines when preparing the ballots for tabulation to ensure integrity of the voting and election process. Rest assured that the blank envelope containing your voted ballot will be shuffled with the other blank envelopes to preserve the secrecy of the ballot.

Meet the Candidates

The candidates for election this year in LAA-1 are:

Karen Goode
Vallard Goode
John D. Shugars