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Green County News

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COUNTY COMMITTEE:

The Farm Service Agency county/area committees are responsible for the administration of Federal farm programs at the local level.

COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:

Green County will be holding an election for a person to represent LAA 3 beginning January 1, 2007. That position is currently held by Jerry Arnett who has reached his term limit. LAA 3 includes starting at Adair County line; west side of Russell Creek to the point where it is due east from Mt. Lebanon Church; south of a line from this point at Mt. Lebanon Church and southeast of the old Newt-Mt. Lebanon road to Newt; west side of Little Russell Creek to where it empties from Green River; south side of Green River to Hart County line; all territory southwest of these lines to Hart County line; all territory southwest of these lines to the Hart County, Metcalfe County and Adair County lines.

Nominees in LAA 3 are:

Donnie Coomer: Operates a grain and hay operation and has lived in the community all his life. He is married to the former Judy Thompson of the Newt community. Mr. Coomer has two children, Laura and Ashley.

Cecil (C. W.) W. VanArsdale: Operates a small beef cattle operation on the farm he was raised on in the Grab Community. He has been married to the former Dixie Trimble for 12 years. They have 2 children, William and Hannah.

Ballots will be mailed no later than November 4, 2006 and must be returned or postmarked by December 4, 2006.

Green River CREP Sign-up Continues

The Green River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program sign-up is a continuous sign-up. All of Green County is located within the CREP regional boundary. Any land on which water drains to the Green River (or its tributaries, including the Little Barren watershed) is within the region. The program is a "win-win" situation; with both the land benefits with the installation of Best Management Practices, and the landowner benefits with the tremendous payout that is offered with the contracts. In nearly every real world example calculated within the local region, more money can be made by enrolling acreage into CREP than by farming it. The contracts last from 10 to 15 years, that is up to the land owner, and the land may be returned to farming after the contracts expire. BMP's applied most often consist of the planting of native warm-season grasses (prairie grasses), trees or a combination of both. These BMP'S are designed to help create wildlife habitat, improve water quality in our local streams and protect farmland. Cost-share is provided by both state and federal agencies, and there are additional bonus, or incentive, payments on most practices early in the process. If you are interested in learning more about this program, determining if your farm lies within the CREP region, or just have general questions, please visit or contact the Green County USDA Service Center.