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# Shelby County News

**Shelby County  
USDA Service Center**

**Shelby County FSA**  
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**Hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**County Committee**  
Gene Witt  
Guthrie Jesse  
Gil Tucker  
Stewart Shirley  
Jeanne Kemper

County Committee meets  
Last Thursday each month

**Staff**  
Wanda Long  
Mary Lou Bohannon  
Kara Sageser  
Tammy Dixon  
Karen MaGruder  
Kevin Dyke  
Jason Issac  
Woody Staton

## COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTION APPROACHING

Nominations for the county committee election were due in the county office by the close of business August 1. The next step in the election process is the mailing out of the ballots, which will begin on November 3. Voters have until December 4 to return their ballots to the county office, and the votes will be tabulated on December 7, 2006. Elected committee members and alternates take office on January 1, 2007.

This year the Shelby County FSA Committee election will be held in Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2. This includes the portion of the county east of Highway 55 South and south of U.S. Highway 60. Farm owners, operators, tenants, and sharecroppers of legal voting age and located within the applicable LAA are encouraged to vote if they meet the following **Prospective Voter Requirements:**

1. Be of legal voting age and participate or cooperate in any FSA program, or
2. Not of legal voting age, but supervises and conducts the farming operations on an entire farm.
3. Eligible to participate in any FSA program that is provided for by law, regardless of the status of funding.

**Discrimination Prohibited** - No person shall be denied the right to vote because of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation or marital or family status. Contact the county office staff if you have questions about voter eligibility.

## NEW FACES AT SHELBY FSA OFFICE



**Karen MaGruder**



**Jason Issac**

Shelby County Farm Service Agency (FSA) has added 2 new employees to the Farm Loan Team. Karen MaGruder, Program Technician, has recently been transferred to Shelby County from Henry County to replace Sharon Pellas who retired in July after 19 years of service.

Jason Issac, Farm Loan Officer, has been permanently transferred from the Morgan County FSA office to the Shelby County FSA office. Both will be happy to assist local farmers with all of their farm loan needs. FSA offers competitive interest rates to full and part-time farmers with 1 to 7 year terms on operating loans, and 40 year terms on real estate.

The Farm Loan Program also assists youths with Rural Youth Loans to start a 4-H or FFA project. This program assists youths from 10-20 years of age, and has a maximum loan limit of \$5,000. All applicants must meet eligibility and feasibility requirements. Stop by or call the office at 1-502-633-6777 for more information.



**Kevin Dyke**

Kevin Dyke has joined the FSA office as a Field Assistant. Kevin will be performing spot checks, field measurements, and related duties for FSA. Since we are now in the process of completing spot checks for 2006, many of you may be seeing Kevin on your farm. The Shelby County employees and Committee members welcome these new employees as valuable additions to our staff.