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FSA County Committee Elections Ballots are Due

Producers have received ballots giving them a voice in local farm program

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will began mailing ballots to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country for the 2015 FSA County Committee elections on Monday, Nov. 9. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by Dec. 7, 2015, to ensure that their vote is counted. "County committee members represent the farmers and ranchers in their communi-

ties," said Dolcini. "Producers elected to these committees have always played a vital role in local agricultural decisions. They are essential to the daily operation of nearly 2,200 offices across the country. It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve."

committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-

Nearly 7,700 FSA County Committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each

third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs; conservation programs; indemnity and disaster programs; emergency programs and eligibility. Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. Approximately 1.9 million producers are currently el-

igible to vote. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, also may be eligible to vote.

Farmers and ranchers will begin receiving their ballots the week of Nov. 9. Ballots include the names of candidates running for the local committee election. FSA has modified the ballot, making it more easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can pick one up at their local FSA office. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 7, 2015. Newly elected committee members and their alternates will take office Jan. $1,\,2016.$

For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. You may also contact your local USDA Service Center or FSA office. The Anson County FSA office is located at 1758 Morven Road in Wadesboro. Visit offices.usda.gov to find an FSA office near you.



Cheraw Arts Commission Presents Twilight Concert

The Cheraw Arts Commission will present a Twilight Concert featuring the Hartsville Chamber Ensemble on Thursday, December 10. The performance will be at Old St. David's Episcopal Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. The selection of music to be performed, which includes traditional carols (I Wonder As I Wander, Let All Mortal Flesh, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus, Angels We Have Heard on High, Silent Night and the Coventry Carol) and pieces by composers such as Rene Clausen, Jean Berger and John Ferguson has been carefully chosen to enhance the ambience of the beautiful Old St. David's Church. Ensemble members have stated that they find the sanctuary an especially thrilling place to sing because of the way sound resonates throughout the historic structure.

The Hartsville Chamber Ensemble is celebrating its tenth anniversary in the current season. It was organized in the summer of 2006 by a group of Hartsville area musicians who were willing to commit to undertaking a challenging repertoire of vocal music. The ensemble is bound together by a love of singing and dedication to performing at a level of artistry achieved only by many hours of rehearsal. Under the talented direction of Anna White Hill, the group strives to deliver a seamlessly blended sound while singing music from a wide variety of genres.

Singers are sopranos Sharman Poplava and Holly Prescott; altos Candace Holcombe, Kaye McElveen and Victoria Norment; tenors Steve Rogers and Tim Smoak; basses Dave Godshalk, Kyle Henderson and Terry Poplava. The ensemble is assisted by Ronda McElveen, piano.

Admission to the concert is \$8 for Cheraw Arts Commission members and students with non-member tickets at \$10. Advanced tickets can be purchased at the Cheraw Community Center, located at 200 Powe Street. For additional information contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420, ext.12.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program gives families a one-time vendor payment to help pay their heating bills. To be eligible, families must meet all of the following: an income test, be responsible for its heating bills and include a US citizen or an eligible alien.

To apply for the program the following information is needed: name, date of birth, and social security numbers for each household member; household's income; savings and checking accounts; and property, stocks, bonds, and other assets. Applications will be taken for disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services or households containing a person age 60 and above from December 1 through 31 of each year or until funds are exhausted. Applications on all other households will be taken from January 1 through March 31 or until funds are exhausted.

For more information contact Anson County Department of Social Services at 704-694-9351.



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Hearts" program. They have distributed coats to several of the churches and schools in Anson County. Blankets for the elderly are also available. Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church is the pick up site, or you can deliver donated

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To donate coats and blankets or to request help please call 704-848-4412.

Wadesboro **Christmas Schedule**

Due to the Christmas holiday, Wednesday and Thursday routes will both be picked up on Wednesday, December 23.

The trash collection schedule will return to the regular schedule on Monday, December There will not be any changes to the trash collection schedule for the New Year's Day Holiday. The Wadesboro Town

Hall will be closed on Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday. Town Hall will also be closed Friday, January 1, 2016, for New Year's Day.



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