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Hours

Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

County Committee

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County Committee meets Third Wednesday each Month

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County Committee Elections 2007

There will be an election in one of Johnson-Floyd-Martin-Pike County's three Local Administrative Areas (LAA) this year.

The County Committee (COC) election will be held for LAA 2. This LAA includes the communities of Elna, Volgo, Sitka, Nippa, Stambaugh, Chandlerville, Kerz, Flatgap, Barnrock, Redbush and Keaton. LAA 2 is currently represented by Charles Thompson who is running for reelection.

Ballots for eligible voters will be arriving around November 3rd and must be returned by December 3, 2007.

Please make sure that you follow the instructions on your ballot. You must mark the ballot and vote for one nominee. You may "write in" a candidate but they must be an eligible voter in that LAA.

Also, sign the ballot just as the name appears on the sticker. Failure to follow these instructions will result in your ballot not being counted.

If you not receive a ballot and you have an interest in a farm in one of the LAA's listed above as an owner, operator or tenant, check with the office.

Ballots will be tabulated at the USDA Service Center in West Liberty, Ky. on December 10th, 2007 in West Liberty, Ky. at 11:00 am. This is a regular COC meeting which is open to public.

Remember, your vote is your voice!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- > OCTOBER 8th Office Closed for Columbus Day.
- > NOVEMBER 12th Office Closed for Veterans Day.
- NOVEMBER 22nd Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day.
- > <u>DECEMBER 3rd</u> Last day to return you ballots for the COC election.
- **DECEMBER 25th Office Closed** for Christmas Day.

FOREIGN LANDOWNER NOTIFICATION

Foreign investors, who buy, sell of hold a direct of indirect interest in U.S. agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. This reporting requirement became law in 1978 with the passage of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA).

Failure to report timely and accurately could result in a penalty, with fines up to 25 per cent of the fair market value of the land.

All of us no someone who was killed or injured on their farm. The loss to their families and community cannot be counted. We all need to practice and promote **safe farming habits.** Don't become a statistic; be smart, and be safe.

