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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES OFFICE DAY

The USDA Rural Development Local Office in Amarillo, Texas, serving the Texas Panhandle area, which includes Carson County, will be holding an office day Wednesday, May 19, 2004 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. A staff member will be available to discuss housing programs for very low, low and moderate income families, various community program loans and grants, and business and industry loans and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistance. The USDA Rural Development office day will be held at the Carson County Farm Service Agency office, 221 Euclid Street, Panhandle, Texas. Interested applicants are requested to schedule an appointment by calling 806-468-8600 ext. 4.

USDA Rural Development is committed to the future of rural communities. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life and increase economic opportunities in the rural communities we serve.

USDA Rural Development, as an equal opportunity lender, makes loans or grants to individuals or groups and guarantees to approved lenders without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and handicap. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to: Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and includes business programs, housing programs, and utility programs. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's rural residents.

For more information on Rural Development programs in Texas, check our web site at http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.