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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATES IN WHEELOCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

WHEELOCK, TEXAS, October 19, 2005—USDA Rural Development today participated in a groundbreaking ceremony to begin the construction of a 3,200 square foot civic center. The facility will be used to further education, arts, and meet the civic, recreational, and social needs of the community. It will also be utilized as a shelter during natural disasters. The Wheelock Civic Association was selected to receive \$100,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Loan and Grant Program. The ceremony was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2005, at 10:00 a.m. at the site, located at 91000 FM 46 in Wheelock, Texas.

USDA Rural Development's Community Programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development's Community Programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 840,000 rural residents in the process.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the Bryan Local Office at 979-846-0548 or visit us on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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