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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD OFFICE DAY IN CALHOUN COUNTY

PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, Monday, July 17, 2006 – Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be holding an Office Day for residents of Calhoun County on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, to provide information, assist with applications, and answer questions regarding the Housing, Community and Business Programs offered by the agency. The event will be held at the USDA Service Center, Agriculture Building, 186 County Road 101, Port Lavaca, Texas, from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

“This is an opportunity to bring information about USDA Rural Development Programs directly to the citizens in their rural areas,” said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. “Representatives will be available to answer individual questions and assist applicants with their applications.”

USDA Rural Development Housing Programs offer loans and grants to applicants in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home.

USDA Rural Development Community Programs enhance the quality of life for rural Texans by providing funds to governmental entities, nonprofit organizations and Indian Tribes to enlarge, improve or construct schools, libraries, medical clinics, assisted living centers, public buildings, community centers and fund new and improved water and wastewater facilities.

USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs provide the needed capital to expand economic opportunities and development in rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community lenders. There is no minimum loan size and the maximum loan size is up to \$25 million.

USDA Rural Development works to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global marketplace, by providing programs that assist rural Americans in building strong economies and to improve their quality of life. For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the Edna Local Office at 361-782-7151, Ext. 4 or visit our website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>

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