



Ag loans, Bagdad center, newsletter

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The TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council soon will begin \$175,000 agriculture loan program, improvements welcomed at Bagdad Community Center and the monthly Santa Rosa County newsletter is available online.

TEAM Santa Rosa to begin ag loan program

1 The TEAM Santa Rosa Economic Development Council will begin accepting applications for a new agriculture loan program within the next three months.

This Friday, TEAM is scheduled to receive a ceremonial check from the U.S. Department for Agriculture establishing the Revolving Loan Fund.

In April, TEAM was approved for the \$175,000 grant that will allow the agency to offer loans to local farmers transitioning to specialty crop production and other local, rural entities including Panhandle Fresh Marketing Association.

"This loan is especially valuable to farmers who want to transition from more traditional crops like row crops including peanuts, cotton and soy beans to specialized crops like peppers and watermelon," said Cindy Anderson, executive director of TEAM Santa Rosa. "Specialty crops typically yield a higher profit margin per acre than traditional crops. Any rural businesses are eligible to apply."

The loans will be awarded TEAM Santa Rosa's Revolving Loan Committee.

Bagdad Community Center ribbon-cutting

2 Community leaders officially cut the ribbon on the newly constructed office building and improvements made to the Bagdad Community Center on Tuesday.

The new building will serve as the office for the Council on Aging of West Florida. In addition to the new construction, improvements were made to the center, including added window protection, a

covered walkway between buildings, paving of the parking lot and a walking trail around the park.

The project will provide approximately 25,000 residents 60 and older with much-needed services. The project was a county project made possible by a \$172,000 grant from the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Locklin Tech students built the office building off site at the campus on Berryhill Road. The Council on Aging will continue to offer senior activities from the Bagdad Community Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Enhanced services include a congregate meal center, recreational activities, health screening, nutrition counseling services, emergency response and recovery assistance, prescription medicine assistance, housing programs, and case management.

The Bagdad Community Center is located at 6860 Pooley St., Bagdad.

County monthly newsletter available online

3 The monthly Santa Rosa County Commission newsletter is available online at www.santarosa.fl.gov.

Each month, the update includes a message from a different commissioner. The July newsletter includes a message from District 2 Commissioner Bob Cole. He discusses anticipated growth in East Milton from

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the military build up at Eglin Air Force Base, the recent Santa Rosa County Farm Tour and progress at Whiting Aviation Park.

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