

Kentucky Farmworkers program provides assistance

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The Kentucky Farmworkers Program is an employment and training program funded by the National Farmworker Jobs Program administered by the United States Department of Labor.

Employment and Training Specialist Angelina Alcott provided an overview of the program to Greensburg Rotary members Jan. 14.

Alcott serves the Lincoln Trail and Lake Cumberland areas.

She said, "Our goal is to offer employment, training, and supportive services to migrant and seasonal farm

workers.

The program offers those who qualify the opportunity to improve their work-related skills and greater financial stability that comes with a better job.

Services provided by the farm workers program include short-term training, job referrals, assessment of education and skill levels, career counseling, assistance with obtaining occupational credentials or educa-



Angelina Alcott

tional certificates, job placement assistance, and supportive help.

Alcott said, "Our goal is to help break down barriers that somebody might have when it comes to being able to be successful."

The employment and training specialist mentioned her role as providing assistance to someone, helping them to gain the skills needed to become more employable and financially stable.

The program, she said, also serves individuals who have been incarcerated, hold a felony record, or those who don't have their GED.

Part of our success

is due to the strong community partner relationships from adult education to the career center, the specialist said.

"Former Employment and Training Specialist/Supervisor Fran Cox built a solid foundation in her 30 plus years with the program, with those participating going from being unemployed to successfully completing the program and acquiring a job that provides financial security," Alcott said.

Program guidelines include:

- (1) Having done farm work during the last two years for 25 days or made at least \$800, which may qualify one for classroom

training assistance;

- (2) Be at least 18 years old;
- (3) Be out of school for at least one year;
- (4) Fall within the federal poverty specifications.

The program offers classroom and on-the-job training. Referring to those in the program, she said, "We want to make sure they're successful once they go through the training by offering supportive services as needed."

Short-term training programs available include CDL, Welding, Lineman School, EMT, Fiber Optic, and SRNA/CNA.

Alcott noted the trucking industry jobs are presently in high

demand and people are taking advantage of the area CDL schools.

The benefits offered by the Kentucky Farmworkers Program are very attractive, from tuition assistance to possible stipends.

Since Alcott's employment with the program, beginning in the summer of 2019, she has already experienced success.

"We've already served a number of people from this area. The need is there."

To learn more about the Kentucky Farmworkers Program, contact Angelina Alcott for assistance by phone at 270-405-0570 or by email at aalcott@kyfarmprograms.com

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Photos submitted

Strong winds toppled this barn in the Gabe Community Saturday night, January 11.



2020 Election

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Incumbent U.S. Representative Brett Guthrie has filed for re-election along with another Republican, Kathleen L. Free and a Democrat Hank Linderman.

Guthrie assumed office in 2009 and ran unopposed in the 2018 Primary election and went on to run against Linderman in the general election. Linderman ran against three other Democrats in

the 2018 Primary and is now running unopposed in the 2020 primary election.

Incumbent U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell has also filled for re-election and has held office since 1985. McConnell will be running in the primary

election against seven other Republican candidates. 10 Democratic candidates will be running against one another in the primary election as well. The winner from both races will go on to face one another in the November general election.

Guthrie

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However, despite legislation and funding, Alzheimer's Disease is one of the top 10 causes of death in the United States and the only disease in the top 10 that has no cure or treatment and cannot be slowed.

"Finding a cure or effective treatment for AD/ADRD will continue to require an all-hands-on-deck approach," Guthrie, Walden, and Burgess continued.

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