

**GENERAL NEWS**

**Fiscal court says no...**

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"Whether you live on a farm or in a subdivision, the service is something you can use."

"Can you support the office now or in the future? If you run out of money, the county extension office may be out." Brookshire concluded.

Caswell, appearing before the court, explained he and other supporters of the tax were not after a new tax.

"We are proposing to decrease the payroll tax, and put it in an extension tax," Caswell said.

"It will take the load off your account, and make you look better," he said.

Caswell pointed out several services the extension office provides, which he said increase the profits for the farmer, generating more tax collection.

"It's not trying to give you a hard time. I just want to take the load off. The money will be available for January 1," Caswell said.

"What will happen at the end of December if the payroll tax doesn't go through?" Herbet asked.

"The tax heard will already be out at that time, so what will you do?" she asked the court.

"The extension office doesn't mean anything to U. R. frankly," Herbet continued.

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**State property tax rate is set**

Kentucky Revenue Secretary Gary W. Gillette has announced the 1987 state real estate property tax rate has been set at 21.1 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The state real estate rate must be reviewed each year and adjusted as needed to make certain no more than a 4 percent cumulative increase in revenue is realized over the previous year.

The 1986 rate was 21.6 cents. With the 1987 real estate rate in a timely manner, local taxing districts statewide can be assured of their ability to prepare and collect tax bills upon certification of local tax rolls by the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet and the proper establishment of local tax rates.

Program begun

Nicholas Counties who received federal food stamps are now benefiting from Kentucky's new computerized food stamp system, recently made operational in the Nicholas County office of the Kentucky Department for Social Insurance.

The Kentucky Automated Management and Eligibility System (KAMES) was developed to enable the department's caseworkers to handle the entire food stamp eligibility process, from application to issuance of coupons, with greater speed and efficiency.

Mrs. Carla Gimes, manager of the Social Insurance office in Carlisle, said the KAMES computer store information when the client first applies, then makes the information readily available later on.

"The beauty of the system is that many time consuming jobs that previously had to be done case by case—jobs such as updating cases when eligibility guidelines or client income changes—are now done automatically when the new information is fed into the terminal at the worker's desk," Gimes said.

"The system also makes almost immediate client eligibility and benefit determination, allowing the caseworker to call applicants on the spot if they can receive food stamps and how many they will get monthly."

In addition to quicker issuance times of days instead of weeks, the KAMES system is also designed to reduce much repetitive paperwork and cut into the costly problems of overstatement due to error and criminal fraud.

Gimes said KAMES is expected to be in use statewide by the end of the year.

By that time, all of Nicholas County's newly approved food stamp cases should be completely transferred onto the \$20 million system, which was funded jointly by the State of Kentucky and the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Hatfield hired

In 1986, the Kentucky General Assembly passed a new Unified Juvenile Code.

Establishment of a statewide Court Designated Worker (CDW) Program to be administered by the Administrative Office of the Courts is a major provision of the new code.

Each of the state's 19 Judicial Districts will have the services of a court designated worker.

William Hatfield has been hired as the court designated worker for Hartness, Nicholas, Paducah and Robertson Counties, effective July 1, 1987.

He will work with District Judge Wayne Fitzgibbon and Robert McCort in the processing of many juvenile cases.

In general, the Court Designated Worker Program is a three stage intake process for children under the age of 18 who have public or status offense actions brought against them.

The first stage involves the court designated worker's availability to assist and receive complaints against children from citizens and police officers. In the second stage, the CDW will assist the court in making placement decisions for children who have been detained by police officers.

In the third stage, the CDW will conduct preliminary intake inquiries to recommend which cases are to be referred to a judge for a formal court hearing, and which cases can be handled informally by the CDW through such options as diversion agreements.

Diversion agreements may include conditions such as restitution, community service work programs or counseling.

The court designated worker office is located at 717 Court Street in Orlinville.

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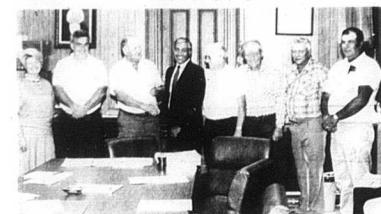
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Nicholas County Fiscal Court received a \$20,000 check during the court's regular meeting Wednesday, July 8. The money was made available through a grant from the Kentucky Area Development Fund administered by state department of local government. The grant money will reimburse the county for their purchase of a 1978 Mack Dumpster truck for use in the county-wide dumpster program. Pictured left to right: Mary Black, Manager Specialist in Housing Area Development District; Magistrate Floyd Bruesel; Nicholas County Judge Executive Reese Simons; Jase Nelson, Executive Director of Bluegrass AIDS; Magistrate Orelville Atkinson; Melvin Fryman; Earl Lee Plank; Elmer Myers. — Mark Leonard Photo

**Conservation poster contest set to begin**

Soil Conservation in My Community will be the subject of the 1987 Conservation Poster Contest sponsored by The Louisville