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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Protect your investment

Maybe it's a little difficult to understand, but for some reason there appears to be a certain lack of pride and concern in investments that make it impossible for the local economy to flourish.

That's right. There is a lack of concern over the amount of time and money you have invested in your home, your family and your overall lifestyle.

Why did you buy your home here . . . or your farm . . . or whatever?

There are some, I'm sure, who live here because this has been a home for the family for generations.

Some on the other hand live here because of the slower lifestyle offered here away from the big city.

Now while you have all of your money tied up here, maybe children in school, and you simply abandon all of this on your way out of town.

Leaving town to do business will put an end to all the things many of you have moved here for.

I promise to stop hammering on this topic, at least for a week.

If we don't take advantage of the town as it is, and work to make it grow we'll have to go out-of-town for work, too, because there won't be anything here.

We have businesses on the verge of closing.

There's a list a mile long of businesses already gone, and for those with a good deal invested in staying here the future appears a little gloomy.

Sitting at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week and listening to many of the merchants talk, there doesn't appear to be a lot of sunshine in the future.

It looks like, if you listened closely, that a majority of the merchants are worried about it, but there's a feeling of helplessness, which also came to the top.

What can be done? How can the out-of-town trend stop? Not very many questions are they?

It doesn't seem to bother a majority, as they travel west toward Lexington, or north or south or east.

Don't take this personally, but if all of us don't jump on the band wagon a little, be a cheer-leader for where we live, the many things we have grown accustomed to just simply won't be here.

HBH

Last week's Nicholas County Fiscal Court meeting also left a good many questions unanswered.

Will the county pass a payroll-occupational tax to begin July 1 of this year?

There will be a second reading of the ordinance, Wednesday, April 1, beginning at 6 p.m. at the courthouse.

For anyone interested in making comments, that will be the chance.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty

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SPEAKING OUT

Ever wonder something you shouldn't? Most people don't because they're careful, but what about infants and toddlers who don't know the dangers and will do almost anything in their mouth if given the chance?

23 percent of the medications ingested by children were not in their original prescription containers when the accident happened.

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Regulations of emergency poison hot lines are your family's best defense against child poisoning.

Always keep medicines, prescription drugs and household chemicals out of reach and out of sight of youngsters.

When these products are used, never let them out of your sight, even if it means taking them with you when changing errands.

Keep these products in their original containers, and use the safety caps as always secured.

To make sure you have the most accurate information on when giving or taking medicine, read the label before use.

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Mitch McConnell

Liability Crisis: A Community Concern

It comes every day I read another horror story about a city or small town in Kentucky which is losing a vital service - like police, fire protection or ambulance service because they can no longer afford insurance for these services.

One of my biggest disappointments last year was Congress' failure to provide coverage to help alleviate the liability insurance crisis crippling our industry.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Boosters offer students academic support

By Marvyn J. Livingston of The Mercury Staff

The Nicholas County High School Academic Boosters Club is providing academic support for students in the form of tutoring and study materials.

The organization gives the people of the community the opportunity to contribute to the school system.

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clude a musical presentation for the Nicholas County High School student body.

The boosters are also planning a student body picnic and the book fair on the same date.

"Our aim is to enrich the entire student body, not just the members of the Academic Excellence Program."

An awards ceremony and reception is scheduled for May 1, 1987. This event is to award those who have achieved academic excellence in various areas and high grade point averages.

The following are NCHS personnel who provide the students with information about available content: assistant them with preparation files. The Academic Boosters: Kay Willis, Sharon Hutton, Sue Kirby, Catherine Camp, Debbie York, assistant.

"The entire school administration has been very supportive of our efforts," Sparks concluded.

Your contributions have kept this program running up in the following program. To help up and down, look forward and not back to look out for us, and not back in.

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