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Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond



Attention: DOT

There is no doubt somewhere on the list of things to do by the Kentucky Department of Transportation is the widening of U.S. 68 in Nicholas County.

That's not to say this item is at the top of the list, probably far from it, but somewhere, it has to be on the list... right?

If it isn't, whoever is charged with the task of making up the list of what roads are worked on, and when, should include U.S. 68 north of Carlisle on the big list.

Since I have been here, a year now, we have had four tractor trailers wreck in the spot (two at a time), had a fatal accident, plus three or four more.

You know, it's up there just before the road widens going toward Maysville.

With the recorded accidents, there's no telling how many people have run off the road or crossed the center line, when nothing else was coming and there was no accident... by circumstance.

It's not simple to have road work done. We all know that. There used to be a time when roads were resurfaced, someone would say, "It must be an election year."

I don't think it's all that simple, but on the other hand, there should be some way for the transportation department to be able to know how lousy the road is in this and probably other locations, and to do something about it.

The road should either be fixed through that area or signs put up, especially south-bound, that read: **ROAD LESS THAN HALF AS WIDE 1500 FEET AHEAD... AND A LOT OF CURVES, TOO!**

And so, for another week, thanks and

Miller's Message
By Chip Miller



In the kitchen with Rudolph
I really like the winter season, especially when it snows like it did last week.

For some unexplainable reason I dress into one of my favorite sweaters and begin to hum Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer as I drive to work.

I guess it's the feeling that the holidays are drawing near and that there is soon to be a lot of good, home cooked food.

I've observed that cold weather and snow does nothing better than help build hearty appetites.

Im one of those "modern men" who just loves to cook, so at the first sign of cold weather I'm already planning what Sunday snacks I can fix with which exotic recipe I would like to try that upcoming weekend.

Cooking relaxes me; some people listen to slow music, others go for quiet evening walks - I cook.

I'm not a sweets type of person, thus the meaty, rich meals are what I enjoy to fix the most.

Things like hefty spaghetti sauce or wild meats - rabbit, deer or grouse - and seafoods are my specialties.

There's nothing like the aroma of a slow, simmering beef stew to warm up a cold house or cold appetites when the snow is falling outside.

To me, celebrating the holidays isn't how many presents you get on Christmas or visiting all your relatives in three states, it's cooking.

Good food makes for good times in my book.

Public Notice Advertising

By David T. Thompson
KPA Executive Director
Public notice advertising, "those little ads that appear in the back of newspaper," have long been the target of government officials across the country.

While newspapers continually defend the "public's right to know," government officials have tried to keep these required advertisements to a minimum, if at all.

Government officials truly believe those public notice advertisements are not read; that only a small, select group of the public is interested in how governments spend tax dollars; that this same group is willing to go to the courthouse to search through the records to find this information; that newspapers are getting rich off publication of such advertising; that these ads serve no worthwhile purpose at all.

A survey conducted in mid-October in Kentucky proves once again that all these beliefs are unfounded.

FACT: Kentuckians are adamant in their support of public notice advertising in daily and weekly newspapers. An overwhelming 77 percent believe such advertising is in the public's best interest and serves as a safeguard against mismanagement and waste in public agencies. Only 16 percent feel that public notice advertising is unnecessary.

FACT: People read public notice advertising. Sixty-five percent acknowledge that they have read public notice advertising in their local newspaper.

FACT: It is a practice that a majority say should be continued. Sixty-eight percent expressed the opinion that city and county governments and local school districts should maintain this type of

Representative Remarks

By Adrian Arnold
The force over the critically ill condition of the state's workers' compensation program has left another major issue that must be addressed by members of the 1988 General Assembly virtually nonexistent.

This serious problem surfacing in budget realities of the dramatic cutbacks in federal assistance to local governments.

Residents have come to expect service such as low income housing, emergency medical assistance, block grants for sewer treatment and water supplies, and fire services, parks, and recreational areas and the Super Fund that assists areas in land and low impact nuclear waste cleanup.

Low income students are in danger of losing higher education assistance funds which is ironic considering the recent nationwide emphasis on superior education in conjunction with continued advancement of international economic competition.

The fate of these programs will probably not be decided until after the Christmas recess.

The Counties and Special Districts Committee has profiled several bills as an attempt to offer some assistance to these growing numbers of problems.

House Bill 285 is a major attempt at money savings. It will allow intercounty cooperation in services and road equipment and other programs to keep every county from being responsible for the total impact of the cost.

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advertisement as a way of keeping the public informed. Only nine percent thought that public notice advertisements should be discontinued.

FACT: People want to know how their tax dollars are being spent. The publication of school expenditures and city and county government financial statements are assigned the greatest importance when evaluating specific types of public notice advertising.

Eighty-nine percent say that publishing local government financial statements is important.

FACT: Clear-cut majorities also regard as worthwhile the publication of other public notice ballots (81 percent say it's important); invitations to bid for materials, equipment and services (67 percent "important"); and delinquent tax notices (61 percent "important").

FACT: There is strong sentiment against changing the current law that requires the publication of public notice advertising.

By a margin of better than two to one Kentuckians disagree with those who suggest that the law should be abolished.

The newspaper industry, across the country and throughout Kentucky, faces regular battles with state and local officials who say government is subsidizing newspapers through public notice advertising.

In reality, a cost survey earlier this decade showed that all public notice advertising required in Kentucky by every single state and local agency amounts to the price of a double-deck hamburger for each Kentuckian.

That's a mighty small price for you, the taxpayer, when life's year tax dollars are being spent, not abused.

One proposed measure would put the federal withdrawal of assistance specifically for use in attempt to seek out other revenue sources in addition to allowing local governments the leverage to generate their own financial resources.

There are major local issues that cannot wait for a better financial bill.

Full overwriting, antiquated job conditions, juvenile mischief, through the criminal process, unstable bridge structure on county roads, emergency medical services and availability of low income housing could all become endangered species.

Some economic forecasters are only predicting revenue shortfalls in the next future for Kentucky's General Fund so we cannot rely on the state to pick up the tab. If you have comments or questions, please do not hesitate to contact

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It's a bold statement...and unfortunately very true. Dollars spent in your hometown are not only the lifeblood of local merchants but also the entire community.

Each dollar spent at home helps farmers, teachers, wage earners, everyone. As money flows over locally it helps support public services, schools, churches and hundreds of other groups and organizations.

Recent surveys indicate that small town residents that leave their communities to shop in big-city malls are committing a form of economic suicide. This trend is so severe that the end of many small town business districts is very near.

The secret to changing the 'Use us or lose us' headline to 'Local economy prospers' is simple: Shop At Home.

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