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Bond's Broadcast By Hank Bond

Attention Camper - Owners, Computer says you owe more, but the computer may be wrong

Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator Rose Brady brought an interesting piece of information into the office about six or seven days ago.

It appears, due to some giant computer error, tax bills mailed to camper - trailer owners showed an extremely inflated value on the trailers.

According to Mrs. Brady, the error can be easily corrected by bringing your tax bill to her office before registering the camper or calling her office in the Nicholas County Courthouse with the information.

According to a spokesman for the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, some of the bills have been as high as 10 times more than they should have been.

The spokesman said the error came from some flaw in the software for the computer program used to originate the bills.

No doubt, the program or whatever the problem is, isn't worth 10 times what is paid!

Nicholas Fiscal Court! Now's Your Chance

As the end of the first fiscal quarter, at least for most businesses, nears, it will be time to begin making quarterly payments to Nicholas County Fiscal Court for collection of the payroll - occupational tax enacted in the county.

If you will recall, I was for the passage of this tax because I felt it necessary to continue proper, and, yes, fruitful operation of the county.

I also pointed out a week later, maybe it was two, those same court members needed to take a hard stand on how the funds collected from this tax will be used.

Number one on my list of priorities for passage of the tax, and those opposed will have to agree, was to include proper funding and operation of the county's ambulance service.

In the past few weeks, the back-up ambulance caught fire while making a run on a cold, snowy night, and the primary vehicle is beginning to gain some high mileage, with the many runs the service has to make.

I have been told, and those who told me would have no reason not to tell the entire

story, the county is looking for some grant money for a new ambulance. That's good news, because according to state level recommendations, ambulances with 70,000 miles should be taken out of service. The primary ambulance in Nicholas County is nearing that amount, and there appears to be little let-up in the use of the vehicle for the many runs made each day and week.

While perched on this soapbox, I wouldn't want to let the opportunity pass to continue my stumping for strong fiscal restraint and intelligent spending.

I suggest the court continue cutting corners whenever possible. Do not start new programs, until the ones in place are funded, and then make sure those are needed.

The people, by and large, have told me they didn't have a problem with the tax, its collection and ultimate use, as long as the court, the judge and all involved do not start spending money like they have it.

Remember, when the tax was presented, and ultimately passed, the people were told in the meeting in the upstairs courtroom, the money would merely offset the lost revenue from Federal Revenue Sharing.

That means to me, cuts will still be in order and the long term planning for the county will be difficult at best.

Rearrangement of priorities may be order. It may be necessary to take funds from one area to another to encourage, and yes help, industrial and retail growth in Nicholas County.

The county is in a backward financial trend, right now. It is very evident as businesses close on Main Street and fewer and fewer open to replace those leaving.

There are some who feel growth is not what the community needs, but for the many who have voted in excess in Carlisle and Nicholas County, Growth Is The Only Way!

Next week we'll have a story on Lerman Brothers and the closing of that business. Already the business is running dead marking the end of another retail outlet in Nicholas County. Livville's Department Store and Main Street Market have signs in their windows which say quitting business.

These businesses are added to a long, and may I point out, growing list. How in the world can we expect the lifestyle we have chosen . . . we live here . . . to be maintained if the retail business community continues to dry up.

Give it some thought, it may make a big difference.

If you have some opinions, which can be printed I want to add, please don't hesitate to write a letter to the editor. We want to publish the thoughts and you even the wishes of those who have made Nicholas County their home.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

Miller's Message By Chip Miller

Spring fever strikes again!

You know it's getting near Spring when you hear the birds singing in the trees.

Yes, my Friends, I am for sure it's the way. I heard those positive signals this past weekend.

Soon, the April showers will come and go and nothing but all that Spring fever will hit each and every one of us.

I can smell those outdoor barbecues smoldering now; can hear the sizzle of burgers on the old grill.

March will now be the month that will tease us. One weekend we'll get warm, sunny weather and then the next weekend we'll get snow.

That's how the old lady of March plays the seasonal game with us.

But don't fret, just remember that after March comes Spring, then Summer.

On another Spring note.

Each year around this time I get the old fishing itch.

Yeah, you know, I start getting the itch to find my pole and tackle and head for the nearest fishing hole.

After a sunny weekend like the one past, I find my dusty tackle box, get it out and the casting of the lures at daybreak was the most exciting aspect of the event.

Fishing holes have been used through history to possess phenomenal amounts of energy, security and stamina that embody the spirit of the hunt.

Roger McCarry, president of the Nicholas County Fishermen's Association, "I probably have more lures than anyone in Nicholas County."

"Since we are only able to hunt at the Clay Wildlife area about three months out of the year, I do most of my hunting over in Bath County at Judge Richardson's," said McCarry.

The past in fishing in America and in Kentucky is rich with history.

The earliest organized hunt in the United States was founded on October 20, 1766 by 27 horsemen in Philadelphia.

Some of the founders of our country, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Patrick Henry, enjoyed the sport and even brought the first red fox to America.

So, it was only natural that Central Kentucky, the land of fine bred horses and horsemanship, drew to the sport of hunting.

Other hunters taking place during the course of the year or the Central and State Fairs.

McCarry, director of Central and State Fairs, relayed a tentative schedule and description of each.

The Central meet is usually the week in September or first week in October when the frost

man reaches age 20. The Selective Service System announced that who will reach their 20th birthday in 1988 and who will have their 20th birthday in 1989 and who have not registered with Selective Service may forfeit their eligibility for some federal programs.

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Local association

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Barbara Hopkins, secretary of the Nicholas County Fishermen's Association, was proud of the interest displayed by the association.

"We had around 60 riders or more and about that many horses," she said.

"The weather did not cooperate but everyone had a good time and some even stayed the night to hunt some more," she noted.

"During the State Hunt, usually held at Brookfield, there are riders that come as far as Canada to participate," she said.

"This amounts to as many as 1,000 riders that come to enjoy the hunting, interested parties that come to watch and learn about the art of hunting to range up to around 3,000," concluded McCarry.

Members of the Nicholas County Fishermen's date are: M.A. Reid, Robert and Neil Poline, Roger McCarry, Sam Reynolds, Roger Hunt, Roy and Wanda Dutton, Roger Wismack, G.T. McFarland, Sarah Terrell.

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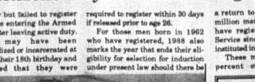
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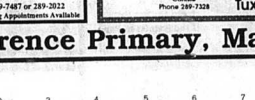
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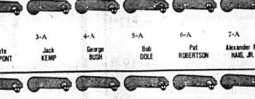
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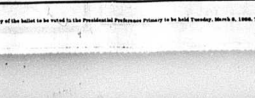
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