GENERAL NEWS

PVA office to collect data, not taxes

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — If two representatives of the Nicholas County Public Valuation Administrator's office appear at your door, don't panic. Property taxes are not going up.

Ed Hatton and Tim Rose have been visiting households recently for the county PVA office in compliance to an added requirement of House Bill 940, the education bill.

Nicholas County Public Valuation Administrator Rose Brady explained the reason behind the visits.

In the mid-1970's the state wanted to attain better accuracy in assessing property values throughout Kentucky, Brady said.

Therefore, the state passed a mapping bill requiring each county PVA office to locate all households in a particular county and give the specific characteristics of the home, such as the measured perimeter of households, the number of rooms, and other data on the house to fairly assess the value of certain properties.

"Say for instance there are four houses next to each other in a certain section of town and from the outside, they look similar. Inside there may be vast differences in rooms that may make one house worth a bit less than another. This is the kind of information we need to gather," Brady said.

The funds in support of the original mapping bill gave out when state government forced cutbacks in spending on many state sponsored programs.

The mandate in house bill 940, Brady said, is to finish what the original mapping bill had started. However, though some data is lacking, Nicholas County is in relatively good shape.

The office has made a reasonably vigilant effort to keep county mapping records up-to-date and therefore should not be affected to any great extent over the charactgeristics the office finds.

Hatton and Rose take measurements of the outside of the home and compile data on its characteristics, Brady said.

"Fortunately, county mapping has been kept current," she said.

However there have been complaints that the office is making some of these measurements when residents are not at home.

Brady explains that while Hatton and Rose have the legal right to measure a home without illegally trespassing on property, they do not take these measurements in arrogance.

"We've had some trouble with people not allowing us to measure property because they think it will mean a tax hike. But we do go by the door and if the resident is at home, we explain what we are doing and obtain the information we need. If not, we go ahead and take the measurement then leave a mail back card with a small questionnaire.

"People have noted that the card is addressed to Frankfort. This is only because the cost of this program is carried by Frankfort. The card is immediately re-routed back to this office," Brady said.

Brady said she doesn't anticipate any major changes in the valuation of Nicholas County property. "The effect of this measure on the county shouldn't be great," she said.

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Ed Hatton and Tim Rose were out in Hooktown Wednesday measuring house perimeters for the Nicholas County PVA office. They will be travelling around the county gathering data on county households to maintain up-to-date record keeping for the state of Kentucky as mandated by House Bill 940.

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Calvin Denton extinguishes a truck that had caught fire on Scrub Grass Road Wednesday night. As Nicholas County Firemen arrived at the scenjall about 11:30 pm, there were flames in the engine of the truck. Denton quickly extinguished the flames.

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Nicholas County Fireman Mike Phillips sets the hose to a tractor which erupted in fire Thursday at a farm on Cassidy Creek Road Thursday morning. Flames proved difficult to quench as a broken fuel hose on the tractor continued to feed the flame.

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Statement of Resources and Liabilities ..... Thousands of dollars

ASSETS
Cash and balances due from depository institutions
Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin 498
Interest-bearing balances 1,094
Securities 9,361
Federal funds sold 1,855
Securities purchased under agreements to resell ..... NONE
Loans and lease financing receivables:
Loans and leases, net of unearned income 12,668
LESS: Allowance for loan and lease losses 425
LESS: Allocated transfer risk reserve ..... NONE
Loans and leases, net of unearned income, allowance and reserve 13,263
Assets held in trading account 1,014
Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases) 749
Other real estate owned 2
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associated companies 126
Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding ..... NONE
Intangible assets ..... NONE
Other assets 408
Total assets 28,370
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U. S. C. 1823 (j) ..... NONE
Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U. S. C. 1823 (j) 28,370
LIABILITIES
Deposits:
In domestic offices 23,573
Noninterest-bearing 3,671
Interest-bearing 19,902
Federal funds purchased ..... NONE
Securities sold under agreements to repurchase 410
Demand notes issued to the U. S. Treasury 250
Other borrowed money ..... NONE
Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases ..... NONE
Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding ..... NONE
Subordinated notes and debentures ..... NONE
Other Liabilities 822
Total Liabilities 25,055
Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus ..... NONE
EQUITY CAPITAL
Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus ..... NONE
Common stock 200
Surplus 200
Undivided profits and capital reserves 2,915
LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities ..... NONE
Total equity capital 3,315
Losses deferred pursuant to 12 U. S. C. 1823 (j) ..... NONE
Total Equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U. S. C. 1823 (j) 3,315
Total liabilities, limited-life preferred stock, and equity capital and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C.1823 (j) 28,370

We the undersigned directors, attest to the correctness of this statement of resources and liabilities. We declare that it has been examined by us and to the best of our knowledge and belief has been prepared in conformance with the instructions and is true and correct.
w/Emeran Baker
w/Billy Hopkins
w/Bobby Crockett

I, Shirley Wilson, vice president/cashier of the above-named bank do hereby declare that this Report of Condition is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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Adopt-A-Highway complete in county

By Josh Shepherd
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FLEMINGSBURG — Since early June, 100 percent of Nicholas County's state highways have been adopted through the nationwide Adopt-A-Highway program, John Keith, District State Highway Department chief in Flemingsburg, said last week.

Nicholas was one of the first counties in its area to have total coverage in the program, Keith said, although neighboring Bath County also achieved this distinction soon afterward.

Keith said the program, though supported by the State Department of Highways in Frankfort, is a national program. The program originated in Texas in 1985, Keith said.

The intent was to try and cut back on the number of state government employees by enabling people to volunteer to keep a minimum section of roadway relatively free of debris.

"We only ask for a general clean up of garbage on the area. We have had reports from participants that items such as refrigerators and heavy auto parts have been uncovered along the roads. But all they need to do is call us and we'll get those items out of the way," Keith said.

Adoptees, those organizations which have become part of the program, volunteer to clean up an area for a period of two years. If these organizations wish to continue, they will be notified if they wish to renew.

However, the program has come under criticism of late. Accusations that many organizations have signed up and yet have not taken a step to fulfill their obligation to the Adopt-A-Highway program.

Keith said most seem to balk out the project when they see the amount of garbage they have to pick up the first time through their area. "It is a big job at first because this is garbage piled up over a great deal of time. But once through the heavy part, it should gradually get easier to maintain," Keith said.

If everyone could get involved, sensitivity to littering undoubtedly increases and people become more aware of the garbage they may throw out of the car, perhaps wait and discard it in the garbage where it should be, Keith said.

But if it is obvious that no effort has been made to clean up an area, the state can remove the sign, a source of free advertising, and cancel an organization's term with the project, Keith said.

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Sign at Victory Mountian Church in Confluence, near Hyden Kentucky. Pictured from clockwise from top: PFC mike Nickerson, PV2 Leslie Stanfield, SPC Jerry Willoughby, SPC Gary Charles, SGT Gerald Wigginton, SPC Scotty McCarty, SPC Jeff Conkright, SGT Richard Bussell, SSG Dale Toy, SSG Milford Jones, SPC Timmy Ratliff, and SPC Jeff Wells.

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Truck Pull Competition during Engineer Field Day at Hyden, Kentucky.

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Tug of War COmpetition held during Engineer Field Day at Hyden, Kentucky. Left to right: SPC Andrew Crouch, SSG Milford Jones, PV2 Leslie Stanfield, SGT Richard Bussell, SGT Gerald Wigginton, and SPC Billy Curtis.

Guard work in Hyden

Carlisle's Delta Company returned recently from flood road construction work in Hyden, Kentucky, a small town in the southeastern part of the state.

Delta company is one of five companies within the 201st Engineer Battalion.

Charlie company is based in Cynthania. Both companies served in Hyden for their two weeks of annual training.

The Company Commander is First Lieutenant Robert S. Hacker with Gordon T. Sargent serving as First Sergeant.

Due to the size of the project, a second group was organized to work an additional 10 days. Twenty-one men from Delta Company returned for the ten day project.

Staff Sergeant Ron Roser of Carlisle, who served as a platoon sergeant for the second group, was recognized Sunday by the 201st Engineer Battalion for his outstanding performance during the second period.

Members of the Nicholas County National Guard moved into Leslie County to help construct a two mile stretch of road on June 16, 1991

After the completion of the road it will connect the Peach orchard Branch with the Wilder Branch Road. This will enable those in Wilder Branch to get out during flood time.

Bulldozers and heavy equipment were used during the construction of the project.

There were about 250 National Guardmen there to work on the project. This was just part of the Battalion of over 700 men.

According to Major Taylor, around 40 are on full-time staff stationed in Ashland. They are with the Kentucky National Guard, 201st Engineering Battalion.

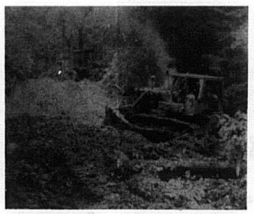
The rest of the group is made up of National Guard men who are doing their two week summer training.

The group of men who went into Leslie County were builders not law enforcement personnel.

These men were there to aid in the development of the project and to help people in troubled situations.

The men are assigned to different parts of the state when disasters hits and where their services are needed.

The members of the National Guard stayed at the local high school while in Leslie County.



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Dozer Operations at Hyden SFC Bobby Smalley directs SSG Ricky Willoughby during Road cutting.

NOTICE

The Long Stoney Creek Bridge will be closed starting the week of July 29, 1991 due to construction of a new bridge.

Reese Smoot
County Judge/ Executive

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Mary Ashley Burns, daughter of engineer Steve Burns, helps J.R. Mitchell with his surveys of the Nicholas County Landfill, which is scheduled for closing at the end of this year.

State Bids Mowing

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The Kentucky Department of Highways just may have mowed the weed problem down.

Weed overgrowth on state roads have always been a time consuming job for state road maintenance workers. However, Nicholas County could be the place where a solution is found.

The district department of roadways in Flemingsburg has opened let the mowing job out on bids, essentially handing the job over to private businesses.

District State Highway chief John Keith said bidding the job out is new only for this area. In Western Kentucky, the plan has been tried with varying degrees of success. As an experiment, Keith said, the department has bid the mowing job of the state roads through Nicholas County.

Workers from Swartz Mowing in Olympia, Kentucky was awarded the bid and have since been very visible along many Nicholas County roads.

"The program has been working out well, so far. With even one county off our hands, our crews have been able to get to more pressing road work finished in less time," Keith said.

Swartz mowing is expected to pass over all state highways at least four times. The job also includes trimming away overhanging tree limbs and other natural obstructions on the roadside.

"I've been very pleased with the results so far. If things work out, we could add other counties to the bid list," Keith said.

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