

# Hatton completes PVA data gathering project

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Public Valuation Administrative office worker Ed Hatton reviews the final report of a year-long tax gathering project required of all county PVA offices under HB 940. Hatton, who has for almost three decades been a worker with various state agricultural agencies, said the project was completed on time and credits his gratitude to all Nicholas County property owners for their cooperation and the PVA office staff for their aid and support.

## Democratic Executive Committee discuss re-precincting June 22

At the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee Monday, June 22, 1992, the topic of the meeting focused on the re-precincting of the voting places. Since the Migration District changes have been approved by the Fiscal Court, these districts have to be divided into precincts with approximately the same number of voters in each. It was recommended that the Executive Committee do a survey in their present precincts in order to establish the voters consensus and

reactions to any changes that could occur in their polling places. This is to be done by July 25, 1992, at which time the results will be announced.

It was further recommended by the committee that the voting precincts be moved out of the courthouse to the National Guard Armory because the election laws state "that no person shall do any electioneering at the polling place or to a building in which a vot-

ing machine is located, specifically if the entrance is unlocked and used by the voters on election day."

These recommendations were endorsed by Mr. Joe Lykins of the State Democratic Party who attended the meeting. The next meeting will be held on July 25, 1992 at 7 p.m. at the courthouse. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hatton, who has spent the better part of a year gathering data about every household and property in Nicholas, said the work has been completed and files at the office updated to include the information he collected. "The final report was finished on the day of the state deadline and is filed," Hatton said. Hatton said in general the county residents were very cooperative in allowing him to gather information. He stressed, however, that the job he set out to do was merely to gather exterior property data. The HB940 requirement was not intended as a property tax raising measure, Hatton said. Rather, the mandate by the state government was for every county PVA office to make a comprehensive update of all records from becoming dated. "It was something that really had to be done to keep our records from becoming dated. But when you go up to a house and say your with the PVA office, its natural for some people to get a little nervous," Hatton said. However, Hatton said he faced very little resistance during his time out in the field. Once he explained to people that all he would do is make a measurement and sketch of individual house-

holds, they were helpful. "I really do appreciate how cooperative everyone was out there, and to the support and help the Nicholas PVA staff gave me all during this time," Hatton said. "This has been a great undertaking, something I don't think I'll forget for awhile. In all my years of working with the public in agriculture, it has been a pleasure to come back to my old stomping grounds," he said.

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Wescott offers the following safety tips for a safe celebration.

- Read label information on fireworks and carefully follow directions.
- Never hold fireworks in your hand and wait for the fuse to burn before throwing.
- Holding lit fireworks in your hand can cause severe burns and can also result in losing a finger or hand.

at another person or at an animal.

- Before lighting, check fireworks for loose fuses since a faulty fuse may prevent the item from lighting properly.
- Light fireworks one at a time and away from other fireworks.
- Never light fireworks in a container, especially glass or metal.
- Don't carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Store unused fireworks in a cool, dry place inaccessible to small children.
- Never try to make fireworks, even with kits advertised for that purpose. Mixing and loading chemicals is dangerous and can kill or maim.
- For more information on fireworks safety, contact an expert at the Department for Health Services, 275 E. Main Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40621. His telephone number is 502/564-7873.

According to a report from the State Fire Marshal's Office, 109 fireworks injuries were recorded in 1991. Forty percent of the injuries were sustained by Kentuckians ages 15 to 19. Of the injuries, 54 percent were burns and 98 percent occurred in June and July.

Kentucky law allows the use of certain "Class C" fireworks, which generally are non-explosive types such as sparklers, snakes, wheels, fountains, certain rocket types and smoke devices.

All legal fireworks have a label with the words "Class C common fireworks," the item's name, instructions, cautions and manufacturer's name. Any firework without a clearly printed label containing the maker's name and address, and cautions should not be used.

"Young children should



Amnie Laurie Mansour was played host for a visit from her son, Stephan Malik Mansour, in the front yard of her home on Elm Street. Her grandchildren are seated around the table with Stephan, they are George Mansour, seated at far left, and Lisa Carissa Mansour, in her father's lap. Among the guests were Alvin Clark-Bender, seated; Mr and Mrs. Luther Heller and Mr and Mrs. Charles Hobbs.

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