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that sink to the bottom of the tank to form sludge, light parts which float to the top of the tank to form scum, and the liquid part which is sandwiched between the sludge and the scum. It is important that only the liquid part of the tank and into the drainfield. Special baffles inside the tank cause it to retain the sludge and scum, and the liquid part flows out to the tank into the distribution box. The job of the distribution box (also called the D box) is to equally distribute the liquid into each of the lateral lines, making up the drainfield. Once the liquid enters the drainfield, it seeps into the soil. Because the soil particles are so close together they can filter out the bacteria, which will be killed by oxygen that is pulled along behind the slow-moving water. That is why it is so important to have good soil. If the soil particles are packed too tightly, the waste will not be able to move down.

How much water can my septic system handle?
Did you know that your septic tank is always full? If you run 100 gallons of water in the house, then 100 gallons flow to your tank, and push 100 gallons out of it and into your drainfield. For a family of four, the average amount of water should be around 185-200 gallons per day. This means your septic system must be able to handle 185-200 gallons of water per day. If it is properly sized, designed according to site and soil conditions, and is well maintained, it should handle this wastewater indefinitely. That's good to know!

What causes a septic system to fail?
Did you know that all septic systems, no matter how well they are maintained, eventually fail? Most septic systems rely on soil to absorb and filter wastewater and will fail when the soil becomes clogged. Clogged soil is unavoidable. It will eventually happen. It is important to understand that there are two

types of failures: disposal failure and treatment failure. Disposal failure is when sewage backs up into the house or surfaces on the lawn and occurs when the soil is unable to absorb wastewater. Treatment failure is when sewage is not adequately treated before reaching our water supply. Unlike disposal failures, treatment failures are not always detectable to the homeowner. Both are potentially dangerous to human health and the environment and when a system fails it should be repaired or replaced.

How can I prolong the life of my septic system and protect groundwater?
Did you know that a well designed and maintained septic system may have a life span of up to 40 years? Your local health department will design your system but it will be up to you to take care of it. Here are a few measures you can take to get the most out of your septic system.

- Do not flush chemicals, disposable diapers, paper towels, feminine products down the toilet. It is not a trash can, but a system to treat human sewage.
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- A well-designed and maintained septic system protects human health and the environment. Contact your local health department for more information.
- Have your tank inspected

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Kentucky afield: Spring crappie fishing.

by Lee McClellan

The dogwoods and redbuds are in bloom and spring is in the air. For many Kentuckians, the dogwood blooms signal the start of crappie fishing season. Springtime crappies can offer some of the fastest and furthest fishing to be found.

One does not need an expensive boat or gear to catch crappie. A small, well-maintained boat, a good fishing rod and reel, and a few live minnows are all that is needed. Crappie are found in small streams, creeks, and ponds. They are also found in larger bodies of water, such as reservoirs and lakes. Crappie are a popular sport fish and are also a valuable food source.

Licking, Salt, Kentucky, Big Sandy and Green River drainages offer excellent crappie fishing throughout the fishing pressure of the major reservoirs. Trees that have fallen into the river are excellent crappie structures, especially those in creek mouths. Stream crappie are spunkier than their lake bound brethren and one laydown tree may produce a limit.

The best thing about crappie is how good they taste. Many people consider crappie the best freshwater fish to eat. A plateful of crappie fillets dressed in corn meal and fried in oil are a delicacy throughout Kentucky. Crappie flesh is firm and sweet without a fishy taste.

New state record grass carp
Daniel Nally cast a Mepps spinner into a private lake in Washington County on March 14, 2001. A strike ensued and a 55-pound grass carp was landed. The other end of his 12-pound test line was a 49-inch

long monster grass carp (white amur) that weighed 55 pounds and 8 ounces. It is the new Kentucky state record for the old 34 pound record set on May 29, 2000 by Steve Calla in Laurel County.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Nicholas County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 7 through May 21, 2001. Under the supervision of the property Valuation Administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2001 assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2001 will be due about November 1, 2001.

The tax roll is in the office of the Property Valuation Administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours of 8:30-4:30 (Monday through Friday) and 9:00-11:30 (Saturdays).

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property after the conference with the PVA or deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition identifying the reason for the appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayers opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Kentucky planting intentions down

By LELAND E. BROWN

Planting intentions by Kentucky farmers are generally down for 2001 according to the Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service. Tobacco and corn acreage were down from the previous year while sorghum and barley acreage were unchanged. The intentions survey was conducted on of March 1 and represent the acreage farmers intend to plant and/or harvest as of that date. Winter wheat and barley were seeded in the fall of 2000.

Kentucky farmers intend to plant 1.28 million acres of corn, down 50,000 from 2000. This was down 4 percent from the previous year and the smallest acreage in three years. U.S. corn producers intend to plant 76.7 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2001, down 4 percent from

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