

The "Riney-B" Express

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The Riney-B was a regional railroad line that ran through Jessamine County in the early 1900s. Today the scattered remnants of the old railroad remind us of the county's economic progress and our connection to the world. Read more about the Riney-B at www.georgewdean.com

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A message from 4th District Magistrate George Dean

THIS NEWSLETTER is part of my continuing promise to serve the people of Jessamine County to the best of my ability. It is designed to inform you about legislative activities,

government operations, and other items that may be of interest to the residents of the 4th District.

North End Sewer Project One Step Closer to Reality

Progress continues to be made towards installation of sewers in Tates Creek Estates and the Mobile Home Parks on Ashgrove Road. Funding for the project was finalized just before the end of last year. The next step is the completion of engineering plans and acquisition of easements. This should be done by mid summer. After the all easements are obtained construction bid contracts will be awarded. Construction should begin by the end of the year with completion 12-18 months later.

Other Public Works Projects

Jessamine Rural Water District # 1 is planning a water line extension for Marshall Branch Road to provide service to homes in the area. Construction should begin in early summer. Lines will also be upgraded in size to alleviate pressure problems in the Vince Road area. These improvements were made possible by funding from State Government. Rep. Bob Damron and Sen. Tom Buford were instrumental in getting those funds included in last year's budget. Bob is currently working on the allocation of additional funds in the next budget to provide service to areas of the 4th

District that are still without water.

The City of Nicholasville is progressing on its sewer project for city residents and businesses north of the Connemara Golf Course. This area will serve Catnip Hill Road east of the railroad and US 27 north to Kohl's Department Store. This includes Bluegrass Industrial Park, businesses on Park Central Drive and the Windmill Mobile Home Park. Acquisition of easements will begin soon with construction planned for sometime next year.

District 4 Magistrate Update

Nicholasville Annexes to the Fayette County Line

Last year I reported on the proposed annexation by the City of Nicholasville of approximately 1100 acres located between Bluegrass Industrial Park and the Fayette County line. This includes all of the property fronting on U.S. 27

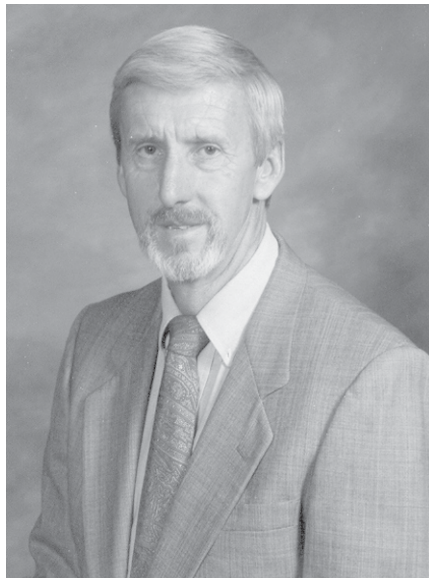
on the east side of the road and approximately 500 acres on the north side of Ashgrove Road from Noland's Drive to a point near Ashgrove Lane. That annexation has been finalized. A group of developers under the leadership of Mr. Jim Hughes are planning to build over 1600 residential housing units in the area. This is the largest annexation in the history of the City of Nicholasville. The Nicholasville City commission after considering the pros and cons of this annexation decided that the incentives offered by the developers and the potential property and payroll tax revenues would financially benefit the City. Those incentives include \$1,000,000 in cash the first two years plus \$1500 per residential unit payable at the time building permits are issued. The developers have estimated that payroll and property taxes will add an additional \$ 1,750,000 to the city annually when the area is fully developed. Cost to Nicholasville taxpayers for servicing the area is still unknown.

Other 4th District and County News

County Government Buys Land for Parks and Other Community Projects

Two years ago Jessamine County Fiscal Court purchased 11 acres of land adjacent to the City - County Park for expansion of youth sports fields in the area. This year we have purchased an additional 40 acres behind East Jessamine High School to be used for a soccer complex and other athletic and recreational needs of the community. In addition to the park land; we also purchased the fire-damaged buildings on South Main Street. Plans are being made to construct an office building to be used by the County Attorney and his staff. The offices will be designed to utilize and preserve the original building's façade in order to retain the historic character of downtown Nicholasville. ■

ABOUT GEORGE DEAN



Magistrate George W. Dean was elected to his first term in November, 1994. George Dean represents the 4th District of Jessamine County, which includes the Marble Creek area and Northeast Nicholasville. He is a lifelong resident and full-time farmer in Jessamine County. In addition to his many government responsibilities, George is actively involved in numerous civic groups.

Read more at www.georgewdean.com



Nicholasville, Wilmore and Jessamine County firefighters worked together in an attempt to save this historic block in December 2004.

2006 Local Elections

All City and County offices are up for election this year. Some of the positions have several candidates due to the retirement or a decision by the incumbent to run for another office. These include the Nicholasville City Commissioners, County Jailer, and County Sheriff. The current and former mayor and a current City Commissioner are running in the Nicholasville Mayor's race. All of the County Fiscal Court Magistrates are running for re-election including myself. As is the case with most of the incumbents, I will have opposition in the Democratic Primary in May. I have enjoyed representing you and your families since 1994 and hope to continue serving you for another four years. From my first day in office I have worked diligently to be the best Magistrate I could possibly be and if re-elected I will continue working with that same goal in mind. I have been honored to have your support in past elections and would greatly appreciate your vote in the May 16th primary. ■

Fiscal Court Continues To Lower Tax Rate

For the 12th consecutive year the Jessamine County Fiscal Court voted to lower the County Property Tax from the 1993 rate of 8.5 cents per \$100.00 valuation to 6.3 cents in 2005. The actual amount received by your county government is 6.3 cents out of the 89.7 cents you paid last year per \$100.00 valuation. The remainder of your tax money goes to various other government agencies and taxing districts. The rates accessed by those are: Jessamine County Schools - 59.0 cents, Kentucky Sate government - 13.1 cents, Library Board - 4.7 cents, County Fire District - 4.7 cents, and Health Department - 1.9 cents. City residents are exempt from the County Fire tax but pay an additional 17.6 cents to Nicholasville City Government for other services including fire and police protection. ■

Jessamine History Notes

Last year I decided to expand my newsletter to include a section that will be devoted to sites or persons that have influenced history in our section of the county. This edition will showcase the Colonel John Price House.

Colonel John Price was a leader in the separation of Jessamine from Fayette County in 1798 later serving as its first State Representative. In addition to being an early leader and Statesman, he was a Revolutionary War Soldier, preacher and schoolteacher. Colonel Price was the founder and first pastor of East Hickman Baptist church which was originally located near the Marble Creek Baptist Church on Union Mill Road. Colonel Price and his brother in law, Frederick Zimmerman, were activists in getting their neighbors to petition the State Legislature for the formation of Jessamine County. The reason for the petition was unfair taxation and treatment of residents of Marble Creek by Fayette County Sheriffs. In a letter written by Colonel Price in 1820 he talked about the events that led to the request for separation from Fayette County describing how “constables took pleasure in arresting

and putting into prison men and women for the pitiful sum of \$5.00.” His letter also tells how their property would then be seized and sold in Lexington by the Sheriff. Colonel Price, a Revolutionary War Soldier, lived in the old red brick house on East Hickman road on what is today part of Taylor Made Farm. He is buried in an unmarked grave near the house. ■

The historic Colonel John Price house on East Hickman Road.



Photo courtesy of Clyde Bunch.

Upcoming Events in Jessamine County

Kentucky Wine and Vine Festival	Downtown Nicholasville	May 11-13
Relay for Life	West Jessamine Middle School	May 19-20
400 Mile U.S. 68 Across Kentucky Sale ..	Ichthus Camp Ground	June 2-5
Ichthus Music Festival	Ichthus Camp Grounds	June 15-18
Jessamine County Fair	Fairgrounds at City County Park	July 10-15
Civil War Heritage Sites Tour	Camp Nelson Heritage Park	July 22
High Bridge Home Coming Festival	High Bridge Park	August 18-20
J.D. Crowe Bluegrass Festival	Ichthus Camp Ground	Sept 1-2
Paul Sawyier Drama	High Bridge Park	September 15-16
Camp Nelson Living History	Camp Nelson Heritage Park	September 9-10
Wilmore Arts and Crafts Festival	Downtown Wilmore	October 7
Christmas Tree Lighting	Nicholasville	December 1
Old Fashion Musical Christmas	Downtown Wilmore	December 2

County Wide Cleanup March 25-April 1

The County Wide Cleanup will be held the week of March 25-April 1. Residents are encouraged to take their trash and debris to the County Garage between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. the week of cleanup. The County Garage is located at the Road Dept. beside the City County Park on Longview Drive. There will be no charge for disposal during that week. A fee will be charged



for tires. Brush, limbs or storm debris will not be accepted or picked up. County residents who are

handicapped or unable to deliver items to the Road Dept. may call 885-5281 to arrange pickup. They have scheduled pickup of trash and debris in Tates Creek Estates on Thursday and Friday March 30-31. Pickups will also be made in other areas during cleanup week. Please have your items out prior to pickup times. For more information about the cleanup or other environmental programs call 881-4465. Nicholasville residents call Gary Goldey @ City Hall 885-1121. ■

How to contact George Dean

As always do not hesitate to contact me regarding county issues or problems that I may be able to assist you with. My home phone number is 885-4285. My pager number is 275-2614. You can also contact me by e-mail: g.w.dean@usa.net. My website address is www.georgewdean.com. The County Government is also on line with a website at: www.jessamineco.com.

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