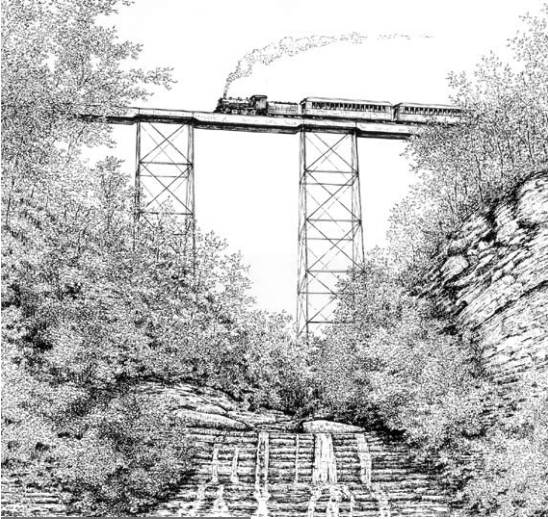


THE "RINEY-B" EXPRESS

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A message from 4th District Magistrate George Dean

IN 1994, I SAW A NEED to keep residents of the 4th District aware of county issues and government services. That's when I began publishing this newsletter. Over the years, I have developed other mechanisms, to improve communications by establishing my own website and supporting the development of the Jessamine County Government website and the Jessamine Matters newsletter. Remember that these sites, georgewdean.com and jessamineco.com are available for your convenience.

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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North End Sewer Project Close to Completion

Progress is slowly being made on the installation of sewers in Tates Creek Estates and the mobile home parks on Ashgrove Road. Construction was started last June. At that time it was anticipated that the project would take 9 months to a year to complete. I attended the March 4th JSEWD progress meeting and was told 60 % of the work has been done. The contractor said the project will be finished by mid-summer. Property owners will be required to connect their homes to the sewer lines within 6 months of final completion.

Payment of a tap fee is not required however, the owners will have to hire a licensed plumber to make the connection to the sewer. If you own your own home and lot and need financial assistance to cover the cost of connection; call the U.S.D.A. Rural Development office (859-233-0194); ask for Steve Lind or David Garman.

This agency has low interest long terms loans available for people on limited incomes. Existing septic tanks will have to be pumped as soon as homes are connected to the new lines. The tanks do not have to be removed but

will have to be filled with dirt. If you have any further questions regarding septic tanks call the Environmental Division of the Jessamine County Health Department, (859) 885-2310.

More Public Works Project News

The City of Nicholasville has awarded the construction contract for its long-awaited sewer project in the area of the Bluegrass Industrial Park. Construction has begun. It is scheduled to be finished sometime in the Fall of 2010. When completed this sewer project will



Funding from the State will support several new water lines and upgrades in the Fourth District.

serve residents and businesses north of the Connemara Golf Course in an area that includes Catnip Hill Road east of the railroad, and U.S. 27 north to Kohl's Department Store. It will also serve the Industrial Park on the Dragstrip, businesses on Park Central Drive, and the Windmill Mobile Home Park. Two of the three city water-line projects reported in last years newsletter, Bethany Road and Union Mill have been completed. Installation of the Old Railroad line is underway and should be finished some time this spring.

Jessamine Rural Water District #1 is currently installing larger lines along Vince and Groggins Ferry Road, from the intersection of Marshall Branch road to the new water tower on U.S. 27. This project will be completed soon.

Other 4th District and County News

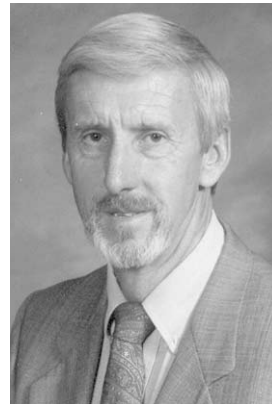
Competition Soccer Fields Built at Youth Sports Complex

Two full size competition fields were built for the Jessamine Youth Soccer Association at the John Priest Sports Complex on Union Mill Road. The association began use of the facility last fall. A new street accessing the park is nearing completion. A private access road for school bus traffic between East Jessamine High School and the new East Middle School on Union Mill road will be built through the sports complex this summer. This access road will enhance public safety by providing an alternate route for buses to use instead of public streets.

Ice Storm 2009

On January 27th we were all hit by the worst ice storm in Kentucky history. Many people were without power for several days and storm debris was everywhere. In addition to limb breakage and debris on yards, farms and roadways; Hickman Creek had trees and brush blocking water flows causing potential flooding problems. Our City and County reacted very quickly and did a great job getting our roads cleared, trees out of the creek, and the clean up started. At this time the County has paid over \$885,000.00 and is expecting the total cost of the cleanup to be much higher. A disaster has been declared by President Obama which will make FEMA funds available to cover 75% of this cost.

The disposal site for storm debris on Virginia Dr. was closed March 16th. If you still have limbs and brush left from the ice storm you can take it to the Nicholasville Sewer plant on Shun Road. If you own 5 acres or more you can burn the debris on your property. Select a burn site that is at least 150 feet from structures or overhead wires. You will need to call Central



ABOUT GEORGE DEAN

Magistrate George W. Dean was elected to his first term in November 1993. 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

Communications at (859) 887-5447 before you begin burning. Select a day when the wind is calm. It is also advisable, in order to minimize the chances of a grass fire, to cut the grass short around the burn site and rake up the clippings before burning.

Middle School Construction

Construction of the new East Jessamine Middle school began last year near the intersection of Union Mill Road and Orchard Drive. It is on schedule and should be open by August of this year. Future plans for the 85-acre site also includes construction of a new elementary school. Cost of the middle school is \$25,000,000.00.



The new East Jessamine Middle School on Sulpur Well Road (KY-169) will be completed in time for students to begin the 2009 - 2010 school year.

Jessamine History Notes: The Union Mill Community

I expanded my newsletter in 2005 to include a section devoted to sites or persons that have influenced history in our section of the county. This edition will showcase the Union Mill community.

UNION MILL ON KY 169 is one of many communities that sprang up near milling operations built on Hickman and Jessamine Creek. The first mill was built here about 1800 to manufacture gunpowder. It was built by Joseph Crockett, a Revolutionary War Soldier. The mill was located on the east side of Hickman creek and was later expanded to include a gristmill and sawmill. In the mid 1800's a Distillery was built on the west side of the creek. Products produced at Union Mill over the years included "Hickman Lily" and "Snow On The Mountain" flour. The distillery produced "Old Lexington Club Whiskey". The Liquor Prohibition Act of 1920 put an end to the distillery operation as it did many others in our county. The Gristmill went out of business about 1921

when floodwaters damaged the dam that supplied water power to the mill. An old covered bridge that had been used for many years by wagons, then later automobiles, was washed away by a flood in 1931. It was replaced by the old iron bridge that can still be seen today as a memorial to a once thriving community and a bygone era.



The above photo of Union Mill appears in the 1898 book "A History of Jessamine County" by Bennett H. Young.

Upcoming Events in Jessamine County

- Kentucky Wine and Vine Festival** Downtown Nicholasville.....May 15-16
- Ichthus Music Festival**..... Ichthus Camp Grounds.....June 10-13
- Jessamine County Fair** Fairgrounds at City County ParkJuly 6-11
- Wilmore Home Town Yard Sale** WilmoreJuly 11
- High Bridge Home Coming Festival**..... High Bridge ParkAugust 14-16
- J.D. Crowe Bluegrass Festival**..... Ichthus Camp GroundSeptember 3-5
- Camp Nelson Living History**..... Camp Nelson Heritage ParkSeptember 12-13
- Antique Farm Equipment Show** Fairgrounds at City County ParkSeptember 18-20
- Jessamine Jamboree**..... Downtown Nicholasville.....October 2-3
- Wilmore Arts and Crafts Festival** Downtown WilmoreOctober 3
- Christmas Tree Lighting** Downtown Nicholasville.....December 4
- Old Fashion Musical Christmas** Downtown WilmoreDecember 5

County Wide Cleanup April 4-11

The County Wide Cleanup will be held the week of April 4th to 11th. Residents are encouraged to take their trash and debris to the county garage, between



Do a little spring cleaning and take advantage of the County Wide Clean Up.

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. Dirt, rock, brick, concrete, limbs or brush **will not** be picked up or accepted at the county garage.

Residents who are handicapped, or unable to deliver cleanup items to the County Garage, may call (859) 885-5281 to arrange pickup. The road dept. has scheduled pickup of trash and debris in Tates Creek Estates and Ashgrove Mobile Home Parks on Thursday and Friday, April 9-10. 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 (859) 881-4465. Nicholasville residents call Gary Goldey at City Hall (859) 885-1121.

Tire Amnesty Program

Jessamine County Residents may dispose of old tires for free July 9th to the 11th during a State sponsored tire amnesty program. At this time a collection location has not been determined. It will most likely be at the County Garage. Watch the newspaper for more info or call Mike Cassidy at (859) 881-4545. Foam filled tires, off-road construction equipment tires, solid tires with pressed on rims, and tires from dealers **will not** be accepted during the tire amnesty program.

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 (859) 885-4285. 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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