

## ENHANCING OUR ABILITY TO SERVE



**ABOVE:** JESSAMINE COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR COLEMAN TUDOR (FAR RIGHT) AND HIS CREW WITH THE COUNTY'S RECENTLY PURCHASED RUBBER TIRE LOADER.



Jessamine County Road Department Supervisor Coleman Tudor doesn't purchase new equipment very often, but when he does, he puts it to good use on the County's approximate 200 miles of roads. The Road Department's newest purchases, a Case rubber tire loader and a John Deere tractor with a 22 foot boom (long arm), plus a new short arm mower (purchased for a tractor the Road Department already owns), are no exception.

"The new rubber tire loader is an all-round, versatile tool. It is capable of grabbing big trees and opening up drifts. It can also put gravel down, clean ditches, and even cut roads if/when necessary," Tudor said.

The John Deere tractor was purchased to replace a tractor the Road Department has used since 2006. The new short arm mower replaced equipment purchased in the 1990s. Tudor and his team had been patching and repairing old Road Department equipment for quite a while, but "so much upkeep was required on the equipment, we knew we couldn't hold off these purchases any longer," he said.

At some point, Jessamine County's Road Department will also need to purchase another dump truck. "We're currently trying to get a used bucket truck for tree trimming," Tudor said. "In order to get the best price, we try to go through the State Master Agreement site whenever possible." The Road Department's goal is to eventually replace the old equipment that has become more of a hindrance than a help, according to Judge/Executive David West. "Doing so will not only enhance our equipment, but also our ability to serve Jessamine County," Judge West said.

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