

GENERAL NEWS

Sunny home offers respite after years of hard work

By Julie Pfeifer
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Travelers on Highway 68 going to a from Carlisle may have noticed a tan and brown house nestled in the slope of a hill next to the road. A little pond fronts ducks in front of the house, and it appears to have a cozy sun porch.

On closer inspection, the sun porch is actually a sun room and the home of G.W. and Faye Sexton is situated between three ponds.

The couple designed the house themselves, G.W. said. "We sat down and figured out what we wanted and built it that way," he said.

"We didn't even have any blueprints," he added.

The pond in front of the house is supposed to represent a lake, Faye explained. The couple always wanted a house

on a lake. Also the land in the front of the house was marshy to begin with, G.W. said.

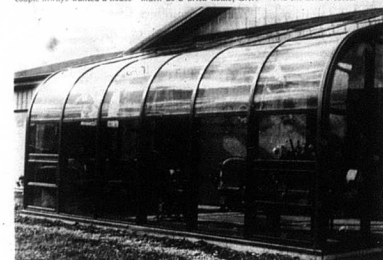
The sun room is where the couple spends about 50 percent, or more, of their time, G.W. estimated. Their television sits in the carpeted sun room, as well as a small dining table, where they like to enjoy meals from time to time.

The atrium heats most of the house when the sun shines, G.W. said. They plan to install a pump, so the heat can circulate.

Most of Faye's house is decorated in mauve, from her kitchen counters, to her carpet and even her whirlpool tub.

"People ask me if I would get tired of mauve," she said laughing.

"The house cost about as much as a brick house, G.W.



This sun room heats most of the Sexton's home, even without a pump, which Sexton plans to install. - Julie Pfeifer photo

Nicholas County Hospital receives 100 percent on state evaluation

By Hank Bond
of The Carlisle Mercury Staff
Johnson - Mathers Administrator Bob Hester is an unusually happy man these days.

Following receipt of an evaluation of the Johnson Mathers Health Care facility Hester has learned the Nicholas County facility was given a 100 percent rating.

"This rating is based on criteria set forth in the most recent evaluation by the Commonwealth of Kentucky for the 51 bed facility, which was performed August 26, 1987.

"On the day of the evaluation there were 45 residents in the facility.

"What in effect the 100 percent rating actually means is the facility met the guidelines set forth in all categories.

"There were 22 selected performance indicators, which do not necessarily represent the over 500 requirements a health care facility must meet.

"While Hester is pleased with the results of the evaluation he is also cautious in his personal evaluation of the facility.

"The evaluations are certainly not a bad idea," Hester said. "However, it is important to note uncontrollable factors can directly affect how a facility may be evaluated."

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Faye and G.W. Sexton sit in the kitchen of their seven month old home off of Highway 68. - Julie Pfeifer photo

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