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## A mini-smokestack

Jeff Jefferson, a city employee, takes the torch to one of the parking meter poles which were removed this month from the streets of Carlisle. The systematic removal of the poles will allow sidewalks to be clear of permanent obstructions for pedestrians. Vernon Willoughby, also a city employee, assisted Jefferson with the project.

**LOOKING BACK @ NICHOLAS**  
Jan. 90 - June 90  
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## JANUARY

**Sub-zero weather causes problems for the Carlisle Sewer Treatment plant as a chlorine line froze. According to Gene Kelley, sewer manager, if the pipe would have burst it would have been a dangerous situation.**  
**Lack of rainfall in December has delayed tobacco striping in Nicholas County extending the sales season for local growers.**  
**The Nicholas County Lady Jackets won the Harrison County Girls Basketball Tournament with the help from Paris.**  
**The Nicholas County Blue Jackets lost in the first round against Bath County in the**

**Cole Ford Christmas Classic.**  
**Low Edlin Ighins opens her new Derris shop in the old Abraham Building just because "the beauty of Carlisle lured her to it."**  
**BOHN: Andrea Gail Bromagen, daughter of Donald and Binda Bromagen, born on Dec. 1, 1989.**  
**MARRIED: Lynn Carol Banta and Michael J. Conley, Dec. 9, 1989.**  
**DIED: Larry Gene Sargent, 43, Dec. 12, 1989; Marion Roberts, 68, Dec. 30, 1989; Wendell M. Anderson, 34, December 24, 1989; Luther L. Finch, 77, Dec. 29, 1989; Carl Spenser Abney, 67, Dec. 27, 1989; Mary Ellen Clark, 86, Dec. 27, 1989; James W. Vio, 85, Dec. 28, 1989; Harold Mc-**

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## A call for help

Fire can mean devastation, total loss, and death proper fire prevention measures can save lives

**By Sandy Gibbs**  
**The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE - Imagine losing everything you own in the space of a few short moments. Sounds impossible but during 1989 there were nearly 4000 single family home fires and 136 fire fatalities in the state of Kentucky.  
The Nicholas County fire department reports 123 runs for approximately 40 structural fires. The Carlisle volunteer fire department answered calls for 14 residential fires.  
That makes 54 fires in the Nicholas County area alone. What can you do to avoid becoming a statistic? Mark Hughes, Chief of the Nicholas County Fire Department, feels common sense is the answer.

Hughes said that the winter time is the peak season for fires due to wood burning stoves. However a little precaution goes a long way.  
"People need to check their chimneys out thoroughly at least once a year," Hughes said. "I've seen people just stick a stove pipe in a chimney without even checking to see what kind of shape the chimney was in. That's just asking for trouble."  
Tom Crawford, of the Carlisle Fire Department, adds, "You need to have a chimney cleaned at least once a year. People let that slide and all of a sudden winter is here. Then they just start 'paring the wood to the fire.' Kerosene stoves can also be

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## 911 service Local officials hold little hope for plan

**By Sandy Gibbs**  
**The Carlisle Mercury Staff**  
CARLISLE - It appears that 911 services will not become available any time soon in Nicholas County.

As a result a petition may be circulated to rally support. Bess Smoot, Nicholas County Judge Executive, said that he had spoken with telephone company representatives and found the cost to be too high.  
Smoot explained his reasoning. "When we take the problem of solid waste disposal costs into account I just don't think it would be a proper time to add expense to the people. I called the telephone man and said we weren't interested."  
Chief of Police Sam Finch said that he didn't know enough about the issue to make a judgment.

Nicholas County Sheriff Charles Ring said that he planned to wait and hear more about it.  
Ronald McDonald, director of ambulance services said, "I think 911 is a great thing as long as you can afford it. McDonald went on to add that he was afraid that the 911 service cost was indeed too prohibitive.

Councilwoman Betty Barton, who originally proposed that the area adopt the 911 emergency phone number, feels that the people of Nicholas County have been let down.  
Barton summed up her feelings by saying, "I think it's ridiculous. I talked to the head of Bluegrass Area Development and he said that now was the perfect time to get it (911 service)."

When asked about the cost of the service Barton responded, "It would cost about 80 cents per month on every one's telephone bill and might save lives." She then added, "I think they (Smoot and the fiscal court) are against progress, they don't want anything to happen that's progress for the city."

Barton finished by saying that she planned to circulate a petition in an attempt to revive the issue.  
For now Smoot insists that the issue is dead, due to the counties already difficult budget situation.  
Smoot summed it up. "Unless someone brings it up there won't be any meeting about 911."

## Group calls for more local control in landfill, solid waste issues

**By The Associated Press**

FRANKFORT — A citizens group is insisting on a provision for stronger "local control" of solid waste disposal and has tied its support for proposed garbage legislation to the issue, a gubernatorial aide said.  
Tom Dorman, Gov. Wallace Wilkinson's legislative liaison, said Tuesday members of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth threatened during a meeting with him Monday to oppose a solid-waste bill Wilkinson has proposed for an expected special session in January unless they were satisfied about local control provisions.

"Those people have a philosophical issue, not an environmental issue," Dorman said.  
Threatening to oppose legislation that will address many facets of the solid-waste subject would be counterproductive, Dorman said.

"They're for the status quo and that means more dumping over the hillside," Dorman said.  
But KFTC members said during a news conference Tuesday that local control is the crucial issue in waste disposal.  
The lack of local say-so over the location of landfills and their operations has led to the importation of thousands of tons of out-of-state waste into Kentucky, said the Rev. Maynard Trautvet of Cumberland.

"We want to be able to veto unneeded landfills and incinerators," Trautvet said.

The group began running radio advertisements yesterday criticizing Wilkinson's proposal for new landfill laws, saying the package is weak on local control.

The ads urge Kentuckians to lobby their lawmakers, who are expected to consider the governor's proposal in a special session Wilkinson has said he'll call next month.

A panel of lawmakers has already been reviewing it. KFTC wants a provision in the bill that requires local governments, individually or in concert with other governments to plan for disposal of their own waste.

The group agrees that the state Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet would still have the final say, said member Judy Petersen, who specializes in "solid-waste issues."

Lawmakers and other state officials have contacted that communities will try to block landfills — creating a capacity crisis — if they have too much authority.

A local-control measure passed the Senate earlier this year, but died in the House.

The group supports a bill prefilled by state Sen. Fred Bradley, D-Frankfort, that would add a measure of local control much like legislation that almost passed earlier this year, Petersen said.

Dorman said the governor's proposal includes much more provision for local involvement on planning for waste disposal than currently exists.