



Nineteen die in accidents

Nineteen Kentuckians died in farm-related accidents during the first six months of 1990, according to a mid-year summary report of Kentucky Farm Bureau's homes and children to farm work places, as well as the tendency of farm accidents reported by members to continue working on a farmstead past normal retirement age.

The January to June total was three less than the 22 victims reported during the first half of 1989, and tied with 1987 and 1988 reports for the lowest number of deaths recorded for those months in the eight-year history of the survey.

A surprising 17 of the 19 victims succumbed to tractor accidents, a ratio of nearly 90 per cent. In last year's six-month re-

port, 11 of 22 deaths, or half, were tractor-related. Victims ranged in age from 5 to 84, reflecting the proximity of farm homes and children to farm work places, as well as the tendency of farm accidents reported by members to continue working on a farmstead past normal retirement age.

Nine of the nineteen victims were over 65 years of age.

Taylor County recorded two fatalities during the six-month period.

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Rusty water is safe to drink - Vanlandingham



By Kara Head
The Carlisle Mercury Staff

CARLISLE - Carlisle City Superintendent Gayle Vanlandingham said rusty pipes are probably the cause of colored water that many people have noticed throughout the city.

"The problem is not in the water itself," he said.

He said even though the water is discolored, it is still safe to drink.

"It added normal testing of the water has met standards as well," Vanlandingham said about fifty percent of the city's water pipe system is made up of cast iron pipe dating back to 1936.

He said chemicals are used to coat the pipes and deter rust. He added these chemicals often break down in warm weather, after a water main break or after fire hydrants are used.

When these chemicals break down, the pipes begin to rust or rust that had been

coated is exposed to the water, Vanlandingham said.

One immediate way to get rid of the problem, he said, is flushing water lines.

He added the city is going to do that as little as possible because the results are longer lasting when the pipes are coated.

"We are going to try to cease flushing," he said.

He said flushing the lines washes the chemicals, out of the pipes.

"We have been trying desperately to try to fix this problem with the chemicals. It has worked in the past," Vanlandingham said colored water has appeared in the past and happens one or two times every year.

He added it takes a while for the condition to occur and it also takes time to get the pipes sufficiently coated again.

He said any water problems should be reported to the city hall where every call is logged to determine the extent of the problem.

"Cooperation is the only way we can be aware of any problems," he said.

Vanlandingham said the calls are recorded as the city can respond to any problems and try to repair them.

Vanlandingham said a plastic pipe is also used in the city's water system.

He said the cast iron pipe will not be replaced with the plastic, rust proof pipe because of the cost of such an operation.

He added the chemicals usually do a good job although problems do surface occasionally.

"It seems to be getting better. We aren't getting the calls we were getting," a consultant from GHW Engineering will come to test the water to give the city a second opinion, Vanlandingham said.

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