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Fire guts home

By Job Shepherd

MYERS — The home of a Nicholas County couple was destroyed by fire Sunday night which, according to a report filed by Nicholas County Fire Chief Mark Hughes, originated around the chimney and broke into the attic.

According to the report, Nicholas County volunteer fire department received an emergency call to respond to a structure fire at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sapp on Ishmael Chapel road at approximately 7:05 p.m. and arrived at the scene several minutes later.

By the time firefighters arrived, flames could be seen rolling across the ceiling of the house and within the right side of the roof. The fire apparently made its way from the chimney, where it was first spotted, to areas inside the walls and throughout the attic.

As one section of the fire was contained, flames would erupt in another area of the

home. The structure and stability of the roof as it slowly collapsed around the chimney prevented firemen from getting near the center of the flames. Despite efforts to extinguish the fire from either the front or back of the house, flames continued to engulf the home and frustrating county firefighters' efforts.

Within an hour of fighting, it became apparent the fire was out of control throughout several areas.

County firemen were forced to turn their efforts toward saving an outside keeping the fire contained at the residence and to the trees from spreading to a nearby residence and to the trees standing next to the house.

The Sapps had only recently bought and moved into the home before the fire occurred. The family, including one son, escaped unharmed and managed to save a few pieces of furniture before the extent of the fire prevented them from re-entering the home.



An Ishmael Chapel Road residence was quickly engulfed in flames last Sunday night when a fire broke out around the chimney. County firefighters fought to bring the fire under control, but it had spread too much to stop it.

Bottom: Eddie Earlywine climbed atop the front porch awning in an attempt to extinguish flames running between the roof and ceiling. But as one section was saturated, another would re-erupt.

County gets grant

By Job Shepherd

CARLISLE — The Nicholas County Fiscal Court received a \$4,000 grant from the Kentucky State Government as an aid in the closing of the Nicholas County landfill at the end of this year.

The grant, which came from the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, awarded Nicholas County the money for its establishment and verification of a county universal solid waste collection system in which all county residents may have access.

Nicholas County Judge-Executive Boese Smoot anticipates using the money to aid in cutting costs toward the closing of the Nicholas County landfill.

Although landfill dumping will officially end December 31, 1991, State and Federal environmental protection regulations require the landfill be monitored and remain unused for a two year period, which will involve some cost to the county.

The grant won't cover all the expenses, Smoot said, but it will relieve some portion of the cost to meet the R.E.A. requirements.



Employees of the County Concrete Company busy set the borders down for the foundation to a new sidewalk to the courthouse. In keeping with several people's request, the sidewalk has been extended to the Veterans Memorial monument in front of the courthouse. The court and the company reached an agreement to have the work done in lieu of lease payment.

Council debates recycling plan

By Job Shepherd

CARLISLE — In a roll call vote Carlisle City Council members voted 4-2 to enter into a regional recycling plan with the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

Debate was heated at times over issues and questions the council members had about the recycling plan offered by Michael A. Mills, former Frankfort Mayor and Executive Director of the Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation.

Mills had met with both the Council and Fiscal Court last August to introduce the plan to the local governing bodies.

The purpose of establishing a recycling station in Nicholas County was to give the county and city the means to reduce levels of solid waste, as mandated by a Senate bill passed in a special session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

According to the mandate, Mills said all counties must introduce a system which reduces the amount of solid waste generation by 25 percent.

Mills said Nicholas County could join in the program and be eligible for a state match grant of \$50,000 provided the county and city could pool their resources and come up with \$16,600, the amount they would need to qualify for matching grants. The total amount, if split evenly between the council and fiscal court, would amount to \$8300 each.

The total \$46,600 that would be generated if Nicholas County became involved and the grant application approved, would offset the costs toward purchasing the various pieces of equipment necessary to crush and package recyclable material for pickup.

Though Mills, in the council meeting Monday night, could not guarantee that the grant application would be approved by the state, he did express optimism that the overall recycling plan they have presented to the "state infrastructure" is being very favorably reviewed.

Basically, he said, the feedback he has received from the state is that they need match

proof, which means they need to show the plan has enough counties expressing a commitment to the regional recycling program to make the program work efficiently.

"We need for each county city interested in joining the program to pass some kind of joint resolution to show the state that they will commit the money for the match," Mills said.

Councilperson Bonnie Clark expressed skepticism in the figures Mills estimated for the annual cost of operation for a recycling station in the county. But Mills said he estimated the costs high, based in part to his past experience running a recycling program some years ago.

As to the initial matching funds, Mills said the city council had four options they could use to meet their end of producing the initial match of \$16,600.

The first option, Mills said, is for the city and county to apportion the amount they will give on the basis of overall population. Estimates show that the city, representing roughly 2,000 city residents,

comprises 30 percent of the total Nicholas County population. Council could, therefore, agree to put up 30 percent of \$16,600 or about \$4,980 and the county, representing 70 percent of the population, would cover the remaining cost.

"Jesseamine County, and its council, was the first to agree to use this method of apportionment to raise the money," Mills said.

The second option, which was agreed between the city of Stanford and Lincoln County, was to go in for 50 percent each, but to put in the resolution a ceiling limit on the amount of money they will spend.

Basically the city and county will pay an amount up to, but not to exceed \$8300, and to adjust the costs and lower any kind of overhead to meet the ceiling limit. It would be a protective clause in the resolution.

The third option would be a straight 50 percent agreement between the city and county on operational costs.

The fourth option is to choose none of the above. Continued on Page 2