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Plans for new elderly and handicapped housing approved

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CARLISLE — Architectural plans for a new elderly and handicapped housing project on the grounds of the former Carlisle City School were unveiled last week at the regular meeting of the Carlisle Planning and Zoning commission Thursday night.

Gene Rose and Rodney Hatton, partners in Hatton and Rose Building, came before the commission for required approval of initial planning phase for the construction of such a facility.

However, Hatton pointed out in a later interview, though plans and design ideas have been drawn up, the firm is not 100 percent certain the building will make the construction phase.

To aid in the construction of the building, we are seeking funding from the Federal Housing Administration. We have submitted the plan, but

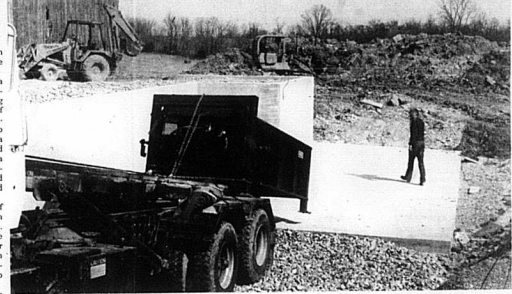
we have yet to hear from them about whether we receive the funding or not," Hatton said.

This is not the first time a construction firm has attempted to build a housing unit in Carlisle for the use of Nicholas County senior citizens community. According to Hatton, a firm from Georgia had previously submitted plans for the construction of a facility. But the FHA was unable to provide funding and the building never reached beyond the planning stage.

But as to the possible fate of the current project, Hatton chooses to remain optimistic. He feels their idea to use the grounds of the former Carlisle High School is much more ideal because of its convenient location in relation to downtown Carlisle.

The previous deal had the apartment building located a bit further out of town. We feel the location near School Avenue is more convenient for

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The new collections station located at the former Nicholas County landfill was being installed by Rumpke Sanitation Monday and will begin operations as an alternative to home collection soon.

Recycling Center slated for June completion

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CARLISLE — The final addition of Nicholas County's new three pronged waste management, the Recycling collection and processing center, has been overshadowed by the other dramatic changes to the city and county sanitation system to which residents have had to adjust.

It has been a small matter of patience on the part of local government to find out if they would receive funding to establish the new recycling building and equipment.

But according to the Bluegrass Regional Recycling Corporation's chief organizer, Michael Mills, the wait will soon be over.

Mills, the former mayor of Frankfort, came before both the Nicholas County Fiscal Court and the Carlisle City Council last year to generate

local government participation and commitment to establish a local recycling center as a means to meet new Kentucky standards for the elimination of nearly 25 percent of its solid waste.

At the time, Nicholas County was searching for any way it could to meet these new state Environmental Protection standards.

With the support of administrators from the Bluegrass Area Development District, a separate branch of the district was formed and named the BRRC.

The basic idea was to create and coordinate a feasible recycling system within a large regional area of Kentucky.

Several months later, after the fiscal court and city council agreed to enter into the plan, Mills said the process has nearly made it through the state system.

What Mills needed then, he explained, was a solid commitment from Nicholas and several other counties close by to announce their intention to involve themselves with the project, and to put up roughly \$16,000 to apply for a matching state grant of approximately \$50,000 to be used for the construction of a receiving and initial processing center and to pay for several pieces of expensive recyclable processing equipment.

At the time Mills introduced the idea, with the support of BRRC, it was in order to generate the kind of regional support to show the idea could function.

By Mid-April, he said, the BRRC should begin to receive the grants and work on the construction of Nicholas Recycling station should begin.

"We hope to have the building and machinery installed and functioning in Nicholas County by June," Mills said.

The building, which will essentially be the Nicholas County landfill office, needs to be modified and enlarged, Mills said. Plans call for extending the garage area of the landfill office and the construction of another 2,000 square feet of building space in order to fit the processing equipment inside it.

"It's quite an impressive operation, but basically the

commitment of the city and county will be, besides the location of the building, the hiring of one local operator to oversee the maintenance and operation of all the processing equipment," Mills said.

It is hoped the recycling station, by the mere fact it will accept a wide variety of recyclable material, will succeed in cutting the costs of solid waste management by diverting an estimated 30 cubic yards of solid waste away from commercial landfills.

With the cost of solid waste control suddenly tripling in the last few months, a regional recycling plan may be the most economically positive step an individual county

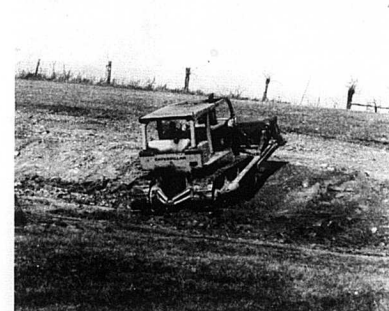
can take, Mills said.

The station is expected to accept and process two grades of recyclable plastic, those found in plastic milk jugs or detergent bottles, and plastic in 2-liter pop bottles, aluminum, cardboard, green, clear and brown glass, and all types of paper products, including newspaper.

If the recycling system proves a success, the center could possibly be expanded to accept tires and motor oils as well, Mills said.

What will determine the success of the recycling plant is if it becomes self-sufficient, generating enough from the cost savings of not dumping

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The Nicholas County Fiscal Court approved the county to cut out the right field on the Nicholas County High School baseball field. Nicholas County Judge-Executive Reese Smoot said the job is almost complete. The team will be able to use the field for the coming season and will comply with the regulation size of a field to host the district tournament.

Fund established to help Sparks Family

By Josh Shepherd
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CARLISLE — For those people who wish to donate to the family of a young Nicholas County resident hoping to receive special medical treatment at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Baltimore, a trust fund has been established at both the Deposit Bank and First National Bank of Carlisle.

The Deposit Bank fund, established by Nicholas County Elementary School Principal Gerald Harmonis will, hopefully, enable Audra Sparks, a student at Nicholas County High School, and her family offset the tremendous costs they could possibly incur as a result of the cancer treatment available through Johns Hopkins.

Response from private citizens, business, and Carlisle / Nicholas County civic organizations has already been quick and generous. But more is needed to assist the Sparks' family.

The girl's disease, it is assumed, every Nicholas County

knows, considering how fast word of mouth travels in this community. The treatment is, unfortunately, very expensive.

Of all the attributes that make small town life special and dear to us, the people who choose to live here, is an understanding among us all that we try as best we can to help our people that we grow as much as we are able in times of greatest need.

It is that quality of our life that is possibly our greatest and most honorable trait.

Just as in days past, you've heard the stories, of how people just their homes and the next day neighbors selflessly came from miles around with lumber and tools in hand to rebuild the home that was lost. These stories are not small town myths, they don't come from some idealized view of American rural life.

Giving is a natural part of our character, one that has not faded as have other material comforts of our life.

It has happened countless times. When people lose their homes and valuable to fire,

similar that faced by the Sparks family, it is not long before a trust fund is established. Somewhere a collection jar or cup is set up to collect money to aid these people, to help them bounce back.

Allen and Vickie Sparks have made their life in Nicholas County as members of the Nicholas County Ambulance squad, it is perfectly reasonable to say they have been responsible for saving many Nicholas County lives.

With the trust fund, Nicholas County is showing that the family's commitment to the health and welfare of the people of this community has not passed unnoticed.

We are all familiar with the surge in medical costs, the burden it can put upon even the wealthiest person when treatments become intensive and complicated.

Our aid in these difficult times mean more to people than just an easing of the cost burden. In these times when a family can feel alone, it is an emotional comfort to know their community cares about them and is willing to lend a hand.