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Myers Road trailer burned out in fire; cause unknown

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CARLISLE - Fire department personnel still do not know the cause of fire that destroyed a mobile home on Myers Road Saturday night, according to county fire chief Mark Hughes.

Hughes said his department received the call about midnight, and the structure was smoking heavily when trucks reached the scene.

"The fire started in the front room," Hughes said. "Once one of these trailers catch, there isn't a lot you can do."

The trailer was owned by Bobby and Carolyn Bowles, who rented the property out

to tenant, Teresa Chaffin, who was not at home at the time of the fire, and no one was injured in the course of fighting the blaze.

"You never think this sort of thing will happen to you," said Carolyn Bowles. "We've just so glad one was hurt."

The Bowles' lived in the structure for over 15 years before moving to their present residence attached to B & B Grocery.

"It's like losing our home, even though we don't live there any more," said Bowles. "We lived there for so long."

The trailer was a total loss, according to Hughes. "We couldn't save anything," said Hughes. "Those things have



A trailer owned by Bobby and Carolyn Bowles and rented by Teresa Chaffin went up in flames on Myers Road Saturday night. The Nicholas County Fire Department responded to the blaze, for which a cause is still unknown.

Deadline for Phase III project set by NCWD

**By Hebeon Mullins
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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Water District set the deadline for the Phase III water project.

The board decided the deadline to receive the tap-on fee for \$150, siting earlier by the board, is March 31. After that date, the cost to tap-on to the project will be \$350.

Board Chairman Garvey Cartlinger said he had mentioned to some residents they might be able to be part of the project if they sign up now. However, engineering consultant Bruce Garton was dubious about that possibility.

He said that since the board had passed a motion to make Myers Station Road and Adams Lane were given first priority by the board months ago, the "scope" of the project has begun to outgrow its original intent.

"We can go ahead and accept (a customer's) deposit and give it back if we can't reach them," Garton said. "I'd make it very clear to these people that there's not a real good chance they'll be in the project."

Garton also said that

engineers have ordered soil tests be taken at one of the tank sites accessed by lines crossing the property Melvin Fryman.

Garton said that assessments would be requested from Fryman and Gayle Bow for the use of a 100-square-foot site located on two parcels of land located on their property.

The board will also be contacting residents on the south side of U.S. 60 about using their land for a project pump station.

Garton said that a 50' x 60' lot would be needed for the pump station.

A possible connection between the Sharpburg and Nicholas County Water Districts was also mentioned by the board.

"They would propose running lines up to wherever the Nicholas County Water District line on Myers Road terminates. It'd be worth looking into. I think eventually we need to tie with the other districts," Garton said.

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Fiscal Court ponders waterworks issue

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CARLISLE - The Nicholas County Fiscal Court is trying to decide whether the city or the Nicholas County Water District will assume the customers of the defunct Nicholas County Waterworks.

According to city official Gayle Vanlandingham, the end of the line serving the customers is at Shepherd Hill. Another line runs from Kennedy Heights to the water pump station. Approximately 99 customers were served in the east end area, Smoot said.

"The city would like to have it," County Judge Executive Reese Smoot said at Thursday's call meeting to discuss the water line situation.

The lines that serves the customers belongs to the county, Smoot said, but the county can't afford to service it.

"We're going to have to let the city or the water district have it. The state says we

have to have a certified operator, and we can't afford one," Smoot said.

The operator is expected to conduct bacterium testing at the waterworks site monthly. The Nicholas County Water District's certified operator is John Blewens, the Nicholas County Water District Coordinator.

According to Smoot, the waterworks was judged to be in violation of soil and water regulations by the Public Service Commission in September.

"I'm willing to work with whoever is going to get this thing resolved," Smoot said.

Whether the city or the Nicholas County Water District assumes control of the east end lines, the Kentucky Division of Water will have control over line extensions and changes in the area.

"Anytime there's an extension, it would come through us," said Division of Water employee Tom Gabbard.

Carlisle Mayor Franklin Hughes was very adamant about the city's desire for the

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Carlisle City fireman Bobby Kelley struggles to break up a fire hydrant at the home of Luby Earlyne on Cardinal Street last week. The house was saved by quick response on the part of the fire department. Fires such as this can be avoided, according to city fire chief Tom Crawford, with regular cleaning.

Family Resource Center tries to help hyperactive school children

**By Hebeon Mullins
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CARLISLE - In years past, children squirming around in their seats at school all day long, pulling another student's hair and talking in class, have been known as trouble-makers.

The truth, however, is the three to five percent of children Nicholas County schools' social worker Barbara Hopkins said have this problem can help making trouble. They have a medical disorder called "hyperactivity/attention deficit disorder," which requires medication to treat.

The disorder distracts a child, making it almost impossible for her or him to concentrate on tasks for an extended period of time.

"Their minds are working too slow, so you see the body working quickly to balance things out," Hopkins said Tuesday. "That speeds up the mind as the level of activity will decrease."

Attention deficit disorder usually affects a child's grades as well as their personality, she said. That can

mean years of struggling academically for a child.

"Students (without the disorder) may have the same math problems (for example) while he has only done four," order) may have done ten math problems while he has only done four.

Hopkins said Nicholas County needs a child psychiatrist to children with the disorder can get help quickly and return to the academic mainstream.

"Children with a really acute need usually go to Lexington to receive help. We figure most of these counties are funneling people there," Hopkins said. "This means you could spend most of the school year putting your child diagnosed."

The most common medication for Attention Deficit Disorder is Ritalin, a non-narcotic substance that passes quickly through the body and calms the child down.

"If a youngster misses a dose, it will be very evident," said Family Resource Center Director Charles Canupp. "The medication is usually given every four hours, Hop-

kins said.

The Family Resource Center has organized meetings one a month to help parents and their children who have the disorder. The meetings are dubbed CHADD, or Children with Hyperactivity Attention Deficit Disorder.

Nicholas County set up the second chapter of CHADD this year. Other counties in the region, including Bath, Bourbon, Harrison, Fleming, Montgomery and Mason are invited to take part in the group discussion.

Many parents have taken part. According to Canupp, 20 parents were at the group's last meeting, and 37 sought help at the first meeting of the year.

The Family Resource Center plays a big part in helping parents to get their children, and themselves, aid for the problem.

"Part of the process of supporting them is getting them the services they need," said Canupp, who was adamant about the center's quest to better the lives of children in the county.



Tom Gibson, Nicholas County Democratic Executive Committee Tuesday morning, examines a plaque presented to him by the people of the area.

Clarification

agistrate Carl Cohorn was quoted last week as responding to a jail question in his candidacy questionnaire from The Carlisle Mercury. He was paraphrased as saying "...the county might be able to profit from its own jail if it houses state and federal inmates as well as those from other counties."

Cohorn's only response was, "I do not know if a small state accepted jail would be cost efficient. A new larger jail that could accept out-of-county prisoners and juvenile offenders may be what is needed. These out-of-county prisoners and juveniles could help pay for the larger facility and be more cost efficient than a smaller one. The larger jail would also employ additional service people. The issue could be studied to which is the most economical and if a larger jail would retire the bonds without a tax increase."

In the word "debate" was cited for Mr. Cohorn. "Debate," as defined by the Oxford American Dictionary, is: 1. A formal discussion. 2. To discuss; to con-