



Fire On Walnut Drive

Warsaw's dump tank gets filled with water as firefighters quickly knock down Monday afternoon's fire on Walnut Drive. Firefighters from Warsaw and Winona Lake responded to the fire. A call to Warsaw Fire Department for further information was not returned as of press time today.

Photo by Gary Nieter, Times-Union

Retired Tigers, KCSS Help Warsaw Man Find Home For First Time

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Pernell Bailey carefully unlocked his second-level apartment door.

Inside, he proudly and exuberantly opened each cabinet door in his favorite room of his apartment, his kitchen.

After revealing his cabinets fully stocked with food, and recently donated dishes, he showed off the remaining rooms and discussed his decorating plans. It's been almost three weeks, but after moving in his couch and table, he's planning all of the finishing touches.

At 67 years old, and for the first time in his entire life, he has his very own home.

Three months ago, Bailey, Social Security and other nursing homes in

was leasing a home with a necessary paperwork for his town. At KCSS, the staff works diligently to find activities for seniors, host health seminars and exercise with chair aerobics to meet the needs of seniors. They also provide mobile meals, in-home cleaning services and have access to van transportation. When Bailey came to KCSS, Neff knew they had to help him.

"I doesn't always happen like this," Neff said. "He has such a positive attitude." Bailey loves his kitchen, but said he is most excited about his air conditioning. He said he is also happy he doesn't need to cut the grass or worry about water or electric anymore. He is able to go to church every Sunday, and he still goes to KCSS to volunteer with activities and get the residents involved.

KCSS Executive Director David Neff said when he was helping Bailey move all of his belongings into his new home, Bailey continuously asked where he was allowed to put everything. "I kept saying, 'Parnell, this is your place, you can put it wherever you want,'" Neff said.

Neff said KCSS works with Retired Tigers and both facilities sponsor events. He said their objective is to keep people in their homes as long as possible. He said they work very closely with Retired Tigers and all of the other nursing homes in

and assisted him to find his home at Retired Tigers. "They all took care of me really good," Bailey said of the KCSS staff. "These people are great, I love them like brothers and sisters."

KCSS worked as a team to help Bailey's situation. Bailey even spent three days with KCSS transportation supervisor Bill Keen. Office Manager Carol Kreis also assisted Bailey with all of the Social Security and other nursing homes in

Property Manager for Re-

death of a Leeburg man north of Piercetown.

According to a Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department press release, deputies and emergency personnel responded Monday just before 5 p.m. to the 600 block of Ind. 13, Piercetown, in regards to a farm machinery accident. Officers arrived and located the victim, Daniel Rex Werstler, 62, Leeburg, pinned underneath a farm implement/planter.



Photo by Siara Sparkman

Pernel Bailey sits on his couch in his home at Retired Tigers. He has lived there for a few weeks and said there are a lot of people who care about him at Kosciusko Community Senior Services and Retired Tigers that made his move possible.

Retired Tigers Karise Cooper-Neff said if the two facilities didn't work hand in hand, this move could have been a lot more difficult. Retired Tigers team cooperated with KCSS to help make Bailey's move progress quickly.

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County Allows Certain People To Opt Out Of GIs

BY JORDAN FOULTS



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impossible.

"It was definitely God's design," Cooper-Wilson said.

Cooper-Wilson said Bailey fits right in and has won over the residents and staff at Retired Tigers, and said he has made many new friends.

"He's always willing to help someone," she said.

He is still getting settled into his new home, but the

self-proclaimed Casanova said next month he will have everything put together.

"From where I was six months ago, I've accomplished a lot, and I had nothing like this" Bailey said. "Next month, I'll have it looking like a palace."

For more information about KCSS, visit www.kosciuskoseniorservices.org.

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monitoring the records, is lower than neighboring counties, but said they don't know if it will be enough since they can't anticipate whether eight or 300 people will choose to opt out.

Commissioners also remarked on the fact that those people's addresses

will still appear on other online maps.

"I still don't think it helps much because you could Google anyone on the face of the earth," Commissioner Brad Jackson said.

Also this morning, commissioners approved a well \$331,000 bid from Clint Davis Construction LLC, Leesburg, to construct a prove

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