

Fire destroys Cricket garage



Fire destroyed an automotive business in the Cricket community on Sunday afternoon. Poor Boys Service Center on Boone Trail received heavy damaged from a fire that officials saw was accidental. According to reports, an employee was working on a vehicle and the gas tank was punctured and started the fire. One employee reportedly received slight burns but did not seek medical attention. Fire fighters from Cricket, Millers Creek, North Wilkesboro and Moravian Falls fire departments responded. Damage to the building was estimated to be \$150,000 to \$200,000. The damages included two destroyed vehicles, tools and other items belonging to business owner Gene Roten. Record photo by Jerry Lankford