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A homeowner in Powderhorn Mountain managed to start the process of saving his home as it was damaged by an early evening fire Sunday, a fire fought by Stewart Simmons, Deep Gap, and Champion firemen.

The 7pm call was to 206Twisting Trail, first units reporting that the roof of the structure was on fire, but within a half-hour of firefighting, other units were slowed to routine traffic. The family there reported that they built a fire in the fireplace, and soon detected smoke near the roof line, causing the 9-1-1 call and Shane Morgan to climb to the roof with a garden hose to try to knock down the fire. The family got their animal and themselves out of the house while the three departments were called to the scene. Firemen cleared the scene before 9pm, and the fire marshal will be looking into the cause of the fire and estimate damage from it.
Two Wilkes fire departments are on the scene of an early morning fire northwest of Millers Creek. Wilbar and Millers Creek fire department were called out at about 5:20 this morning to a fire at 2167 White Oak Road, but Wilbar firefighters slowed Millers Creek to routine traffic within 15 minutes of the fire call, still needing their tanker on the scene.
Two Caldwell fires were fought over the weekend, including one Saturday that is being investigated as arson. A neighbor called in the Saturday fire at a vacant, double-wide mobile home at 5096 Saunders Place in Little River, owned by Amanda Smith of Granite Falls. There was no power connected to the home, and damage was estimated at $25,000. The Caldwell County Fire Marshal's Office and the Caldwell County Sheriff's Department are investigating.
The second fire was at 870 Abington Road in Gamewell around 7 yesterday morning. Johnny Johnson was the lone occupant of the home and was able to escape without injury. The home belonged to Johnson's cousin, Lonnie Johnson, and was destroyed in the fire, caused by improper disposal of smoking materials. There was no power connected to the home.