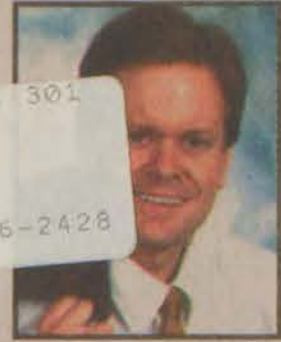


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## Employee shortage hindering trash pickup

### Some homes wait days beyond schedule

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

STANVILLE — A Floyd County woman has recently developed a waste management dilemma.

Sharon McIntosh, of Stanville, is accustomed to putting her garbage out for pickup on Tuesday, but lately that hasn't been the case.

According to McIntosh, the garbage pickup hasn't occurred at a dependable time since the beginning of the year.

"They're scheduled to run on Tuesdays, and for a while they would come back in the evening and get my garbage," McIntosh said.

McIntosh alleges that the garbage truck picks up her neighbor's trash, but stops before reaching her home and some of the homes beside her.

"For the last weeks, they haven't got the garbage until Friday," McIntosh said.

The biggest problem with not knowing when the garbage is going to run is dogs tearing into the bags, according to McIntosh.

"We have to clean up the

(See TRASH, page eight)



photos by Ralph B. Davis  
Gov. Paul Patton toured TLC Child Development Center in Paintsville Friday morning, shortly before attending a meeting of the Kentucky Appalachian Commission in that city. Patton went to the day care center to observe Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, which he has designated during a day in May the past seven years. While there, Patton appeared to enjoy interacting with the children, reading stories to most of the five classes there that morning. At left, he helped one student find his name on the wall.



## State to seek death for Gunnels

### Trial set for Sept. 3

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prosecutors filed a notice of intent to seek the death penalty Friday for a confessed killer.

James Austin Gunnels, 23, faces charges stemming from a July 11, 2001, robbery that resulted in the death of 36-year-old Bonnie Jean Fraley Hall.



James Gunnels

Gunnels allegedly stole a 1991 Buick Regal on July 10, 2001, and a .32 revolver on July 11, and used them in an armed robbery at Cardinal Mart in Watergap that resulted in the murder and rape of Hall, an employee who was working that morning. He then allegedly left the scene, taking with him a .22 Magnum and 1995 Ford Contour, both belonging to Hall.

Gunnels was arrested at 7:42 a.m. at Wilson Creek in Floyd County soon after police arrived on the scene.

(See DEATH, page six)



photo by Loretta Blackburn  
Four people were transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center as a result of a two-vehicle accident at North Lake Drive and Patton Street on Friday.

## Johnson drug charges referred to grand jury

by LORETTA BLACKBURN  
STAFF WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The case of an Elkhorn man, Thomas L. Harmon, 37, which consists of 12 charges including possession of cocaine, was referred to a grand jury in a show cause hearing in Johnson District Court on Thursday.

According to an arrest warrant, Harmon was arrested on April 27 in Lowmansville and charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication, when it was discovered that he allegedly had a plastic bag and syringe containing cocaine as well as rolling papers, and a spoon, which was used to heat the cocaine while preparing the drug for use.

Harmon was later charged with fleeing and evading when he allegedly led arresting officers on a five- to 10-minute chase after he was informed

(See DRUGS, page six)

## Help turns to hindrance

by RENEE M. SNOWDEN  
BREATHITT COUNTY BUREAU

JACKSON — What started out as a good thing in Breathitt County has turned into a bad thing.

Representatives of the local transportation department thought they were doing a good thing in Breathitt County to help out the community during spring cleaning. They started picking up odds and ends to help people, but now it's gone too far.

Now the good intentions are becoming a series of major junk piles. People are began to set out car parts, household appliances, furniture, tires, stoves, refrigerators and other large items.

Now the county is going back to a policy of making everyone responsible for getting rid of their own trash.

Anyone living in Breathitt County who has items that need to be removed can contact their local solid waste coordinator.



photo by Renee M. Snowden  
Breathitt County thought it was helping combat its garbage problem by providing locations for residents to drop unwanted refuse. But the program itself is being scrapped after participation — and mountains of trash — grew beyond expectation.

## Rockin' robber Antique chair turns up missing

by JARRID DEATON  
STAFF WRITER

COW CREEK — A suspected burglary of a Floyd County home involved the theft of what could be considered to be a strange item.

According to Virginia Goble of Cow Creek, an antique rocking chair that has been part of her home for 57 years and part of her husband James' family for just as long was stolen from the downstairs storage area of her home.

"I rocked my first three children in that chair, but we lost them in the 1958 school bus accident that went into the Big Sandy River near Knolley

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**W**ith birthdays, anniversaries, sporting events and securing new jobs, there are always reasons to celebrate with family and friends. While preparing meals for a crowd often means spending a lot of time in the kitchen, the latest skip-a-step recipes take only 10 minutes to prepare and require no more than six ingredients—giving home cooks more freedom to celebrate with guests.

According to the Food Institute, an estimated 56 percent of evening meals were prepared in more than 30 minutes in 2001. Using popular kitchen staples, flavorful recipes such as No-Frying Chicken Parmesan significantly decrease the average meal preparation time and arm home cooks with quick meals that can satisfy appetites in any situation—from fun family dinners to spirited gatherings with friends.

"These timesaving recipes help people celebrate meaningful moments with each other, instead of with their pots and pans," said Suzanne Gruber, senior home economist, The Ragú Kitchens. "No-Boiling Lasagna, No-Frying Chicken Parmesan and Easy Skillet Ravioli are year-round crowd-pleasers."

To make the celebration complete, Gruber suggests serving a warm loaf of bread and a fresh garden salad with the meal, adding fun touches to the table such as flowers or candles and decorating the room with balloons.

With simple meal preparation, you too can enjoy the party. And when it's over, cleanup won't take long. Most skip-a-step recipes require only one cooking pan, eliminating a sink full of dirty dishes.

Try the following recipes at your next gathering so you can spend time with the guests instead of in the kitchen. For more timesaving recipes and tips, visit Ragú's web site: [www.eat.com](http://www.eat.com).

## Easy Skillet Ravioli

Prep Time: 5 minutes; Cook Time: 20 minutes  
Serves 4

- 1 package (about 1 pound 10 ounces) frozen cheese ravioli
- 2 1/4 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 jar (1 pound 10 ounces) Ragú Robusto! Pasta Sauce
- 1/4 cup heavy cream or half and half, evaporated milk, milk or non-dairy creamer

1. In 12-inch nonstick skillet or 4-quart nonstick saucepot, bring ravioli, water and salt to a boil over high heat. Continue boiling, stirring gently to separate ravioli, 5 minutes. Do not drain water.
2. Stir in pasta sauce. Cover and continue cooking over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 10 minutes or until ravioli is tender. Stir in cream and heat through.

## No-Boiling Lasagna

Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 70 minutes  
Serves 12

- 2 containers (15 ounces each) ricotta cheese
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (about 8 ounces), divided
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- 2 eggs
- 2 jars (1 pound 10 ounces each) Ragú Robusto! Pasta Sauce
- 12 uncooked lasagna noodles

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. In bowl, combine ricotta, 1 cup mozzarella, 1/4 cup Parmesan and eggs.
2. In 13 x 9-inch baking dish, spread 1 cup pasta sauce. Layer 4 uncooked noodles, then 1 cup sauce and 1/2 of the ricotta mixture; repeat. Top with remaining 4 uncooked noodles and 2 cups sauce.
3. Cover tightly with aluminum foil and bake 1 hour. Remove foil and sprinkle with remaining cheeses. Bake uncovered 10 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Serve with remaining sauce, heated.

## No-Frying Chicken Parmesan

Prep Time: 10 minutes; Cook Time: 30 minutes  
Serves 4

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (about 1 1/4 pounds)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 3/4 cup Italian seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1 jar (1 pound 10 ounces) Ragú Robusto! Pasta Sauce
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella (about 4 ounces)

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Dip chicken in egg, then bread crumbs.
2. In a 13 x 9-inch baking dish, arrange chicken. Bake uncovered 20 minutes.
3. Pour pasta sauce over chicken; top with cheese. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Serve with hot cooked pasta.

Easy Skillet Ravioli



No-Boiling Lasagna



No-Frying Chicken Parmesan

