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Reynolds ousts Williams from school board

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Danny Reynolds of Ravenna ousted School Board Chairman Don Williams in Tuesday's election, beating the incumbent by 104 votes.

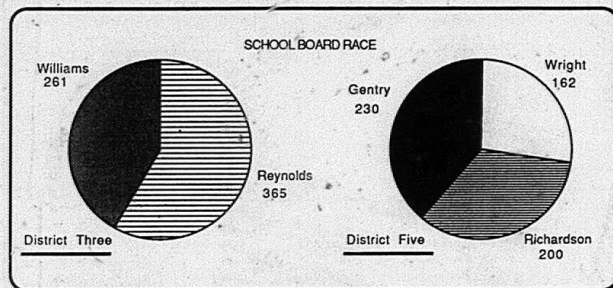
Reynolds won by healthy margins in every District 3 precinct but one, Barnes Mountain, where he lost by

nine votes. District 3 consists of Ravenna, where both candidates reside, Millers Creek, Cow Creek and Barnes Mountain. At a victory party Tuesday night, Reynolds said he was "tickled."

"I worked hard," he said, "and I earned it. I beat a good man. I just pray that I can represent the people the way

they want. When they have problems, they need to see me, and they need to feel free to see me."

"There's a million people I could thank," he added. Williams is in his 20th year as a school board member and has been board chairman for about 12 of those years. In an interview in September, he said he had planned to stay on



Murder trial delayed by faulty furnace; county finds insurance

By BOB HERRON
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The wheels of justice froze to a standstill last Monday, as Circuit Court Judge Edward Jackson rescheduled a murder trial—because of the lack of heat in the courtroom.

The trial of Clifton Earl Hunt was rescheduled for Dec. 1 because Jackson found the courtroom too cold for the jury's comfort.

Hunt has been indicted for murder and assault in the June 1 death of James A. Neal on Pea Ridge. Until heat is restored to the courthouse, court will be held at the National Guard Armory in Ravenna.

The courthouse has been without heat since Oct. 15, when a pipe in the caste iron boiler burst, but County Judge-Executive Ralph McClanahan said it could be another two weeks before heat is restored to the building. McClanahan said that it

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Gregory family seeking damages for death of son in bus accident

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A lawsuit seeking payment of damages has been filed by the parents of Gary Shawn Gregory against Isaacs Lumber Company, Bobby Isaacs and Earl Young.

Gregory is the Hargett Elementary student who was struck and killed by a truck on Aug. 21 while exiting a school bus less than a half mile from Irvine on Kentucky Highway 89.

He was nine years old. The truck was owned by the Isaacs Lumber Company and was being driven by Earl Young, 49. The eight count lawsuit alleges that Earl Young operated the truck in "a negligent, reckless or wanton manner so as to cause it (the



Ernest "Chock" Muncie and Amanda Francis Morris were killed when fire engulfed this trailer on Hood Avenue Sunday night. Investigators say the two were probably overcome by fumes from a couch which was set afire by a smoldering cigarette.

Trailer fire kills Irvine couple

By BOB HERRON
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Preliminary investigations show that the fire which caused two people's deaths and burned a trailer in the trailer park on Hood Avenue Sunday could have been started by a cigarette, according to State Police Arson Investigator Mike Leonard.

Leonard said that his investigation didn't turn up any evidence that electrical wiring or a gas stove in the trailer had anything to do with the fire.

The two who were found dead in the trailer have been identified as Ernest "Chock" Muncie, 73, and Amanda Francis Morris, 56. County Coroner Warren Toler said that his preliminary findings show the couple died from smoke inhalation, but that conclusion will not be made final until after an autopsy is performed in Louisville.

Speculation was raised that foul play may have been involved because Morris was lying

on the couch and Muncie was sitting in a chair next to the door, but Leonard said that in all probability a cigarette had fallen onto the couch. Leonard said that the couple's proximity to the door had nothing to do with whether they could have fled the fire because chemicals given off from the burning foam rubber of the couch could have lulled the couple to sleep. Leonard likened the effect of the near-odorless fumes to carbon monoxide from a car. "If you are in your car and have a leak in the muffler system, the fumes can get in the car and knock you out," Leonard said. Leonard said the couple could have been sitting in the living room watching television when the fumes dazed them. They could have been slightly awake, but not fully aware of what was going on, he said. As to the cause of the fire, Leonard said "it was probably from a cigarette from the ashtray falling onto the couch."

Leonard said the filter end of several cigarettes was found underneath the couch and that area has been determined to be where the fire started. Rogers said the Irvine Fire Department received the call at 8:30 p.m. when a volunteer fireman, traveling on Ky. 89, saw the smoke and radioed the station for help. Both Irvine and Estill County fire departments responded to the call, managed to contain it within five minutes. Rogers said he calls state police whenever works a large fire or one that causes a fatality. Muncie, a retired driver, and Morris, a former waitress, had been married previously, and had children: Lonnie Muncie, Harold Muncie, both of Irvine. Morris also had a son, La Daniels of Irvine, by another marriage. Funeral services were held yesterday at Lewis Funeral Home, and the couple was buried in Cr Cemetery in Ravenna.



Victoria Faye Spencer

Estill 15-year-old missing since last Friday afternoon

A 15-year-old Estill County High School student has been reported missing. Victoria Faye "Vicki" Spencer was last seen at the high school on Oct. 31, according to Irvine Police Officer Dan Ferguson.

"Anyone who sees her or has any information about her whereabouts should contact the Irvine Police Department," Ferguson said. "Anonymity can be given if so desired."