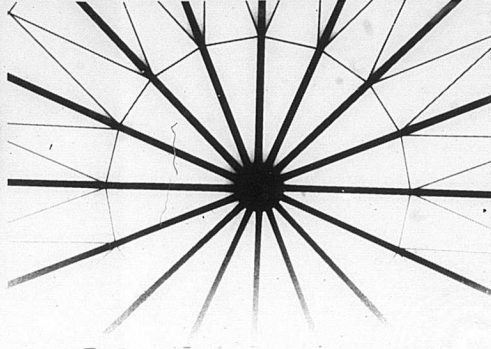


JOHNSON MATHERS NURSING HOME: THE FUTURE TAKES SHAPE



The skylight of the new Johnson-Mathers Health Care Inc. nursing home lets visitors glimpse a little bit of heaven. It is near the nurses station and chapel and lobby area. Far left, in the photo by Josh Shepherd, public relations manager for JMH-C, an engineer takes some photo specs to begin constructing the nursing home addition.



Johnson-Mathers nursing home is looking good

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The new Johnson-Mathers Health Care Inc. Nursing Home addition is looking good.
"It's taking shape. I'm very pleased," said Johnson-Mathers Health Care Inc. Manager of Public Relations Josh Shepherd. Shepherds Construction is the general contractor for the job. "They have done a really good job with this," Shepherd said as he gave the Mercury a tour Monday morning.
After a look at the foyer with its rose mauve walls and recessed ceiling, the courtyard issued an invitation.
"One thing we're pretty proud of is this courtyard," Shepherd said opening the doorway. Straight ahead was a fountain being constructed. Several light posts were already in place. This year residents will have a chance to get outdoors.
Once back inside, Shepherd stopped where a couple of DMHC housekeeping employees were polishing the floor of a new room. The floor had a high gloss.



This is the view of the newly constructed Johnson-Mathers Health Care nursing home addition under construction now.



The Johnson-Mathers logo looks good on the new awning of the nursing home addition under construction now. About 30 beds will be in the new building.

GENERAL NEWS

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Caldwell and special guest, Jim Brumagen, Brumagen is an experienced instructor at Deming High School. He is the former NCIS acting instructor.
In going over the "pros" for block scheduling, Metcalfe mentioned, "It doesn't take any more room."
We want to look at the pros and cons as a faculty. We have listed our concerns and have discussed the phases," Metcalfe said.

Caldwell said a full block schedule could be four classes as opposed to six classes in one day. The four classes would each be about 80 to 85 minutes long. There is also a modified block schedule where there are two 80-minute class and three regular length classes. One of the problems he learned of from studying other districts is often the mix doesn't work. By having both systems, they don't get "toppled".

Caldwell said since students get four classes in the fall and four in the spring, as opposed to six all year, they get a couple more electives. Also, teachers could add some electives that they'd like to teach. There are some subjects we'd like to teach and that we'd get enjoyment from. Students could sign up for what they wanted, so it gives you more time to experiment and see what they like. They don't just hear about it and go on.

Caldwell said there were some classes that a 50 minute class was difficult to teach. It's hard to get everything done in a lab situation in an hour.
"Another pro of block scheduling is that teachers have fewer classes to prepare. However, they will have more to prepare for each class, perhaps. Getting the program started may be difficult. The necessity is for faculty to buy into the program and have students buy into as well as the community. We have to see what we like

and what we can do to make it manageable," Caldwell offered.
If it's not working, teachers will be the first to know. "If a student doesn't like it, you hear about it," he laughed.
"IN THE BEGINNING"
Caldwell said of his study. In the fall, students come to school and they want to know when the bell is going to ring. "It's weird. Especially in the middle of the day. You have to figure out, where the student supposed to be it is something to definitely be looked at."
Caldwell said from what he's learned from other block scheduling experiences, faculty is that "It's weird." We weren't sure where we were. We weren't sure where the students were.
As a new teacher, Caldwell recalled his first two weeks of school. After two weeks, I kind of settled into it. After four weeks, it was still weird.
For the system to work, Caldwell said faculty needs to be flexible as does the community.

"We can't do things the same old way. We have to be willing to stretch just as much as the kids are."
Metcalfe introduced former NCIS acting teacher Jim Brumagen. He has been in Mt. Olivet, and began block scheduling this fall.
"I know you've had some problems. Perhaps they can trouble-shoot for us and let us know the pitfalls."

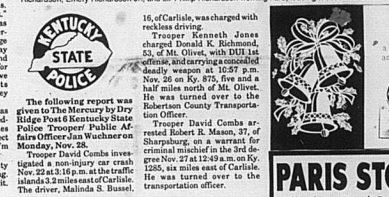
Brumagen said his school's Site Based Decision Making Council voted block scheduling into being and it began this fall. He commended the Nicholas County faculty for forming the committee and discussing issues before beginning operation.
"What you are doing is great here. You're taking a front where you can express your opinions. It's good for you to have input."
At Deming, the school has eight classes meeting an alternate day, sort of like a college schedule. Monday Wednesday and Friday for one schedule and Tuesday Thursday Friday for another schedule. "We found we haven't seen our students enough. Some forget what they learned last Thursday."
Yet, Brumagen said he was biased in favor of block scheduling. As an acting teacher he likes the extra class time. "It's project oriented. It takes more time. I'm biased. I tell you I like it."
But he admitted some faculty do not prefer block scheduling. "We're not done working on it."

do before and he can do more complex things, too," Brumagen said.
At Deming, grades K-12 are under one roof. He recalled the decision to block scheduling the seventh graders had. They didn't know where they were for two weeks."
At Deming, the science teacher likes block scheduling. "He can do some labs he couldn't

do before and he can do more complex things, too," Brumagen said.
Block scheduling allows for more field trips because 90 minutes gives time to get to a social destination.
Students there like block scheduling for the most part. There's a lot of application and has homework, but when they

do, they tend to put it off until the next day.
"Students like it. About 80 percent like it. They got used to it. They got oriented." Brumagen said his principal likes block scheduling for the reason there are two fewer classes changes per day. And so far as discipline, the principal hasn't seen a difference because of block scheduling.

Nicholas County farmers made 8 through the "busy season" for another year. Pictured are Steven Phipps and Emory Richardson Jr., and Ed Phipps Richardson working hard, loading tobacco for export.



16 of Carlisle, was charged with reckless driving.
Trooper Kenneth Jones charged Donald K. Richmond, 53, of Mt. Olivet, with DUI last night. Richmond was charged with deadly weapon at 10:57 p.m. Nov. 28 on Ky. 875. Five and a half miles north of Mt. Olivet. He was turned over to the Robertson County Transportation Officer.
Trooper David Combs arrested Robert R. Mason, 37, of Sharpburg, on a warrant for criminal mischief in the 3rd degree Nov. 27 at 12:19 a.m. on Ky. 1285, six miles east of Carlisle. He was turned over to the transportation officer.

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special guest will be there too! Can you guess who that might be? Come to the HealthFair for an afternoon evening of fun and laughs and learn how to be healthy too!!!!

Very Vanlandingham throws a tobacco stalk to the barn floor at the R. S. Villa farm in Moorefield.

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