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to get their parents in trouble. It's very hard for children a lot of times to come out and say, 'my parents are doing something wrong.'

In the state of Kentucky, there are mandatory reporting laws, in which if a child reports that they are being abused, that those informed are mandated to report it to law enforcement.

In terms of reducing parental stressors, several organizations can help with doing so, such as social services groups.

Holly Francis, the office supervisor at Allen County Social Services, which investigates child abuse and neglect, and conducts investigations

to determine whether services are needed for the family, works with kids in the home or kids in foster care.

"With regards to what services we offer, (connecting to reduce parental stress) provides information to parents," Francis said. "I know that the state does that, and in Child Abuse Prevention Month, they filter some of that information out online, but also, there's other methods as far as depending on what the family's needs are, and where that stress is coming from."

Francis explained that some stressors that contribute, include financial struggles, finding ways to parent a child with autism, issues with discipline

or technology, and any other stressor that comes from raising a child.

"Parental stress would be related to the child, and parenting the child, whereas regular stress could be work-related stress, or things of that nature," Francis clarified.

xFrancis explained that finding the root cause of the stress, and tackling the issue on a case-by-case basis is the best way to reduce these stresses.

"(Too much of this stress) can lead to a breakdown of families in regards to communication," Francis said. "Sometimes it can lead to issues with the children behaviorally, emotionally, and

ultimately, sometimes it can lead to abuse or neglect."

Francis explained that if there is abuse or neglect going on, reports can be made to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and law enforcement, and if it meets the accepted criteria, their organization will investigate to make that determination.

Allen County Social Services can be reached at 270-237-3101, and Allen County Child Support



can be reached at 270-237-4450, with CASA being reachable

at <https://www.kentuckycasanetwork.org/>.

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To dispose of unwanted items at the County Wide Clean Up Location you will need to provide a copy of your home or business Scott Waste monthly bill.

- Large items are **ALLOWED**
- NO** dumping on the ground will be allowed, no exceptions
- PROHIBITED** items include tires, paints, and other chemicals.

Any questions please call the Judge Executive's Office at 270-597-2819 or 270-597-1079

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Soothe: **SUSARE**

Blend: **GEMER**

End: **SOCRUEL**

Cute: **TRYPET**

TODAY'S WORD

"Before I give my report, remember — I warned you about electing me as..."

FEAR KNIGHT

DOUBT? ...OR DARE!

EGE
ARSIVO
▼IGDER
▼VIDA
▼SAIVL
▼PSA
▼ERSU
▼AGREL
▼TAE
HEVSDA
PHDET
▼TSPE

Unscramble these twelve letter strings to form each into an ordinary word (ex. HAGNEC becomes CHANGE). Prepare to use only ONE word from any marked (▼) letter string as each unscrambles into more than one word (ex. ▼RATHE becomes HATER or EARTH or HEART). Fill each string's word either across or down to knot all twelve strings together.

TREASURER
Today's Word

1. Assure 2. Merge: 3. Closure 4. Pretty

SCRAMBLERS

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Plank is missing. 2. Pan is smaller. 3. Paper is missing. 4. Screwdriver is longer. 5. Pencil is missing. 6. Box is added.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE PICKING A CARD OUT FOR YOUR FRIEND'S WEDDING. SO WHY ARE YOU LOOKING IN THE "SYMPATHY" SECTION?

I HAVE A NAME!

THERE YOU ARE! THE FAMED POPEYE AND... HIS FRIEND.

PROBABLY, I HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU THIS, HERO.

AN OLD VIDYA GAME?

THIS IS NO MERE GAME CARTRIDGE. IT IS THE PORTAL TO THE ELDER EVIL AHTAR-EE!

"THE LOW-RES TERROR AHTAR-EE ONCE LONGED TO RELEASE AN UNRELENTING 8-BIT HORROR ON US ALL!"

THIS CARTRIDGE IS THE ONLY WAY TO AND FROM HIS—

— WORLD.

CRACK!

HUH, I GUESS HE'S FOREVER TRAPPED AND ALONE.

AN 'EYONE IS HAPPY.

WHY WOULD THAT GUY EVEN TRY TO SEND US TO HIM?

IN ANOTHER DIMENSION.

THIS IS IT! THIS IS THE YEAR SOMEONE SHOWS UP TO MY BIRTHDAY PARTY!

POPEYE

THIMBLE THEATRE PRESENTS
BY RANDY MILHOLLAND

HOWDY YA FIND THIS GUY WE'RE MEETIN'?

I HAS AN APP WOT LISKS QUESKS NEEDIN' HEROES.

LIKE, HERE'S ONE! NEED TWO HEROES FER MISSION THAT IS LIKELY CERTAIN, PAINFUL DEATH!

DID YOU REALLY JUST SWIPE RIGHT ON THAT?

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