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Cancer survivors took to the track on Friday night during the annual Relay for Life. The 12 hour event raised more than \$10,000 this year bringing their total close to \$40,000 according to Rebecca Wolfinger.
Tribune Photo/Cathy Dawes

IPD arrests 1 more in June drug bust

One more person has been arrested in the end of May, first of June drug busts made by the Irvine Police Department.

On Monday, June 6, Police Chief Brad Smith reported that 14 people had been arrested in a drug trafficking round-up.

Later that night, IPD arrested Melissa Gibson, 37, of McKee, Ky.

She was charged with complicity in trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree (Lortab).

The citation states that Gibson was present at a controlled buy on May 29 in which a confidential informant was working with the Irvine Police Department.

Irvine Police say that Gibson coached the person who was selling the Lortab on how much to charge.

Gibson pleaded not guilty to the charge on June 8 in Estill District Court. Judge William "Bo" Leach set her preliminary hearing for July 13.

She has been released from custody on a \$2,500 cash bond.

The lead investigator was Officer John Stumliolo.

Employees spend "Day of Giving" to Estill County

Friday was the second "Day of Giving" locally by Carhartt employees. This time, it was employees of Irvine Supply Chain Operations Center (the old Carhartt plant) who participated.

A week earlier, the sewing plant in the Industrial Park participated in their "Day of Giving."

Whitney O'Keefe, the HR generalist, at the Supply Chain Operations Center, said that last year, Carhartt's Corporate Office in Dearborn, Michigan had a "Day of Giving".

Because of the success with giving by the corporate office, all Carhartt plants are doing the Day of Giving this year.

Employees say they normally work to 4 p.m. After Friday's lunch, every employee went to one of six different sites to volunteer until at least 4 p.m.

The sites included the Estill County Animal Shelter, Helping Hands Clothing Program, and the Trail Hub all in or near Ravenna. The other sites were Irvine Health & Rehab, trail work at Lily Mountain Nature Preserve and Helping Hands Summer

Food Program.

The employees had been making and collecting supplies and other items before Friday.

"We made dog beds for each kennel," O'Keefe stated.

The dog beds and cleaning supplies were donated to the Estill County Animal Shelter.

When employees arrived at the shelter, some cleaned, some walked dogs, and some gave baths to dogs.

It was definitely a puppy love day at the shelter.

A male, who shall remain nameless, said his wife told him not to bring a dog home with him.

The Carhartt employees also made throws and quilts for the residents of Irvine Health and Rehabilitation.

At the center, the Carhartt employees spent some one-on-one time with the residents. They shared a break

with popsicles and pop, between playing games.

They collected food and clothing for the Helping Hands ministries.

One group of employees quickly assembled purple Carhartt bags with supplies for Helping Hands' backpack buddy program. They moved to other volunteer sites to do more work.

Carhartt employees bragged on the company

they worked for. They said the community often does not realize what Carhartt and its employees give back to the community.

When tornados hit Morgan and other counties a few years ago, Carhartt employees collected needed items for those communities.

"We hope to have more Days of Giving," Carhartt employees stated Friday afternoon.



Carhartt employees wore their gray shirts which said #thecarharttway while volunteering Friday. Above, the employee is drying off a puppy after giving it a bath at the Estill County Animal Shelter. More photos are on Page 15.



KY 89 (North Main Street/Winchester Road) at the north city limits of Irvine in Estill County will be closed overnight on Thursday, June 16. The road will be closed at milepoint 12.1, between Estill Springs Elementary School and Geneva Avenue. The closure will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, and the road should be open to traffic by 7 a.m. on Friday, June 17.

No detour will be posted, but drivers can use KY 499 (the Irvine bypass) and KY 52 (Richmond Road) as an alternate route. Motorists should plan their trips accordingly.

The closure is necessary for utility work related to the ongoing project to widen KY 89 on the north side of Irvine.

Obituaries

Kenneth Caldwell Jr., 40
Hamp Dunn, 76
Louise Ecton, 90
B. Keith Nilhas, 60
Thomas D. Raider, 58
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Estill Coach to be Inducted Into Softball Hall of Fame

Estill County Lady Engineers Fastpitch Softball coach Shirley Beard will become the third member of the Estill County High School athletic department in less than six months to be recognized for high achievement when she is inducted into the Kentucky Softball Coaches Hall of Fame this coming Saturday, June 18, 2016.

Beard will be inducted at a banquet at the Clarion Hotel in Lexington along with six other players and coaches, Emily Jolly, Samantha Sparks, Morgan Alsip, Jessica Speake, Kelly Cable and Griffin Joiner - Miss Softball.

She will also be one of the

coaches for the East Seniors in the annual East-West All-Star Games. Two of Beard's players, catcher Zoe Deaton and pitcher McKeely Muncie, will be on that squad.

Coach Beard has been with the Estill County softball program for 33 out of its 34 years. She was assistant coach with successful coach James Lonnie Thomas for 17 years and has been head coach for the last 16 years.

Thomas and Beard started out in slow pitch in 1984, and in 1985, their team came in runners-up in the state tourney.

Beard says when the softball program went to fast pitch, she

was going to quit. "I knew nothing about it . . . I was a slow pitch pitcher . . . that was my expertise.

"But James (Coach Thomas) convinced me to stay and taught me all about fast pitch."

Beard took over as head coach in 2000 for Thomas, whom the Estill County field is named after.

Records are not available for first couple of years she was head coach. "I am not a big record person and don't even have my record until 2002," says Beard. "That's when they started putting it on the website."

Since 2002, she has had 311 wins and 221 losses. In 2002, her team

was 3-17. "Wonder why I stayed?" asks Beard. "I guess because I love the girls and softball."

In 2005, the Lady Engineers made it to State from the 10th Region and ended up coming in 4th. "I think we still hold the record for the first team to make it to State with a losing record . . . 14-17"

Since 2005, when the Lady Engineers were moved to the 14th Region, they have been to State nine out of the last 11 years (10 of 12 overall) and have lost only one game in the 56th District (to Powell County) and only three times total in the 14th Region.

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Shirley Beard