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Father and son bring Beef 'O' Brady's to BD

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Trevor and Scott Lewis are bringing Beef 'O' Brady's to Beaver Dam.

Trevor Lewis says that the franchise was chosen because of their willingness to be involved in the community.

"They want to be involved in the community wherever they are located at," says Lewis.

Lewis has a background in law enforcement, which he became interested in because it gave him an opportunity to give back to the county. Now, he and his father plan to use their new venture to accomplish the same goal.

"This is my way and my dad's way of giving back to the community," says Lewis.

He says that sports are a large part of people's lives in Ohio County, and he and his father wanted to provide the community with a venue

to enjoy and support their favorite teams as well as a place for athletes to congregate after their games. Lewis says that he would often see Ohio Countians at similar businesses in Owensboro when there is a big game on television.

"Instead of having to go to Owensboro to have it, why can't we have it here at home?" Lewis wondered.

The new business will be located at the old Kentucky Trust Bank building in downtown Beaver Dam, which adds an element of history to the endeavor.

"It's not going to be like any other Beef 'O' Brady's," says Lewis.

Lewis is glad that he has the opportunity to work with his father as a team on this endeavor.

"Having him as a partner versus just anybody else is pretty special," said Lewis.

Lewis says that he is pushing for the business to open by December or January.

KSP arrest student teacher

The Kentucky State Police are investigating a Muhlenberg County student teacher in reference to a possible inappropriate relationship with a student.

KSP Post 2 received a complaint alleging that Sarah McVey Wood, 24, of Hartford was having an



Sarah McVey Wood inappropriate relationship

with one of her students at the Muhlenberg County High School West Campus.

Through investigation, it was learned that Wood had sexual intercourse with a 17-year-old male student on two different occasions.

Because of her position

as a student teacher, her actions constitute felony charges.

Wood was arrested and lodged in the Ohio County Detention Center on two counts of third-degree rape.

The investigation is ongoing by Detective Jonathan Murphy.

Accident on Natcher results in fatality

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An accident on the William Natcher Parkway this past Sunday resulted in the death of an individual.

According to the Ohio County Sheriff's Office, Raylynn Ward, of Beaver Dam, was northbound on

the William Natcher Parkway and behind James Decker, of Beaver Dam. Ward attempted to pass Decker. She ran off the right side of the roadway, overcorrected and then hit Decker's vehicle, causing his vehicle to turn counter-clockwise and go into a slide.

Decker's vehicle then flipped several times, crossed the median and came to rest in the southbound lane.

Ethel Decker, wife of James, was a passenger in his vehicle. She was life-flighted to Louisville and succumbed to her injuries Oct. 2. Mr. Decker

was transported by ambulance to Owensboro Health Regional Hospital. Ward was not injured. All occupants of both vehicles involved were wearing passenger restraints.

Ohio County Sheriff's Office's Accident Reconstructionist continues to investigate the accident.

Ohio County Band travels to Louisville



The Ohio County Band competed at the Bruin Invitational in Louisville Sept. 30. They were the first band of the day amongst 21 other bands. They swept their 1A class and were awarded Best Colorguard, Best Percussion and first place. In the finals that night, they came in ninth place overall. This contest was a qualifier for the 1A Mid-States Championship in Cincinnati, Ohio Nov. 4. (Armstrong Photo)

Good Sam Club brings over 70 travelers to Ohio County



The Ohio County Park was filled to the brim with visitors from the Good Sam Club this past weekend. (Times-News photo/Seth Duker)

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Over 70 recreational vehicles filled the Ohio County Park this past weekend as members of the Good Sam Club, which is an international organization of recreational vehicle owners, came to Ohio County for the second time. The organization has over 1,000,000 members across the nation, and the organization donates to an area charity depending on the need.

State Director Ken Etcheson says that he will

be headed home for a while after this trip as he has not been home for three weeks. Etcheson says he drives about 12,000 miles each year, and has been hooked ever since he was first exposed to the organization.

In addition to seminars and meetings, members were also able to participate in games and browse products from on-site vendors. They are also rewarded for frequenting businesses in the area by being able to use their receipts to enter a drawing, which provides a boost to the local economy.

Harvest Festival begins this Friday

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The Hartford Harvest Festival begins this Friday, and the city has planned two full days of activities.

Hartford's Edwinna Sheffield says that the event provides an opportunity for community members to get together and celebrate the upcoming season.

There is no cost of admission for the event itself, so visitors are free to walk around and enjoy the spectacle. The Beaver Dam Tourism Commission donated \$500 in order to help the "Coats for Kids" coat drive charity on Friday, which will benefit those in need.

Many of the activities at this year's Harvest Festival will prove to be enjoyable for the younger generation, such as Ace Inflatable

Bounce Fun, a children's glow dance and several other fun options.

Sheffield says that the Harvest Festival funds itself, so money from this year's Harvest Festival will go toward making next years even better. The event also provides the city an opportunity to showcase its diversity and talent as there are over 80 vendors scheduled to be present during the event. The festival also gives the community a chance to showcase its talents with musical performances by community members and performances by the Courthouse Players. The Corey Farlow Band will also perform for the event from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday night.

A full schedule of events for the Harvest Festival can be found on the Hartford, Kentucky Facebook page.

Transition for education assessment

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Assessment for education is in a two-year transitional phase as the Unbridled Learning Accountability Model is being replaced with a new accountability model, which is expected to be in effect during the 2018-2019 school year. Schools and districts will no longer receive an overall score or classification, and the new system will be based on a combination of academic and school quality indicators and measures, with greater weight assigned to the academic measures.

The assessment data released Sept. 28 for Ohio County shows that strides are being made in areas to increase the educational performance of students, particularly in areas preparing them for life outside of high school. Ohio County High School is in line with the state average for composite ACT scores with 19.6, and the gradua-

tion rate is 94.3 percent. Additionally, Ohio County High School College and Career Readiness percentage continues to stay steady at 79.4 percent and above the state average of 65.1 percent.

Approximately 50 percent of students scored at the proficient or distinguished level in Elementary Reading, and Ohio County Middle School scored at or above the state average in the areas of writing, social studies and reading.

"The bottom line is we must build positive relationships with all students and strive to encourage them to want to be life-long learners. It is our goal within the Ohio County School District to have all of our students reading at or above grade level by the time they complete third grade. All of our teachers and staff members work diligently to ensure that all students are successful," says Ohio County Assistant Superintendent Kara Bullock.



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