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Suspected 'puppy mill' busted

Vine Grove couple each charged with 89 counts of cruelty

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About 100 dogs and puppies are being held as evidence against two Vine Grove residents who have been charged with 89 counts of second-degree cruelty to animals.

Brian McCarthy, 48, and his wife, Joyce McCarthy, 47, were arrested Wednesday on those charges, which are Class A misdemeanors and punishable by up to one year in jail, Vine Grove Police Capt. Dale Riggs said.

There is evidence the dogs were being sold, he said.

When officials and volunteers arrived, they found unsanitary conditions, a foul odor and a few dead dogs, including one in a cage with its nursing mother.

The dogs were without water and in a room that was about 80 degrees, Riggs said.

Officers received a request for assistance from Hardin County Animal Control and were told by Brian McCarthy they could search the mobile



Hardin County Animal Control officer Mike Patterson on Wednesday carries several Chihuahuas into the Animal Control building to be sorted, vaccinated and fed after a suspected "puppy mill" in Vine Grove was raided. More than 100 Chihuahuas were found in a mobile home.

home at 103 Gaylene Drive, according to an arrest citation.

Officers counted more than 40 dogs in the two

rooms they searched and estimated when they received permission to search the rest of the house there were about 100 dogs

in unsanitary conditions and without water. A preliminary count put the number of dogs there at

Turn to DOGS, A12

E'town hires events coordinator

July 4 celebration on her agenda

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Described by Elizabethtown Mayor Tim Walker as "very enthusiastic, very energetic," a 28-year-old Central Hardin High School graduate begins work next week as the city's first events coordinator.

The new position, which pays \$38,000 annually, was offered to Sarah Vaughn, who staged the street-painting festival Via Colori the past two years as part of her job with the Advocacy and Support Center.

"I'm very excited," she said. "Really, really, really excited."

Vaughn was selected from a group of 47 applicants, Walker said Wednesday.

She said her involvement with Via Colori taught her many lessons she will use in the city position, including networking, fundraising and volunteer recruitment. While she describes it as her "stand-out experience," she said school, family and church functions also prepared her for this opportunity.

"I've been doing some kind of event-planning thing my entire life," she said. "Creating things from the ground up."

Her first task is a first-time event. Elizabethtown wants to stage a Fourth of July celebration to mark national in-

dependence and the city's establishment on that date in 1797.

The third annual Cruisin' in the Heartland car show is three weeks later and the fourth weekend in August is reserved at Freeman Lake Park for the Heartland Festival.

"It's very important that the events coordinator hits the ground running," Walker said.

With that heavy summer schedule, Vaughn expects to be on the go.

"I probably won't be sitting in my chair much," she said.

In addition to staging events, Walker said the new position will serve as a resource for the Historic State Theater, Heritage Council, Elizabethtown Sports Park and Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

The job was created to fill a void in coordinating community events after the Hardin County Chamber of Commerce chose to redirect its energies toward business and industrial development.

Vaughn, who begins work March 28, recognizes the importance of

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VAUGHN

Public invited to screening of 'American Teacher' film

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Local educational organizations hope a new documentary sparks a discussion about teaching as a career.

Several organizations are teaming up to host a viewing of the film "American Teacher" by Vanessa Roth from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Performing Arts Center at T.K. Stone Middle School. Free seating is available by registering at www.americanteacherky.com.

The documentary is being

shown around the state to start a dialogue about careers in education and the profession's impact on students and society. The film follows the careers of four public school teachers.

Stu Silberman, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, said the committee encouraged viewings because it wanted to see the public begin talking about the loss of good teachers. People need to talk about what should be done to hold on to

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Upton neighbors rally around ailing infant and her family

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Harlie Brook Currie was expected to be stillborn.

After her birth, doctors expected she only would live for hours. When she exceeded that, they gave her days, then weeks.

Her mother, Tiffany Currie of Upton, thinks doctors gave Harlie a prediction of a 6-month lifespan because the tiny infant kept outliving all the bleak outlooks.

"She is one heck of a fighter," Currie said. "She kept beating all these odds that they were

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Courtesy of the Currie Family

Tiffany Currie kisses her daughter, Harlie.

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QUESTION: Have you ever contributed to a food program for children overseas?
Yes: 50 percent **No:** 50 percent

TODAY'S QUESTION: Are you satisfied with the punishments levied on the New Orleans Saints by the NFL?

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