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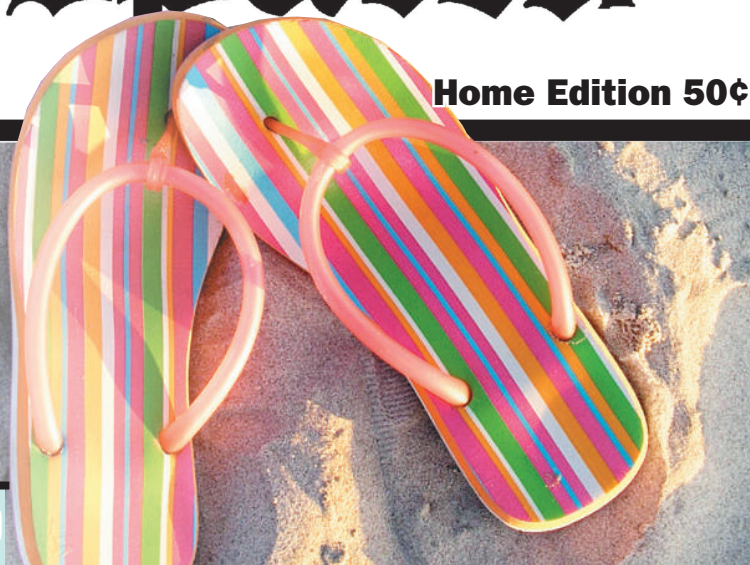
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Youngsters got a chance to participate in the Hershey Track and Field District Two Meet at Cabell Midland on Friday. Winners from the state finals will go on to compete in Hershey, Pa.

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SENIOR CARE REST HOME REOPENS WITH STYLE



The newly renovated Madison Park located in Huntington has seven levels of care for senior citizens.

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Historical Madison Park to host ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday

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HUNTINGTON — A historical rest home on Madison Avenue is reopening this weekend and beginning a new chapter.

Madison Park, which will offer seven levels of care for senior citizens, will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1 p.m. Saturday, to be followed by open houses on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Formerly known as the Foster Memorial Home, Regency Park and Madison Manor, the facility is now under the co-ownership of Ron and Bobbie McCall of Fairhaven Rest Home on Adams Avenue.

In fact, staff and 41 residents of Fairhaven are relocating to Madison Park. There are 26 beds still available.

"It's a historical landmark, and we've really spent a lot of time," Bobbie McCall said. "With us being in the business 40 plus years, we know what to offer for (geriatric care and people of retirement age)."

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Ron and Bobbie McCall pose for a photo in their newly renovated Madison Park on Wednesday in Huntington.



Board no closer to decision on new member as June 5 deadline looms

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HUNTINGTON — The four members of the Cabell County Board of Education agree on one thing: They don't want state schools superintendent Steve Paine to fill the vacant seat on the board.

But none of the board members is confident they will agree on an appointee before the June 5 deadline, the last of the 45 days the board has to get a decision made on its own before the state steps in.

"I'm not overly optimistic that we can get beyond this," board member Bennie Thomas said. "To my knowledge, it's probably the first time we've disagreed to this extent."

Board president Ted Barr said

the board has an obligation to fill the vacancy.

"Am I ashamed we didn't reach an agreement? Embarrassed? I am," Barr said. "It shows a lack of discipline on the part of myself and the other parties."

The board members are trying to fill a vacant seat left by Dr. Greg Borowski, who resigned in early April after a conflict of interest was found in the state code regarding his wife's central office employment. But after more than five hours at two meetings, the board members heavily disagree on who should fill the seat. None of the eight candidates has been able to get the necessary three votes to gain the appointment.

Barr and member Bessie Holley want local businessman Rick Dun-

can. Thomas and Suzanne Oxley don't support Duncan, but both are willing to accept former city council member Mary Neely or Carla Parker, a mother and surveillance nurse at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

Holley couldn't be reached for comment Thursday, but the other three said someone will have to budget, although no one is ready to give any ground.

"To stay with your principles is worth the risk," Barr said. "It's worth something to that person, if it's not worth a nickel to somebody else."

Barr said last week and at Wednesday's special board meeting that Duncan is his

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Compromise W.Va. budget bill expected today

The House-Senate panel appointed to negotiate a final state budget bill expects to finish one by late Friday. That would set the stage for weekend votes on the measure. The new budget takes effect July 1 and will likely outline \$11.5 billion worth of spending, including \$4.2 billion backed by general tax and lottery revenues.

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