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## Alleged Rapist Jailed

DNA evidence allegedly links Kevin Foor to June 2008 rape of Wells Valley woman

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DNA evidence found at the crime scene linked a Defiance, Pa., man to the rape and kidnapping of a Wells Valley woman that occurred not far from the intersection of Enid and Wells Valley roads last June.



Kevin Foor Sr.

Forty-three-year-old Kevin Duane Foor Sr. of 174 Fox Street was sent to the Franklin County Prison in lieu of \$250,000 bond last Tuesday afternoon following arraignment before Magisterial District Judge Devine Horne. Foor faces charges of kidnapping, rape, criminal attempt rape, criminal attempt involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault, simple assault, indecent assault and indecent exposure.

In an affidavit of probable cause filed by Trooper Angela Roher of the McConnellsburg state police barracks, within two days of the incident that occurred on June 16, Foor was developed into a suspect as were other potential leads. Foor was not present at his place of employment on the day of the sexual assault, according to Roher, who added Foor would not consent to be interviewed by fellow state police investigator Trooper Richard Cutchall or submit to a polygraph examination. He would, however, provide police with a DNA sample.

The DNA sample collected with a swab was analyzed by forensic scientist Sabine Panzner-Kaelin at the Greensburg laboratory. The results, Trooper Roher stated in the affidavit, revealed one piece of a latex glove found at the scene contained a mixture of the victim and Foor's DNA. Two additional pieces of glove located had either Foor's or the victim's DNA.

The 12:30 p.m. assault occurred along Enid Road in Wells Township while the victim was taking a walk. A man wearing a nylon stocking over his head emerged from a wooded area on

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## DEATHS

- Bechtell**, Eleanore, 78, Mt. Pleasant
- Davis**, Ronald, 72, Harrisburg
- Harding**, May, 73, Hopewell
- Heroux**, John, 94, Lancaster
- Kaufman**, Glenna, 76, Upper Strasburg
- McCoy**, Philip, 73, Berk. Springs
- Roselle**, D. Charles, 76, Lewistown

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## "Eggs"-traordinary Easter Comes One Day Early



Rain showers didn't dampen the spirits of enthusiastic children and adults hoping to scoop up their fair share of Easter eggs at various egg hunts held throughout the community Saturday. Reuben Knepper (above), son of McConnellsburg residents Craig and Jennifer Knepper, carefully selects his plastic eggs filled with sugary goodies inside the community building at Center United Methodist Church. Meanwhile, excited youths and their parents braved the rain to participate in the McConnellsburg Lions Club easter egg hunt held at Lions Club Park. Among those were Henry Alexander (left), son of Scott and Val Alexander of McConnellsburg, who donned his yellow rain slicker and warm hat to cruise through the park in search of the colorful, prized eggs.

## Five Battle For Ayr Twp. Tax Collector Nominations

Three Republicans, two Democrats listed for consideration in May 19 election

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Three Republican and two Democratic political newcomers are set to battle it out during the May 19 municipal primary election for their shot at the position of Ayr Township tax collector currently held by longtime elected official Arlene Nesbitt.

Among the five women hoping to gain the lone nomination of their respective parties are Republican candidates Jennifer L. Knepper, Anne M. Seville, Inga J. Smith and Democratic candidates Kim Fisher and Julie A. Shearer. The highest vote recipient from each party will square off against one another this fall.

**Jennifer L. Knepper (R)**

Jennifer L. Knepper touts plenty of experience handling money and finances as result of her employment as a teller at the Waterfall branch of Community State Bank of Orbisonia. Currently involved in a handful of community and church-related organizations such as Cito United Methodist Church,

where she serves as secretary; Fulton County Farm Women; and Auxiliary Group of Gideon's International,



Jennifer Knepper

Knepper told the "News" she only recently decided to try her luck at a run for office when she determined veteran tax collector Arlene Nesbitt was stepping down.

"My mom suggested it would be a good job for me because I love math and working with numbers," she stated. "It would definitely be interesting and something I could do from home."



Anne Seville

Knepper and her husband and local auctioneer, Craig Knepper, reside at 859 Lincoln Way East, McConnellsburg. She has four children, Cody, Taylor, Michaela and the most recent addition to their happy family, Reuben.

Knepper stated providing accuracy and organization are the top roles and services that should be provided by any tax collector.



Kim Fisher

She concluded her own financial benefit from serving as tax collector was not a factor in her decision to run for office but thought it would prove to be both "fun and interesting."

**Anne M. Seville (R)**

Local business owner Anne M. Seville has also thrown her hat into the ring as a Republican candidate for Ayr Township tax collector.



Julie Shearer

Seville, of 589 Jugtown Road, McConnellsburg, is currently the co-owner Great Cove Baskets along Lincoln Way East in McConnellsburg Borough and performs clerical duties for her husband at Morton's Feed Mill. She is also very active with the 4-H Club and has worked hand-in-hand with Fulton County residents most of her adult life.

Seville stated her bookkeeping and accounting services are qualities that would prove to be an asset to anyone elected to that position and the township itself. Through those same bookkeeping and accounting responsibilities, she said she also deals with state- and federal-regulated taxes.

A graduate of McConnellsburg High School and mother of three, Seville noted, "With Arlene's retirement, I have an opportunity to help the community by filling the vacancy. My goals are to fulfill the job of tax collector."

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## Brambley Iditarod Teacher On The Trail

Southern Fulton educator to lend teaching skills to "The Last Great Race on Earth"

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As a second-grade teacher at Southern Fulton Elementary, Herb Brambley would often make references to and utilize Alaska's famous Iditarod sled race as a teaching tool. Now serving as the environmental and technology teacher for students in kindergarten through sixth grade, Brambley continues to use the Iditarod, also known as the "Last Great Race on Earth," as a "vehicle to learning."

His efforts to incorporate the Iditarod into the district's curriculum, whether it is the history of Alaska and its native people, global warming and the future of the polar bear or math lessons based on time, temperature and mileage, have not gone unnoticed. Earlier this month, Brambley was selected to serve as the "Target 2010 Teacher on the Trail" in conjunction with the upcoming

March Iditarod.

In sharing the news of his selection that was narrowed from a group of approximately 10 applicants nationwide, Brambley said the process for selection got under way with a detailed application as well as a video about himself. Literally a jack-of-all-trades, Brambley's video included footage of several areas that encompass his daily life and extracurricular activities such as bike joring with his three huskies Lobo, Dexter and Lilly; blacksmithing; shoeing his mule; trimming and blazing trails; and shooting his musket as an avid re-enactor.

Along the way, Brambley participated in the organization's winter conference in Alaska



Southern Fulton teacher Herb Brambley, a member of the PA Sled Dog Club, gets a sled ride through the forest with help from his huskies Lobo, Dexter and Lilly.

where he was required to do a 50-minute presentation and submit to an intense interview. Brambley, 52, also completed a total of 11 writing assignments, which can be viewed online at the www.iditarod.com; performed various tasks or challenges while in Alaska; was observed for eight days on his interaction with others; and even attended dog-handling school.

While at the handling school, Brambley was fortunate to be paired up with rookie musher Kim Darst of New Jersey. Even though Darst was "scratched" from the 2009 race, Brambley recalls that she and fellow mushers, including three-year-winner Lance Mackey, were some of the most personable people he met

along the trail.

Brambley, who resides in the Breezewood area with his wife, Jamie, the director of the Fulton County Library, edged out two competitors from Florida to claim the 2010 title. Not wanting to exclude his students from the ongoing process, the youngest members of Southern Fulton's student body have been fortunate to hear about Brambley's travels and could possibly get to directly talk to students from Alaska via the Internet during the 2010 Iditarod.

To the delight of his students as well as educators at the teacher's conference, Brambley has shared several tunes on the



Herb Brambley - Target 2010 Teacher on the Trail

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