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Preliminary hearing delayed in mother's stabbing case

By **HAWKINS TEAGUE**
Staff Writer

The preliminary hearing for a murder charge against Michael Joseph Burke was delayed Wednesday to this morning at 9:30 in Calloway District Court.

Burke, 34, was arrested by the Murray Police Department on July 9. Police allege he entered an upstairs apartment on South 13th Street and stabbed his mother, Karen McClellan, 55, according to MPD spokesman Sgt. Scott Svebakken. Calloway County Coroner Rick Harris said the preliminary autopsy report showed McClellan was stabbed at least 45 times.

Burke was scheduled for a preliminary hearing Wednesday, but all Calloway County District Court cases were canceled for the day because of unforeseen circumstances.

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.

Circuit Court Clerk Linda Avery said her office also had equipment malfunctions Monday and Tuesday, although that was not the reason for Wednesday's cancellations. She said she discovered around 3 p.m. Monday that there was a problem with some of the com-

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Annual Fancy Farm Picnic slated Aug. 4

By **PAIGE GRAVES**
Staff Writer

The 132 Annual Fancy Farm Picnic is quickly approaching, and those in attendance will be sure to get their fill of events and food. The picnic will have events beginning Friday Aug. 3, with a full day set for Saturday, Aug. 4, as well. Admission and parking is free.

On Friday there will be a special Mass, the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, the One Mile Classic run and the 5K Picnic Eve Run, performance

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WEATHER

TODAY	TOMORROW
90s	90s
70s	70s

Daily Forecast

The National Weather Service

Thursday: Partly sunny with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. A high near 90.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Friday: Partly sunny with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. A high near 90.

Friday Night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.

Saturday: Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. A high near 91.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 72.



Walker not guilty in MSU dorm fire case



JOHN WRIGHT / Ledger & Times

Above, Jerry Wayne Walker Jr. (third from right) stares ahead as attorney Dennis Null (at left) puts his hands to his face and attorney Richard Null bows his head Wednesday as Judge Dennis Foust reads a not guilty verdict in Walker's trial in Marshall Circuit Court at Benton. Also shown is John Pool (far right), an investigator for the defense. Pictured at right, Commonwealth Attorney Mark Blankenship speaks to Gail Minger as she sits beside her husband, John, after hearing the jury's not guilty verdict. Also shown is Matthew Hatfield, assistant commonwealth attorney.



Marshall jury returns verdict after four hours of deliberation

By **JOHN WRIGHT**
Staff Writer

BENTON, Ky. - A Marshall County jury returned a not guilty verdict late Wednesday afternoon in the Jerry Wayne Walker Jr. retrial case. Walker had faced charges in connection with a September 1998 fatal fire at Murray State University's Hester Hall dormitory (now Residential College).

In the summer of 2001, a Hopkinsville jury could not render a verdict, meaning the case could be retried, and it was. A 12-person jury in Benton needed a little more than four hours to make its determination in Marshall Circuit Court. Walker was acquitted of all charges that included arson, manslaughter, assault and wanton endangerment.

"Praise God," Walker said as he stood beside his wife, Karen, after the verdict was read, then announcing the next activity on his agenda. "I'm going home to see my kids."

For the defense team that was led by the father-and-son duo of Dennis and Richard Null, the verdict brought an end to nearly a year's worth of work after Commonwealth Attorney Mark Blankenship re-indicted Walker last September. Dennis Null was reduced to tears as he sat with his son and Walker at the defendant's table upon realizing the task was ending successfully.

"Richard mentioned in his closing argument that we have been involved in this case for 14 years, and we have worked hard on this case, and it's been very difficult," Dennis Null said, noting that in his many years as an attorney, he never had reacted so emotionally for a verdict.

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BZA approves Penn Station sign variance

By **HAWKINS TEAGUE**
Staff Writer

The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments held compatibility hearings Wednesday for several projects that were reviewed by the Planning Commission on Tuesday. The board also approved a sign variance for a Penn Station restaurant and the conditional use permit for an expansion of Wesley of Murray on Utterback Road.

The location for Penn Station East Coast Subs is planned for the building currently being constructed at the northwest corner of 12th and Poplar streets, which will also house a new Domino's Pizza location and another business that has not yet been determined. The Penn Station is

planned for the south side of the property.

The board unanimously granted a 9.7-square-foot sign variance to Penn Station, meaning the sign will be a total of 36 square feet on the front of the building. Penn Station franchise owner James Graham said the company's standard sign was 49 square feet, so he was seeking a compromise. Justin Crice, Planner I for the City of Murray, said the business would have been allowed an additional wall sign since the south side of the building faces Poplar Street. However, Graham said he did not want a wall sign because the restaurant would have a drive-thru on the south side

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HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times
Pictured is a development being built at the northwest corner of Poplar and 12th streets. The building will be home to the new Domino's Pizza and a Penn Station East Coast Subs restaurant. The Murray Board of Zoning Adjustments approved a 9.7-square-foot sign variance for Penn Station on Wednesday.

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Lomantini to bring his tour to Murray in August

Humane Society to benefit from charity event

By PAIGE GRAVES
Staff Writer

Patrick Lomantini, who owns Lomantini the Salon in Kansas, will be in Murray Thursday, Aug. 23, as part of his 50 States Tour. The goal of Lomantini's project is to give 50 haircuts in 50 states in 50 days, with all proceeds benefiting homeless animals.

Lomantini has previously stopped in larger cities in Kentucky.

Karen Hunter, an associate at Orschlen's in Murray, contacted Lomantini through her cousin, to inquire about his cause.

"Last year was his world record tour, and he happened to be at a salon where my cousin worked in Delaware," Hunter said. "I asked him if he would come to Murray someday, but he always chose big towns. Then one day he texted me and asked me if I knew of somewhere he could stay if he came to Murray. So we're excited for him to come because he's a super nice guy, and we think Murray will do him good."

Hunter said Orschlen's is hoping to hold a cookout and other events to advertise and raise

more money for the cause. The Humane Society of Calloway County will be receiving the proceeds, it was reported. In 2011 Lomantini began an organization called BarkAID, which raises funds to address the plight of homeless animals. The 50 States Tour continues to educate communities on the importance of animal welfare. According to Lomantini's website, he began his official work raising money for animal causes when he accepted a challenge to cut hair for 72 straight hours.

Kathy Hodge, executive director of the Humane Society of Calloway County, said they are also doing their part to raise awareness about the event.

"The reason he's making his stop in the community is to bring attention to homeless animals, and the fact that we were put on this list of suggested stops is exciting," she said. "It's a unique way to bring attention to the problem, and people can have their hair styled by someone who is nationally known."

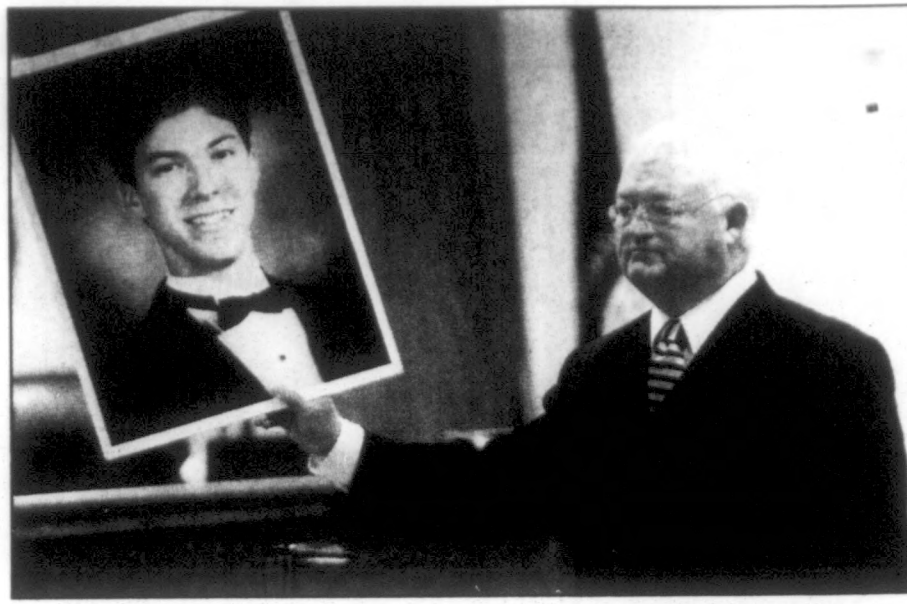
The Humane Society is hoping to fill all of Lomantini's appointments, and will be sending an email out to their animal advocacy list.

"It's really fun to thank that of all the places he could have gone, he picked here," Hodge said.

Those scheduled to be in attendance include: Congressman Ed Whitfield and his opponent Charles Hatchett, of Benton; Carroll Hubbard; and Judge-Executive Stan Humphries. Speaking on behalf of Mitt Romney will be Florida Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam. There is currently no confirmed speaker for President Obama.

The evening will continue with a performance by Lew Jetton & 61 South.

For more information, contact St. Jerome Catholic Church at (270) 623-8181.



JOHN WRIGHT / Ledger & Times
Commonwealth Attorney Mark Blankenship shows an enlarged photograph of Michael Minger during his closing argument to the jury Wednesday at Benton.

Jurors, dorm fire...

From Front

"You've got to understand that this is a wonderful young man we represented. He sends us cards every Christmas and every Easter ever since we've gotten to know him, and it just means so much to get this behind us."

"I do want to say this, though. I have never seen a case prosecuted as hard as what Mr. Blankenship and his staff did here. The work they did in this case made us have to work even harder. We put in 16-hour days on this case, and I can safely say that the people of this district (Marshall and Calloway counties) are lucky to have him as their prosecutor. They really are."

For Blankenship, though, the acquittal was difficult to accept. His first words to Gail Minger, mother of Michael Minger, the student who died in the 1998 fire, that also seriously injured Paducah student Michael Priddy, were, "I don't what to say," as he met in quiet with Gail Minger and her husband, John, after the courtroom had mostly emptied.

"You know I'm 60 and

I'm still learning," said Blankenship after meeting with the Mingers. "This was my first cold case as a prosecutor, and I found that they are extremely difficult to win. I thought we had gotten back most of the people from the case that we needed, but it just didn't happen."

"But I always think of the commonwealth and of my district so we'll just go on to the next case." Even before the jury gave its verdict, both sides commended the group for how it had paid close attention throughout the trial. And Blankenship continued giving compliments even in defeat.

"I respect the jury's hard work, and they did a good job in this case. They were attentive and listened to the evidence," he said. "Unfortunately, as far as this case goes, it's looking like this is going to be one that will go unsolved. We all know someone started that fire, but it looks like this is the end of the road of trying to figure out what happened for this terrible tragedy."



JOHN WRIGHT / Ledger & Times
Michael Priddy, left, sits beside Gail Minger Wednesday in Marshall Circuit Court in Benton. Priddy was the student seriously injured in a 1998 fire that also killed Minger's son, Michael, on the fourth floor of Hester Hall (now Residential College) on the Murray State University campus.

BZA...

From Front

and he would rather have a larger sign in the front.

In April 2011, the BZA approved a 27.5-square-foot sign for Domino's at the north side of the location.

The board also unanimously approved the conditional use permit for an expansion of Wesley of Murray, a retirement community at 440 Utterback Rd. The property will have 30 parking spaces for 20 residents.

City Planner Dowdy said some adjoining property owners had come to a public hearing on Tuesday for the preliminary plat review and expressed concerns about drainage and water runoff onto their property. Bobby Dietz with Geotech Engineering & Testing said the detention system was designed for a 25-year flood, while the city ordinance required that it be able to withstand a 10-year flood.

The board also unanimously approved a residential planned development at 1807 College Farm Rd. Tony Nolcox plans to clear the land of its current trees and overgrown vegetation and build an apartment complex. The property's road frontage would be on College Farm Road, but the lot would also have access from North 18th Street. Crice said there were eight buildings planned for the project with four on each side and green space in the middle.

The board also voted 4-1 to declare that a proposed residential PDP at 1300 North 16th St. was compatible with the area. Board Chairman Bill Whitaker voting no. Dale Campbell said he wants to build a complex with 106 units on the 5-acre property, which he owns and was formerly the home of the old Moose Lodge. The property is currently zoned as B-2, which allows residential PDPs only with conditional use permits.

Dowdy noted that the nearby Campus Core, formerly Campus Suites, is also zoned as B-2. She said it might be a good opportunity for the BZA to require that the developer build sidewalks. She said it has been long enough since the last traffic study that she felt it would be appropriate to conduct another one. David Roberts, director of planning engineering, said other future projects would continue to have impact on the traffic in that area for years to come because there would continue to be growth there.

The board also unanimously voted to declare that a proposed residential project at 907 Coldwater Rd. was compatible with the area. Daniel Yong plans to build two additional units to the east side of the existing building, which already contains two units. Dowdy said the area is currently accessed by a gravel drive that also services 905 Coldwater Dr.

Picnic...

From Front

by local band Strong Hold as well as a live production by KET Comment on Kentucky.


The picnic officially begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. According to the Fancy Farm website, bingo, games, crafts, music and food will be available. The Neilhoff Brothers will perform at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Pioneer Award presentation.

The political speaking, hosted by James Comer, Secretary of Agriculture, will begin at 2 p.m.


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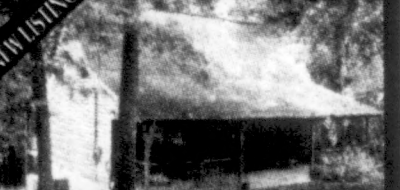





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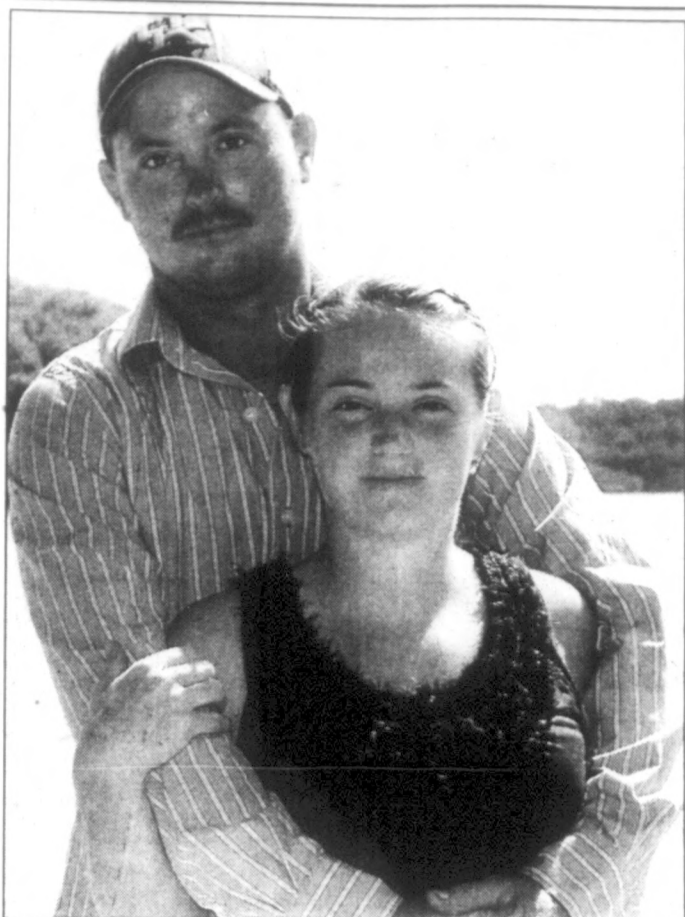
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Engagement



Garland and Chadwick

David and Renee Garland, of Murray, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter, Natasha Garland to Ernie Chadwick, son of Teresa Duncan, of Murray. Miss Garland is the granddaughter of Micheal and Dorothy Inman, of Paris, Tenn., the late Lyle Pridemore, of Murray, Jimmy Garland and Carol Stone, of Murray and Gayle and Donna Russell, of Mayfield. Mr. Chadwick is the grandson of Norma Chadwick and the late Rex Chadwick, of Murray. The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Murray High School and a 2009 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. The groom-elect is a 2003 graduate of Calloway County High School. The wedding will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012, on the beach of Panama City Beach, Fla. All friends and family are invited to attend.

Edmunds to present stroke research

Special to the Ledger
In October 2012, Amy Agyeaman Edmunds, a graduate of Murray State University, will present her research on stroke in young adults at the World Stroke Congress in Brasilia, Brazil. Edmunds earned her M.A. in organizational communication at MSU in 2005. Dr. Lou Davidson Tillson, professor in the MSU department of organizational communication, directed Edmund's thesis on social support for caregivers of stroke survivors. The World Stroke Congress is a biennial event sponsored by the World Stroke Organization (WSO) that attracts more than 3,000 healthcare professionals and academics engaged in stroke care. WSO's mission is to provide access to stroke care and to promote research and teaching in this area that will improve the care of stroke survivors throughout the world. A lecturer in the department of health sciences at Coastal Carolina University in Conway,



Edmunds

S.C., Edmunds is a stroke survivor herself. She enrolled at Murray State after experiencing a stroke at the age of 43. Her research focused on the establishment of the nonprofit organization, YoungStroke, created to address the needs of young adults who experienced their first stroke between the ages of 20-64 and their caregivers. Edmunds will also present at the Center for Disease Control's sixth annual National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing and Media in Atlanta. Earlier this year, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association nominated her as one of 150 delegates to the White House Briefing for Community Leaders on Cardiovascular Health in Washington, D.C.

Douglass reunion plans scheduled for Aug. 2-4

Special to the Ledger
Preparations for the 43rd annual Douglass Reunion, set for Aug. 2-4, are underway. The theme for 2012 is "Change Is Within." Advance tickets are \$22 for adults and \$15 for children ages 5-12. Tickets at the door will be \$27 for adults and \$20 for children ages 5-12. Any former students of the closed Douglass School and their families are invited to attend.

The reunion will kick off Thursday, Aug. 2, with a memorial service at Church of the Living God, 502 North L.P. Miller St., at 7 p.m. followed by bingo and refreshments in the Hospitality Room. Best Western University Inn, Hwy. 641 North, from 9-11 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3, a community barbecue will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Curris Center, located on the campus of Murray State University. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 5-12 and free for those under 5. HUSH, a performing arts showcase of skits, open mic, various talents and fashions, will follow from 8-9 p.m. Contact Michelle Jones at 226-0234 to register. From 9-11 p.m., bingo and refreshments will take place in the Hospitality Room, Best Western University Inn, Hwy. 641 North, as well as bowling at Corvette Lanes, 1415 Main St., Murray. Saturday, Aug. 4, a cookout at



Stocks

the park, sponsored by Ruling Star Lodge No. 51 will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the pavilion near the pool. The Douglass Bulldog Banquet is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Curris Center. James (Jim) Stocks will be the speaker.

Stocks, who attended Murray State University from 1968-70, became the first African American scholarship basketball player to graduate from MSU. He earned a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in communication. The first African-American radio announcer at WNSB and WAAW in Murray and WDXR in Paducah, he was also the first man of color to work as a news anchor for WDXR-TV in Paducah. He was the founder of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity chapter at MSU, the first black Greek organization on campus. Recently retired, he is now a consultant with nearby school systems and serves as president of the Carroll County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People near Atlanta, Ga. He and his wife, Debby, have four children and 11 grandchildren. For more information call Danny Hudspeth at 759-4768.



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NBSG TO MEET SATURDAY: New Beginnings Support Group recently heard Vicky Reed, center, speak on self-esteem. She spoke of how "the Biblical perspective of putting ourselves out in front is not the humble perspective that a Christian is to have, rather, Christians are to put God in His proper place in our lives and be lifted up by Him." The next meeting will be held Saturday, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church with Kelly Reed as speaker. The public is invited. Music will be provided by Gabriel and Moriah Reed.

MSU's Yarali published in journal of communications

Special to the Ledger
Dr. Abdulrahman Yarali, associate professor in the Telecommunications Systems Management (TSM) program at Murray State University, recently published an article, "Smart Grid Networks: Promises and Challenges" in the Journal of Communications. He co-authored the article with Saifur Rahman, of Virginia Tech. The publication addressed the importance of various technologies that utilize data transmission for the smart grid and problems or difficulties. "Smart grid can bring more efficiency into our utility infrastructure using ICT. There has been about a \$200 billion investment on smart grid implementation," Yarali said. "In the U.S., the government has allocated about \$11 billion on this subject to modify our existing electric generation, transmission, distribution and consumption. Some of the areas into which smart grid can bring changes into existing infrastructure include higher energy efficiency, lower cost because of more efficient equipment use, more accurate



Yarali

allocation of cost to customers, increased power system reliability and enabling technology for high shares of variable renewable."

In addition to his recent publication, Yarali traveled to Italy June 24-29 to make a presentation on smart grid and wireless, and also served as a panelist on the topic of "Collaboration and Technology Advancement." Yarali's publication in the Journal of Communications is evidence of his contribution and dissemination of innovative new works in communications. The journal is a scholarly peer-reviewed international scientific monthly publication focusing on theories, systems, methods, algorithms and applications in communications. Visit <http://ojs.academypublisher.com/index.php/jcm/article/view/jcm0706409417> for the full publication.

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Kids beauty pageant set

Special to the Ledger
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Oct. 20. Rooms at the hotel may be booked at a special pageant rate by using code 5096 at booking. For more information or to register for the pageant, mail forms and fees to Celebration Pageants, 1101 Oak Grove

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Sunday, 2:00 pm: *John Dale* — "Trust the Lord With All Your Heart", from *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Monday, 7:00 pm: *Jeremiah Tatum* — "The Land of Beginning Again", from *Lamentations 3:22-24*

Tuesday, 7:00 pm: *Jason Hart* — "The Joy Before Us", — from *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Wednesday, 7:00 pm: *Josh Herndon* — "The Heart of Worship", from *Mark: 30*.

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This free workshop will be held Saturday, July 28, beginning at 11 a.m. in the downstairs classroom. Workshop leader is Cadiz native Christy White. "I

have written poetry since I could first write, and made it up earlier, which my mother, Priscilla White, wrote down for me," White said.

White has self-published several chapbooks of poetry including "Heart of Fire," "At Last a Voice," "Proof" and most recently "In the Desert You Can Hear Yourself Think." A number of poems have been published in various journals around the country, in the anthology "Arizona: 100 Years, 100 Poems, 100 Poets," and others have won awards in numerous contests. She was director/host of a "Make a Date With a Poet," a 7-year-old reading series in Tucson that presented a venue for poets of various backgrounds and preferences to the public. White was treasurer for the Tucson Poetry Festival for several years and is currently president of the Arizona State Poetry Society.

SKIT to present 'Music Man'

Special to the Ledger

CADIZ, Ky. — Due to extensive renovations in the Trigg County High School's Little Theatre last year, SKIT (Southern Kentucky Independent Theatre) put their annual summer musical on hold. They are back this summer as strong as ever with Meredith Willson's popular Broadway production of "The Music Man."

A cast of 28 local actors "take to the boards" with this toe-tapping, family-friendly show. In fact, the cast and crew contains various family relationships: Chrisi Ethridge and her three children Alex, Anthony and Avery; Frankie Brown and her daughter Stacie Klein; sisters Chloe and Skye Williamson; Jordan Jones and grandmother Claudia Jones; father Ken Traub and his two sons, Ethan and Andrew Traub, siblings J.B. Hendricks, Morgan Hendricks, and Logan Hendricks; husband, wife and son John and Laura McDonald and Connor McDonald.

Willson's most famous work, "The Music Man," premiered on Broadway in 1957, and was adapted twice for film. The 1962 movie featured the original stage lead, Robert Preston, as the con man Harold Hill, and the 2003 made-for-television version starred Matthew Broderick. Wilson referred to the show as "an Iowa man's attempt to pay tribute to his home state."



Photo by Monty Stagner

Pictured is the cast for the Southern Independent Kentucky Theater (SKIT) production of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man." The show premieres Friday in the Little Theater of Trigg County High School in Cadiz.

It took Willson some eight years and 30 revisions to complete the musical, for which he wrote more than 40 songs. Three songs from "The Music Man" have become American standards: "Seventy-Six Trombones," "Gary, Indiana," and "Till There Was You." The musical won five Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The production staff for this year's musical includes SKIT board members Portia Ezell, director; Ann Taylor, musical director; Paul Fourshee, set design and construction; and

Bryan Blaylock, stage manager and set construction. Pam Wimsatt is the choreographer and Bill Fisher is the musical conductor. A large number of other volunteers have been working behind the scenes on set construction, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup and publicity.

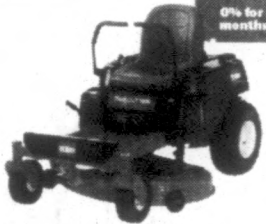
This summer's production dates are July 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, July 23. All performances will be in the Trigg County High School Little Theatre on Main Street. Paula Lisowsky,

director of the Janice Mason Art Museum, says advanced tickets are available for purchase at the museum, located in downtown Cadiz. Tickets will also be available at the door 30 minutes before each performance. Admissions this year will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children. The production is not recommended for children under the age of 6 due to a total performance run time of approximately 2 1/2 hours. For additional information, call the Janice Mason Art Museum at 522-9056.

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AURORA, Ky. — The show "Living News 2.0," an original comedy comparing today's economic with the Great Depression, continues at Kenlake State Resort Park every Friday and Saturday night through Aug. 3.

The production is written as a spoof, with satirical and tongue-in-cheek presentation. The lively young actors bring the work of Chan Chandler and Charles Edward Hall to life. Director Hall then gives the production the comedic relief, which has had audiences laughing the

entire evening in its run thus far.

Dinner by reservation is served at 6:30 p.m., with the play beginning at 8 p.m. Prices range from \$12 for the play alone, while the play and dessert is \$18. The fully-plated sit-down dinner \$35 inclusive cost. The park's chef has once again created a delightful menu to provide a wonderfully fun evening of entertainment. Overnight accommodations are available at Kenlake, where the production is presented in Room C. Call 436-2399 for dinner and play reservations.



Photo provided

Pictured are cast members of "Living News 2.0." From left, Casey Williams, Rebecca Trimbur, Keifer Adkins, Cody Jarman. Isaac Middleton is pictured in front. All are students from Western Kentucky University and the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Arts in the Region

• Maiden Alley Cinema in downtown Paducah presents Woody Allen's "To Rome With Love," starring Jesse Eisenberg, Alec Baldwin, Penelope Cruz, Ellen Page and Roberto Benigni, July 20-26. For details

and show times, visit www.maidenalleycinema.org.

• "Times and Places I Have Been," an exhibit of watercolor and charcoal work by Kathryn Coon Harper, continues through July 27 at the Murray Art Guild's headquarters at 500 North Fourth St.

• The Badgett Playhouse in Grand Rivers presents "Variety! Music, Memories & More" on Saturdays throughout the summer and into the fall. "The Fabulous '50s Show" will play through Aug. 31 and "Pickin' & Grinnin'" will play through July 26. "The Super '60s Show" will run July 6 through Aug. 16, and "Red, White & Tuna" will start July 11 and will run through Aug. 15. For tickets or more details, visit www.grandrivervariety.com or call 1-888-362-4223.

• Draffenville's Kentucky

Opry presents the Stars of Tomorrow Show at 7:30 p.m. Friday with two-time Grand National banjo champ Aaron Thompson; 4-year-old Mason Ramsey, known as "Little Hank," who stole the show at a recent Josh Turner concert; and 11-year-old Carson McKee, the opening act for Charlie Daniels. Featured at 7:30 p.m. Saturday is '50s and '60s music featuring Slick Tire & the White Sidewalls. The July 27 Stars of Tomorrow show will feature the music of Taylor Swift, The Jane Deer Girls, Chris Young, Lady Antebellum, Miranda Lambert, The Zac Brown Band and Sugarland and even some classic country, 50's, bluegrass music. For more information or tickets to shows, visit www.kentuckyopry.com or call (270) 527-3869 or 1-888-459-8704.

• The Golden Pond Planetarium in Land Between the Lakes presents programs

seven days a week through October. Programs are at 10 a.m., noon and 1, 2 and 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.bl.org or call (270) 924-2000.

• The Carson Center in downtown Paducah presents Crosby, Stills & Nash at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28. Shawn Klush & the Sweet Inspirations will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3. For tickets, visit www.thecarsoncenter.org or call (270) 450-4444.

• Adsmore House & Gardens in Princeton presents "Home from Washington, D.C. (1914)" through Saturday, Aug. 18. Call (270) 365-3114 or email adsmore@vci.net for additional information.

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Former Calif. ranch of Roy Rogers sells for \$645K

VICTORVILLE, Calif. (AP) — A 67-acre Southern California ranch that once belonged to the late King of the Cowboys Roy Rogers has been sold for \$645,000.

The Double R ranch near Victorville, in the Mojave Desert, includes a 1,700-square-foot home, a red barn, a stable with 15 stalls, a half-mile horse track and fenced pastures.

The Victorville Daily Press reports the Williams & Williams Worldwide auction firm sold the ranch to the highest bidder last week.

Eric and Anne Enriquez of Orange County restored the property after buying it 10 years ago for \$300,000.

The new owner is Margaret Tom, a retired social worker from Kaneohe, Hawaii. Tom says she's giving the ranch to her daughter and son-in-law to keep their Arabians.

Rogers was 86 when he died in 1998.

Ford recalls 2013 Escape crossover vehicles

DETROIT (AP) — Ford Motor Co. is recalling more than 10,000 redesigned 2013 Escape SUVs to fix carpet padding that could get in the way of braking.

Ford says that wrongly positioned carpet padding could reduce space around the pedals and cause drivers to hit the side of the brake pedal when switching from the accelerator.

The automaker told the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that dealers will remove the carpet padding and replace a console trim panel at no charge.

The vehicles were built this spring in Louisville, Ky.

The recall is expected to begin July 23. Owners can call the automaker at (866) 436-7332.

Ford sold 28,500 Escapes last month, up 28 percent from June 2011.

Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 20, 2012:

This year you become more verbal and very upbeat, so it seems. You simply are revealing more of yourself. Communication flourishes, and there is much more kindness exchanged between you and others. If you are single, be sure to date before you commit. Mr. or Ms. Right is likely to appear, but not in 2012. If you are attached, the two of you seem to experience more mutuality. Plan weekends away as a couple in order to bond you closer. LEO makes you smile more often than not.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Everything about you radiates the fact that the weekend is near. Your intuition mixes with ingenuity and finally allows you to move a difficult person away from his or her position. This person might not even notice this change in stance until later. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your inclination to stay close to home might be the perfect plan if you can adapt your schedule accordingly. Listen to your instincts, and what you hoped would be the outcome of an effort very well could be. Tonight: Invite friends over for a special TGIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Your words fall on deaf ears ... or so you think. Certain events indicate a greater receptivity from others than you were aware of. A child or loved one still might be difficult, but you now know that you can subtly influence this person. Tonight: Consider something calm and quiet.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Your tendency to overindulge, and perhaps be a little more carefree than usual, emerges. Others might be delighted by this personality revision. You, however, might not be, as you note a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You bloom in the present atmosphere. Others remain responsive, and even a touchy person allows his or her caring to peek through. Your intuition helps guide you if you decide to break tradition. Tonight: Invite a couple of friends over to christen the weekend with you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** A lot is happening that you easily might choose to keep hush-hush. Whether you feel as

by Jacqueline Bigar

if you will jinx yourself by spilling the beans or are just discreet makes no difference. You decide the less that is said, the better. Use care with a budget matter. Tonight: Count on going solo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Aim for exactly what you want. Do not hesitate, and you will hit a home run. In general, you naturally do well with people. In this case, you seem to be holding court; many people seek you out. Place limits on your popularity until you complete a must-do task. Tonight: Where people are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You might be a little too aware of your image and the power you yield. Others sense that attitude and how it doesn't have much to do with your authentic self; therefore, allow greater give-and-take. You will be happier. Tonight: Join a family member for dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Attempt to find an unusual solution when all other ideas hit a brick wall. If you use your imagination in a brainstorming session or two, success is very likely. Getting away from your routine proves quite helpful. Tonight: Opt for something different.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Someone has a way of reeling you in that you like, yet you pretend not to be aware of it. Know that you can't shake off a serious element tied to this situation. Are you ready to deal with that? You seem to avoid this person until you make a decision. Tonight: Deal with a problem first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Understanding evolves, as a key person displays his or her true colors. Decide not to judge, and see what more could pop up. Your verbalized thoughts could result in shutting down this person who you are delighted to see finally open up. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Your efforts to contact a friend or loved one to open up a conversation appear to work. You could witness this person closing him- or herself off when you least expect this reaction. Tonight: Just hang in there.

BORN TODAY Supermodel Gisele Bundchen (1980), founder of modern genetics Gregor Mendel (1822), musician Carlos Santana (1947)

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Looking Back

Ten years ago
Murray's First Assembly of God has decided to change its name to Hope Harbor Church to reflect its mission.

Pictured is the garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, one of 20 homes in Murray and Calloway County to be featured on the Flower and Water Garden Tour.

Micah Shane Sherman competed in the USA Beauties state pageant and was crowned Royal King and Overall Novice Supreme. He also won best fashion, most handsome, most photogenic and best personality in his age group.

Four students from Westside Baptist Church, Rachel Barber, Adam Scott, Jonathan Young and Jason Thompson, were chosen to participate in the Kentucky Baptist All-State Choir.

Twenty years ago
Pictured are Catherine Settle, 7, and Rhett Clark, 8, racing each other during the Summer Day Fair program at the Murray-Calloway County Park pool.

Tina Wright, a realtor with Century 21 Loretta Jobs Realtors, was chosen as realtor of the quarter for the first quarter of 1992 by the Murray-Calloway County Board of Realtors.

A recent birth reported at Murray-Calloway County Hospital for July 16 includes a girl to Paula and Bobby Caldwell, Murray.

Pictured is Murray High's Russ Adkins participating in the final day of soccer camp at Murray State University's Cutchin Field.

Winners of the Murray Bass Club's annual Ladies Day Tournament and Picnic were Brenda and Gary Marquardt, third; Christine and Mike Watson, second; and Glenda and Carlos Black, first. The Big Bass award went to Christine Watson.

Thirty years ago
Pictured is Alan Whitehouse, of Owensboro, newly-elected president of Student Government Association, receiving his oath of office

as a member of the Murray State University Board of Regents.

Jerry Caldwell won the annual Oaks County Club Men's Invitational golf title with a 13-under par, 132 total. Second place was a tie with Jim Lamb and Truman Whitfield.

Eight members of the Calloway County Chapter of Future Farmers of America attended Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center. They are John Nix, Tracy Curd, Leland Steely, Tim Ray, Jeffrey Paschall, Tommy Orr, Mike Wickler and Brent Canter.

Murray-Calloway Swim Team coach Laurie Martin is pictured posing with the Rotary Invitational first place trophy after her team beat Hopkinsville 487-475.

Forty years ago
Mrs. Laveda (Topsy) Brandon was honored at a retirement dinner at Kenlake Hotel, after 21 years with Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services with offices in Swann Building, Murray.

Lynn Grove Roller Rink will open July 21, according to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Windsor and son, Randy, owners and operators.

Fifty years ago
Don Oliver, J.W. Evans, Tommy Lassiter, Ken Keel, Danny Kemp and Bobby Marshall, officers of Murray College High School Chapter of Future Farmers of America, with advisor, C.L. Eldridge, attended Kentucky Leadership Training Center at Hardinsburg.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Hood Jones on July 16 and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cain on July 9.

Sixty years ago
Henry L. Waldrop, son of Mrs. N.A. Waldrop, is serving aboard the battleship, USS New Jersey, on a training cruise to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Births reported include a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Weldon West and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Malon Alexander, both on July 14.

Grandma shares bath with girl and lands herself in hot water

DEAR ABBY: What do you think about a grandmother getting into a Jacuzzi with her 6-year-old granddaughter? This has caused a big rift in our family.

At a large recent family gathering, my daughter couldn't accommodate all of us sleeping at her home, so some of us rented rooms at a nearby motel.

My son-in-law's parents took my granddaughter "Charise" to their room to spend the night. The bathroom had a Jacuzzi tub in it, and Grandma and Charise bathed in it together. When they told my daughter about it the next day, she became upset because she thought it was inappropriate for an adult to be in the tub with her young daughter.

My daughter's mother-in-law said she was not ashamed of her body and she refused to apologize to my daughter for what happened. My son-in-law has sided with his mother. What do you think? -- SHOCKED IN CINCINNATI

DEAR SHOCKED: I fail to see what the uproar was about, since the grandmother and grandchild are the same sex and we all come with the same standard equipment. It's not worth causing a rift in the family -- so tell your daughter to cool down and stop making waves.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my husband, "Howard." I moved two hours away from my family, left my job and sold my house and car to be married to him. Now I feel trapped. We have been married three years. It wasn't like this in the beginning. I'm a housewife who takes care of his mother who lives with us (another story). I can't go anywhere. I'm at home all day, every day, except when his mother needs to go to the doctor. He refuses to get another car because he's "afraid" I'm going to meet someone else if I go out. I'm at my wits' end.

Howard doesn't like my friends -- the three that I do have. He has taken church away from me because he believes a husband and wife should go to church together, and he doesn't, therefore neither should I. He's verbally abusive and manipulative. I feel I can't do anything right, and he proclaims to be a perfectionist. Everything revolves around him and his likes, needs and wants.

This is a second marriage for both of us. He admits that he's insecure. I love him, but I can't take this anymore. I want to leave, but I don't know how or where to begin. If I were to go home, I'd have nothing -- no home, no car, no job or money.

We have no children together. What is your advice? -- TRAPPED IN THE SOUTHWEST

DEAR TRAPPED: By now you must realize there is no way to assuage your husband's insecurity and need to control. No wonder this is his second marriage. I'm betting it won't be his last, either. Look at it this way: He has a housekeeper, a built-in caregiver for his mother and someone whose every move he can control.

There are worse things than going home, starting from scratch and rebuilding your life. The first that comes to mind is continuing to live in a marriage like this one. So please, pick up the phone and ask your family to come and get you. And if you are afraid that he could become violent, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The toll-free number is 800-799-7233. They will help you formulate an escape plan.

Cut your weight-maintenance calories to take off the pounds

DEAR DOCTOR K: I'm trying to lose weight. How can I figure out how many calories I should be eating every day?

DEAR READER: Since your weight is influenced both by the number of calories you eat and by the number of calories you burn during your daily activities, let's assume that your daily activities won't change.

To figure out how many calories you should consume each day to lose weight, you first need to know how many calories you need to maintain your current weight. The math is simple.

First, multiply your current weight by 15. This calculation tells you the number of calories per day you need to maintain your current weight (weight-maintenance calories).

Let's say you weigh 155 pounds. If you multiply 155 by 15, you get 2,325, which is your weight-maintenance calorie total. To lose weight, you'll need to reduce your daily calories below that.

To lose 1 to 2 pounds a week -- a rate that experts consider safe -- you should consume 500 to 1,000 fewer calories per day than your total weight-maintenance calories. That means you need to eat between 1,325 calories per day (2,325 less 1,000) to 1,825 calories per day (2,325 less 500).

However, don't consume fewer than 1,200 calories per day if you're a woman or fewer than 1,500 calories per day if you're a man, except under the supervision of your doctor. Eating too few calories can endanger your health by depriving you of needed nutrients.

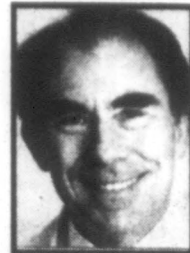
You can find calorie information on the nutrition labels on all packaged foods and beverages and in a number of books and websites. When straight calorie counting is impractical:

- Eat foods that are filling and low in calories.
- When you eat meat, cut out fat and cut down portion size.
- Avoid fried foods.
- Use low-fat or non-fat dairy foods.
- Avoid fast foods.
- Avoid high-calorie, low-nutrient snacks.
- Avoid regular (non-diet) sodas, fruit juices and alcoholic beverages.

Also, try smaller portion sizes. When you're cooking at home, that's easy enough. When you go to restaurants, consider splitting one main course and one or two appetizers with your dinner companion. Also, eat slower. If you take 20 to 30 minutes to eat a smaller-than-normal portion, you're less likely to feel hungry than if you eat it in 10 to 20 minutes. That's because it takes about 20 minutes after starting a meal for your brain to get the "enough" signal from your stomach.

For more information on losing weight, read "Chicken Soup for the Soul: Say Hello to a Better Body!" by Harvard Medical School's Dr. Suzanne Koven. (You can learn more about this book at AskDoctorK.com.) It has great information and lots of stories from people who have faced the same problem as you.

(Dr. Komaroff is a physician and professor at Harvard Medical School. To send questions, go to AskDoctorK.com, or write: Ask Doctor K, 10 Shattuck St., Second Floor, Boston, MA 02115.)



Dr. Komaroff
By
Dr. Anthony Komaroff

Today in History

By the Associated Press
Today is Thursday, July 19, the 201st day of 2012. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 19, 1812, during the War of 1812, the First Battle of Sackett Harbor in Lake Ontario resulted in an American victory as U.S. naval forces repelled a British attack.

On this date:
In 1553, King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen of England after pretender Lady Jane Grey was deposed.

In 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

In 1961, TWA became the first airline to begin showing regularly scheduled in-flight movies as it presented "By Love Possessed" to first-class passengers.

In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush joined former presidents Ronald Reagan, Gerald R. Ford and Richard M. Nixon at ceremonies dedicating the Nixon Library and Birthplace (since redesignated the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum) in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Ten years ago, Alejandro Avila (ah-lay-HAHN-droh AH'-vee-lah) was arrested in the slaying of 5-year-old Samantha Runion of Stanton, Calif. (Avila was later convicted and sentenced to death.)



by Heloise

Hints From Heloise

TAG — YOU ITCH!
Dear Heloise: The Maui (Hawaii) News gets my day started with "Hints From Heloise." I want to share this idea. It seems I'm always putting on a piece of clothing with the SCRATCHY LABEL TAG at the neck -- ouch! My solution is good old reliable invisible tape. I tape the label directly to the garment. I have done this many times. Just remember to remove before laundering or any other type of cleaning.

Many of the tags have valuable information that I want to keep. Also, consignment shops don't accept usable clothing items with the tags removed. -- Caren N. in Maui, Hawaii

Aloha to you, Caren, and to all of my friends in Hawaii! Love your hint. However, try leaving the tape on through laundering, and you might be surprised how long it stays on. -- Mahalo, Heloise

DONATION DETAILS
Dear Heloise: I recently remodeled my kitchen and donated my old cabinets, counter, kitchen sink,

faucet, dishwasher and range hood to Habitat for Humanity's resale store. The appliances need to work. -- Donna in Rowlett, Texas

This is a wonderful organization! You can contact a Habitat ReStore in your area for details on donating. They collect reusable and leftover building materials, furniture and appliances, which they then sell to the public, with the proceeds going toward building the Habitat houses. For more information, go to www.habitat.org or call 800-HABITAT. -- Heloise

DUSTY DISASTER
Dear Readers: A friend was putting in tile flooring when she learned a valuable lesson. Although she had covered the furniture and shut off the air conditioning, she forgot to cover the vents! This created a mess of dust once the air was turned back on!

Many home-remodeling jobs can create a lot of dust. So if you are doing one, cover furniture and tape around air vents, cabinets and closets, if needed. Plastic sheets and painter's tape are invaluable tools for keeping dust to a minimum without damaging any paint or finishes.

To clean after a job like this, use the vacuum's brush attachment to go over the furniture first, then a microfiber cloth. Try to wipe debris off finished furniture

can dull the finish. -- Heloise

STORING NONSTICK PANS
Dear Heloise: I have an idea for storing nonstick fry pans. I took the shelf out of a two-shelf cupboard in my kitchen island. My husband hung a rod across it and bent some hooks for me that circle the rod. I hang all my pans, small to large, on the hooks. The larger pots stack nicely under the shortest fry pans, and the lids under the large skillets. No banging or stacking. -- Sherril in California

Send a money-saving or time-saving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, TX 78279-5000, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to [Heloise\(at\)Heloise.com](mailto:Heloise(at)Heloise.com). I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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KENTUCKY FOOTBALL

Kentucky's Phillips says Wildcats will rebound quickly this season in SEC



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Kentucky coach Joker Phillips speaks to the media at the Southeastern Conference NCAA college football media day in Hoover, Ala. on Wednesday.

WILDCATS LOOKING TO IMPROVE ON LAST SEASON'S 5-7 RECORD WHICH SAW KENTUCKY BEAT VOLS FOR FIRST TIME SINCE '84

By DAVID BRANDT
AP Sports Writer

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Kentucky coach Joker Phillips believes last year's mediocre season is a minor bump on the road to consistent success.

The Wildcats played in five straight bowl games from 2006 to '10, but regressed to a 5-7 record last season. They ended the year on a high note, beating Tennessee for the first time since 1984, but must replace many key players.

At Southeastern Conference Media Days on Wednesday, Phillips said Kentucky had done a good job of stocking quality young players during the bowl streak and "now those guys have to go out and play."

Phillips said several inexperienced players made important plays during the program's 2-2 finish to the 2011 season, particularly in the galvanizing Tennessee victory, and that bodes well for the coming fall.

"There were a lot of young kids making plays for us late in the season, especially the last four games," Phillips said. "You look out there, the last game, probably four or five true freshmen were playing for us on defense."

Kentucky returns 11 starters, including receiver La'Rod King and quarterback Morgan Newton. King led the team with 40 catches for 598 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

But the Wildcats will rely on several young players to step up and help immediately. Phillips said one of them will be sophomore linebacker Alvin Dupree, who he called "a guy that someday will be ... a household name in the state of Kentucky."

That's tough to do in Kentucky, where the household names tend to be confined to the basketball court. Phillips said that even though Kentucky is viewed as a basketball school, he uses the basketball

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TENNESSEE TITANS

Titans receiver Britt undergoes second arthroscopic knee surgery since May

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Titans receiver Kenny Britt is recovering from his second arthroscopic surgery since May on his knees, the latest on his left.

He had surgery on the right knee when he tore his ACL and MCL last September.

The Titans confirmed Tuesday that Britt had surgery after the team's minicamp ended in late June. The Tennessee cited sources that Britt had swelling in his left knee.

Britt had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in May because of swelling, though he was running at the end of the Titans' offseason program.

Britt had 17 catches for 289 yards and three touchdowns before hurting his right knee against Denver. He has 101 catches for 1,765 yards and 15 touchdowns in 31 career games.

Tennessee drafted receiver Kendall Wright of Baylor at No. 20 in April.

MLB: BREWERS 4, CARDINALS 3

Taking two



JEFFREY PHILLIPS / AP Photo

Milwaukee Brewers' Corey Hart hits a two-RBI double off St. Louis Cardinals starting pitcher Adam Wainwright during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 18, 2012, in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE TAKES SECOND AND THIRD GAMES OF THREE-GAME SERIES

By CHRIS JENKINS
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers pounced on Adam Wainwright and a shaky St. Louis Cardinals infield early then held on through a nervous ninth inning for a 4-3 victory Wednesday.

Francisco Rodriguez walked in a run before getting Lance Berkman to fly out with the bases loaded, nailing down his second save since taking over as the team's closer Tuesday night.

With the win, the Brewers took two out of three from the Cardinals, who have lost five of six.

Wainwright (7-10) got off to a rough start and didn't get much help from his infielders, who committed three errors in the Brewers' four-run first inning — including a pair by shortstop Rafael Furcal.

Deposed closer John Axford (3-6)

claimed the win.

Brewers starter Tyler Thornburg went 4 2-3 innings, giving up two runs on a pair of solo homers.

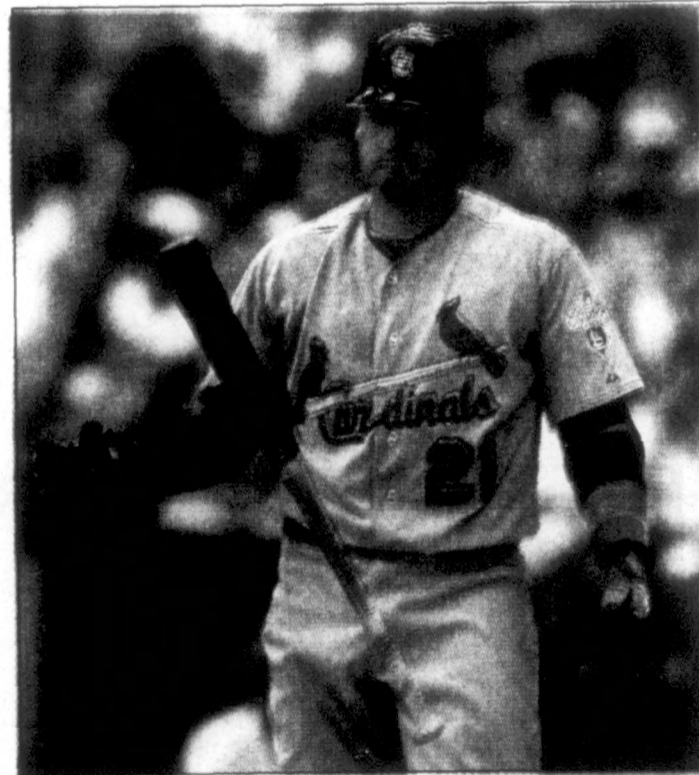
Thornburg was making his second career start after the Brewers decided to push Zack Greinke's scheduled turn back to next week.

Thornburg had his big league debut against Toronto on June 19, a no-decision, and has made a relief appearance for the Brewers. Coming into Wednesday, he had given up five home runs in 7 1-3 innings.

Ryan Braun was not in the starting lineup for the Brewers after aggravating a nagging groin injury Tuesday night. He is expected to return for a weekend series at Cincinnati after an off day Thursday.

Norichika Aoki led off the game and reached on an error by Furcal, who charged a grounder but dropped it as he tried to get the ball out of his glove and make a throw. Nyjer Morgan then singled and Wainwright hit Aramis Ramirez on the left elbow with a 91-mph breaking ball. Ramirez stayed in the game, and Corey Hart hit a two-run

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JEFFREY PHILLIPS / AP Photo

St. Louis Cardinals' Allen Craig shows his dismay after striking out in the seventh inning.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Redskins sign rookie QB Griffin III

FORMER HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER SIGNS FOUR-YEAR DEAL WORTH \$21.1 MILLION, CLUB OPTION FOR FIFTH YEAR

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Robert Griffin III and the Washington Redskins ended their contract impasse Wednesday when the rookie quarterback signed a four-year, fully guaranteed deal worth \$21.1 million. It also includes a club option for a fifth year.

Griffin's agent, Ben Dogra, told The Associated Press that the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback agreed to terms and will be in Redskins rookie camp on Wednesday.

Griffin, the second overall pick in the draft out of Baylor, announced the news on Twitter, writing, "Well people...It's Time to go to Work!!! Off the unemployment line and oh yea HTTR!!!"

The latter stands for "Hail To The Redskins," the team's fight song.

Griffin will be on the field Wednesday for the third day of a five-day rookie camp. He wasn't considered a holdout because training camp doesn't officially begin until July 26.

The Redskins traded their first-round choices in 2012, 2013 and 2014 as well as their second-round pick this year to the St. Louis Rams on March 10 for the right to move up four spots to take Griffin.

Coach Mike Shanahan orchestrated the trade for Griffin, who threw for 4,293 yards and 37 touchdowns with just six interceptions and ran for 699 yards and 10 touchdowns in

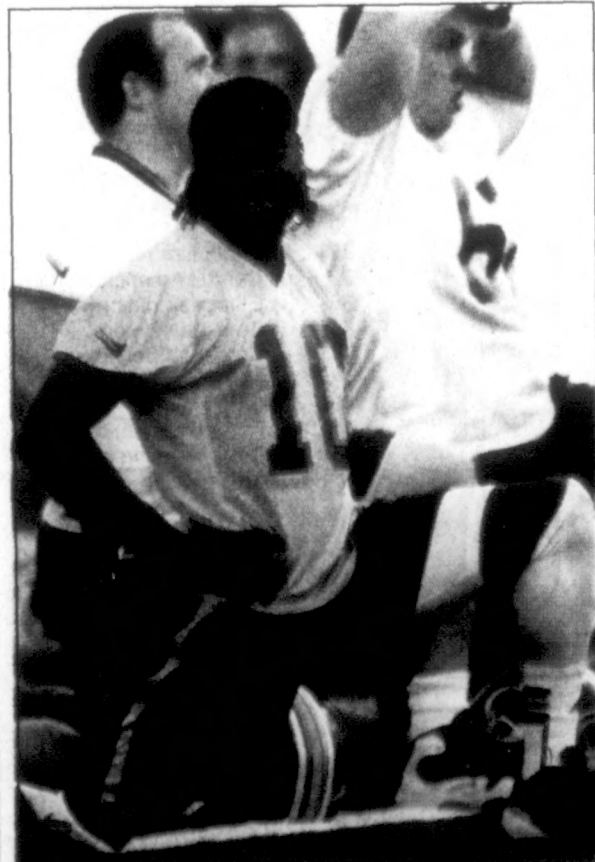
2011 while leading Baylor to the Alamo Bowl.

Shanahan selected the 22-year-old Griffin the starter ahead of Grossman on the final day of rookie minicamp in May.

Washington made the big move after finishing last in the NFC East for a fourth straight year with a 5-11 record in 2011. That was the 16th season in the past 19 in which the Redskins didn't make the playoffs. During that span, they have started 21 quarterbacks. The most recent, Rex Grossman, committed 25 turnovers in 13 starts last season.

A few hours later, offensive lineman Josh LeRibeus, Washington's third-round choice, became the last of the Redskins' picks to sign.

Terms of the deal for the rookie from SMU were not disclosed.



EVAN VUCCI / AP Photo

This May 21, 2012 file photo shows Washington Redskins rookie quarterback Robert Griffin III stretching during practice in Ashburn, Va.

NBA

Houston braces for Lin-sanity

BY CHRIS DUNCAN AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeremy Lin loves New York. He wanted to stay.

Even so, it was more important to him to be on the court as a starting point guard, and he's convinced the Houston Rockets will put him there.

"They made a very compelling pitch in terms of what I could bring to the team and for the city," Lin said in a statement released through the team Wednesday, less than 24 hours after the Knicks decided not to match Houston's bold three-year, \$25 million offer sheet. "I am also impressed with (Houston owner Leslie) Alexander and the management's commitment to improving the team."

The Rockets put out the statement not long after SI.com reported that Lin had acknowledged in an interview that "Honestly, I preferred New York. But my main goal in free agency was to go to a team that had plans for me and wanted me. I wanted to have fun playing basketball."

Fun is what the 23-year-old undrafted guard was all about last

season.

Coming out of nowhere — well, Harvard, by way of Golden State and then Houston — Lin got to New York when the Knicks claimed him off waivers in December. He was briefly demoted to the developmental league, recalled, and got his chance to play when coach Mike D'Antoni put him in with the Knicks floundering at 8-15.

He scored 25 points in a 99-92 win over New Jersey Nets and "Linsanity" was born. Soon New York was in playoff contention and Lin was having drinks named after him.

Lin said Wednesday that he "loved this past year with the Knicks and truly appreciate the opportunity that New York gave me," even though the team decided to let him go.

"The way the fans fully embraced me and our team was something I'll always cherish forever," he said. "It was an extraordinary and unforgettable time that was easily the best year of my life."

And now it's on to Houston, which made its move and got its man.

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THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP British Open at Lytham requires a good start

By DOUG FERGUSON AP Golf Writer

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England (AP) — It's rare to see Tiger Woods hit iron off the tee on a par 5, except in links golf, and especially at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

With a stiff breeze in his face on the 598-yard 11th hole, he most likely could not reach the green in two. The idea was to be able to get there in three shots, which meant staying out of trouble off the tee. His low bullet of a shot stopped 10 paces short of feeding into a pot bunker. If the shot had gone much longer, Woods might have had to blast out sideways, and still had some 300 yards left to the green.

The key to this British Open is to get off to a good start — not just on Thursday, but on every hole.

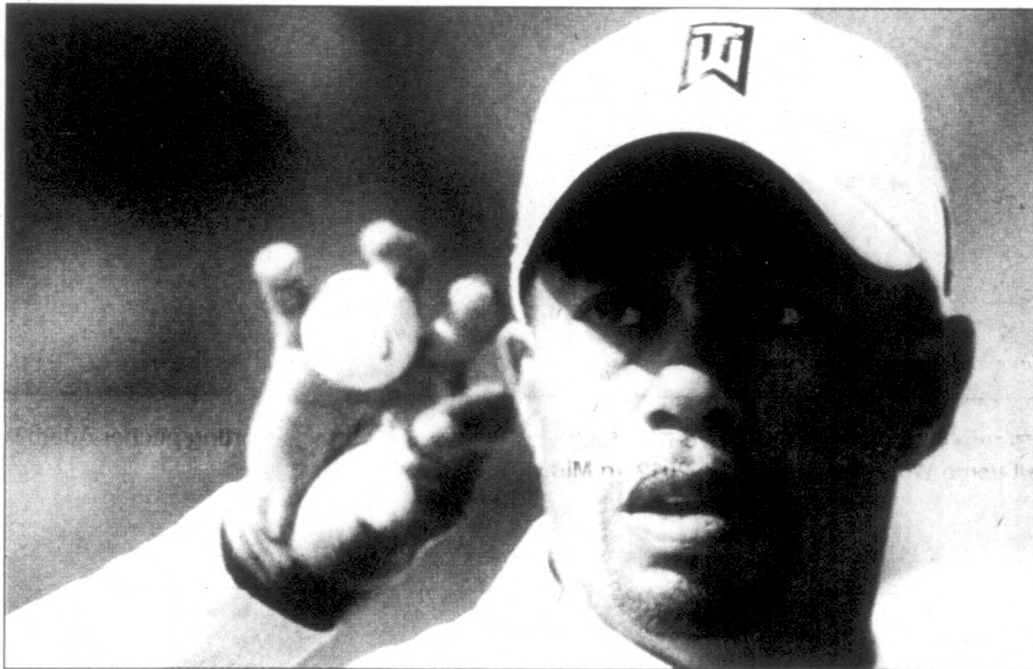
"At most PGA Tour events, the shorter the shot, the more important it is," Geoff Ogilvy said. "This one, the longer the shot the more important it is."

The tired adage of "drive for show, putt for dough" doesn't necessarily apply at Lytham.

"The easy part is around the greens," Ben Curtis said. "The hard part is off the tee."

Royal Lytham is the shortest course on the Open rotation over the last decade, and it's on the smallest piece of property, tucked a mile or so away from the Irish Sea and surrounded by homes and a railway. The challenge comes from 206 bunkers, and thick grass from a wet spring that should keep the spotters busy looking for balls.

The powerful hitters can hit over the bunkers, as long as they avoid the next set of traps. But it's not so simple to think that players can hit well short of the bunkers for a longer shot into



JOHN SUPER / AP Photo

Tiger Woods of the United States holds a ball during a practice round at Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club ahead of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England, Wednesday.

the green, because they might not be able to reach the green.

"It's a tee-shot golf course," Graeme McDowell said, who grew up on Royal Portrush and knows a thing or two about links golf. "The second shots are not particularly taxing. There's not a lot of trouble around the greens. There are bunkers, but not a lot of heavy rough. You've got to position yourself off the tee to give yourself a chance. You've got to keep it out of the bunkers. It's a good test. I don't think you can hide on this golf course."

The defense of any links course is pot bunkers and the wind. Woods famously won his first claret jug at St. Andrews in 2000 by going the entire week without hitting into a bunker. But there's something different about Royal Lytham that can make it look particularly daunt-

ing. Accuracy is important. So is the right distance.

"You get very cautious off the tee," Ogilvy said. "It's not like St. Andrews, where you can go away from the bunkers, hit the middle of the green and two-putt from 60 feet all day. Here, you've got to take them on. There's a distance requirement, as well as a line requirement, so it's a two-dimensional drive. And if it were yellow, it would be three-dimensional."

By yellow, Ogilvy was referring to the color of the grass.

This is a green Open, and it's not about the environment. Links golf is notoriously fast and tough in dry conditions that bake the grass, such as St. Andrews in 2000 and Royal Liverpool in 2006, both won by Woods. It was at Liverpool where Woods only hit one driver

er the entire week — on the 16th hole of the first round, and it went into the 17th fairway — on his way to a two-shot win.

Woods most likely won't leave that Tiger head cover on his driver all week at Lytham. The par 5s at Liverpool were much shorter, and the turf was so brittle that Woods was hitting 3-iron some 300 yards. He didn't need a driver there.

"Got to hit probably a few more 3-woods and drivers here than I did then," he said. "The bunkers are staggered differently here. You can't just either lay it up or bomb it over the top. There has to be some shape to shots. I think that's one of the reasons why you've seen the list of champions here have all been just wonderful ball strikers, because you have to be able to shape the golf ball both ways."

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program's exposure as an advantage for football recruiting and selling his program.

Both Phillips and senior offensive lineman Matt Smith praised the Wildcats' incoming freshman and weren't shy about saying they would be on the field quickly.

Phillips said 26 of the 44

players on Kentucky's two-deep depth chart are freshmen or sophomores. The third-year coach said some may view that as "disastrous," but he was confident the Wildcats have more quality players than ever before.

"They've got to understand that we're going to need them," Smith said. "In years' past a lot

of freshman have come in and haven't been able to contribute right away except for one or two here and there. But with the recruiting our coaches have done and how good a job they've done bringing in athletic guys that are smart and can learn and pick up things on the fly, we're going to need a lot of help from them."

Smith said if the new talent can mesh with some of the older players, the players will be celebrating a bowl trip and not just a victory over Tennessee.

"It's fun to be home with your family for Christmas," Smith said. "But not for that long."

Cards ...

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single.

Wainwright then got two quick outs and appeared to be out of the inning when Carlos Gomez hit a grounder to Furcal

— but Furcal's throw to first was offline for his second error of the inning, allowing Ramirez to score. Berkman also was charged with an error on the play when he fell and lost the ball, allowing Hart to score and give the Brewers a 4-0 lead.

Wainwright recovered to go seven innings, giving up four runs — only one of which was earned — and four hits with nine strikeouts and no walks.

Home runs bit Thornburg again, as solo shots by David Freese in the second and Allen Craig in the third cut the lead to 4-2.

Thornburg was taken out of the game with two outs and a runner on first in the fifth, making way for Axford.

Axford lost the closer's job to

Rodriguez on Tuesday, in hopes that having Axford pitch in lower-pressure situations might help him sort out his struggles. Axford struck out Berkman to end the inning then gave up one hit in a scoreless sixth.

Cardinals reliever Trevor Rosenthal made his big league debut in the eighth, loading the bases but striking out Gomez to end the inning.

Notes: Brewers C Jonathan Lucroy is scheduled to begin a rehabilitation assignment at

Class-A Wisconsin on Thursday. Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said Lucroy is expected to spend 7-10 days rehabbing after breaking a bone in his right hand in May, splitting time between Wisconsin and Triple-A Nashville. ... Although Rodriguez has taken over as closer, Roenicke said Axford ideally would be able to reclaim the job by the end of the season. "I think so, yes," Roenicke said. ... Wednesday's attendance was 37,753.

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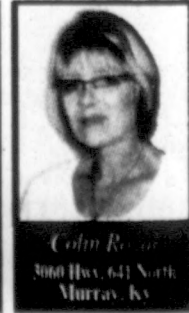
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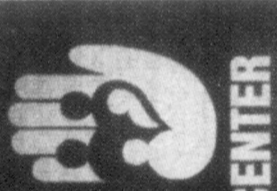
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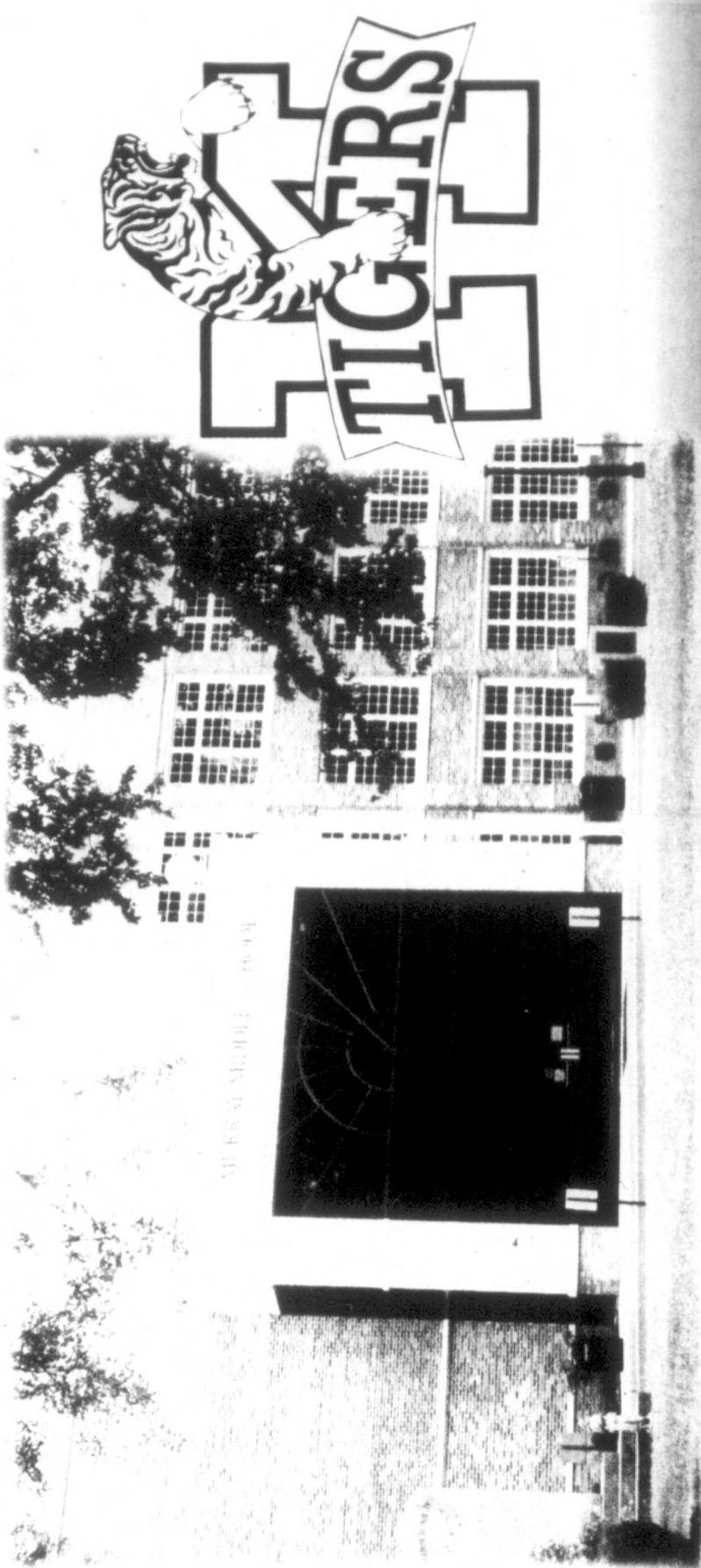
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Aug. 1-3	Professional Development
Aug. 6	Opening Day, Teachers Only
Aug. 7	First Day for Students
Sept. 3	Labor Day
Oct. 8-12	Fall Break
Nov. 6	Election Day
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 20-Jan. 1	Winter Break
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 18	President's Day
March 22	Mini-break or Make Up Day
April 1-5	Spring Break
May 16	Last Day for Students
May 17	Closing Day

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Walking to school better for kids, as well as community

By ANGIE HATTON
Staff Writer

School children in Murray and Calloway County have an option not available to many young people in rural communities: Many of them can walk to school.

The Safe Routes to School National Partnership reports that today just 13 percent of children ages 5 to 14 walk and bicycle to and from school, a drop from 50 percent in 1969. That has led to increased spending on transportation, more air pollution and added traffic congestion around schools.

With the recent addition of sidewalks along College Farm Road in Murray, there is now sidewalk access to middle and high schools for both the Calloway County School District and Murray Independent School District, said Peyton Mastera, city projects administrator.

"There are a great number of students whose parents can now allow them to walk along the sidewalk and feel safe about it," said Mastera. "I think the safety that comes along with (sidewalks) is the biggest pro, because traffic congestion is a concern in those areas. And parents know their children can utilize the sidewalks to get to school safely and efficiently."

Children who walk to school are also healthier and have better grades than their counterparts who do not, according to Safe Routes to School data.

"It also promotes an overall healthier lifestyle, and I know that's a priority from the president on down," Mastera said. "Sidewalks add to a healthier community."

"Children today are simply not getting enough physical activity, contributing to growing rates of obesity and obesity-related health problems, such as diabetes. Safe Routes to

School projects make it safer for more children to walk and bicycle to school, which will help address this obesity crisis among children by creating increases in physical activity," said Brooke Drenese, spokesperson for Safe Routes to School.

Parents who send their kids off to school on foot or on a bicycle want to know that they will be safe, and teaching kids good traffic skills can prevent an accident along the way, said Eleanor Spry, Murray Independent School District assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Children should learn the rules of the road, such as crossing a street only at a crosswalk, and looking for cars before they go. They should also learn to not cross in an area with a lot of obstructions, said Spry, because they may see the cars, but the drivers may not see the kids.

Adults should take an active interest in making sure children know the safest way to walk or bike to school, said Michelle Hansen, Calloway County Family Resource Center coordinator. A parent or guardian should go with the child the first time they walk the route, said Hansen.

"If you have a child that is upper elementary and will be walking to school, I would walk through the route with them ahead of time, or on the first day, just so that they understand that this is an intersection, this is an alley, and you need to stop and look for cars, even if there isn't a stop sign there. Or, here's a driveway. Let's stop and make sure nobody is backing out," said Hansen.

Younger children should always walk to school with an adult or older sibling, said Hansen. Kids who live near each other may also meet and walk to school together for added safety, said Spry. She added that the neighborhood community-related health problems, such as diabetes, Safe Routes to



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Local officials joined children from Murray Middle School to celebrate National Walk to School Day last October.

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Math doesn't have to be as scary as kids (and parents) think

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Its name can strike fear in the hearts of students and parents alike: Math!

For the kids, visions of confusion can come as they try to somehow decipher these strange formations of numbers and letters that seem written in another language. For parents, memories can resurface of their own frustrations, how they spent hours struggling to find a correct answer that never came.

So how in the world are the children of parents that had such an experience supposed to have a chance at succeeding a generation later? Mainly, it is about having an "I can" attitude.

"Everybody can do math, but they need to be told they can do it and then practice it," said Eleanor Spry, assistant superintendent for the Murray Independent School System. "A lot of the problem we see is that people think, 'Oh, it's in the genes.' No. The problem is they've been told they can't."

Yet, without knowing it, everyone probably uses mathematics at least once - and probably much more - every day. And that realization, says Rachel Johnson, strategies intervention teacher for Calloway County Schools, is something that should provide much hope.

"Math is a subject that requires practice to master skills and perseverance in order to solve real-life problems, and children will benefit greatly if parents maintain a positive, encouraging attitude," Johnson said. "I

think any parent can feel empowered even in the area of math if they just take the time to help children develop basic skills and to develop problem solving skills. You don't have to be that strong in math to help your child. It is more important for parents to help children get a good start and have a positive attitude."

So what are things that can provide a boost in the quest to conquer math? The answer may be as simple as everyday activities most take for granted in relation to math.

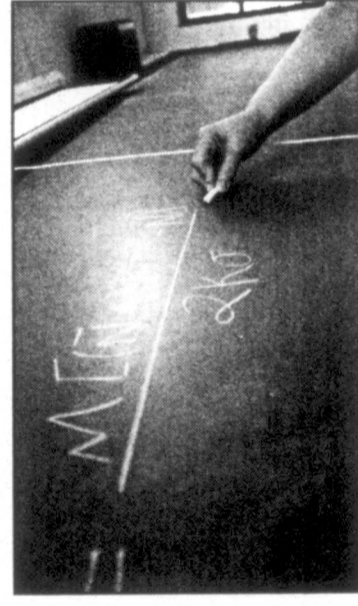
"Have your child cook with you and do all the measurements. That's math right there," Spry said. "If you're going out to eat, play a game to see how much money you're going to get back or, 'Let's guess the cost of the items we're going to buy at the grocery store,' then figure out how much each item is going to cost. You're using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with all of these."

Johnson said even play time can create opportunity.

"Go Fish" teaches counting and grouping in sets," she said. "Games that use play money teach how to make change. Board games that use dice teach addition and counting. Backgammon teaches addition, subtraction, and strategy. There are so many games and programs online these days that students can use to practice skills. Most of these are very engaging and fun to play. We just purchased a new math program this school year called MobyMath. This program can

be used at home and allows students to work on math skills at their level and adjusts based on student need.

"Schools are finding that many students are weak with basic math skills such as counting, adding, subtracting, et cetera. Children can learn many math skills before they even begin school. Students need to develop basic skills at an early age so they will be ready to tackle more challenging problems along the way. I believe that if we spend more time developing a strong early foundation then students will really blossom as they encounter more difficult math problems."



AUSTIN RAMSEY / Ledger & Times

Teachers say having an "I can" attitude can improve students' outlook on the doom and gloom of mathematics. In the end, the positive approach often raises test scores and improves those students' overall academic performance.

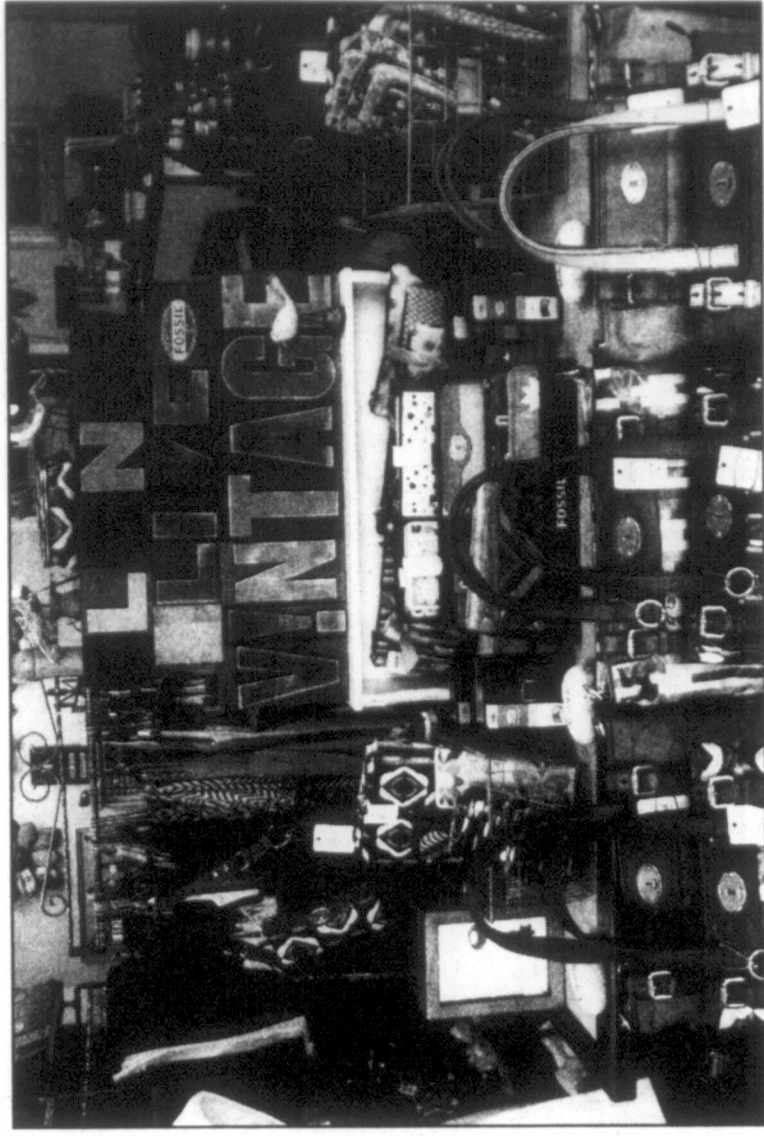
Check local businesses for back-to-school fashions

By PAIGE GRAVES
Staff Writer

Thanks to local shops, the latest fashions are well within reach for the community as the start of the new school year looms ever closer. From toddlers to teenagers to those looking for fresh additions to their wardrobe, the stores of Murray have something for everyone.

At Plaid Rabbit, shoppers will find many exclusive and unique items for baby and child. The store features clothing that can send your child off to school in style, as well as a baby registry that is convenient for showers. Store owner Karen Cain said the store has items for children as old as 6 or 7. Popular items include hair ribbons, backpacks and nap mats. The nap mats are ideal for younger children who still enjoy nap time at school and want to take their own portable mat for sleeping.

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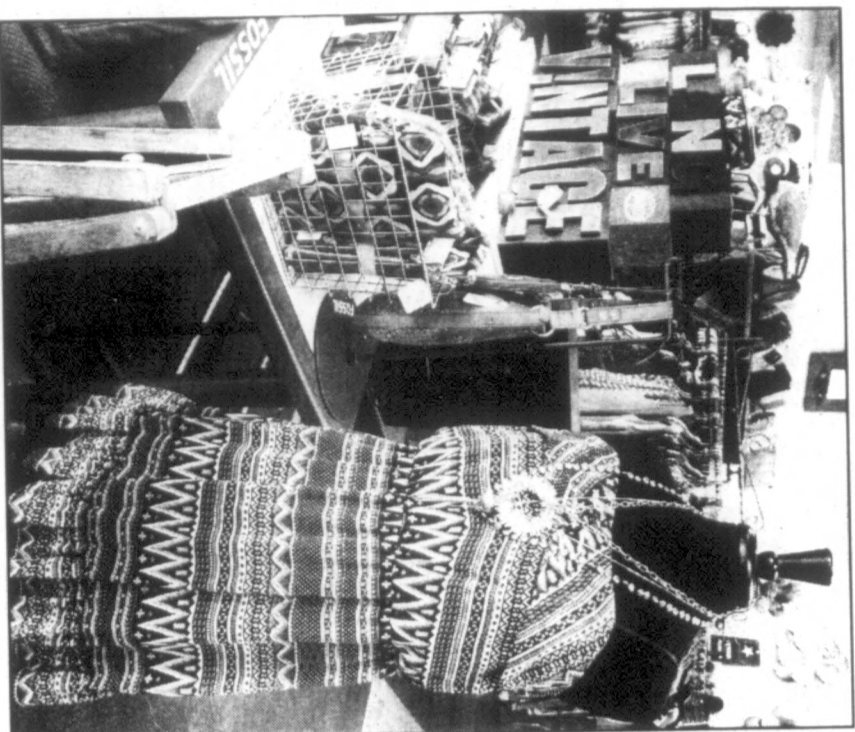
As always, name-brand clothing is in style. Luckily for Murray residents, Rita's Neat Repeats offers a solution to those seeking just that. Rita Jameson, store owner, says her store has the best quality brands from popular stores, and has been a family store for 11 years. Jameson went on to say that she has clothing for all ages at prices shoppers might not find in Paducah.

"We've got Hollister jeans and T-shirts, American Eagle, Abercrombie, Buckle and Silver brand jeans," Jameson said. "Although we have items for everyone, the bulk of the store is for ages 15 to 30."

Jameson prides herself on also having a variety of plus-sized clothing, and said that the store's atmosphere is what keeps people coming back.

"We thrill the teens and their parents with our lower prices, so I want everyone to come visit to see our selection. No one comes just once," Jameson said.

Other local shops to check out for deals include Angel's Attic, The Closet Door, Penique's and Bing It On, all located in and around town and worth a visit for the back-to-school shopper.



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At left, a vintage-style dress adorns a mannequin at the entrance of Gate 28. The store has many products students can check out before heading back to school. At right, ribbons lining the walls of Ribbon Chix are great for younger children. Deals such as Buy two, get one half-price run from time to time.

MSU Enrollment Office encourages college preparedness

By HAWKINS TEAGUE
Staff Writer

For high school students getting ready for college, it's best to explore all the options, from where they should go to how they should prepare academically.

"I think one of the first things is exploring all those options in terms of higher education institutions," said Shawn Shree, director of recruitment and enrollment management for Murray State University. "Are they thinking two-year, or are they thinking four-year? So I think one (important aspect) is just exploring, whether it's through their local guidance office, libraries or the Internet."

"There's tons of information regarding colleges and universities, like their academic rankings, their programs, the size. I think it's important to decide, do you want a small school, a medium school, a large state institution? I think those are all things that one needs to research." Since also suggested that high school students talk to their guid-

ance counselors about college preparedness tests. He said taking the A.C.T. and/or S.A.T. early can give students of an idea of how much they need to improve if they want to get to a certain scholarship level or a certain score they need to get into the college of their choice.

He said students should talk to their guidance counselors as soon as they start thinking about college so they can find out when the testing dates are and plan accordingly.

Shree said it is very important for students seriously considering colleges, especially juniors and seniors, to go visit campuses.

"Brochures are nice; websites are nice, but I think it's important for students to go and get a feel of the campus to see if that's somewhere they want to spend four or five years of their time," Shree said. "Because you may think of an institution and you get there, and the faculty may be different or the student environment will be different than what you anticipated. So getting

out and setting foot on the actual campus is so important for those juniors and seniors."

Shree said checking out colleges through social media is also a good way to get a feel for campus life.

Shree said many universities have student ambassadors, which allows prospective students to possibly shadow them or do other things that gives them a view of the institution from a student's point of view. Many universities also allow high school students to take courses, either during the summer or the regular semester, which can give them a feel for what is expected of them in the classroom.

Local students can take classes at MSU through the Racer Academy for about \$100-130 a course. Shree said this is a great way to get a head start and get some general education electives out of the way. He said juniors and seniors are taking advantage of the offerings, and some consequently start their first full-time semester at MSU with 15 or 18 hours credit already behind them.

start as freshmen.

Once a student has enrolled at MSU, the Office of Enrollment offers a chance for them to become acquainted with campus life through a week-long orientation called Racer 101. As far as preparing for college goes, the Governor's Scholars Program is a good program as well. MSU recently won a contract to continue hosting GSP through 2015.



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Participants in the July 2012 session of Racer 101, a weeklong orientation for incoming Murray State freshmen, are pictured getting food in the Curris Center's small ballroom.

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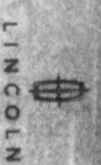


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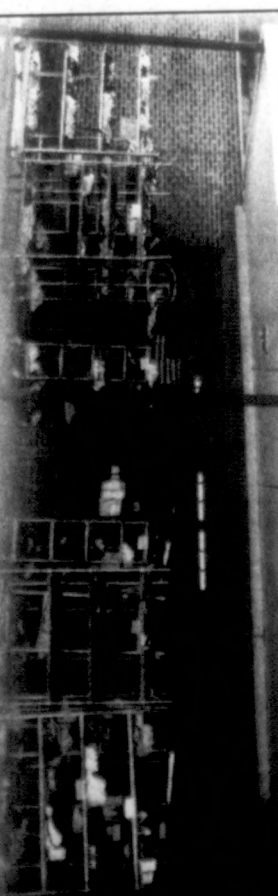
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School districts team up for Back to School Blast

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The annual Back to School Blast that is held jointly by Murray and Calloway County school districts family resource youth services centers will be held Tuesday, July 31, from 2-6 p.m. at Glendale Road Church of Christ at 1101 Glendale Road.

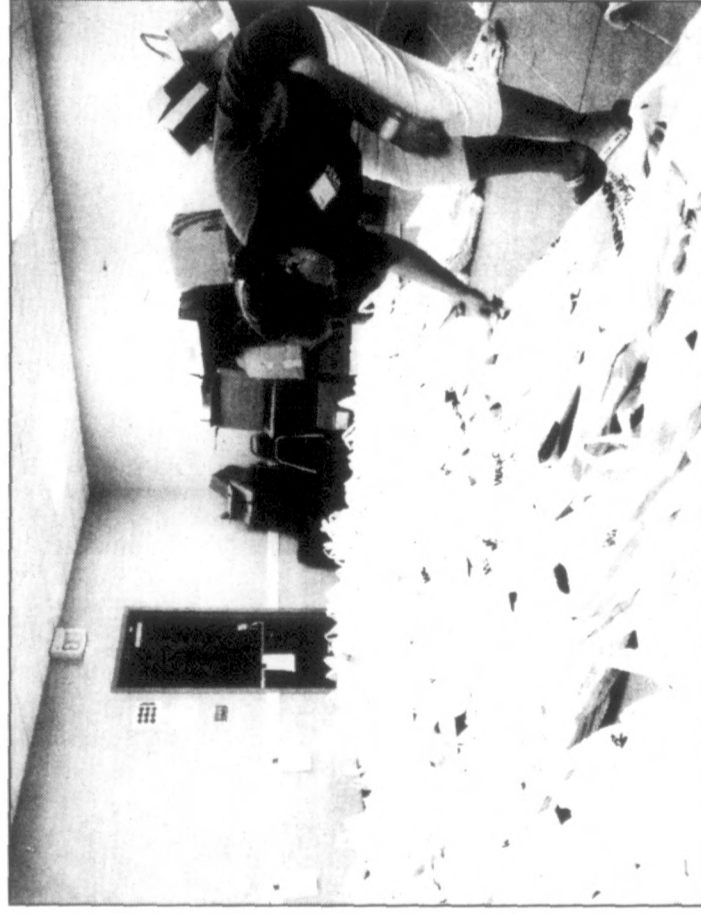
There are no requirements, other than the student should be enrolled at Murray or Calloway County schools, according to a press release on the Murray Independent Schools website. Arrangements are being made for indoor waiting in case of excessive heat.

The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time for students and parents, and a new year brings new challenges and new opportunities. But for some families, beginning a new school year brings financial stress. New clothes, shoes, backpacks, and school supplies, are just a few of the things students need each year. The Family Resource Youth Service Centers in both Murray and Calloway County school districts work to assist families in alleviating some of the financial concern by helping provide some of the common school supplies needed. Julie Stone with Murray Family Resource Youth Service Center said,

"Each year it seems we see more and more students who need a helping hand with basic school supplies. We want to help students have what they need to be successful in school. Students that have what they need are more settled and ready to learn."

The FRYSCs gather supplies from multiple sources in the community. Churches, clubs, families, and even individuals donate items to help provide students with supplies. Monetary donations are most helpful, since it enables the FRYSCs to purchase the items not donated. FRYSCs combine resources and collaborate to provide an event prior to the beginning of school to allow parents to pick up supplies and gain access to other available resources helpful to parents at the beginning of a new school year.

Supplies will be available on first-come first-serve basis. The centers are now accepting monetary donations or supply donations. They may be dropped off at any of the family resource centers. For more information about the event, call Julie Stone at Murray Family Resource Youth Service Center (759-9592 or 753-4363) or Michelle Hansen at Calloway County Family Resource Center (762-7333).



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Anica Smith, Calloway County Learning Center Adult Education coordinator, helps distribute bags of school supplies for the Back to School Blast in August 2011 at Glendale Road Church of Christ. This year's Back to School Blast will be on July 31, 2012.

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Schools prepared to keep students cool in heat wave

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

With the brutal heat wave of the past few weeks still fresh on the minds of many, a question is probably being asked, "What happens if another heat wave like that one hits when the kids are heading back to school?"

That possibility is very real. Beau Dodson, a meteorologist for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, also runs a weather site on the Internet and he says history shows it is not only possible, but very likely. The last such wave came in 1988, a year that also brought a severe drought — as is the case this year — and stifling heat that was felt in July, August and September. All of those events brought 100-degree temperatures at times.

"It looks to be above-normal temps the next couple of weeks," Dodson said Monday, July 16. "This week will be a mini-heat wave with highs in the 90s. Next week could be even hotter."

"I'm not sure on next week just yet, but some data is showing a return of even hotter temperatures. We will have to update (later) since that is past the forecast point of confidence (the first part of August)."

So with history indicating that another stretch of heat could happen, are the area schools prepared for such a situation? The Murray and Calloway County districts both say yes.

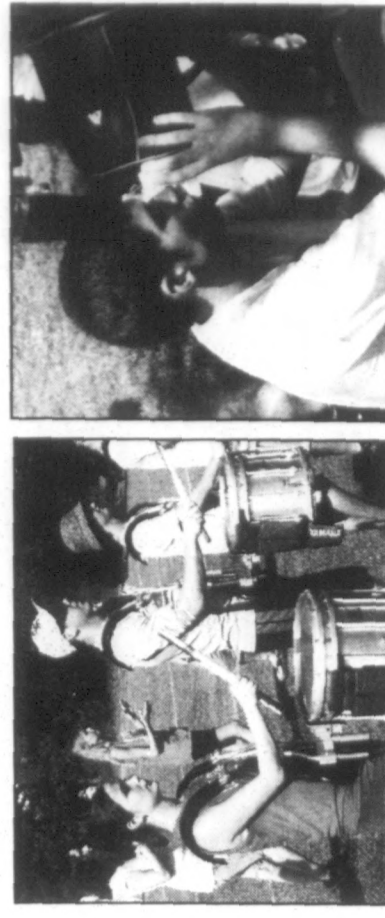
"The main thing in a situation like this is keeping the kids cool and hydrated on the bus," said Eleanor Spry, assistant superintendent for instruction for Murray Independent Schools. "One thing we want to do, especially in the afternoon when the heat will be at its worst, is load the kids quickly onto the bus and unfortunately that can be a little difficult early in the year when we're dealing with new kids."

Both Spry and Calloway County Schools Superintendent Kenneth Bargo said bottled water would be distributed to students riding the bus home in the afternoons, should the heat return when classes start in mid-August.

"Here's the thing we have to remember ... there's nothing you can do about Mother Nature and what she is going to do," Bargo said. "That's going to happen. The big thing is being able to control what we can control and with things like getting water to the kids and having our air conditioning units going in our buildings, we can do that and make things fairly comfortable for our kids."

Bargo added that with that district's air conditioning systems upgraded in the last few years in all of the campus buildings, a problem in that area should not arise, although the district is ready with its own service personnel should a problem arise. Students will move to portions of the buildings where the AC is still working.

Spry said Murray is ready even if the entire system failed inside its buildings. Large airplane-type fans would be deployed and the heat will be limited even farther with the lights in the buildings being turned off. No outside activity would be permitted either, except for lessons that might be taught under trees providing shade.



Photos by DAVID DOWDY/Calloway County Schools and AUSTIN RAMSEY/Ledger & Times
Keeping students cool during the hottest months is a challenge, but local band directors take necessary precautions to keep kids safe. Pictured at left, the Calloway County High School Marching Band rehearses at the 2010 band camp. At right, a Murray High School Marching Band member takes a water break during the most recent camp.

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First Baptist Church heads 2nd 'First Loves Murray'

By HAWKINS TEAGUE
Staff Writer

For the second year, the project known as First Loves Murray will be taking children shopping to get ready for the upcoming school year.

Stacey Faulkner said she and other members of First Baptist Church in Murray started the event last year. It involves taking 100 underprivileged students from Murray and Calloway County school districts shopping for clothing. She said each school district's family resource center chooses the students who have the most need, and those students are then provided with \$150 worth of back-to-school clothing, including shorts, shirts, jeans, shoes, underwear and socks. They also receive bags with other personal items.

In addition to help from the districts' family resource centers, Faulkner said several area businesses also help with donations,

which include clothing, shoes, brushes and combs.

Faulkner said this year's two back-to-school shopping sessions will be on Thursday, July 26. In order to avoid swamping the businesses with crowds when the children visit, half of them will be taken in the morning, and the other half will go in the afternoon. Students shop with their adult escort for about 90 minutes, and then activities and a meal will be provided at the church. Adults are asked to assist in the shopping, but are also welcome to stay for the entire session.

Faulkner said Vicki Williams, a nurse with Calloway County Schools, and Pam Oakley-Paschall, a nurse with Murray Independent Schools, help coordinate with the adult volunteers. She said the districts also help by providing busdrivers.

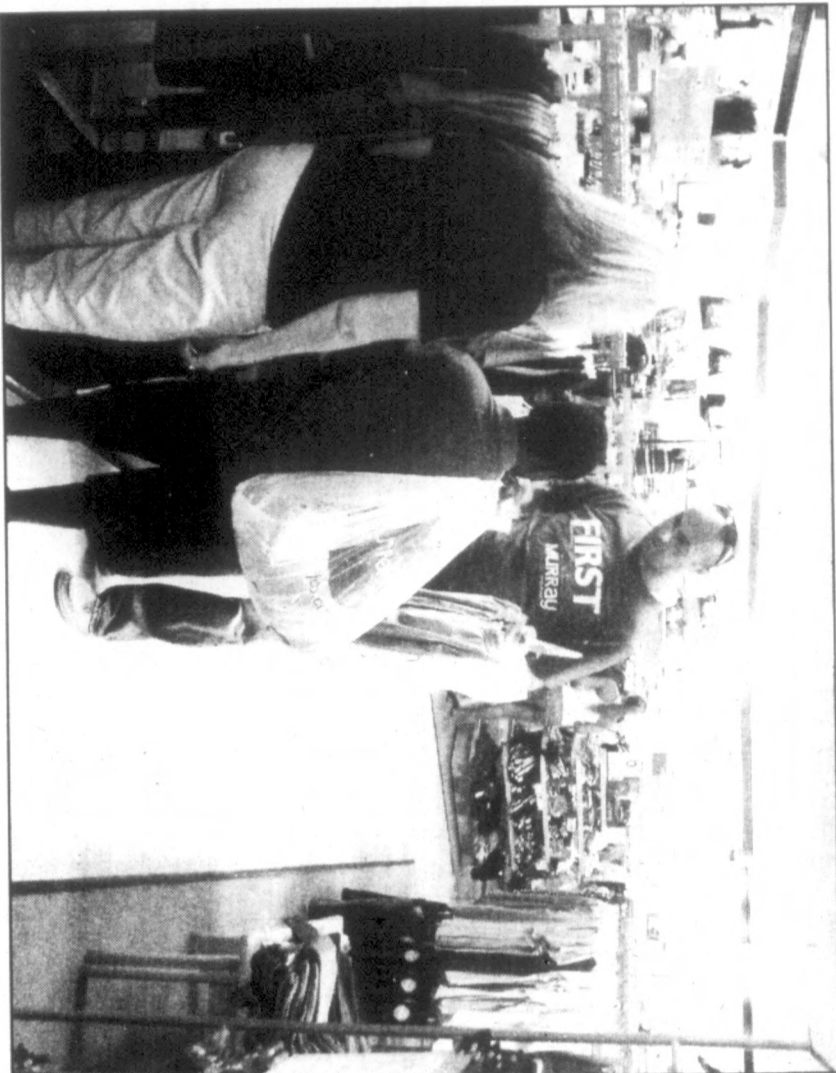


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Brad Darnall, right, assists a child while shopping for clothes at J.C. Penney during the inaugural "First Loves Murray" event. The second back-to-school shopping spree, which is organized by First Baptist Church, for a select group of children will be July 26.

Technology ...

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tered and focused on inquiry-based learning. The additional goals, which have been added to the 2010-2011 plan, are set to run through 2013.

This technology addendum plan has as its goals:

1. Students will be provided modern instructional devices to support their use of educational tools. These workstations will allow teachers to provide their students dynamic and engaging learning experiences that prepare them to be productive members of a modern workforce.
2. Provide a dependable integrated interactive instructional technology system in each classroom that includes a ceiling mounted projector, classroom speakers, DVD/VCR player, and either whiteboard or wireless slate. All equipment must meet KETIS architectural policies and standards.
3. Increase and promote the use of appropriate technology for improved learning in the classroom.
4. Provide increased wireless connectivity speed and reliability per the new 802.11n standard.
5. Provide future-proof, standards-based multi-Terabit network core architecture for secure, reliable deployment of learning applications and devices.
6. Improve network reliability by replacing existing CAT5 cabling infrastructure with more reliable CAT6 cable. The plan notes that the world of technology changes frequently, therefore continuous adjustments will be made.

Dietician encourages healthful meals at school

By PAIGE GRAVES
Staff Writer

As hectic as life can seem when trying to get back into the school routine, it is easy to rush out the door in the morning without a thought to what your child may be eating at school.

According to Amy Ferguson, registered dietitian at the Calloway County Health Department, healthy eating begins at home. "The parents of children need to be promoting healthy eating at home because that is going to be a big influence on eating habits," she said. "Parents purchase the food that goes in the kids' lunch boxes. From a dietitian standpoint, kids need a balance of all the food groups. Try to incorporate fruits and vegetables, lean proteins such as turkey, peanut butter and eggs, while grains instead of processed carbs and reduced fat milk."

Juice, often a controversial topic as far as sugar content goes, can be enjoyed in moderation, said Ferguson. Fruit juices have naturally occurring sugar unlike soda, as well as a higher nutritional content. Grape juice has a higher sugar content than apple juice, but four to six ounces a day of any juice is acceptable. Ferguson also had some advice for parents who encounter picky eaters.

"I encourage parents to continue to offer those nutritional foods," she said. "Research shows it can take up to 15 times of introducing the same food before a child will accept it. Don't give up. Serve the food in different ways, disguise it, and really encourage your older kids to be open minded about it. Sometimes even helping prepare the meal is good for the child, because if they see how you prepare it they understand what they're eating a little bit better."

According to the Murray City Schools food service website, their meals are created using patterns established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "Our three-week menu cycle provides for variety and allows

us to make the most efficient use of commodities, especially seasonal fresh fruits. Our portion sizes are designed to meet the needs of growing children as Federal regulations require that we offer a minimum of each food group. We offer a variety of meats, fruits and vegetables, 100 percent fruit juices, 1 percent skim milk every day and whole grains twice a week."

Murray School Nutrition Director Mallory Cathey said she wants to encourage kids to eat at school. "There are many new guidelines this year that will be implemented into the offerings for our students," Cathey said. "They can count on options that meet the guidelines for a weeks worth of menus for calories, meat and meat alternate, bread and grain, fruit, vegetables and milk specified for their grade level."



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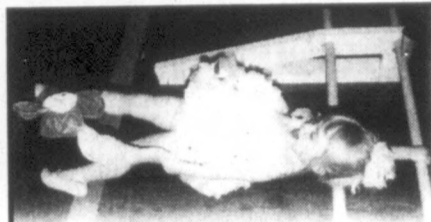
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Murray Independent School District new staff for 2012-13

Special to the Ledger

At the time of publication the Murray Independent School District provided the following 2012-2013 new staff additions:

- Jim Baurer - MHS Athletic Director**
- Michael Chipman - MHS Biology Instructor**
- Kevin Holcomb - MHS Boys' and Girls' Golf Coach**
- Lanie Mitchell - MHS Choir instructor**
- Angie Murdock - Assistant Principal MHS**
- Michael Robinson - Speech/Enrichment/Television Production**
- Lynley Sullivan - Assistant Cheer Coach MMS**
- Kehla Vance - Spanish Instructor**
- Tiffany Williams - Assistant Principal MMS**

McKeel named SW Elem. principal

By DAVID DOWDY

Calloway County Schools
Josh McKeel, who has served the past four years as Athletic Director/Assistant Principal at Calloway County High School has been selected by the Southwest Elementary School Board Decision-Making Council, chaired by Superintendent Ken Bargo, to succeed Dennis Fisher as the next principal of Southwest Calloway Elementary.

On July 16, 17 and 19...

The Southwest Calloway Elementary School principal's job became vacant when Dennis Fisher retired at the end of the last school year.



Josh McKeel

"We had a strong pool of applicants for this position," said Bargo, "but our committee felt that Mr. McKeel had the right combination of experience, character, leadership and skills that we needed to become our next principal."

"I'm excited to accept the principal's position at Southwest," said McKeel. "This is an outstanding school with a tradition of excellence, and I look forward to working with the faculty, staff, students, and families to continue improving."

"I'll be ready and waiting to meet all the students and their families at the Southwest Back to School nights

Educators tout benefits of technology in schools

By AUSTIN RAMSEY and PAIGE GRAVES
Staff Writers

It's easy to see that technology has changed the game in secondary education.

Emails, text messages, student management systems - more and more of the tools for communication that teachers, students, parents and administrators have been using for years have become digitalized, and the professionals from the field say it's a blessing for the education world as long as it's kept well under control.

Take Amy Turner, principal of Calloway County Middle School. Turner said she is constantly using either her computer or cell phone to keep up-to-date on issues across

school career when they feared going home with bad marks on a report card. Turner said that happens less and less often now. It isn't that grades aren't being given, but parents can use the Infinite Campus system to check their children's grades themselves.

"It eliminates that go-between with the students," Turner said.

She said that because the technology is not in the hands of every parent or family, it is not yet perfect.

Calloway County Schools have also been working on adopting a Bring Your Own Device program, allowing students and parents to bring laptops and tablet devices to school with them for use for educational purposes. The school district provided wireless

Internet several years ago.

Technology plans are ever-changing for The Murray Independent School District as well. The MISD Technology Committee has as its vision statement in developing an addendum for their current technology implementation. "Within the context of the overall mission of the Murray Independent School District, we believe that technology is a tool for learning that expands our instructional repertoire and is the vehicle that maximizes the capacity of all teachers and learners. It is the vision of MISD that students be engaged in a stimulating academic environment and a challenging curriculum that is student-centric."

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Middle schools ready to help new students with transition

By JOHN WRIGHT
Staff Writer

In a few weeks, children will begin another new school year in Murray and Calloway County and, in some cases, it will mean entering a new building altogether.

Preschoolers will enter kindergarten, now contained inside the districts' elementary schools, which is definitely a big step. Sixth graders will enter the bold new world of high school as they take the first step to becoming adults. However, it could be said that the step sixth graders (and fourth graders, in the case of Murray) take from the elementary level to the middle school level may be the scariest step, as it involves a variety of new experiences and responsibilities the transition to the other levels does not feature.

"Alleviating anxiety is probably the biggest thing we try to do when those sixth graders get here," said Amy Turner, who is entering her second year as principal at Calloway County Middle School and has seen sixth graders go through their transitions at the campus the past five years. "They have so many things they have to get used to - lockers, things to do with lunch, knowing where to go in a new building - and especially our sixth-grade teachers try to make that time as easy on them as possible."

Both Turner and Murray Middle Principal Lou Carter agree that the new world into which rookie middle-schoolers enter will require time when it comes to becoming comfortable. No longer are they the oldest students in the building who know the place inside and out.

Now, they are the small fish in the big pond, the ones needing help with everything from locating the main office, to making notes of where the nearest bathroom is in relation to which classes are in session.

"Take lunch time," Carter says. "At the elementary school, they were used to having a red, blue or other colored button that told the cafeteria people what they were having. The kids didn't have to talk very

much. Now, they have all of these choices and the main thing they need to remember is, 'I have to get my meal figured out first before I can start thinking about snacks and stuff.' There is a bit of a shock to it. By the time they are in the eighth grade, though, they know all about this stuff."

Turner said the biggest issue she sees for the incoming sixth-graders at CCMS is with lockers. For many, it is the first experience with dealing with a combination lock. "They're afraid of getting stuck on getting the lock to open and being late to class," she said, noting that the school hosts at least three orientation sessions, starting in May, where this subject is covered. "And certainly, the more familiar they are with that kind of thing before the first day of school, the easier time they are going to have when that time comes."

In addition, both Carter and Turner advise parents to keep a close eye on their children's lunch accounts and the Infinite Campus website that allows for real-time tracking of grades in each subject. They say that while the initial fear will wear off eventually, that does not mean the students are ready to fly totally on their own.

"Parents have a fine line to follow when it comes to how involved they should be, especially for the sixth, seventh and eighth grade years," said Eleanor Spry, assistant superintendent of instruction for Murray Independent Schools. "You want your child to start learning to do things on their own and the older they get, the more independent you want them to become. Now, when they are in the fourth and fifth, they are still young and, while we are wanting them to learn to be more independent and think for themselves, they still do need that direction that parents can give."

"Regardless of the age, though, the more parents are involved with their kids when it comes to their education (as in showing interest and support, not with actually doing difficult assignments for them), the better those kids are going to be."



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A group of children are pictured in front of the Murray Elementary School sign on the first school last August.

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First Day of School, Wednesday, Aug. 8
Students will arrive on the buses between 7:05-7:10 a.m. Car riders may be dropped off any time after 7:05 a.m. Students eating breakfast should be dropped off at the front door and proceed down Broadway Avenue to KY 94 West. Students after the buses leave about 2:30 p.m.

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Walls prepares for first year as CCHS principal

By HAWKINS TEAGUE
Staff Writer

Calloway County High School students will see a familiar face in a new role when they come back in August.

Heath Walls was selected in June by the school's site-based decision-making council to succeed Brian Wilburn as the next CCHS principal. The principal's job became vacant when Wilburn was named to a new Calloway County district position as District Assessment Coordinator.

Walls has served the past four years as assistant principal at CCHS.

"Everyone on the selection committee felt that Heath was the right person to be our next high school principal," said Kenneth Barigo, superintendent of Calloway County Schools and chairman of the school's SBDM council, in a press release.

"The transition in leadership should be seamless." Walls grew up in Murray and laugh in Graves County before coming to Calloway County to be the in-school alternative education teacher. The following year, he became assistant principal right before Wilburn's first year as principal.

Walls said he learned a lot during his time in the job that should serve him well in his new position. "Basically, with guidance from the principal, of course, I was able to be part of different committees within the school," he said. "There were the advantage of knowing teachers and students, which was a learning experience in itself each year to help develop those relationships."

Walls said CCHS has great school spirit, which has led to great academic and athletic achievement in his time there. He said he thought the teachers were largely responsible for creating a climate that sustains success at every level.

"CCHS has an work hard, play hard type of attitude," he said. "The teachers here work extremely hard, and the students follow the teachers' lead. So when they see their teachers putting forth that effort and taking an interest in them, then they're eager to do the same."

Walls said he wanted to continue feeding off the vision for the school that Wilburn put in place. He said Wilburn helped give him a sense of school pride, strong work ethic



HAWKINS TEAGUE / Ledger & Times
Calloway County High School's new principal, Heath Walls, sits behind his desk as he gets ready for the school year.

and the sense that the faculty, staff and students could make the impossible possible. He recalled a time a few years ago when the school had to meet some goals on the state-mandated test that felt unattainable, but the school was able to reach those goals when many other high schools in the state did not.

Walls said he was excited about inspiring students and teachers with a new theme, which the school adopts each year to push everyone toward success. He did not disclose what this year's theme would be, but mentioned some of his favorite themes, including several years ago when the theme was the number "212."

"Well, 212 represented the degree at which steam is created and water boils," Walls said. "Once water boils, it can create power and motion and movement. But at 211, it's just really, really hot water and doesn't do anything and nothing happens. So we talked about going the extra degree — hence, 212. There's some books and other things written about 212, so we kind of gravitated to that theme. Just go the extra degree so that things happen."

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