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Snow, ice finally make local appearance

By HOLLY WISE
Staff Writer

Calloway County residents experienced some winter weather Tuesday night and this morning when temperatures dropped well below freezing and iced over wet roads and streets after Tuesday's rain.

Calloway County Schools closed today and the Murray Independent Schools started an hour late.

The Kentucky Transportation Department had crews out spot treating Calloway County roads early this morning.

According to Keith Todd, public affairs officer for the Kentucky Transportation Department, crews encountered downed trees and ice-laden limbs and power lines along the Western Kentucky Parkway.

Livingston, Crittenden and Hopkins counties have declared a state of emergency and are asking citizens to restrict their travel. An estimated two thirds of Crittenden County residents are without power, Todd reported.

"Motorists who venture out this morning should use extra caution," said Todd in a press release Wednesday morning. "In addition to the normal hazards of cold temperatures and icy spots, motorists should be alert for trees, limbs and power lines in their path of travel."

The Calloway County Sheriff's Department and the Murray Police Department reported there were no accidents related to the weather Tuesday night or this morning by press time.

Temperatures are expected to remain in the lower 30s today and drop to the lower 20s by tonight. Thursday's temperatures are projected to be in the lower 50s with a 20 percent chance of rain Thursday evening, which will turn into a 50 percent chance of rain or sleet on Friday.

Snow, rain and freezing rain are also expected Saturday night and into Sunday.



Students at Murray State University endured bitterly cold temperatures and snow flurries this morning on their walk to classes. Pictured above, Kevin Witbrodt, left, a junior chemistry major from St. Louis, Mo., and Kayla Hurt, a sophomore nursing major from Benton, make their way along the sidewalk near Winslow Dining Hall and Elizabeth Hall.

GREG TRAVIS/Ledger & Times

Snow moves on, but cold temps remain

By The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Sections of the Ohio Valley tried to chip out of a snow and ice storm that layered the area before an overnight cold snap that was refreezing roads and bridges.

Freezing rain earlier Tuesday created a layer of ice on top of 4 inches of snow in Kentucky, where two people died after the car they were riding in slid off an icy highway. A 3-year-old boy from Texas was killed in a later wreck.

In western Kentucky, crews worked past dark to try to clear roadways of trees felled by the weight of a three-quarter-inch layer

of ice and planned to return Wednesday morning, officials said. Thousands of homes remained without power in the region.

In Livingston County, Judge-Executive Chris Lasher said the road crews were out so long, workers had been sent home to rest. Roads were closed to all but local traffic. At one point, there were five wrecks on three bridges at the same time, he said.

"We've stretched our emergency crews to the max," necessitating the road closure order, he said. "If you get out and get in trouble, we have a limited number of people who are able to respond."

U.S. 60 in Livingston County was shut

down after ice-laden trees fell from a bluff and damaged passing cars, officials said.

Lasher said several cars had been damaged by the falling trees, including a new emergency management vehicle that was hit by one tree as workers tried to move another that had fallen.

"Fortunately, by the grace of God, we've not had anybody hurt," he said.

In adjacent Crittenden County, Judge-Executive Fred Brown said a state of emergency had been declared with power out in probably half the county, roads blocked by



McCracken County employee Benny Harper uses a chain saw to cut up a fallen tree across Lakeview Drive in Lone Oak as rain continues to fall Tuesday.

AP

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President ready to sign economic rescue package

WASHINGTON (AP) — If government rebate checks ranging from \$300 to \$1,200 for just about every household don't spur a consumer spending spree strong enough to cure what ails the economy, Congress is ready to throw more money at the problem.

Skeptical economists and a worried public question whether the rebates for more than 130 million Americans and tax breaks for businesses will be quick enough or effective enough to avert a recession, though analysts generally believe the \$168 billion economic rescue package President Bush planned to sign Wednesday could help prevent the current downturn from ballooning into a crisis.

Democrats and Republicans who put aside deep differences to craft the plan and rush it to enactment were to join the president at the White House for an



AP

afternoon signing ceremony.

The package is designed in part to inoculate lawmakers from vote blame should the economy continue to lag as the November elections bear down. Congressional leaders already are considering more economic rescue measures that could include transportation spending, unemployment aid and measures to address the housing crunch that's at the root of the current economic doldrums.

The centerpiece of this stimulus plan is rebates expected to

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Obama sweeps to take delegate lead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama, already claiming a "new American majority," is focusing more and more on the likely Republican candidate in the November presidential election as he continues to rack up big victories over Hillary Rodham Clinton in their race for the Democratic nomination.

Obama surged to the fore in the delegate race for the party prize with resounding primary victories Tuesday in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. On the GOP side, John McCain took another step in shoring up his credentials as the runaway Republican front-runner despite lukewarm support from the party's conservative base.

Clinton, considered the overwhelming Democratic favorite just a few weeks, was left to turn her attention to Texas and Ohio in an attempt to pump new life into her suddenly stumbling campaign.

"There's a great saying in Texas, all hat and no cattle," she told a boisterous crowd of about 12,000 at a college basketball arena in El Paso Tuesday evening as the shape of the latest Obama ballot victories were unfolding. "Well, after seven years of George Bush, we need a lot less hat and lot more cattle."

Before flying into Texas, she told a Cincinnati television station that "Ohio is really going to count in determining who our Democratic nominee is going to



AP

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks at a campaign rally Tuesday in Madison, Wis.

be." She also declared herself the "underdog candidate" in the Wisconsin primary next Tuesday, the same day Obama's birthplace Hawaii holds its primary.

In was at the University of Wisconsin where Obama characterized his surging campaign to a crowd of 17,000. "This is what change looks like when it happens from the bottom up," he said. "This is the new American majority."

Looking ahead to November, he said that although he honors

McCain's experience as a war hero, he is linked to failed policies put in place by President Bush.

"George Bush won't be on the ballot this November, but the Bush-Cheney war and the Bush-Cheney tax cuts for the wealthy will be on the ballot," he said.

McCain told supporters in Virginia it is clear where either Obama or Clinton would take the country "and we dare not let them. They will paint a picture of the world in which America's

mistakes are a greater threat to our security than the malevolent intentions of an enemy that despises us and our ideals."

The Associated Press count of delegates showed Obama with 1,223, Clinton had 1,198, falling behind for the first time since the campaign began. Neither was close to the 2,025 needed to win the nomination.

His victories Tuesday were by overwhelming margins — 75 percent of the vote in the

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NOTICE

■ The Calloway County Board of Education will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at North Elementary School. Items on the agenda include: recognitions; election of a board member to the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan committee; election of a board member to the Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline committee; review of the 2008-2009 proposed school calendar; review of a Facility Plan; and a Technology Update.

■ The Murray City Council will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall. Items on the agenda include a second reading of an ordinance regarding alcohol beverage control and the outdoor alcoholic beverage area license regulations and appointing someone to the hospital board to fill a spot vacated by Dave Garrison. The transportation committee will meet at 5:45 to discuss the feasibility studies for multiple turning lanes and realignment of various streets.

■ The Murray Independent Board of Education is scheduled to meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14 in the central office board room of the Carter Administration Building on S. 13th Street. On the agenda for the meeting is final approval of the MISD 2006-07 audit; student, staff and program recognition; SBDM council allocations and other topics.

The regularly-scheduled meeting will be preceded by a special public forum to gather input on a possible change to the district's approved grading scale that will take place at 6 p.m. Parents and students are encouraged to attend to obtain more information about the proposal and provide comment.

Also, a special-called annual meeting of the Murray Independent School District Finance Corporation is scheduled immediately after the regularly-scheduled meeting has been completed.

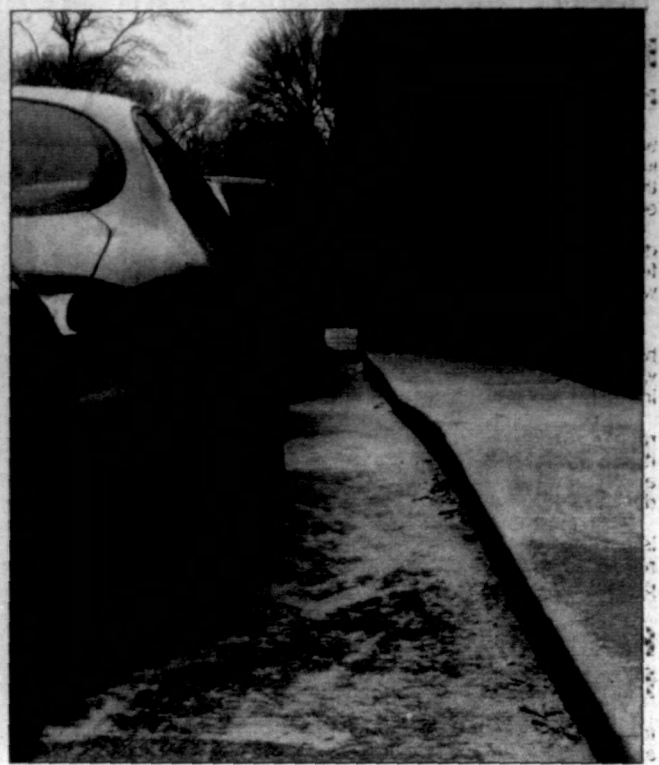
■ The Murray-Calloway County Parks Board will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room. Directors reports and committee reports are on the agenda.

■ The Calloway County Property Protection Board will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the courthouse conference room. Agenda items include the appointment of a chairman and organizational issues.

■ To report a Town Crier item, call 753-1916.



BLOWING SNOW: Snow flurries this morning started to accumulate on streets by mid-morning. The National Weather Service in Paducah calls for cloudy skies gradually becoming sunny by afternoon with a high of 32 degrees.



READY FOR SCHOOL TO START: Cars were lined up outside Murray Elementary School this morning, albeit an hour later. The cold weather prompted school officials to delay school for an hour. Calloway County schools were closed.



ALL BUNDLED UP: Ashley Wright, a senior business major from Louisville endures cold temperatures and snow flurries this morning on her way to class at Murray State University.

**Let the scripts begin:
Vote to end writers
strike clears path for TV
shows and Oscars too**

By LYNN ELBER

AP Entertainment Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lights, camera, action — but first, here come the writers.

Members of the Writers Guild of America were planning a return to work today after voting to end their strike on its 100th day, thus allowing Hollywood to jump-start stalled production of numerous TV sitcoms and dramas.

"It will be all hands on deck for the writing staff," said Chris Mundy, co-executive producer of the CBS drama "Criminal Minds." Actual production won't begin, however, until scripts have been completed, which could take days or even weeks.

For the Feb. 24 Academy Awards, the vote Tuesday by East and West Coast guild members ended the threat of a boycott by writers and actors that would have robbed the ceremony of its celebrity luster.

Sid Ganis, president of the

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which stages the Oscars, responded effusively.

"I am ecstatic that the 80th Academy Awards presentation can now proceed full steam ahead," he said, and without "hesitation or discomfort" for the nominees.

The writers' decided overwhelmingly in favor of ending the strike; 3,492 said yes, with only 283 voting to stay off the job. The number of guild members involved in the strike was 10,500, with countless other industry workers forced into unemployment because of the walkout.

Writers did not vote on the tentative contract agreement that already has won approval from the union's board of directors. The contract ratification vote will be conducted by mail and at meetings and will conclude Feb. 25.

Approval is expected, given Tuesday's lopsided decision and the enthusiasm for the proposed contract expressed at guild meetings held last weekend in New York and Los Angeles.

"At the end of the day, everybody won. It was a fair deal and one that the companies can live with, and it recognizes the large contribution that writers have made to the industry," Leslie Moonves, chief executive officer of CBS Corp., told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Moonves was among the media executives who helped broker a deal after negotiations, between the guild and the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers, which represents studios, collapsed.

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House bill would require weather radios in some mobile homes

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — As some Kentuckians recover from last week's deadly storms that left seven people dead and dozens more injured, state lawmakers are considering a plan to require retailers that sell manufactured and mobile homes to equip them with weather radios.

Rep. Ruth Ann Palumbo, the bill's sponsor, believes that when deadly tornadoes and storms hit, early warning is key to survival. A functioning weather radio could mean more time to get out of harm's way, she says.

"This is about life and death," Palumbo said. Dozens of people were killed in five states and hundreds of homes — many of which were mobile or manufactured homes — were destroyed in last week's storms. All seven of the people killed in Kentucky were in mobile homes.

Indiana lawmakers last year approved legislation that would require mobile home installers to equip the units with weather radios. It also encouraged mobile home operators to remind their residents each year to replace the batteries in their weather radios and smoke detectors.

A similar measure sponsored by U.S. Rep. Brad Ellsworth, D-Ind., is pending in Congress. Ellsworth spokeswoman Liz Farrar said the radios provide "that little extra bit of warning so that families could protect themselves."

Kentucky boy killed in storms buried; family still hospitalized

SCOTTSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Felicia Stephens, her arm in a splint, took one last look Tuesday at the open coffin holding her 2-year-old son, Hunter, then dropped back into her wheelchair sobbing.

The funeral and burial were a cruel reality for the Stephens family, not just because of a life taken far too soon but also because of those unable to be there when the child was laid to rest.

Several of Hunter's closest relatives, including his father and paternal grandfather, remained hospitalized, victims of last week's violent tornadoes that killed dozens across the South. The dead included Hunter's grandmother, Linda, who was buried Sunday next to her grandson's gravesite in Mount Union. Seven other Stephens family members, spanning four generations, were injured.

"He was a good baby," said Don Stinson, Felicia's father, wiping back tears. "Always happy, always smiling. He was our first grandchild. I loved my others, but he was special because he was our first."

Felicia Stephens, who suffered two dislocated shoulders and a gaping wound on her thigh, was released Tuesday morning for the funeral but was headed back to the hospital after the burial.

Her husband and Hunter's father, Kevin, remained in intensive care on a ventilator with a collapsed lung and broken back, Stinson said. Hunter's paternal grandfather and great-grandparents also remained hospitalized.

Tighter security coming after courtroom brawl

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — The Scott County Justice Center plans to tighten security after a courtroom brawl last week.

Scott County Sheriff Bobby Hammons says the justice center doesn't plan on adding officers. Instead, he says all defendants will now be restrained.

The sheriff says changes are coming after 30-year-old Peter Hafer punched his attorney last Monday while they stood before a judge. Hafer's punch knocked attorney Doug Crickmer unconscious to the ground.

Hammons says other upgrades are also on the way. Last November, security cameras were installed. By April 1, the sheriff says more cameras will be put in and there will be weapons scanners in the lobby.



AP In this photo from a video, defendant Peter Hafer, left, punches public defender Doug Crickmer, right, after the judge refused Hafer's request for a new attorney at Scott County Circuit Court in Georgetown, Ky., Monday, Feb. 4, 2008. Hafer hit the attorney several times in the face and stomach. Crickmer was admitted to Georgetown Community Hospital and released later that day.

FEMA hurricane trailers may be used for tornado victims

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Some of the thousands of trailers sitting unused since they were purchased by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 2005 for Gulf Coast hurricane victims may finally be put to use — to help victims of last week's tornadoes, officials said Tuesday.

Some members of Congress have accused FEMA of playing down the danger of possible formaldehyde contamination in the trailers — more than 6,300 of them stored at the Hope airport — but an agency spokesman said Tuesday that the trailers are safe.

The decision to use some of the trailers for Arkansas and Tennessee twister victims comes after requests by state officials and members of Arkansas' congressional delegation, who have criticized the trailers in the past as a sign of federal ineptitude after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

David Maxwell, head of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, said his office told FEMA immediately after the tornadoes that the victims would need some of the trailers.

FEMA Administrator R. David Paulison said Friday on a tour of the damage that the agency would prefer putting storm victims in rental property, although he acknowledged that could be difficult in rural areas.

"Knowing rural Arkansas and the areas that were hit, there's not a lot of rental property," Maxwell said. "Then you're stuck with mobile homes."

Maxwell said the number of trailers released would depend on the number of people who called FEMA and requested help, as opposed to simply releasing a blanket number. FEMA already hired a contractor to prepare and possibly move the trailers to people in need, he said.

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From Front

fallen trees and temperatures dropping. National Guardsmen were on the scene ferrying people who had no power to shelters, Brown said.

"We've had a few electrical fires and other fires and had some wrecks, some pretty serious wrecks," he said. "I haven't heard of anybody losing their life, so we're blessed in that respect."

Louisville Police Lt. Doug Sweeney, who heads the traffic division, said as temperatures drop, black ice would become a hazard.

"Drivers may think the pavement just appears wet, and they'll drive at regular speed, then lose control when their tires hit a patch of that thin ice," Sweeney said.

The weather system moved along a line stretching to the northeast, and the National Weather Service posted winter storm warnings along a band from western Tennessee into New England.

Schools were closed Tuesday in parts of Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and appearances by first lady Laura Bush in Kentucky and Arkansas were canceled. The National Park Service canceled a 199th birthday event at the Abraham



AP Mike Cox from Antioch, Tenn. walked through the Hodgenville town square in the rain, Tuesday.

Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site in Hodgenville because of the treacherous-driving conditions.

Winter storm warnings expired for much of Kentucky as the rain, snow and ice moved out of the area. A winter weather advisory was in effect for much of the state Tuesday night with a mix of freezing rain, sleet and snow.

Temperatures around Kentucky moved into the mid-to-upper 30s Tuesday afternoon, but forecasters called for it to be

a short-lived warming trend. Lows Tuesday night and Wednesday morning were expected to fall into the 20s.

"All that slush and stuff on the roads is going to refreeze," said Andrea Lammers, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Louisville.

The weather service also issued flood warnings for several areas of the state. In Kentucky's extreme western tip, police said several roads were closed by rising water.

Two people died when the car they were riding in went off the road along the Western Kentucky Parkway. Kentucky State Police said Jennifer Crow, 23, of Smyrna, Ga., and Haley Scott, 19, of Muldraugh, were thrown from the car just after midnight. The driver, 23-year-old Charles Jason Hutchins of Hopkinsville, lost control of the car on the icy road, causing it to turn over, troopers said.

A 3-year-old boy from Irving, Texas, was killed when the vehicle he was in slid off the Western Kentucky Parkway in Lyon County, state police said. He was identified as Luis Alejandro Silva. The driver, Luis Alberto Silva, 26, and passenger Lorena Rodriguez, 33, both of Irving, suffered multiple injuries and were taken to a hospital after the 3 p.m. CST wreck, police said.

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Lost & Found

The nine-year-old third grader at Oaklawn Elementary School in Fort Worth, Texas had waited for this day. Oh how he had waited for this day. Usually, his father would come around at the end of the school day in the white Rambler station wagon to pick up the two brothers for the short ride—only six blocks—home. But now his brother, two years older, had been elevated to “traffic guard” at the school, and he was busy ushering students across the street at one of the four corners of the school grounds before he himself walked home. For a while the father picked up the younger brother alone.



Home and Away

By James Duane Bolin
Ledger & Times
Columnist

The younger brother remembered the day the father had picked him up on November 22, 1963. The boy jumped, as always, into the front seat, not bothering in those days to buckle a seat belt. Instead, again as always, he flicked on the radio.

On that day, though, the radio announcer revealed some truly dreadful, unfathomable news. “The President has been shot!” the announcer intoned. The boy could hardly take it in. The President! John F. Kennedy! Why, he was to be in Dallas, just thirty miles down the road. How could this be?

The boy learned as he watched the black and white television set in the front living room in the days ahead that the President had indeed been shot and killed. Those were frightful days. But now it was Spring, and the boy’s parents had decided that it was time for the younger brother to walk home alone. It was just six blocks, after all. And the boy knew the route well, having often walked it with his mother to a grocery store nearby the school. He knew that after several blocks from the school a large, dark brick house surrounded by a chain link fence would rise on the hill to the right. Intimidating black Doberman Pinscher dogs, three of them, always came barking down to the fence at the sidewalk. Although the fence was sturdy, the boy always walked a little faster by that house, past those dogs.

Anyway, it was at that house that the boy knew to turn left onto the safety of Collins Street, his street. The street was still gravel, still unpaved, but after making the turn, his house, a nondescript white frame bungalow with attached garage in front, stood only three doors to the right at 3310 Collins Street. His house. His home.

So on that cool spring day, the boy waited patiently for the final school bell to ring. And when it rang, he gathered up his things, headed for the corner, crossed the street, and all by himself, headed home. He skipped along a block or two, and then began to look for the large dark house with the chain link fence. He listened for the familiar bark of the dogs. He walked another block, and kept up his watch. Then, another block. And then, one more.

By this time he knew something was amiss. Had he missed a turn? Had he left the school from the wrong corner? What had he done? He wasn’t sure where he had gone wrong, but he was sure of one thing. He was lost, utterly lost. He began to cry, and through his tears he saw across the street a tall man with a bag draped over his shoulder. The man wore a distinctive blue-gray uniform. The boy knew him for what he was, a mailman, a postman.

The boy looked both ways and crossed the street. He got the postman’s attention, and still crying, tried to explain to him that he was lost. The boy explained that he had just left Oaklawn Elementary School a while ago, that his parents had allowed him for the first time to walk home alone, but that something had gone wrong. He was lost.

The boy has never forgotten what that postman did at that moment of his despair. The postman did not just point the boy back to the school with instructions to walk a few blocks in the direction from which he had come. Rather, the postman put his arm around the boy, left his own mail route, and walked with the boy step by step all the way back to the school.

Sure enough, back in the parking lot stood the boy’s family, father and mother and brother, beside the white Rambler station wagon. The Rambler had all the doors flung open wide, as if the car itself welcomed the boy back. The boy ran into the arms of his parents and they took him safely home.

I will never forget what that postman did for me that day. And I will never forget his face. And when I try to imagine what God looks like, I don’t see a stern old man with a long-flowing beard. Instead, through tear-stained eyes, I see the kindly, smiling face of the postman who led me back home.

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Father Abraham

As inevitably as crocuses sprouting to herald spring’s arrival comes a rash of books about Abraham Lincoln anticipating the President’s Day that has replaced his February 12th birthday celebration.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, in the Dred Scott decision requiring free states to return escaped slaves seeking sanctuary, was in great part responsible for Lincoln’s rise from obscurity to the presidency. Taney gave Lincoln a cause to champion. In Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney: Slavery, Secession, and the President’s War Powers (Simon & Schuster, 2007 paperback, 325 pp.), James F. Simon of the New York Law School re-examines the adversarial relationship between Lincoln and Taney, but also demonstrates that the pair shared many affinities of viewpoints that historians have neglected.

Equally important to Lincoln’s emergence on the national scene was his relationship with Democrat Stephen A. Douglas, whom he debated tenaciously in the 1858 Illinois race for the U. S. Senate. He lost that race, but gained national visibility for his articulation of anti-slavery and nationalistic sentiments (“a house divided against itself cannot stand”), and two years later won the presidency.

Douglas and Lincoln off-stage remained friends, and Douglas was a strong supporter of Lincoln in the turmoil of Lincoln’s first days as president (as Wendell Wilkie would be of his adversary, Franklin Roosevelt, when War II came along).

In his Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates That Defined America (Simon & Schuster, 2008, 383 pp.), Allen C. Guelzo of Gettysburg College casts the Lincoln-Douglas relationship in philosophical terms of conflicting views on the relative roles of majority rule,

states’ rights, and just social orders. Guelzo’s analysis of the 1858 election results (Lincoln actually got more votes than did Douglas but lost because of districting practices) and of the use of telegraphs and newspapers to nationalize that election is particularly relevant today.

Who decided that civil war was inevitable, and who made it happen? Historians have blamed southern secessionism, slavery impasses, western expansion squabbles, media opinion-molders, and fire-eaters on both sides. Russell McClintock, in his Lincoln and the Decision for War: The Northern Response to Secession (UNC Press, 2008, 388 pp.) places the decision for war squarely upon Lincoln’s shoulders. Northern opinion was divided over whether to let the seceding states leave in peace. Lincoln believed the Union had to be preserved despite political polarizations that had paralyzed the nation all the way back to Martin Van Buren’s presidency.

At Fort Sumter, Lincoln caused the rebels to fire the first shot in what seemed an inevitable conflict. Once engaged, northern sentiment slowly followed Lincoln’s leadership, moving from war over political balances to war to save the Union and then into war to eradicate slavery. Lincoln, the gawky spinner of aphorisms and frontier folk humor, and a president who had only a short and undistinguished few years of service in the House of Representatives before being president, became the personification of “the right man at the right time”, proof that a single person can change and make history.

Despite the evolution and shifts in rationale for the war, its meaning became much clearer as it drew to a close. In pithier and more inspired language than his remarkable Emancipation

Proclamation and his contemplative Second Inaugural Address, Lincoln encapsulated the war’s meaning in his Gettysburg Address, November 19, 1863. To my thinking, in 1992 Garry Wills wrote the definitive word on the 250-word speech in Lincoln at Gettysburg: The Words That Remade America, demonstrating that Lincoln deliberately revised the Constitution by reinterpreting the Declaration of Independence.

But, beyond Wills, Gabor Boritt (of Gettysburg College, like Allen Guelzo), in The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech That Nobody Knows (Simon & Schuster paperback, 2008, 417 pp.), pulls together incredibly daunting research that gives us the geography, the decay and odors, the behind-the-scenes personal stories, the newspaper treatments and mistreatments, and the shifts in public appreciation and historical interpretation over the subsequent 145 years. The Appendix, footnotes, bibliography, and index for his book take up 211 pages—over half the book.

Even so, Boritt cannot unlock the long-standing mystery of when Lincoln actually wrote his speech. Boritt seems to believe it was two pages long, and that he wrote the first page in Washington before going and the second sometime the night before while a guest in the home of David Wills, overseer of cemetery’s creation and of the dedication ceremonies. Wills gave meaning, but Boritt gives context and consequences to an unforgettable speech.



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Obituaries

Mrs. Gladys Disque

Mrs. Gladys Disque, 82, Perrin Drive, Murray, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at 8:35 p.m. at Spring Creek Health Care. A homemaker, she was of Methodist faith. Born May 24, 1925, in Hickman County, she was the daughter of the late Taylor Elliott and Laura Scott Elliott.

Survivors include her husband, William (Ray) Disque, to whom she was married June 22, 1944, in Union City, Tenn.; one son, Donny Ray Disque and wife, Sharon, Fort Wayne Ind.; one daughter, Sandra King and husband Jerry, Navasota, Texas; one sister, Novacene Thorpe, Roseville, Mich.; one brother, George Jasper Elliott and wife, Fanni Lou, Martin, Tenn.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

J.H. Churchill Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William W. Ford

William W. Ford, 77, Brooks Chapel Road, Dexter, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at 3:18 p.m. at his home.

Collier Funeral Home of Benton is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Jeanette Duensing Schuttler

Mrs. Jeanette Duensing Schuttler, 85, Murray, died today, Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008, at 1:08 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

Born March 28, 1922, she was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include her husband, Robert Scuttler, to whom she was married Sept. 6, 1942.

Imes-Miller Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at www.imesmiller.com

Mrs. Dorothy Love Key Sykes

Mrs. Dorothy Love Key Sykes, 77, South Adams Street, Puryear, Tenn., died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a graduate of Puryear High School and an avid genealogy worker. Born Sept. 16, 1930, in Henry County, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Rudolph Davis Key and Jewel Irene Morris Key.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Warren T. Sykes, to whom she was married Jan. 17, 1951; one daughter, Susan Lee and husband, Jerry, Murray, Ky.; one son, Mitch Sykes and wife, Renee, Puryear; one aunt, Larue Orr, Murray; three grandchildren, Tabitha Myrick and husband, John, and Mason Sykes, all of Puryear, and Matthew Sykes and wife, Stephanie, Antioch, Tenn.; one great-grandchild, Philip Lee Myrick; three stepgrandchildren, Brandon, Justin and Sara Beth Woodard; brother-in-law, Tony Sykes and wife, Dee, Columbia, Tenn.; nephew, Brian Sykes and wife, Gala; niece, Amanda Sykes; great-nephew, Hayden Sykes; several cousins.

The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the chapel of McEvoy Funeral Home, Paris, Tenn. Her son-in-law, Rev. Jerry Lee will officiate. Active pallbearers will be Mitch, Matthew, Mason, Tony and Brian Sykes, Susan Lee, and John and Tabitha Myrick. Honorary pallbearers will be Renee, Dee, Stephanie, Gala and Amanda Sykes. Burial will follow in the Puryear City Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 3 to 8 p.m. today (Wednesday) and after 9 a.m. Thursday.

John Wesley Walters

John Wesley Walters, 76, Buchanan, Tenn., died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008, at his home.

An Army veteran of World War II, he attended Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. He was married Sept. 21, 1962, to the former Emma Jean Richardson who died May 31, 2000. Born Sept. 7, 1931, in Blacksburg, Va., he was the son of the late Henry Wesley Walters and Lessie Maple Allie Walters. Also preceding him in death were one son, Dexter Walters, three sisters, Alice Linkus, Virginia Allis and Ellen Cooper, and one brother, Henry Walters.

Survivors include one daughter, Christine Deloris Powell and husband, Tony, Buchanan; two sons, John Wayne Walters Jr. and wife, Gina, Puryear, and Henry Wesley Walters and wife, Shirley, Horsebranch, Ky.; two sisters, Rose Leonard, Murray, Ky., and Betty Harris, Martinsville, Va.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Friday at 3:30 p.m. in the LeDon Chapel of Ridgeway Funeral Home, Paris. Randy Kuykendall will officiate. Pallbearers will be Daniel and John Powell, Dennis Leonard, Jacob Scharping, Robby Vaughn, Harold David Bratton and Douglas Walters. Burial will follow in the Bethany Cemetery, Cottage Grove, Tenn.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and after 1 p.m. Friday.

Van R. (Rudy) Burnett

Van R. (Rudy) Burnett, 86, Mayfield, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at 8:35 p.m. at Jackson Purchase Medical Center, Mayfield.

An Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict, he was a retired farmer and a member of Spence Chapel United Methodist Church. Preceding him in death were his parents, Enos S. and Etta E. James Burnett, three sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Martha S. Burnett; three sons, two daughters; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Byrn Funeral Home, Mayfield. Rev. Joel Jackson and Kenneth Morris will officiate. Burial will follow in the Chapel Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5 to 9 p.m. today (Wednesday).

Victor M. DeGraff

A memorial service for Victor M. DeGraff will be Saturday, Feb. 16, at 10:30 a.m. at the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship with Rev. William Sasso officiating. Burial will be private in the Alto Pass Cemetery.

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home of Cobden, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. DeGraff, 87, Cobden, Ill., died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2008, in Cobden.

A working artist, he was a member of Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship and of the International Sand Collectors' Society. His artwork was shown at the Art Lovers Trading Company, Cobden, regionally at Southern Illinois Artisans Shop, and internationally as recent as 2004 where he exhibited several sand paintings at the Mossel Bay Draft Art Workshop in South Africa.

Born in Grand Rapids, Mich., he had lived in Cobden since 1980. A veteran of the United States Navy, he worked for many years in the Chicago area. Preceding him death were his wife, Helen DeGraff, one son, James DeGraff, and his parents, Richard and Marion DeGraff.

Survivors include one sister, Gladys Paasche, Grand Rapids, Mich.; one stepson and daughter-in-law, William Palmer and Bobby Ann Lee, Murray, Ky.; one stepdaughter and son-in-law, Carole Palmer and Edward Slaznik; one daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Rob Streiter, Yorkville, Ill.; six grandchildren.

Todd Regan Carpenter

The funeral for Todd Regan Carpenter was Saturday, Feb. 2, at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Searcy, Ark. Rev. Ken Shaddox officiated.

Pallbearers were Will, John, and Andrew Moore, Nathan and Aaron Scales and Jimmy Don Page. Burial was in the Meadowbrook Gardens with arrangements by Powell Funeral Home, Searcy.

Mr. Carpenter, 52., Searcy, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008, at 12:15 a.m. in Searcy.

A retired athletic director and former coach, he was a member of First Baptist Church, Searcy. His hobby was golfing.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cynthia Carpenter; one daughter, Lindley Moore, Searcy; parents, Billie and Gladys Carpenter, and one sister, Cynthia Scales and husband, Henry, all of Beebe, Ark.; one brother, Jon Tracy Carpenter and wife, Jody, Murray, Ky.

Paid Obituaries

Bobby Gene Cochrum

The funeral for Bobby Gene Cochrum will be today (Wednesday) at 1 p.m. in the chapel of J. H. Churchill Funeral Home. Rev. Tim Cole will officiate.



Cochrum

Pallbearers will be Jason, Paul and Michael McDaniel, Wallace Lassiter, Will Edd Travis and Tom Lyell, active; Glen Ed Paschall, Guthrie Grogan, Michael Lassiter, Franklin Rogers and Butch Hutson, honoray. Burial will follow in the Beech Grove Cemetery.

Visitation is now at the funeral home. Mr. Cochrum, 83, Murray, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at 2 a.m. at Spring Creek Health Care.

A farmer, he was a member of Hazel Baptist Church. Born Nov. 14, 1924, in Calloway County, he was the son of the late Burie and Sadie Key Cochrum. One brother, Frank Cochrum, preceded him in death.

Survivors include one brother, Jimmy Cochrum and wife, Dorothy, and one niece, Jennifer-Lyell and husband, Tom, all of Murray; special friend, Elaine McDaniel, Paris, Tenn.

Delegate lead ...

From Front

nation's capital, nearly two-thirds in Virginia and approximately 60 percent in Maryland.

McCain's victory in Virginia was a relatively close one, the result of an outpouring of religious conserva-

tives who backed Mike Huckabee. The AP count showed McCain with 821 delegates. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who dropped out of the race last week, had 288. Huckabee had 241 and Texas Rep. Ron Paul had 14.



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Stimulus package ...

From Front

go out beginning in May to taxpayers and low-income people, including seniors living off of Social Security and veterans who depend on disability checks. Businesses would get tax breaks for investing in new plants and equipment.

Most taxpayers will receive a check of up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples from the Internal Revenue Service, with an additional \$300 per child. People earning at least \$3,000 and those who owe little to no taxes would get \$300 for singles, \$600 for couples. Those making more than \$75,000 and couples with income exceeding \$150,000 are to get smaller rebates — \$50 less per \$1,000 they make over those thresholds.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., this week said the measure was "far from a panacea," adding that, "much more should be done to address our economy's longer-term problems." On Tuesday he said the Senate would consider "another stimulus package or two" on housing and other issues. The legislation could be ready for action by late February, aides said.

In the meantime, economists are debating how effective the rebates will be, with critics arguing that debt-burdened consumers will use the money to pay bills rather than spending the checks and spurring growth.

An Associated Press-Ipsos poll found that only 19 percent of those surveyed said they planned to spend their rebate

checks. Forty-five percent said they would pay bills, while 32 percent said they planned to invest the money.

The last time the government sent out rebates, in 2003, recipients spent a little less than a third in the first six months, and about two-thirds within the first year, according to findings by the University of Michigan Survey of Consumers, cited by congressional tax analysts. After rebates were sent out in 2001, just 22 percent said they would mostly spend them — rather than saving the money or using it to pay off debt — and only one-third of the rebate was spent in the short run, according to the same study.

Lawmakers argue it will take much more to restore confidence to an economy battered by a housing slump and mortgage mess. Some are pushing for broad mortgage reform, including measures to crack down on risky loan practices and help homeowners with sub-prime loans avoid default.

"What we've done with the stimulus bill is we've reacted to a weak economy without going back and addressing the cause," said Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Ill. "The stimulus package is bailing water, but now we've got to go back and plug the leak."

The bill would raise temporarily to \$729,750 the limit on Federal Housing Administration loans and the cap on loans that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac can buy. Those measures are designed to provide relief in the market for "jumbo" mortgages and help more homeowners refinance into government-insured loans.

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Pictured are Prof. Sue-Jean Park, violinist, and her accompanist, Jacob Clark.

Violinist Sue-Jean Park to present recital at MSU

Prof. Sue-Jean Park will perform a violin recital on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. in the performing arts hall on the campus of Murray State University.

Along with pianist Jacob Clark, the duo will perform the "Violin Sonata No. 1" by Johannes Brahms and the "Butterfly Lovers Concerto" by He Zhan-Hao and Chen Gang.

Park said "Getting out and hearing these two beautifully romantic works from Germany and China is a perfect way to celebrate Valentine's Day and

bring in the Chinese New Year!"

Prof. Park will also be performing this program twice in Washington D.C. at the historic Church of the Epiphany and in the recital hall at the Town Hall Education and Recreation Campus (THEARC).

In addition, she will be performing the Butterfly Lovers Concerto with orchestra on March 8, accompanied by the Jackson, Tenn. Symphony Orchestra. For more information visit the Jackson Symphony website, www.jso.tn.org.

Coleman enrolled at Sullivan University

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Brian Coleman of Paris, Tenn., has been accepted for admission to Sullivan University for the 2008 academic year. Coleman is a graduate of Henry County High School, Paris.

McReynolds Essay Contest



Photo provided

Matt McReynolds, center, discusses the Steve McReynolds Essay Contest with Josh McKeel, assistant principal, left, and Beth Brockman, guidance counselor, Calloway Middle School. The contest is co-sponsored by the Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club, Character Counts Coalition, Murray Ledger & Times and the McReynolds Family. Entries must be submitted by Thursday. For information contact Trish Barton at 753-5856 or Linda Avery at 753-2773.

Glory Bound Entertainment scheduled at Goshen on Friday



Jo's Datebook
By Jo Burkeen
Community Editor

Glory Bound Christian Entertainment Ministry will be Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Goshen United Methodist Church, 4726 Ky. 121 North at Stella.

Featured groups will be For Heaven's Sake and Westside Baptist Quartet. For more information call Joe Lawrence at 753-5643, Renee Taylor at 753-8124 or Patrick Lea at 761-2666 or e-mail glory-bound@hotmail.com

VFW meeting on Thursday

Post 629 of Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the new veterans center on North Fourth Street. Discussion will be held concerning the filming of World War II and Korean Conflict veterans at the Weaks Senior Center on Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to noon. People wishing to view the website may type in POST6291.org. on their computer.

Alpha Delta Pi plans project

The ladies of Murray State's Alpha Delta Pi will have babysitters available on Thursday from 5 to 10 a.m. as part of the sorority's fund-raising efforts for the Calloway County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Any one interested in having a babysitter for part of or all of the time should RSVP to Miranda Turner at 859-516-2339 or adpi_panelenic_eo@yahoo.com

Advisory Council will meet

The Community Education Advisory Council will meet Thursday at 7:45 a.m. in the board room at the Murray Board of Education.

Reformers Unanimous to meet

Reformers Unanimous, a Christ-centered addictions program, meets each Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Eastwood Baptist Church. For information or for a ride call 753-1834.

SS representative here Thursday

A Social Security representative will be at the Calloway County Public Library on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He will assist in filing claims. For more information call toll free at 1-800-772-1213 or the Mayfield office at 1-270-247-8095.

MCCH Blood Bank issues appeal

Murray-Calloway County Blood Bank has announced an emergency appeal for O negative blood. The need for this type is critical. Donors must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 with parental consent), be in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. If you are unable to stop by the hospital blood bank, there will be a community blood drive on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 16th and Main Streets, Murray. To make an appointment, call the blood bank at 762-1119.

Blood Drive will be at Grace

Blood Drive for the Red Cross will be today from 1 to 6 at Grace Baptist Church.

CCHS Council will meet

Calloway County High School Decision Making Council will meet today at 3:45 p.m. in the school media center.

Good Life plans meeting

The Good Life will host a kick-off today from 2 to 4 at the north office of The Murray Bank. This will be a time to drop by and visit with other members and gather information on the upcoming trips for 2008 which include the Southern Women's Show, Savannah and Charleston, Tunica, Miss., The Black Hills and Badlands and Cruising Hawaii. For more information call Brenda Sykes at 767-3338 or e-mail bsykes@the-murraybank.com

Health Express lists stop

Health Express of Murray-Calloway County Hospital will offer lipid profiles and blood pressure checks today from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Kroger of Murray; on Friday from 6 to 10 a.m. at Center for Health & Wellness, Murray.

TOPS will meet Thursday

Thursday TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Chapter #469 will meet Thursday at 5:15 p.m. in the annex of Calloway Public Library as the library. For information call Stephanie Cunningham at 753-7129 or 210-4173.

Kirksey Park plans registration

Kirksey Park Inc. will have its registration for the season on Saturdays, Feb. 9 and 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Friday, Feb. 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Kirksey United Methodist Church, located in front of Kirksey park. This is open to boys and girls for T-Ball, 3-6, Pinto, 7 and 8, Throughbreds, 9 to 11, Mustang, 12 and 14, Pony, 15 and 18, and to girls, Fillies, 7 to 10, Spirits, 11 to 16, and Mares, 16 and 19. For more information on fees call Dianna at 1-270-527-2072 or Joey at 489-2620.

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By D.K. Kelley



February is the "Love Month." We think of hearts, flowers, chocolates, beautiful jewelry and sexy lingerie as symbols of romance.

However, love is all around us if we only look. Love can be a kind smile from a stranger when we're feeling down. Love can be a dog licking our hand and wagging its tail, always glad to see us. Love can be calling a friend who needs some attention. Love can be staring at a sunset and feeling the splendor of the universe. Love is the unconditional love of a parent for a child.

Loving yourself first and foremost is most important. If you don't love and respect yourself you can't truly love someone else. This is not about being selfish, it is about loving the person you are, loving what you stand for. By loving yourself you are able to love and give of yourself to others.

Loving yourself shows in your courage and stance, the inner glow you have, the caring you give to others.

To love and be loved is one of life's greatest gifts. Iris Murdoch says, "We can only learn to love by loving." Jean Anouilh states, "To love is above all else the gift to yourself."

In Corinthians it says love is patient, love is kind.

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Congratulations to Kay Gupton who won the jewelry last week. Gwen Bell, Peggy Shoemaker and Rita Henley won the gift certificates for the Valentine's promotion.

Quote of the Week: "To love and be loved is to feel the sun from both sides." David Viscot, M.D.

Tip of the Week: If you want to reduce feelings of anger add a few drops of lavender oil to your bath and soak up a good mood. Studies show a sweet scent reduces those angry feelings.

Stay tuned to next week's Fun & Fashion report.

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Birth Announcement

Audrey Brooke Theobald

Eric and Amie Ball Theobald of Farmington are the parents of a daughter, Audrey Brooke Theobald, born on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2008, at 8:15 a.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches.

Grandparents are Larry and Heather Ball of Mayfield and Gary and Linda Dyer of Farmington.



Photo provided

Blake McReynolds displays the Steve McReynolds Community Essay Contest Brochure with her principal, Yvette Pyle of Calloway County High School. Entries for the contest, sponsored by the Alpha Department of the Murray Woman's Club, Character Counts Coalition, Murray Ledger & Times and the McReynolds Family. Entries are due by Thursday. For information contact Tish Barton at 753-5856 or Linda Avery at 753-2773.

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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wayne Oliver

Megan Leigh Raspberry of Hazel and Daniel Wayne Oliver of Princeton were married Saturday, Sept. 1, 2007 at Hazel Baptist Church, Hazel.

The bride is the daughter of Tony and Cheryl Raspberry of Hazel. Her grandparents are Joel and Rachel Jackson of Almo and Shirley Raspberry and the late Tojo Raspberry of Hazel.

The groom is the son of Kim and Ronnie Oliver of Princeton. His grandparents are Charlie and Carolyn Cruce and Travis and Judy Oliver, all of Princeton.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Bro. Jerry Lee. Musical selections were presented by Laura Paschall and Rhonda Lamb. Soloist was Magen Roberts. Violin selections were performed by Conny Ottway.

Tamara Bennett was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Brittany Johnson, Nikki Cossey and Tiffany Milam of Murray. Zac Elmore of Henderson was best man. Groomsmen were Jason Pittman and Bryan Nixon of Murray and Reed Clapp of Fancy Farm.

Danielle Harris was flower girl. Ringbearers were Canaan and Jackson Dunn, cousins of the bride.

Serving as ushers were Austin Raspberry, brother of the bride, and Jeff Peake, brother-in-law of the groom.

Register attendants were Tera Yarbrough and Leslie Johnson. Lucretia Veazey was wedding coordinator.

A reception followed at the Family Life Center of Hazel Baptist Church.

The bride has completed her master of science degree in occupational safety and health from Murray State University. She is currently employed as safety coordinator at Electrolux Home Appliances Division at Springfield, Tenn.

The groom graduated from Murray State University with a bachelor of science degree in organizational communications. He is employed as recruitment coordinator at Gaylord Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

The couple currently resides in Springfield, Tenn.

Engagement

Williams and Kirks wedding Saturday

Tisha Leigh Williams and Kyle Roy Kirks announce their approaching marriage.

The wedding will be Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008, at 3 p.m. at Salem Baptist church, Lynn Grove.

All relatives and friends are invited. Only out-of-town invitations will be sent.

Miss Williams is the daughter of Terry and Anita Williams of Lynn Grove and Charlie Key of Las Vegas, Nev. She is the granddaughter of Johnny and Dianna Williams and Richard and Carroll J. Waddell, all of Lynn Grove.

Mr. Kirks is the son of Eddie and Pam Kirks of Farmington. He is the grandson of Linda Wilkerson and the late Bobby Wilkerson and the late Edward and Betty Kirks of Almo.

The bride-elect is a 2006 graduate of Calloway County High School and is employed with Pulmo-Dose Pharmacy of Murray.

The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Calloway County High School. He is a self-employed farmer and concrete finisher.

Choirs to perform together in Owensboro

Murray State University will showcase the music talent of its students and faculty in a concert at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Apollo High School auditorium in Owensboro.

The performance will feature the MSU Concert Choir under the direction of Dr. Bradley Almqvist, director of choral activities at MSU, and the Apollo High and Daviess County High School choirs. The MSU Alumni Association will host a pre-concert reception at 6 p.m. in the Apollo High School commons area.

"The opportunity for current students to meet alumni, share stories, experiences and their love for Murray State University is an invaluable experience. Sharing these experiences through music makes it even more special," Almqvist said.

Free hors d'oeuvres will be available at the reception. MSU alumni and friends should RSVP by Feb. 14 by calling the MSU Alumni Association at 1 (800) 758-8510.

For information, visit www.murraystate.edu/ialu/even ts.htm.

ServiceNews

Barrick completes Navy basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Amanda M. Barrick, daughter of Theresa L. Warford of Hardin and Randall A. Lewis of Elkhart, Ind., recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Barrick completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Barrick is a 2006 graduate of Marshall County High School.

Anniversary

Couple will celebrate anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hendricks of 515 Rieman Dr., Murray, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008.

A family celebration will be Saturday at the home of their daughter, Marilyn Dumas.

The couple was married Feb. 15, 1958, at South Union Baptist Church parsonage with Bro. Nancy Sanders officiating.

Mrs. Hendricks is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones.

Mr. Hendricks is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hendricks.

They have three children, Clayton Hendricks and wife, Lisa, Rita Downs and husband, Steve, and Marilyn Dumas and husband, Rickey, all of Murray.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Some Fern Terrace residents enjoyed a lunch outing to Ryan's this week. The food is good and so is the service. I guess that's why it's usually our first choice of when we go out for lunch!

We would like to say thank you to the wonderful people involved in our pet visit program. The pet therapy group comes out to visit with us every month and they are always so kind and the animals so well behaved. Krissy Zirbel, the director of the pet therapy program for the county, has a great group of volunteers and pets. We look forward to their visit each month! Thanks again!

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Mayme Smith Garrett and Selina Smith are hosting a ladies Valentine luncheon for their sister, Kate Smith Williams, who is visiting from St. Louis, and their friends, the "Merry Maids." This is a special occasion as the young ladies gather to share their hopes and plans for the future. Selina will tell her friends about her upcoming grand tour.

According to Ardell Jarratt, curator, visitors learn not only about the family's home and furnishings, but also about the Age of Romance as expressed through the language of the fan and the language of flow-

ers. Experience a little romance and catch a glimpse of spring at Adsmore.

The Smith-Garrett home, a stately circa 1857 Greek Revival house, has been restored to its late Victorian grandeur and is furnished with the family's personal belongings. The museum and Carriage Shop are located at 304 N. Jefferson St. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Also on the grounds is the log Ratliff Gun Shop where the story of Princeton's first gunsmith is told.

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Study: Obese less likely to use seat belts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Like a lot of consumers, Paul McAleer focused on comfort when he recently went car shopping. Adjustable seats, a tilt steering wheel and extra height were all important.

Because he's a self-described "fat guy," the Web site designer also has to check to see if he can fit in the seat belt.

While McAleer buckles up when he drives, a new study found that seat belt use declines as body size increases. But even large drivers who want to use a seat belt may be thwarted because not all carmakers offer bigger belts or extenders.

"It would be in their best interest to make seat belts longer in the first place," says McAleer,

who lives in Chicago.

Federal standards that specify the length of auto seat belts date back four decades and only require that seat belts accommodate a 215-pound man. Some manufacturers offer bigger belts or extenders anyway, but other auto companies have concerns about effectiveness and liability.

Vanderbilt University psychologist David Schlundt studied the relationship between seat belt use and weight after noticing that obese people sometimes struggled to fit into the auto restraints.

"They really have a hard time getting that belt buckle over them," Schlundt said. "They have to stretch it out and then over and then some can't see the

buckle."

Schlundt and his colleagues at Meharry Medical College in Nashville reviewed nearly 250,000 responses about seat belt use from a national telephone health survey by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Based on that 2002 data, the study found that seat belt use declined as body mass index — a calculation based on height and weight — increased.

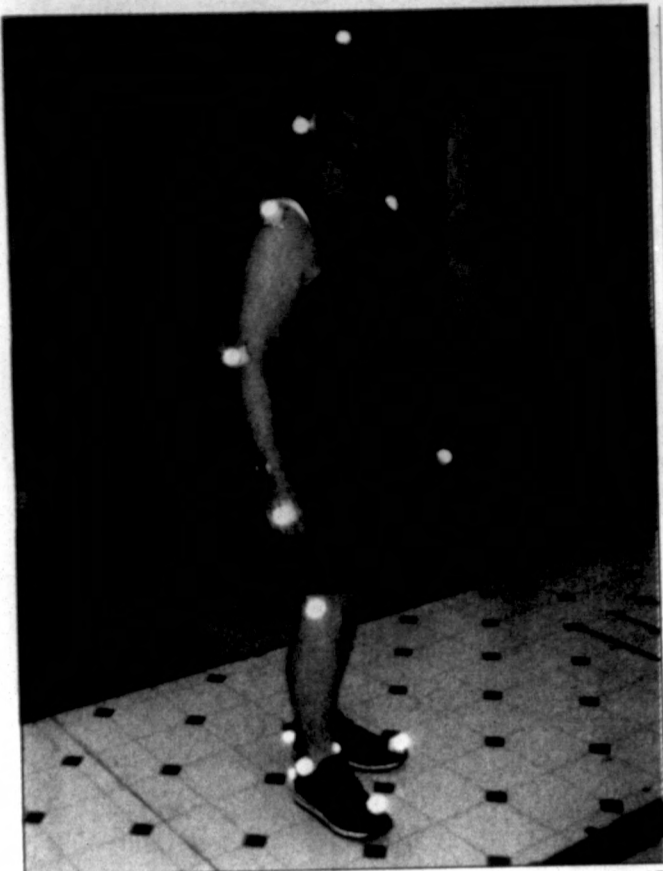
Only about 70 percent of extremely obese individuals reported always using a seat belt, while nearly 83 percent of normal-weight people always used their belts, the study found. More than half of those killed in auto accidents weren't wearing

seat belts, according to the latest federal figures. The study's findings were published in the journal *Obesity*.

"I hate seat belts because they always seem to ride up and strangle me," said Peggy Howell, the public relations director for the National Association to Advance Fall Acceptance. "But I wear them for my own safety and because it is the law."

Howell said people sometimes contact her Oakland, Calif.-based advocacy group to get information on extensions.

McAleer, who runs a Web site called Big Fat Blog, said he's worried the study will focus criticism on the obese instead of the design of seat belts.



AP

This photo provided by Locomotion Research shows Linda Frazier uses a reflective ball, infrared system that bounces back to the camera marker at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Va. Trip and fall lately? Seniors often won't mention it unless they're hurt, but new guidelines say that first tumble is the best predictor of who's at risk for another, more serious fall.

First fall may predict more serious tumbles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trip and fall lately? Seniors often won't mention it unless they're hurt, but new guidelines say that first tumble is a good predictor of who's at risk for another, more serious fall.

With deaths from falls increasing, the guidelines urge doctors to ask patients to "fess up."

Better would be to prevent even that first fall. Now scientists are testing simple wrist monitors that may one day be used to predict who is most likely to topple, by tracking how stable they are with each step on any given day.

"Even the frail elderly individuals, some days they have good days and some days they have bad days," says lead researcher Thurmon Lockhart, who in his Virginia Tech laboratory literally forces volunteers to trip in the name of science to determine what makes one person fall while another stays upright.

It's a question of growing urgency, as fatal falls have spiked in the last decade. The government recorded more than 19,000 deaths from fall-caused injuries in 2005, the latest data available. Three-fourths were among people 65 and older.

Nonfatal falls trigger another half-million hospitalizations and almost 2 million emergency room visits.

Anybody can fall, especially during ice-slick winters or while playing sports. Lockhart even worked with UPS, the brown-truck delivery company, to help train their new drivers to avoid falls while hoisting packages.

But aging brings physical changes that make a fall more likely. Still, falls are something of the Rodney Dangerfield of injury prevention, so commonplace — one in three seniors falls each year — that they receive little attention until someone is seriously harmed, such as breaking a hip or suffering a brain injury.

Hence the emphasis on revealing earlier falls in guidelines published by the American Academy of Neurology last week. Someone who's fallen in the past year without a logical reason, such as a sports injury, has about a 55 percent chance of falling again — and thus may need special attention to prevent injury.

At highest risk of falling, the guidelines found, are people with gait or balance problems, dementia, Parkinson's disease or a history of stroke, weakness or nerve disorders in legs, impaired vision or who use certain medications.

The guidelines are aimed at neurologists, but a specialist in falls says asking about earlier tumbles makes good sense for any physician.

Don't "pass it off as a natural part of the aging process, but see it as a symptom with many possible underlying causes, some of which are highly treatable," says Dr. David Riley of University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland.

But before that first fall, the specific physical changes that determine why one senior can recover from a slip while another won't are poorly understood. Enter the Virginia Tech research.

First Lockhart tripped up several dozen people, a mix of young and old. Don't worry: Safety harnesses kept fallers dangling harmlessly in the air, instead of crashing. Videotape and sensors captured each movement, to map the physiology of falling.

Younger people recovered balance better so that a slip seldom turned into a fall, although some seniors recovered, too.

Why were others fall-prone? As you age, your gait becomes more variable. Seniors tend to compensate with shorter steps. But if one step varies in speed, length or direction from the next, it wobbles the up-and-down torso motion that is a key to balance while walking, Lockhart found.

So when seniors with an unstable gait encounter an obstacle — a bump in the sidewalk or a slick floor — they're already off-kilter and thus less able to recover, he explains.

Lockhart found that it's possible to measure that gait instability with some small, cheap devices, accelerometers and gyroscopes. Now, with funding from the National Institutes of Health, he has begun experiments to see if a wireless wrist monitor containing the gadgets, made by a company called AFrame Digital Inc., can truly predict who is fall-prone.

If that sounds complicated, there is a simple test anyone can do today to check if their leg muscles are weakening enough to worry about a fall.

It's called the "get up and go" test: Sit in a hard, straight-backed chair. Fold your arms across your chest. Try to stand. If you can't on the first try, tell a doctor so you can be checked for possible problems, says Cleveland's Riley.

For people already known to be fall-prone, specialists advise some commonsense precautions: Ask a doctor about exercises to improve balance and strength. Taper off fall-inducing medications whenever possible. Minimize slipping risks, such as by removing rugs and adding stair rails and hand-grabs in bathrooms.

But fatigue and stress can overcome any precaution, says Riley's patient, Dolly Thomas of Timberlake, Ohio. Her Parkinson's disease makes Thomas, 75, fall so often that she wears knee pads to cushion the blow. Last week, tired from caring for an ill husband, Thomas fell twice in one day. "It just makes me so mad. I'll get up and darned if it doesn't happen again," says Thomas, who just got a scooter in hopes of falling less.

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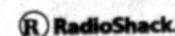
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Pictured are the old and new of the former Exchange Furniture Company building, now known as the Maple Center at the corner of Maple and 3rd streets in downtown Murray. The Maple Center will host a Business After Hours/Open House Thursday from 4-7 p.m.

Maple Center work effort of heart and soul

By ERIC WALKER
Editor

A labor of love is still labor. But, of course, the difference is the love.

And that love is what led Mark and Karen Welch to pour in a sizable amount of blood, sweat and tears into the old Woodmen of the World building at the corner of 3rd and Maple streets.

Twenty-one months of work on the building's ballroom and several business offices will be on display Thursday — fittingly Valentine's Day — when the Maple Center hosts a Business After Hours/Open House from 4-7 p.m.

Karen Welch said the work was tackled from the top first and then down the three-story building that used to house the Exchange Furniture Company and Warehouse Grocers.

"We started at the top and worked down," she said during a pre-open house tour last week. "We see so much potential."

But she's quick to point out: "Nothing was simple."

Welch rings off examples, such as six weeks of sanding one stairwell to get it ready for painting or the expense and work replacing numerous ceiling tiles

and custom-built doors, fixtures and lights.

"A couple of (businesses) went through this with us," she added. "They had to put up with a lot."

The upstairs ballroom was the first project. It houses New Life Church and also serves as a practice hall for the Jackson Purchase Dance Company and a ballroom dance studio, as well.

The ballroom, according to Welch, can hold up to 300 guests or 175 for a banquet setting. The hardwood floors add a natural aspect to the center's top level, as well as work done on crown molding and lighting that can be adjusted for numerous occasions, including weddings which it has already held.

The ground floor has nine offices and are featured with utilities and Murray Electric System Internet and cable.

While still working on some office spaces, one, Welch said, can be rented out on a weekly basis and utilized by a company coming into the area to conduct job interviews. Having an additional location in town, along with the Murray-Calloway Chamber of Commerce conference room, can help the local economy.

"You can set up your laptop, a cell phone and literally start doing business," she said.

Tenants who will be participating in the BAH include Family Life Medical, Diana Thomason of LPL Financial, New Life Church, Jackson Purchase Dance Company, Thurman Ballroom Dance, and photographer Misty Ramsey.

A conference room makes up the lower floor.

The work wasn't anything new to the Welchs. Karen said having an 80-year-old house and doing work renovating their 120-year-old bookstore building provided plenty of experience for the Maple Center's work.

"We didn't walk in as this being our first building," she said.

But the work done renovating the Maple Center has drawn plenty of praises from Murray Main Street and the Murray Convention & Visitors Bureau.

"I congratulate them on taking on the renovation of the Maple Center," said Lindsay Geib, visitors bureau executive director. "It'll be a fantastic addition to Murray. The center can be used for a variety of functions from hosting weddings to business interviews to church

services.

"It's a building of all functions."

Deana Wright, manager of Murray Main Street, said the additional office space was exactly what downtown Murray needed.

"Mark and Karen have done a terrific job renovating the building and adding their own touch," she said. "Both Mark and Karen have been involved with Murray Main Street program for many years. They understand the importance of saving and maintaining old buildings in our downtown area."

"The newly-renovated Maple Center will play a vital role in the economic development of our downtown."

The next step, the Welchs say, will be taking the metal off the exterior of the building and showing the original brick.

"We'd love to restore it," Karen said.



ERIC WALKER/Ledger & Times
Wall lighting and professional furnishings set the tone for the Maple Center's main floor office hallway.

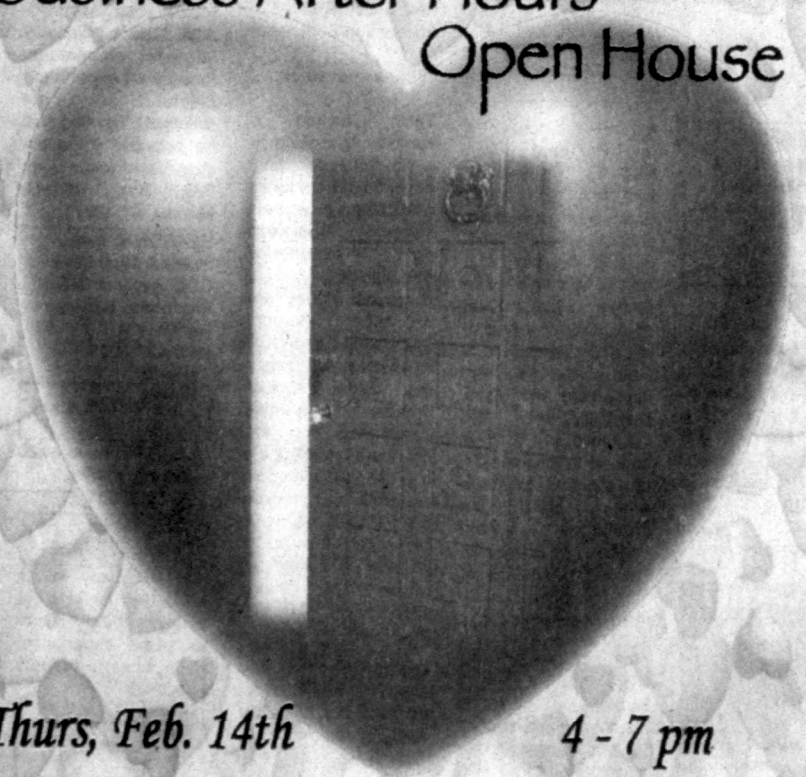


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The upstairs ballroom was the first project tackled in the building's renovation. The hardwood flooring was put down, as well as crown molding around the room and custom doors. The ceiling was renovated, as well, and new lighting was added to handle a number of functions, such as dance classes, church services, banquets and even weddings. The ballroom can hold between 175-300 people.

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Tips given on using caution in coping with power outage

The recent outbreak of severe weather prompted residents in affected areas to cope with the resulting power outages. The State Fire Marshal's Office reminds citizens to be cautious as they turn to supplemental heating sources or operate generators to maintain power.
 Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas created by the incomplete burning of fuels such as wood, coal and natural gas. It is harmless when properly vented to the outdoors. However, it can kill if allowed to build up inside a building, said Richard Peddicord, assistant director of the Division of Fire Prevention. In 2005, fire departments around the country

responded to 61,000 calls involving carbon monoxide, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).
 "Unfortunately, carbon monoxide poisoning is a fairly common occurrence," Peddicord said. "However, we can reduce these incidents if residents take basic precautions."
 The NFPA offers tips to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning:
 • Buy a carbon monoxide detector and install it in a central area in your home. This device is similar to a smoke detector and will alert you if an unsafe CO level is found. If the detector sounds an alarm, call the non emergency number for your local fire department to respond

and evaluate the situation, then get out of the house.
 • Have heating sources such as fireplaces and stoves professionally inspected each season before use to ensure they are venting properly.
 • If you use a portable generator, run it outdoors away from doors, windows and vent openings. Each year, more CO deaths are blamed on portable generators as sales of the devices have grown, says the NFPA.
 Besides carrying the risk of CO poisoning from inadequate ventilation, a generator, if improperly used, can threaten life and property.
 The NFPA offers these tips on the use of a portable genera-

tor:
 • Make sure the generator is properly sized for the electrical load that your appliances will place on it.
 • If using an extension cord, make sure it is a heavy-duty, grounded cord with a three-prong plug.
 • A generator may be connected to the house wiring system, but this must be done only by a licensed electrician. The electrician will install a transfer switch that will ensure power does not flow back into the power lines when service is restored. Failure to install this switch can cause electrocution of a utility worker and an electrical fire.

Horoscope


HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008:
 This year's emphasis will be on your personal and domestic life. It becomes clear that you need a stable and secure base. You will see where strengthening and enforcement might be necessary. Investments in real estate are also highlighted. Familial and domestic relationships in general might come under scrutiny. Be honest with yourself about what isn't working, as difficult as that might be. Willingly let go of what cannot be fixed. If you are single, scrutinize someone carefully. Make decisions only once you really get to know a person. If you are attached, the two of you might want to add to your home, or perhaps buy a home. A move could happen if you don't own property. TAURUS can be an anchor.

friends are.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★ Take a stand if you must. In some sense you feel as if you have lost a beat or turned a situation around. Someone might push you very hard. You also don't need to take on more hassles or pressure. Let go and relax. Tonight: A must appearance.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★ Eye the long term. Decide that there is no such word as "no," and then look again at a problem. Know that there is a solution and continue to seek it out. Don't allow innate negativity to get to you. You know what works. Tonight: Opt for something different.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★ Work with a key partner or associate. You don't always need to agree. You do need to understand where the other is coming from. In the midst of a discussion, you might get negative, or an associate does. Tonight: Know when to let bygones be bygones.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★ Others dominate despite your strong personality. Pretend you are in charge when sorting through others' ideas and actions. You might see a situation quite differently as a result. Gaining a perspective soars in importance. Tonight: So many choices!
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★ Easy - you don't need to

finish a project today. In fact, taking your time might be helpful, as you could see a problem with some time and detachment. Schedule a doctor's appointment or decide to exercise a little! Tonight: Choose something relaxing.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★ Keeping it together might take a lot more than you think. Your playfulness buds, and you might have difficulty reining yourself in. A partner or

associate might have an issue with your carefree and fun nature. Tonight: Start the week-end early.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★ Stay anchored, knowing what you want and expect. Don't worry about the moment. Look to the long term. Find positive ways to express your frustration and anger. Communication sizzles, forcing you to think. Tonight: Happy at home.

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LookingBack

10 years ago
The Murray City Council voted to annex approximately 2,400 acres south and west of the city limits at its meeting.

In high school basketball games, Murray Tigers lost 87-60 and Lady Tigers lost 58-57 to Fulton City teams with high scorers for Murray being O'Shea Hudspeth and Becky Greene; Calloway Lakers won 64-57 over Crittendon County with high scorers for Calloway being Austin Wyatt and Ben Underhill.

Births reported include a girl to Kim and Lea Kelly, a girl to Pamela and David Ramey, a girl to Reva and Gary Freeman and a girl to Anne and John Herndon, Feb. 9.

20 years ago
Allison Carr, senior at Murray High School and daughter of David and Donna Carr, has been named "Miss Spring of 1988" for the annual magazine section of the Murray Ledger & Times.

Births reported include a girl to Pamela and Michael Henson and a boy to Audra and Mark Alexander, Feb. 8.

Murray State University Racers lost 74-71 and Lady Racers won 93-72 in basketball games with Austin Peay Governors. High scorers for Murray were Don Mann and Sheila Smith.

30 years ago
Several pieces of equipment have been made available at Murray State University to expand learning opportunities for students who are blind or visually impaired.

In competitive auditions held at Lone Oak High School, 38 members of the Murray High School Band won places in the All-District Band.

Births reported include a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Ray Keel, Jan. 18; a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Perdue, Jan. 20; a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Amos McCarty, Jan. 21.

40 years ago
An average of \$44.15 per hundred was reported for the sale of dark fired tobacco on the four Murray loose leaf floors, Doran's, Farris, Growers and Planters, according to Ollie Barnett, tobacco market reporter.

Susan Nance and Judy Adams, students at Murray High School, were chosen to participate in the 1968 All-State Chorus being held in Louisville, today and tomorrow.

Murray State University Racers won 68-66 over Eastern Maroons in a basketball game. Billy Chandler was high scorer for the Racers.

50 years ago
Ray Henderson, Gunners Mate Third Class, United States Navy, is serving on the attack carrier USS Midway now stationed in the Pacific Ocean area.

In high school basketball games, Kirksey Eagles won 62-57 over Farmington Wildcats with high scorers being Reeder for Eagles and Smith for Wildcats; Lynn Grove Wildcats won 76-59 over Hazel Lions with high scorers being Warren for Wildcats and Duncan for Lions; Murray Tigers won 59-50 over Almo Warriors with high scorers being Pugh for Tigers and Lamb for Warriors.

60 years ago
Murray Lionesses entertained with a surprise Valentine party and potluck dinner for the Murray Lions Club members at the Murray Woman's Club house. Mrs. Will Higgins Whitnell was the toastmistress.

Dr. W.O. Vaught of Little Rock, Ark., will be the speaker at the revival at First Baptist Church Feb. 15-22.

In a high school basketball game, Murray Tigers won 41-38 over Benton Indians with high scorers being Hargis for Murray and Cole for Benton.

Dear old friend who's nursing grudge won't let go of pain

DEAR ABBY: When I recently moved to Ohio, I left behind a group of dear friends. One of them, "Cheryl," and I talk on the phone almost every night.

Everyone in this group got along beautifully. We had great times and have fabulous memories of growing up together. Ten years ago, while I was away at college, the group had a falling out having to do with Cheryl. It was silly and childish -- it was over a "boy." It was soon forgotten and apologies were offered. But Cheryl held a grudge and refused to speak to any of the others.

Abby, more than a decade has passed. We're all married now, with kids and jobs. I love Cheryl dearly, but she refuses to reconcile. She's extremely sensitive, and the mere mention of the subject starts her whining about the "mistreatment" she endured.

So even though I'm far away, once again, I must listen to her constant complaint that she has no friends except me. She's upset that I moved away. I'm tired of splitting my time between her and the rest of my friends when I return

for a visit.

How can I convince Cheryl that there is a group of girls who miss her terribly and just need her to grow up enough to forgive and forget? -- **TORN IN DAYTON, OHIO**

DEAR TORN: Young girls can be very cruel. It would be interesting to know the details of what this group of "friends" did to Cheryl when they turned on her, because whatever they did left her unable to trust any of them again. If they really "miss her terribly," then they should be the ones telling her so -- not you.

Because her neediness and self-pity have become more than you care to handle, before you are turned off completely, you should let Cheryl know that you no longer want to discuss "ancient history." And because you appear to be her only friend -- and a long-distance one at that -- you'd be doing her a favor to suggest that she get counseling to help her move beyond the past.

DEAR ABBY: I have met a man, "Alvin," who is the love of my life. He is divorced; I have never been married. Alvin has a 16-year-old daughter whom he adores, and she does not approve of our relationship. We want to be married, but he says it has to be OK with his daughter.

If Alvin really loved me, would he let her stand in the way of our happiness? -- **WAITING FOR APPROVAL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.**

DEAR WAITING: He might -- if he felt guilty enough about the breakup of his marriage to her mother. My question to you is, do you love Alvin enough to postpone any wedding plans until his daughter approves, or is out on her own -- whichever comes sooner?

DEAR ABBY: I have something I would like to know just for the sake of curiosity.

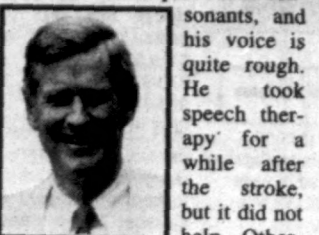
When my mother became pregnant with me, she was married -- but not to the man who impregnated her. Does this make me a bastard? I am not going to be devastated if the answer is yes -- I just want to know for the knowing. -- **AM I OR AM I NOT, COSHOCTON, OHIO**

DEAR ARE YOU OR ARE YOU NOT: The answer to your question is no. Because you were born within the bonds of wedlock, you are as legitimate as the next person.

P.S.: The term "bastard" went out of style at least two decades ago. A better term would be "love child."

Stroke damage probably permanent after 30 years

DEAR DR. GOTT: About 30 years ago, my brother-in-law, while working in extreme heat and consuming alcohol, suffered a heat stroke. He was left with a strong speech impairment. He cannot pronounce consonants, and his voice is quite rough. He took speech therapy for a while after the stroke, but it did not help. Otherwise, his health is good. He takes no medications and is 74 years old. He has a slight balance problem but can work in the yard, mow with a riding mower, etc. He hasn't seen a doctor in years. He is quite alert. His wife died two years ago and he is lonely, but he will not go out in public because of years of people making fun of his speech. It has greatly discouraged him. I believe people are more tolerant and understanding today, but he doesn't. He generally doesn't say anything unless asked a question, and he answers in as few words as possible. His grown children are sympathetic but not assertive toward the situation.



Dr. Gott

By **Dr. Peter Gott**
Is there a medical procedure or therapy that could help him? Should he see an ear-nose-and-throat or stroke specialist? What about another speech therapist? I don't want to get anyone's hopes up and have there be no

solution. What is your advice? **DEAR READER:** Your brother-in-law may have run out of options. If he hasn't improved in 30 years, the likelihood of improvement is very remote. However, with modern techniques, some of his difficulties may be lessened.

If he were my brother-in-law, I would pull out all the stops and have him evaluated by a neurologist (stroke specialist), ear-nose-and-throat specialist and a speech therapist. This should cover all the bases.

If, as I suspect, your brother-in-law's damage from the stroke is permanent, at least you can be certain he has been evaluated thoroughly and found to be in otherwise good health.

As a further step, he may benefit from therapy. In this setting, he will be able to communicate with someone and not have to fear ridicule. It may give him the confidence to talk with family members in a more meaningful way. From there, a stroke support group, perhaps one geared toward speech-impaired patients, is an appropriate step. This should allow him to open up even more, because he will be surrounded by people who truly know what he is going through. In the best-case scenario, he will feel more comfortable in public settings. In the worst, he will have acquaintances (maybe even friends) with whom he can talk freely. Either way, his loneliness will ease and he will be happier.

Let me know how this turns out.

TodayInHistory

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2008. There are 322 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh (Hauptmann was later executed).
On this date: In 1542, the fifth wife of Eng-

land's King Henry VIII, Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.
In 1795, the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.
In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.
In 1920, the League of Nations

recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.
In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden.
In 1945, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.
In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb, in the Sahara Desert.
In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid, N.Y.

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The bidding:
North East South West
1♦ Pass 2♦ 2♣
3♦ 3♦ 5♦
Opening lead -- king of spades.

best chance of success. In so doing, he gives heavy weight to the probability that West has the ace of hearts for his vulnerable two-spade overcall.

This should focus declarer's attention on the need to establish dummy's diamonds for discards. However, since East is likely to gain the lead in diamonds and shift to a heart before the diamonds can be established, this method of play is rather unappealing.

Along about this time it should occur to declarer that there is an excellent chance the diamonds can be established without allowing East to gain the lead! It is only then that the best line of play emerges.

Accordingly, declarer plays low from dummy on West's king-of-spades lead at trick one! This allows the diamonds to be established without losing a trick to East, and does so without costing South a trick, since it merely exchanges his diamond loser for a spade loser.

Let's say West continues with another spade (his play doesn't really matter). South discards a diamond, cashes the ace of diamonds and ruffs a diamond. He then enters dummy with a trump, ruffs another diamond, draws trumps ending in dummy and discards three hearts on the established diamonds to make the contract.

Tomorrow: High-class defense.
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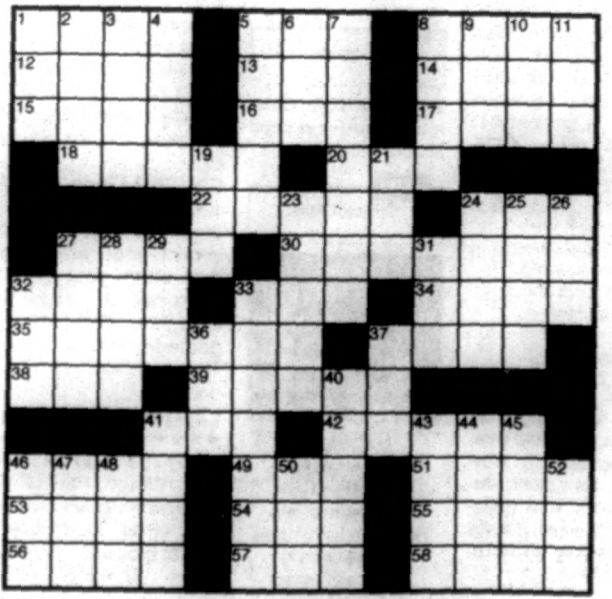
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 - Actor -- Howard
 - Women on campus
 - Slalom gear
 - Gush forth
 - Leading man
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 - Orbit segments
 - Fast horse
 - Standoff
 - Relief org.
 - Dregs
 - Ground cover
 - Pivot
- DOWN**
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 - Reliable
 - Stationery buys
 - Hey, you!
 - Striped animal
 - English cathedral town
 - Iron or sulfur
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 - "Exodus" name
 - Good name, for short
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 - Non-oom nickname
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 - Golden Rule

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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- Grassy field
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 - Dangerous curve
 - Minced
 - Weeps
 - Pouches
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 - Kubrick's computer
 - Prior to
 - Dawn Chong
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PREP WRESTLING: STATE PREVIEW

Wrestling has been high school life for 3 Lakers

TIBALDI, SCHOPPE, SCARBROUGH HAVE BEEN WITH PROGRAM SINCE ITS INCEPTION

By TOMMY DILLARD
Sports Writer

When Brandon Tibaldi gets set to wrestle his first-round match at the 2008 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships this weekend, the Calloway County senior will have a little redemption on his mind.

Because they'll be wrestling outside of region lines, most wrestlers at state haven't faced their first-round opponents before. Not true for Tibaldi, who joins fellow Lakers Ryan Schoppe and Levi Scarbrough, all seniors, at the state tournament.

When he squares off against Elizabethtown John Hardin's Houston Lundy in the 119-pound bracket, he'll do so for the second time in as many weeks. Tibaldi faced Lundy at the Union County Duals on Feb. 2, and suffered a close loss.

But that was then, when he was feeling the first ill effects of a flu bug that carried over to the First Region Tournament last weekend. This is now, and the Laker grappler knows he can spar with Lundy — and has extra incentive to beat him.

"It's nice to know that," Tibaldi said. "I know I can beat him. It was very close

on points before and I wasn't feeling well that weekend."

Tibaldi has another reason to be motivated for a win — beating Lundy would give him his first victory at state after dropping his first two matches last year in the double elimination tournament.

Joining Tibaldi at the Frankfort Convention Complex will be fellow qualifiers Schoppe and Scarbrough, all of whom finished fourth in the First Region Tournament at Calloway last weekend.

Two for the show

Tibaldi and Schoppe were the first two students to show up when Murray Fire

Marshal Dickie Walls decided to kick-start a wrestling program at Calloway five years ago. Neither had any experience with the sport, but Tibaldi's father had wrestled in high school.

The program didn't become KHSAA-sanctioned until Tibaldi and Schoppe's sophomore year. That season, the Lakers sent Kevin Kelly to state in the program's first season of existence. Last year, Tibaldi and Schoppe represented Calloway at state.

"It motivates you to want to go back again and medal at the tournament,"

See WRESTLING, 2C



JOHN RUSSELL / AP
Vanderbilt's Darshawn McClellan (21) strips the ball from Kentucky's Ramel Bradley (3) during the second half Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn.

How
Embarrassing
NATION'S
WINNINGEST
PROGRAM SUFFERS
WORST SEC LOSS
EVER

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — First-year Kentucky coach Billy Gillespie insists it's just one loss. For Wildcats fans, that might be understating the significance a bit too much.

No. 24 Vanderbilt beat Kentucky 93-52 Tuesday night, handing the Wildcats their worst loss in Southeastern Conference history and one of the most lopsided losses in the history of the NCAA's winningest program.

"We just got our tail kicked. That's all there is to it," Gillespie said. "It's one loss, and we got our tail kicked severely. Congratulations to Vanderbilt. They played fantastic. We'll move on. We'll make a positive out of it somehow."

That might be difficult in a loss that was the Wildcats' worst since losing by 55 to Kansas on Dec. 9, 1989.

This 41-point margin matched a 52-11 loss to Rose Polytechnic on Feb. 10, 1910, as the fifth-biggest loss in Wildcats' history, and eclipses LSU's 35-point win over Kentucky, 76-41, on Jan. 18, 1987.

"To have them to stomp us into the ground like that, it's horrible," freshman Patrick Patterson said. "They played like men, and we played like boys."

Kentucky appeared to have fixed the problems that led to a 6-5 start under Gillespie, which included an 84-68 loss to Gardner-Webb at Rupp Arena and a 70-51 loss to Indiana that had been the biggest margin in a loss by the Wildcats.

In other Top 25 games on Tuesday night it was: No. 5 North Carolina 75, Virginia 74; No. 9 Butler 83, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 75 in overtime; No. 19 Purdue 64, No. 10 Michigan State 54; No. 22 Pittsburgh 82, Providence 63; and No. 23 Louisville 88, DePaul 68.

The Wildcats (12-10, 6-3) had a 79-73 double-overtime win over then-No. 13 Vanderbilt at Rupp and a victory over then-No. 3 Tennessee that started a five-game winning streak snapped by Tuesday's blowout.

It was such a big victory that Vanderbilt coach Kevin Stallings can't even dream about it.

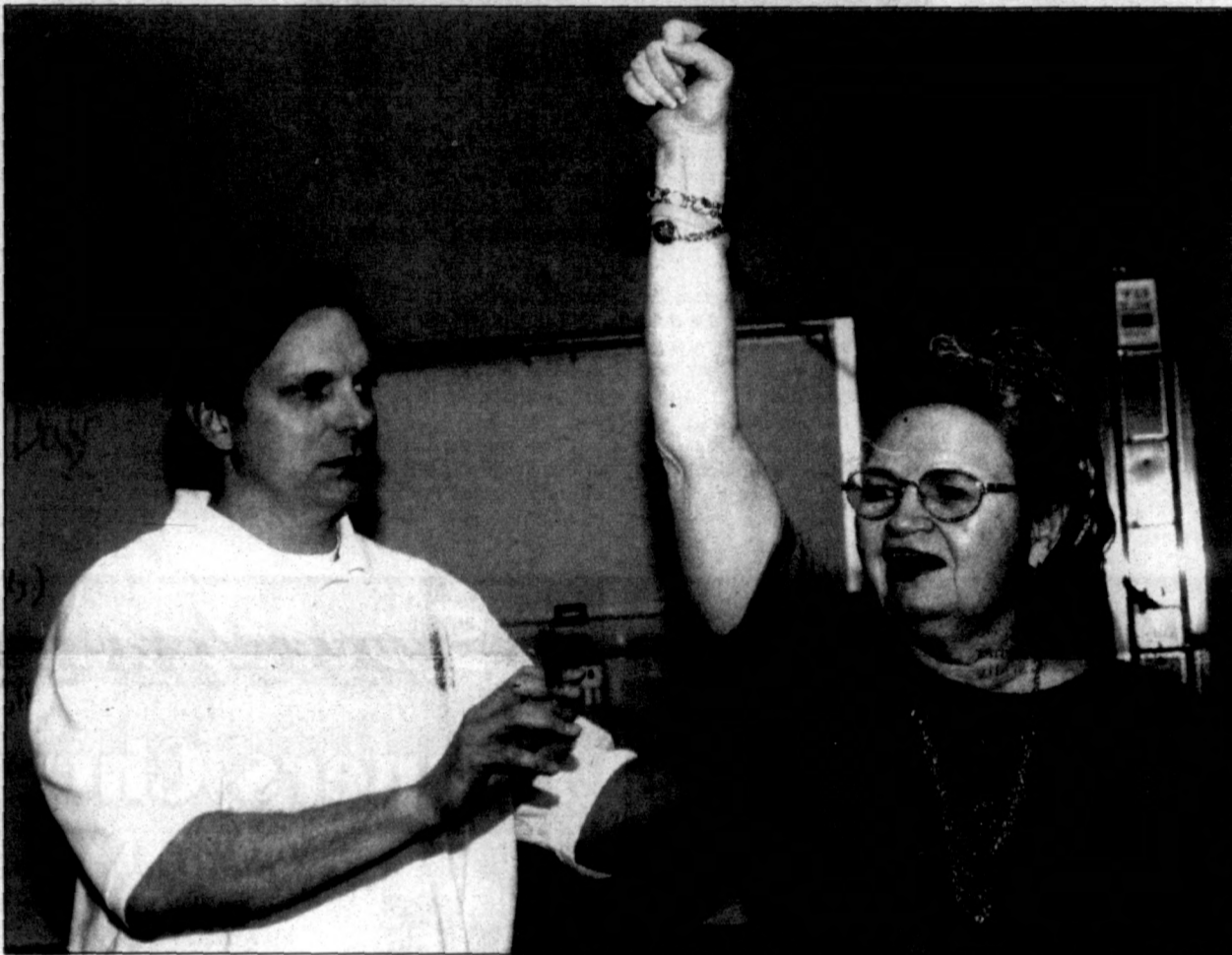
"I didn't think we could be ahead of someone 41-11 if those guys were playing us coaches. We started hitting shots, and they missed a couple of easy ones, and then the crowd got into it. It was just our night. I don't know how to explain it. It just happens sometimes when you least suspect it," he said.

Shan Foster scored 20 points and A.J. Ogilvy added 19 points and 12 rebounds. Kentucky native Ross Neltner added 15 points for Vanderbilt, and Jermaine Beal had 10.

The Commodores (21-4, 6-4) had been the only SEC team to open league play with six of their first nine away from home. They started a four-game home-stand by winning their fourth straight.

THINK PINK

Making A Difference ...



MICHAEL DANN / Ledger & Times

Dr. Matthew Wiggins helps breast cancer survivor and patient Jean Lorrach with a theraband exercise Monday at the Carr Health Building on the campus of Murray State University. Two and a half years ago, Wiggins designed and implemented the Exercise & Cancer Recovery program for people like Lorrach, which started as one patient and has now grown to 35. Wiggins will be recognized for his efforts Saturday at the Murray State-Eastern Illinois game as part of "Think Pink" week in college basketball.

... One Life At A Time

MSU PROFESSOR TAKES PRIDE IN HELPING CANCER PATIENTS RECOVER

IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE "THINK PINK" WEEK, THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF STORIES THAT DEAL WITH BREAST CANCER IN THE MURRAY/CALLOWAY COUNTY COMMUNITY

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Editor

There are two kinds of dreams in life.

One is a dream that is going to be just that — a dream, a vision that you're never really going to hold in your hands.

Then there's that dream that seems to be tangible. It's almost like a map — a map that you live by — that you trade your days for, knowing that someday you are going to stand on that mountain holding

everything you saw in your head right there in your hands. Or in Matt Wiggins' case, in his heart.

For the better part of two and a half years now, Dr. Wiggins has given his time and his heart to cancer patient survivors in the Murray/Calloway County area by providing a cancer recovery exercise program at Murray State University.

The program which started out with one patient has

become so successful in such a short amount of time, it's grown to 35.

For Wiggins, who lost a father and a father-in-law to cancer, he knows what the disease can do to one's body.

Being a professor of wellness and therapeutic sciences and spending most of his life studying sport and exercise psychology, as well as exercise concepts for special populations and sociology of sport, Wiggins wanted to find a way where he could give back that would be gratifying for him.

He started out working with survivors of a Murray-based breast cancer support group. Wiggins then designed the

cancer recovery exercise program and the patients quickly found him.

"We have this saying, 'For the benefit of the cancer community,' and really that's what we're trying to do," he said. "You're changing these lives so that they really feel better about themselves. Cancer just devastates you. It changes your life."

It's changed Wiggins' life, nearly as much as it's changed his patients.

Wiggins now has a special connection, kinship, friendship with ladies that he could easily call his sister, mother or grandmother.

See WIGGINS, 4C

Wiggins' first patient not likely to be last

OLSON RECALLS FIRST DAYS & IMPORTANCE OF ECR PROGRAM

By MICHAEL DANN
Sports Editor

Adjectives like phenomenal, amazing, wonderful, fantastic, great and lucky fly from Karen Olson's mouth as quickly as she can get them out. One could assume that she's referring to her husband and children. Which she is.

Olson Or one might be able to draw the conclusion that she's describing

how she feels after being a breast cancer survivor, not once, but twice. And yes that is how Olson would best describe her life.

But really, when it gets down to it, there is a deeper meaning to those words, but it's the only way Olson can best describe what Matt Wiggins and the Exercise & Cancer Recovery program at Murray State has meant to her.

Olson was one of Wiggins' first patients two and a half years ago when the program first started. And because of what the program has evolved into, Wiggins

will be recognized Saturday during a media timeout in the second half of the men's game when the Racers play Eastern Illinois on "Think Pink" night at the Regional Special Events Center.

A breast cancer survivor of 17 years and then overcoming the odds again five years ago, getting involved and being a part of the program is one of the best things Olson admits she has ever done — albeit, it didn't come easily for her.

See OLSON, 4C



Olson

RACER TRACK
& FIELD
Dial earns
OVC Track
& Field
honors
CALLOWAY CO.
ALUMNUS
RECOGNIZED
FOR SECOND
STRAIGHT WEEK

By MSU Sports Information
Records have been coming and going this season for the Murray State women's track and field team, as senior thrower Shameka Dial was named Ohio Valley Conference female field athlete of the week today, marking the first time in school history that one individual has been named track or field athlete in back-to-back weeks.

Dial, from Murray, shared last week's field athlete of the week honor with Tanesha Campbell of Tennessee State. Last week also marked the first time in school history that Murray State had both the track (freshman Katelyn Jones) and field athletes of the week in the same week.

At the McDonald's Invitational in Carbondale, Ill., this past weekend, Dial racked up two top-6 finishes in the events she participated in. Dial finished in second place out of 21 competitors in the weight throw with a toss of 56'02"00, and also placed sixth out of 23 competitors in the shot put, with a personal best mark of 44'09.75". Both throws rank among the top four performances in the OVC this season.

"I'm very proud of Shameka," MSU head track and field coach Derek Chavis said. "I'm glad that she was able to have this success, because she has worked so hard to allow herself to be in this position."

Chavis hopes the recent success of Dial and the rest of the track and field team persists for the rest of the indoor season.

"I hope Shameka continues to progress and improve, and this momentum carries over into the OVC Championships," Chavis said.

The women hit the track again this Friday, when they will travel to Bloomington, Ind., for the Hoosier Hills Invitational, hosted by Indiana University.



Photo courtesy of MSU
Shameka Dial, a Calloway County graduate, has won OVC Track & Field Athlete of the Week for two straight weeks now.

NCAA adds 17 more 1st- and 2nd-round women's sites

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)— Louisville will be a first-time host in the NCAA women's Division I basketball tournament in 2010. Louisville's Freedom Hall was among 17 sites added Tuesday to the women's tournaments for the next two years as part of the NCAA's previously announced expansion from eight to 16 first- and second-round sites. There are no changes in the regional and Final Four sites.

The additional first- and second-round sites for 2009 are Bowling Green, Ky.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; East Lansing, Mich.; Iowa City, Iowa; South Bend, Ind.; San Diego; Seattle, and Storrs, Conn. Besides Louisville, the only first-time host of any round of the women's tournament, the additional sites for 2010 are Albuquerque, N.M.; Ames, Iowa; Cincinnati; Durham, N.C.; Norman, Okla.; Pittsburgh; Tallahassee, Fla., and Seattle.

Previously announced host cities were Albuquerque; Baton Rouge, La.; College Park, Md.; Columbus, Ohio; Duluth, Ga.; Lubbock, Texas; Los Angeles, and Piscataway, N.J., in 2009; and Austin, Texas; Berkeley, Calif.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Minneapolis; Norfolk, Va.; South Bend, and Tempe, Ariz., in 2010. The dates for each site — either March 21 and 23 or March 22 and 24 for 2009, and March 20 and 22 or March 21 and 23 for 2010 — will be announced later.

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KENTUCKY PREP BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press PREP BASKETBALL BOYS BASKETBALL		South Laurel 73, Clinton Co. 49		
Bardonia 67, Marion Co. 44	Bell Co. 56, Pulaski Co. 53	Taylor Co. 76, Washington Co. 68		
Boyle Co. 67, Mercer Co. 51	Buckhorn 67, North Laurel 57	Todd Co. Central 72, Ohio Co. 68		
Casey Co. 67, Danville 64	Corbin 71, Rockcastle Co. 57	Tug Valley, W. Va. 80, Belfry 72		
Cordia 49, Knott Co. Central 46	Cumberland 59, Clay Co. 41	Wayne Co. 63, Somerset 50		
Cumberland Co. 80, Monroe Co. 45	Estill Co. 62, Madison Southern 54	West Carter 55, Russell 37		
Everts 64, Red Bird 58	Garrard Co. 57, Model 47	POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS		
Garrard Co. 57, Model 47	Graves Co. 55, Mayfield 46	Grayson Co. vs. Meade Co., cod.	Hancock Co. vs. Owensboro, cod.	
Green Co. 91, McCreary Central 78	Greenwood 58, Allen Co.-Scottsville 51	Union Co. vs. Apollo, cod.	Henderson Co. vs. Muhlenberg South, cod.	
Hazard 54, Letcher County Central 48, OT	Jackson Co. 69, Lee Co. 55	Conner vs. George Rogers Clark, cod.	GIRLS BASKETBALL	
Jenkins 48, Jackson City 47	June Buchanan 72, Prestonsburg 57	Allen Co.-Scottsville 50, Greenwood 34	Barren Co. 55, Russell Co. 48	Bowling Green 79, Todd Co. Central 65
Knox Central 77, Cawood 69	Lincoln Co. 69, Pulaski Southwestern 59	Cawood 54, Pineville 47	Cov. Holy Cross 46, Bishop Brossart 32	Elizabethtown 67, Hart Co. 47
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Nelson Co. 43, LaRue Co. 42	North Hardin 83, Campbellsville 39	Madison Southern 58, Estill Co. 49	Mercer Co. 67, Boyle Co. 47	Metcalfe Co. 45, Glasgow 40
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Pineville 63, Harlan 42	Raceland 64, East Carter 48	Pike Co. Central 57, Belfry 47	Pikeville 52, Shelby Valley 45	Rockcastle Co. 64, Corbin 52
Rose Hill Christian 76, Ashland Blazer 43	Russell Co. 66, Barren Co. 64	Russellville 73, Cavema 53	Russellville 64, Cavema 59, OT	Taylor Co. 51, Washington Co. 38
Shelby Valley 65, East Ridge 44	South Floyd 75, Phelps 58	POSTPONEMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS		
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Wrestling

From Page 1C

Tibaldi said of his experience last season. "It's a very tough competition and it'd be exciting to go far."

Schoppe knows what that feeling is like. He advanced to Saturday's Sweet Sixteen last season and fell one match short of the top eight.

This year, he'll wrestle out of the 152-pound bracket and face Louisville Fern Creek's Cody Mann.

For the third consecutive season, Calloway has upped the number of grapplers it sends to state by one. This season, the newcomer to the Frankfort fold is Scarbrough.

The Laker football guard will wrestle out of the 189-pound bracket and face Lexington Bates Creek grappler Dan Griggs.

For Scarbrough, the trip to state itself is a redemptive one. After a promising start to the season, he tore his ACL in the championship match at the Henderson County Duals Tournament on Dec. 1, an injury he thought could end his season.

"Everything was going good the first two tournaments I was in," he said. "My first tournament, I went undefeated and the second tournament I was in the championship match when I tore it."

But Scarbrough was able to come back in late January and won himself a trip to state with a fourth-place finish in his weight class at the First Region Tournament. All said, he's wrestled in only five tournaments

this season.

"That's the thing that's killing me right now is conditioning," he said.

The Lakers set a goal prior to the season of qualifying for the state tournament as a team, but fell one match short in the battle for second place in the region. Henderson County eclipsed Calloway and grabbed the final ticket to Frankfort out of the First Region.

But failing to qualify as a team doesn't put a damper on what the Lakers did accomplish this season, Walls said.

"I think we have a much better chance this year of going up to state and winning," he said. "I think we have a shot at placing."

Each grappler will wrestle just one match on Thursday, and depending on how well they do, could compete in as many as four on Friday. The top 16 in each weight class return to hit the mats for the championship round Saturday morning.

Life without wrestling?

For the steadily improving Laker wrestling program, this season marks the first true senior class Walls has sent through the ranks. Tibaldi, Schoppe, Scarbrough and the rest of the seniors never knew high school without wrestling.

"They've been here since the program started, so it's good to see these guys make it to state after all the work they put in," Walls said. "The biggest thing they've done is help to build up the younger guys that will be taking over next year."

Walls will be the first to tell



Calloway, Carlisle game rescheduled
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Calloway County senior Brandon Tibaldi puts his Fort Campbell opponent in an uncomfortable position during their First Region Tournament match last Saturday. Tibaldi will join fellow seniors Ryan Schoppe and Levi Scarbrough at the 2008 KHSAA State Wrestling Championships in Frankfort this weekend.

you how far the program has come in its five years. But don't take his word for it — just ask Matt Fry and Wesley Potts, both of whom finished fifth in their weight classes at the First Region Tournament, earning them a trip to state along with Tibaldi, Schoppe and Scarbrough as alternates in their

weight classes.

"I thought I was going to be doing the WWE kind of stuff," said Fry, another senior who has been with the program since day one.

"That was the first thing out of our coach's mouth at the first meeting," added Potts, a sophomore. "This is not the WWE."

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Williams, Padgett lead UofL to win over DePaul

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — David Padgett sat through those early losses and wondered what might have been. The thought crossed Terrence Williams' mind, too.

"There's no point thinking about the past anymore," he said.

Not when the present feels this good and the future looks so bright. Padgett is healthy, and No. 23 Louisville is rolling.

Williams tied a season-high with 22 points and Padgett set one with 20 to lead the Cardinals to an 88-68 victory over

DePaul and their 10th win in 12 games on Tuesday.

It was an easy night for Louisville (19-6, 9-3 Big East), which jumped into the Top 25 and shook up the Big East race by beating then-No. 16 Marquette and then-No. 6 Georgetown last week.

The Cardinals scored eight straight to start the game and 19 of the first 24. They led 39-31 at the break after a 10-point run by DePaul late in the first half but pulled away early in the second. They forced 16

turnovers and countless rushed shots with their press as DePaul went 23-for-63 from the field, leading to easy looks on the other end.

Williams and Padgett, whose previous high was 18 points against Georgetown on Saturday, each hit 9 of 12 shots, and Louisville was a scorching 36-of-62. Williams also grabbed eight rebounds and to say he fed off Padgett would be an understatement.



ECR assistant Emily Simonavice (left) watches as Karen Olson works the stairmaster machine during a workout at the Carr health Building

Wiggins

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"I have a relationship with every single one of them," he said. "They are the sister and the mother and the grandmother, not that I never had, but they're all like a big family to me. They're part of my family and I want to do whatever I can for them."

Wiggins started his program in the fall of 2005 in the Curris Center and it moved to the Carr Health Building just a short time ago when a junk room was opened up and remodeled for Wiggins' program.

After the help and hiring of a few assistants, Wiggins has started a program that, prior to 2005, wasn't in Murray, let alone available in many places in the United States.

"The big thing that in survivorship is, once you've had cancer and you've gone through your therapy, you feel tremendous amounts of fatigue," Wiggins said. "One of the ways you can get rid of the fatigue is by exercising. Around here, and around a lot of the United States, there are just not a lot of programs where they cater to survivors."

For every two or three cancer survivors in Wiggins' program, he has at least one assistant. For every five, Wiggins has on hand at least two or three assistants.

What's important for Wiggins is that the patients get one-on-one treatment, and for breast cancer survivors, that they get the exercise they need to help regain their upper body strength.

"A lot of time the oncologist will tell them, don't do a lot of exercise, don't work out or you're too tired to work out," Wiggins added.

"When you go through chemo and treatment, you're



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Patsy Thomasson, a breast cancer survivor for a little over three years now, works the stationary bike while receiving instruction from Dr. Matthew Wiggins Monday. Wiggins has been helping cancer survivors for a little over two and a half years now.

deconditioned. You feel terrible. You have no energy, but you can come in here, work out and you feel better because you're working out. You're building up your stamina and getting rid of some of the fatigue."

Jean Lorrach, a breast cancer survivor for the better part of seven years now, will admit that she hates exercising, but sure does like what it does for her.

"Without this program, I would be where I was two years ago — weighing more and being weaker," Lorrach said. "I'm in my 60s and I'm gaining strength

instead of losing it because of this program."

Wiggins' efforts haven't gone unnoticed. His first patient two and a half years ago was Karen Olson. She told one friend. That friend told another friend and just by word of mouth, the program has become what it is today.

Because he volunteers his time and doesn't accept anything in terms of monetary gain, Wiggins gets the most enjoyment out of seeing the progress his patients make over just a short period of time.

"I can remember Karen coming back in and saying to me, 'I was able to lift a pot. I haven't been able to lift a pot in years,'" he said. "They just talk about all these great things that they get out of this from an everyday-living standpoint. We're blessed. We get so much personal gratification out of this, it's unbelievable. I can't say how gratifying it is. I know it makes me feel like I'm doing a great service for them and their lives are better because of it."

Olson

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"My quote is, when Matt first talked to me about the program and what kind of exercise I did, I had to tell him, 'Excuse me? I don't sweat.'"

"I am of that age where exercising had never been a part of my life," Olson said. "I didn't do anything that would make me sweat. And 17 years ago, after having all the lymph nodes removed, my upper body strength was horrible."

"However my quality of life changed just dramatically by doing this exercise in such a safe way that I was never hurt. The things that I can do now, it may seem very, very simple to you, to be able to pick up a pot and pour the food out of it into a serving bowl, but that was a big step for me. Before my family had to help me or I'd have to spoon it in. I didn't have the strength to lift up a pot."

Wiggins vividly remembers the infamous pot story Olson tells. It was at that point that he knew what he had implemented at Murray State was taking root and growing to what it has become today.

And it's become a program that started with Olson and is now 35 strong.

Olson says she might be the "pot story" but she's also the story of the lady who can go canoeing with her girl scout troop and actually participate.

Olson's life is better now. Not to mention how much more energy she has and how much better she feels.

Olson jokes — to a degree — that she's lived long enough to get cancer twice. One might mistake that for sarcasm, but Olson really does consider herself lucky.

"A lot of women who had breast cancer 17 years ago, they're not around to talk about it," Olson added. "So yeah, I consider myself very, very lucky and the ECR program is the best thing I have ever done. I've asked my surgeon, the doctors here, and the doctors in Vanderbilt, 'Why do we not have this recommended to us just as they do heart patients to do this exercise' and they tell me because there just isn't enough research. That's why Matt's doing the research. He's providing some of this research so more people can have the quality of life myself and 30-something plus have had."

Olson is also the team captain for the Murray-based 8th Wonders breast cancer survivor group. They will be taking up donations Saturday and is the first to say that he's more than deserving to be recognized Saturday for his efforts.

His dedication and devotion were shown by his patients this past December when 60 people showed up on a December 12th get-together.

"At Christmas time, to show up for a pot-luck dinner, people were saying it didn't matter what else was going on in their life, saying thank you to Matt was more important than anything else."

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