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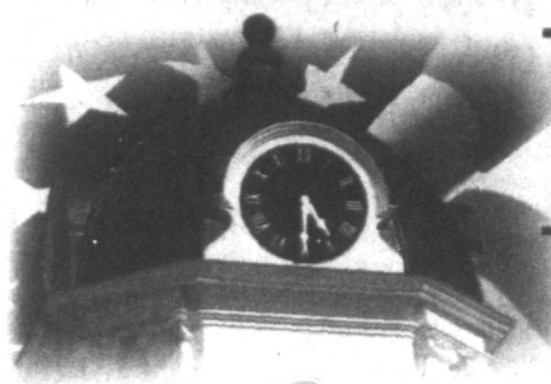
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- SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION

MSU to once again host Great Beginnings

By AUSTIN RAMSEY Staff Writer

In a little more than a week's time, new and returning Murray State University students will once again pack the lecture halls, streets and stores of Murray and its college community.

For entering freshman students, that can mean a big change from the high school way of life, often in an unfamiliar community and surrounded by equally unfamiliar faces.

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Verse of the Day

But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

- 1 Tim. 6:11

Good Morning

to Ledger & Times subscriber: Jamie Vance

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Calloway students return to school



Above, physical education teacher Troy Webb, left, art teacher Meghan Austina and KYCID facilitator Debbi Rogers, right, chart the progress of buses arriving Wednesday morning at North Calloway Elementary School. Wednesday marked the opening day of classes for the 2014-15 year for Calloway County Schools.

At right, North Calloway Elementary School Principal Melinda Henley had a big hug waiting for second-grade student Jadynd Humphrey.

JOHN WRIGHT / Ledger & Times



Hutchens sends King case to grand jury

Vanderwerff arraigned in CVS robbery case

By JOHN WRIGHT Staff Writer

The case of a Murray woman charged in the reported shooting of a man in July was sent to a Calloway County grand jury Wednesday.

Calloway District Judge Randall Hutchens said he found - from a preliminary hearing - enough evidence existed to have the grand jury receive the case of Charissa King, 33. Police allege King shot a man, whose identity has not been released, on the morning of July 28 at a house they shared on Pogue Avenue.

Murray Police Department Det. Michael Robinson testified during the hearing that he became involved with the case after Murray-Calloway County Hospital notified the Murray Police Dispatch that it had received a victim with a gunshot wound at its emergency department. Robinson said the man had been shot in the upper left chest and eventually was transferred to Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, where he underwent surgery. Robinson said the man is recuperating.

King is charged with first-degree assault and receiving stolen property, as the gun allegedly used was later found to be stolen, it was reported.

Robinson also testified before the court that the July 28 incident was reportedly the second involving the two individuals in less than 24 hours.

King's attorney Gary Haverstock asked if Robinson or other officers had noticed any marks on King's face, and Robinson said she had a busted lip, possibly from an alleged altercation of the previous night in

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TASTY TREATS

Ice cream van cruises Murray for third summer

By HAWKINS TEAGUE Staff Writer

For the third summer, the C & D Ice Cream Van has been delighting children and adults alike in Murray with its offerings of cold and delicious treats.

Owner Chad Smith said he always enjoyed ice cream trucks when he was growing up in a suburb of Chicago. When he was a little older, his family moved to Murray, where he attended Calloway County High School, graduating in 1997.

Smith is a union boilmaker and is currently working at an oil refinery in Minnesota, but his home is in the Evansville, Indiana area. His ex-wife lives with their two children, Issac, 12, and Brianna, 10, and Smith said he was inspired to start selling ice cream here after noticing a number of trucks in Evansville.

'They've got about 13 ice cream trucks running around, and I thought, 'You know, that would be a perfect idea to bring to Murray.' So I bought a

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Verna Baker with the C & D Ice Cream Van hands a treat to one of a group of children hanging out near the swimming pool at Murray-Calloway County Central Park. This is the third summer the van has been making the rounds in Murray.

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**Daily Forecast**

**The National Weather Service**

**Thursday:** Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. A high near 90. East southeast wind 5 to 7 mph becoming south in the afternoon.

**Thursday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. South southeast wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. A high near 87. Southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

**Friday Night:** A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with

a low around 71. South southwest wind around 6 mph.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. A high near 86. Southwest wind around 7 mph becoming west northwest in the afternoon.

**Saturday Night:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. Northwest wind around 6 mph becoming east after midnight.

**Sunday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 87. West northwest wind around 6 mph.

**Sunday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. Northwest wind around 5 mph.

**Monday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind around 6 mph becoming west northwest in the afternoon.

**Monday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

**Tuesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Northwest wind around 6 mph.

**Great Beginnings...**

**From Front**

So once again, MSU will welcome new students with open arms at its decades-old Great Beginnings — a two-week-long schedule of programming designed to give students the opportunity to learn more about their new campus and community. Now a Murray State tradition, entering college participants are introduced to areas of assistance like financial aid and meal plans while they socialize with fellow students both residential and commuter.

Coordinator of New Student Programs Tara Hawthorne said Great Beginnings was all about acclimating students not only to the important academic side of the campus community, but the social side as well.

"There's the academic side, but there's that social side, too," she said. "It's like a welcome to Murray State. We have such a great mixture of programs."

Wednesday was the last formal meeting of the Great Beginnings Committee made up of faculty, staff and students.

Re'Nita Avery-Meriwether, director of Student Life and the MSU Curris Center, said the committee helps her and Hawthorne develop a programming schedule that well represents what the students would like to see and that for which the faculty and staff feel students need to be prepared.

"Every year, we assess our programming because we want to be able to improve it," she said.

That's why this is the first

year Great Beginnings will

actually stretch into the month of September. Events that usually only lasted about a week long will continue on a regular schedule, because, as Avery-Meriwether put it, the administration wants students to know that they care about helping students make the college transition as easy as possible.

"That's why we even have students on our committee," she said. "Students should know that we're here to help them. We need to hear which events are good and which need to change."

Those events may include annual traditions like the Campus Outreach Water Balloon Fight with more than 30,000 balloons and 2,000 people at Roy Stewart Stadium Tuesday, Aug. 19. Hypnotist Tom Deluca will put some students into a deep, deep sleep at his show in Lovett Auditorium the next night. Of course, various student-led groups and offices on campus will host events themselves, making Great Beginnings what Hawthorne called a truly collaborative event.

More information on scheduling is available at [murraystate.edu](http://murraystate.edu).

**King; Vanderwerff...**

**From Front**

Mayfield. Robinson said there was no history of MPD having been called to the residence on Pogue Avenue.

Haverstock also asked Robinson if he had any recollection of a protective order having been issued against the man after King allegedly suffered a broken nose, but Robinson said his records showed no such incident.

Hutchens, at the request of Commonwealth Attorney Mark Blankenship, lowered King's bond from \$50,000 property to \$25,000 property. King's next scheduled court appearance is October 13 in Calloway Circuit Court.

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.

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A Murray man, facing a charge of armed robbery Monday inside a local pharma-

cy, made his first court appearance Wednesday.

Murray police arrested Gary Vanderwerff, 62, late Monday night on a charge of first-degree robbery after their investigation led them to his location after the robbery of the CVS at the intersection of North 12th and Main streets earlier that afternoon.

Hutchens did not change Vanderwerff's bond, choosing to keep it at \$20,000. Vanderwerff's preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday in Calloway District Court.

Individuals facing charges are innocent until proven guilty.

**Ice Cream van...**

**From Front**

Chevy Astro van and set it up because I wanted to do it economically. I didn't want a big milk van where it was running a big V-8 engine. So I put it in a six-cylinder minivan, and then we got a freezer and hooked it up and then I got a distributor (Prairie Farms). It was pretty neat. I've always wanted to do that, and I thought it would be good for the community."

Smith said he thought Issac and Brianna would enjoy the business as well.

"It's a good learning experience because I've taken them out and they get to interact with people," he said. "It was neat taking them because they got to hand out the ice cream and people would hand them the money and they would learn how to make change and check inventory."

In addition to his own name, Smith said the T-shirts for C & D have Issac and Brianna's names on it, the names of his two youngest children, Ella and Emri, and the name of Smith's fiancé, Dawn.

"It makes them feel cool that they've got an ice cream van," he said. "They brought it to school on the last day of school last year."

Smith said when he first start-

ed the ice cream routes, some people were skeptical about whether it would work or not. Over time, though, it has gained more attention and has received a good deal of positive feedback on its Facebook page, he said. It even expanded its route into Benton for the first time last week.

Chad's mother, Linda Smith, helps run the business. Verna Baker is the main driver of the van, and the other part-time drivers are Melanie Cannon and Joy Camp, Baker said. Baker said she loves interacting with all the children and drives through the usual places they hang out like parks and pools, as well as other places she's been invited. She said she also gets long lines of adults when she comes by their workplaces.

"My cell phone goes off from the time I leave home to sometimes midnight wanting to know if I'm going to come out the next day," she said.

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## Hummingbird month at LBL Nature Station

### Special to the Ledger

August is peak hummingbird season in Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. During August, hundreds of hummingbirds stop by the Nature Station's gardens and feeders to rest and to fuel up for their migratory journey south.

Special hummingbird programs will be presented throughout August and are included with the price of admission.

On Sundays at 3 p.m., guests can attend "Hummingbird 101." This introduction course in, the air conditioned theater, will provide interesting facts including how you can help these tiny birds along their way.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Nature Station guests can help staff refill the many backyard feeders during this daily ritual. People will understand why this program is called "Hummingbird Feeding Frenzy." The best time to see the hummingbirds up close is at feeding time.

Thursdays in August will offer special bird programs at 2 p.m. in the Nature Station theater. These will include:

- Aug. 7 - Backyard Birding: From Hummingbirds to Hawks
- Aug. 14 - Migration Miracles
- Aug. 21 - Hummingbird Folklore
- Aug. 28 - Beautiful and Bizarre Birds of Land Between the Lakes

On three Saturdays in August - 9, 16, and 23 - at 9 a.m., the Nature Station will open up to 10 people to enjoy photographing the hummingbirds, butterflies and native plants, as well as captive wildlife such as the red wolves and bobcat, during their most active time of the day. Reservations can be made by calling 270-924-2020.

For questions about Hummingbird Month at the Nature Station, call 270-924-2299. Follow the Nature Station on Twitter @LBLNature and Pinterest.

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area manages more than 170,000 acres in western Kentucky and Tennessee as part of the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of Agriculture's public lands program. Land Between the Lakes offers outdoor recreation, lake access, land management, and environmental education to over 1.4 million visitors annually. The Friends of Land Between the Lakes works in partnership with the Forest Service providing program services, fund development and volunteer support.

To find more information about Land Between the Lakes, log on to the official website at [www.landbetweenthe lakes.us](http://www.landbetweenthe lakes.us) or call toll-free at 1-800-LBL-7077 or local at 270-924-2000. For more information on the Friends of Land Between the Lakes, log on to [www.friendsoflbl.org](http://www.friendsoflbl.org).

## Arts in the Community Show being held in Mayfield art guild

### Special to the Ledger

During the month of August, the Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild is proud to present the 23rd annual Arts in the Community Show. The exhibition is open to all ages and skill levels with 42 different artists and writers from the local area participating. With more than 100 pieces on display, visitors will see drawings, paintings, pottery, wood burnings, wood turnings, sculptures, photography and poetry. The coin mosaic depicting the Ice House polar bear will remain on display throughout the month. Arts in the Community ends Aug. 30.

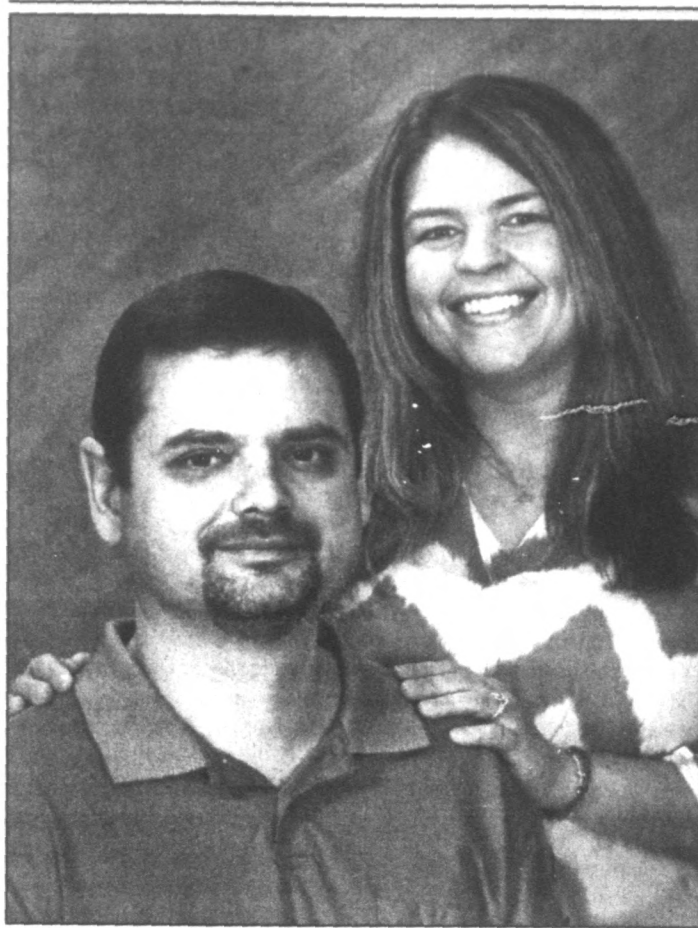


Photo provided  
One of the displays at the Arts in Community Show by artist Danny Whitlock.

The Mayfield/Graves County Art Guild is a non-profit community arts center located in the historic Ice House, 120 North Eighth Street (corner of North and North Eight Streets) in Mayfield. The Center is accessible to individuals with disabilities and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Admission is free.

Call the Ice House at 270-247-6971 or email [icehousearts@att.net](mailto:icehousearts@att.net) for more information.

## Engagement



### Reardon and Grace

Mrs. Connie Reardon, of Murray, announces the engagement of her daughter, Emily Reardon, to Ken Grace, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Grace of Murray. Emily is also the daughter of the late Christopher Reardon.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Calloway County High School and a 2009 graduate of Murray State University. She is a manager at Cracker Barrel in Murray.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Calloway County High School and is the parts manager at Dwain Taylor Chevrolet.

The wedding will be Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014 at Kenlake State Park, Aurora, with a reception to follow.

Invitations will be sent.

## Charity golf scramble scheduled for September

### Special to the Ledger

Teams must pre-register by Sept. 12, for the Charity Golf Scramble to support the Kentucky Sheriff's Office Boys and Girls Ranch that will be played Thursday, Sept. 18, starting at 8 a.m. at the Oaks Country Club. The first hole-in-one on hole six will win a 2015 Ford Escape from Parker Ford and the first hole-in-one on hole eight can win a 2015 Kawasaki Mule 610 4x4 from Town and Country Motorsports. Entry fees may be paid the day of the tournament but 4 person teams must pre-register by the Aug. 10 deadline. You can register online at [www.callkyso.com](http://www.callkyso.com), email [majorcop2@callkyso.com](mailto:majorcop2@callkyso.com) or call Oaks Country Club, 270-753-6454.

## Photography fundamentals offered

### Special to the Ledger

West Kentucky Community and Technical College is offering a five-week class to teach the fundamentals of photography beginning Tuesday, Aug. 26. Class instructor Jim Ethridge will cover topics such as camera types, exposure settings, composition, posing, lighting, types of photography and more.

Photographs by Ethridge have been used in several books including Paducah, Kentucky: A Center for Culture and Commerce, which was published by Turner Publishing and In Your Backyard, an article in the fall 2001 issue of Nature Photographer Magazine. Ethridge has also won several local photography contests.

Photographic Fundamentals will be held each Tuesday, Aug. 26, Sept. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Each class will be from 6-8 p.m. in WKCTC's Emerging Technology Center, Room 214. A short field trip in Paducah is planned for Sept. 16.

Participants are encouraged to bring a camera. A specific type of camera is not required for the class. To register online go to <http://ws.kctcs.edu/westkentucky/course/course.aspx?C=463&pc=1&mc=&sc=> or call 270-534-3335.

## DATEBOOK



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### Glorybound to meet

Glorybound Christian Entertainment Ministry will meet Friday, Aug. 8, from 7-9 p.m. at Goshen United Methodist Church Family Fellowship Center, Stella. Featured will be For Heaven's Sake and Yours Truly. The public is invited. For more information, call Renee Taylor at 270-753-8124 or Pat Leah at 270-227-8833.

### Vinson Reunion to be held

The annual Vinson Family Reunion will be Sunday, Aug. 10, at Paris Landing State Park. Lunch will be in the dining room at noon with a business meeting to follow. Mark Alan

Vinson of Memphis, Tennessee invites all family members to attend. For more information, call 270-753-3419.

### Back to school event at Owens Chapel

Owens Chapel Baptist Church, Airport Road, is having a Back to School Grill Out Friday, Aug. 8, at 6:30 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to join. This event is free and open to the public.

### Lassiter Cemetery to hold fundraiser

The Lassiter Cemetery #6, State Line Road, Hazel, will hold a reverse auction for the upkeep of the cemetery for the coming year on Saturday, Aug. 9, at noon.

### FBC Sunday School will meet for lunch

The Esther and Pairs and Spares Sunday School classes at First Baptist Church will leave from the church parking lot at 11 a.m. for lunch at Cypress Springs on Friday, Aug. 8.

### Ashbury Cemetery cleaning day planned

The annual Ashbury Cemetery cleaning day will be Saturday, Aug. 9, at 11 a.m. David Allbritten from Kirksey United Methodist Church will be the speaker and a potluck lunch will follow. In case of rain, the event will be inside the Kirksey United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Marilyn Downey at 270-489-6251. Donations for the upkeep of the cemetery may be sent to Ashbury Cemetery Improvement Fund, 129 Fire Station Drive, Kirksey, KY 42054.

### Co-ed softball teams forming

The Murray-Calloway County Parks and Recreation Department is accepting entries for a fall adult (18-over) recreational co-ed slowpitch softball league. The league will be governed by NSA rules with a few local modifications and is limited to the first 12 teams to enter. The season starts Sept. 2, and runs through Oct. 26, with a ten game regular season and post season double elimination tourney. Call the MCC Parks at 270-762-0325 or [tab.brockman@murrayparks.org](mailto:tab.brockman@murrayparks.org) for more information about entry fees and to register.

### Make A Difference Day to be held

The Murray-Calloway County 97th Make a Difference Day will be Saturday, Aug. 9, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Roy Stewart Stadium on the campus of Murray State University. Paper and cardboard of all types will be collected. The Lions Club will collect eyeglasses and the W.A.T.C.H. Center will collect aluminum cans. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) will collect cell phones. West KY Mentoring will have a bin for ink jet cartridges and Angel's Attic will collect clothes. Kiwanis Club will be collecting shoes and the Murray City Police Department and the Calloway County Sheriff's Office will combine efforts to take in prescription drugs in original containers. Plastics, tin cans and glass will also be taken as well as bins provided for used motor oil. Books will be gathered for recycling to benefit community education. The shredder will be available to shred up to 50 pounds of personal, confidential documents.

### Kirksey UMC to host free breakfast

The Kirksey United Methodist Church will host a free Community Breakfast Saturday, Aug. 9, from 8-10 a.m. at the church, 3691 Kentucky 299, Kirksey, next to the ball park. A traditional country breakfast will be offered. Any donations will benefit area food pantries. The public is invited to attend.

### CCRTA will meet Monday

The Calloway County Retired Teachers Association will meet Monday, Aug. 11, at 11:30 a.m. at the Murray Woman's Club House. Dr. Bob Wagoner, Kentucky Retired Teachers Association executive director will present the program. A catered lunch will be served. All members of Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System are invited to attend.

### Housing Authority offers computer class

The Computer Learning Center at the Housing Authority of Murray is offering a free computer class on PowerPoint, Tuesday, Aug. 12, through Thursday, Aug. 14, from 10 a.m. until noon. Pre-registration is required. Call Janet at 270-753-5000, ext. 310 or visit [www.phammurray.org](http://www.phammurray.org) and click on computer center.

### Downtown Saturday Market to be held

The Downtown Farmers Market is on the south side of Murray's court square on Saturday mornings. Vendors will be offering home-grown squash, onions, tomatoes, green beans, purple hull peas, sweet corn, seedless watermelon, cantaloupe, and peaches along with farm raised meats, fresh bread and baked goods, and handmade jewelry and textiles. For vendor information, contact Deana Wright at Murray Main Street, 270-759-9474.

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■ Miller, Jones...

From Page 8

Griffin, Miller and Jones both expressed their excitement at being a part of James' homecoming, a return the Ohio native wants to crown by ending the city's 50-year championship drought. Miller and Jones won back-to-back titles with James and the Heat.

They know what it takes to win, and they know it won't be easy.

"Winning a championship takes a lot of hard work. It's one of the hardest things you'll ever do," Miller said. I was able to be a part, and James was able to be a part of an unbelievable ride in Miami."

They're riding with James again.

Two of the league's better long-range shooters, Miller and Jones will give Cleveland more

weapons to add to the ones they already have in James. All-Star point guard Kyrie Irving and maybe even forward Kevin Love, who could be headed to the Cavaliers in a trade with Minnesota before the month ends.

Miller and Jones understand what it's like to be on the floor and on the receiving end of a pass from James, one of the best enablers the game has ever seen.

"It's great," Jones said. "I relish the opportunity to play with LeBron once again and the chance to play with Kyrie because as a shooter that's what you want, you want good looks. Sometimes the looks can be too open, it gives you too much time to think, but we'll live with those problems."

The Cavs have fewer of those these days.

Following a disappointing season, they drafted Andrew Wiggins with the No. 1 overall pick, signed coach David Blatt and top assistant Tyrone Lue, rekindled with James and resigned the four-time MVP after a four-year separation, signed Miller and Jones and could soon land Love, one of the league's best players.

"I don't know if you can have six months like we've had, but it's been special," Griffin said.

It could get better. Along with the potential deal for Love, which could cost the Cavs Wiggins, Cleveland also has interest in signing free agent Ray Allen, the most prolific 3-point shooter in league history.

Jones recently spent time with in Connecticut with Allen, who is weighing retirement against a shot at a fourth championship ring.

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Now in training camp, Brown says he sprained a knee against Kansas City in October. He says he played five games hurt with his injury never mentioned. He still finished as the Titans' second-leading tackler with a career-high 117 tackles, and he either led the team or was tied for the lead in tackles in five games. He also had a team-high four tackles for loss and four sacks and an interception while forcing a fumble.

With defensive coordinator Ray Horton switching the Titans to a 3-4 scheme, the 6-foot-1, 248-pound Brown has moved from outside linebacker where he has started 26 of his 32 games inside. The Titans see Brown, who was timed running the 40-yard dash in 4.44 seconds at the NFL Combine, as athletic enough to cover tight ends and running backs in space and play near the line.

Having Woodyard beside him has helped Brown work through the differences playing inside linebacker rather than outside as he did the past two seasons. But Brown says he has heard people question him and uses that as motivation.

"For me, I'm always out to prove people wrong and prove myself right, 'Hey I can do this,'" Brown said. "People say I can't play inside linebacker. They're going to find out this year."

Whisenhunt said Wednesday he just wants Brown to keep working. The Titans open the preseason Saturday night hosting Green Bay, and that will be the next big test of how Brown is adapting.

"He's on a plane that's moving upward, and the challenge for him is to continue on that," Whisenhunt said.

Notes: The Titans waived quarterback Tyler Wilson on Wednesday. Whisenhunt said releasing Wilson now gives him a chance to catch on with another team early in the preseason. They also opened up a spot for DT Lanier Coleman, while getting more work for rookie Zach Mettenberger. The rookie quarterback, a sixth-round draft pick in May, had a rough practice Wednesday. He was intercepted in a goal-line drill, and he also had a pass that bounced off a garbage can on the sideline before hitting a woman watching at the fence.

■ Selig...

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very thorough. ... I don't really have any knowledge if there's anything else coming.

"Look, I'm proud of where we are," he said. "We have the toughest drug testing program in America, and certain American sports."

It was a year ago this week that Rodriguez was among 13 players disciplined by Major League Baseball as a result of the Biogenesis scandal, two weeks after Ryan Braun had

already accepted a 65-game penalty. Most of the other penalties were for the final 50 games last season, though Rodriguez appealed his much longer suspension and is out for all of this season.

Selig planned later Wednesday to visit the Rangers' ballpark in nearby Arlington on his tour of the 30 franchises. He also planned to visit with Dr. Bobby Brown, who practiced cardiology in the Dallas-Fort Worth area before serving as vice president of the Texas Rangers and later

the AL president from 1984-94.

"I've been so busy and things have been so hectic that I haven't really had a chance to focus on (pending retirement). Next November, December and January, I'm sure I'll do a lot of that," Selig said. "I try not to think about that, I really don't. Yeah, there are a few times when I've said to myself, well, this is the last time you'll do this. And this is the last time I'll do this. I think the emotion will come later."

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nice runs and some nice moves," Hatcher said. "You have to remember that we have no back that has seen the big playing time right now, but we're currently seeing a big positive in the running game."

Senior Cadarius Sanders, the lone returner in the secondary, has been playing as well as any time he has donned a Racer jersey. Hatcher said, but noted the youth and inexperience surrounding him.

Normally a concern for most coaches, Hatcher said most of the new faces in the secondary

are athletic, rangy and long but perhaps lack the mental fortitude of remembering schemes and defensive sets - something that will change with time and practice.

Other battles are being waged across the depth chart - with just 11 offensive linemen and six defensive linemen on the roster, Hatcher said everybody needs to get ready to get big and ugly in the trenches.

Special teamers have also yet to be hashed out, Hatcher said. Junior DB Shawn Samuels-CConnell continues to impress in the return game, as does

Janawski Davis, while Carson Greifenkamp and Gavin Wilson are neck-and-neck for kicking duties.

"Usually with the older guys, you only have to touch on special techniques and game situations," Hatcher said. "This time around, we have to hit all hard..."

"Overall, it was a good fifth day of practice."

The Racers will practice in helmets Thursday at 8 a.m. before practicing in shells on Friday and Saturday. Following a Sunday off, their next scheduled scrimmage will be Aug. 12 at 8 a.m.

■ Browns...

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time I would get better at certain concepts and there's still a lot more for me to go."

The competition between Hoyer and Manziel appears to have tightened, and Pettine said both QBs have made progress during the first two weeks of camp.

"They've both made improvement, and I think they're both doing a great job of playing to their skill sets," Pettine said. "It's obviously very different, what they bring to the table. I think Brian's starting to feel very comfortable in the pocket."

As he works toward naming a starter for the Sept. 7 opener at Pittsburgh, Pettine said more weight will be placed on how Hoyer and Manziel do in the first two preseason games. Pettine would like to have the QB competition - and all positional battles - decided before the third exhibition.

"That's the plan," he said. "I've always been a part of, and more than likely will be here, resting most of the guys in the fourth game, so that third game is critical to get that chemistry and cohesion. We've mixed the line-ups a lot, which is good because you're getting guys exposure. They're in with the twos. They're in with the ones. They're going against the ones, going against the twos. At some point, you've got to settle down and develop that chemistry, that cohesion."

Hoyer got a jolt on Tuesday when his surgically repaired right knee got hit during practice. Hoyer said linebacker Paul Kruger banged into his knee but that it held up fine.

"It was more scary than anything else," he said. "I kind of went down and waited for there to be some pain and there wasn't, so it was actually kind of good to have some confidence going into Saturday knowing I've actually taken a hit and the brace withstood the hit and the brace felt good."

"I was scared for about two seconds and realized there was no pain and got up and went on

to the next play." Hoyer hasn't considered taking a day off to rest his knee.

"I can't afford it," he said. "That's what we're here for is to play football. I really don't think I need it. I feel fine."

At least outwardly, Hoyer isn't showing any fear of Manziel gaining on him. The six-year veteran remains focused on getting better, leading his teammates and earning the trust of his coaches. He's been prepared, meticulous and unshaken despite having the popular Manziel breathing down his neck.

Hoyer knows he needs to play well, but he's not feeling any more pressure than he's already putting on himself.

"The way I look at it is I feel

like I'm the starter until someone tells me otherwise and that's how I prepare," he said. "Even if I weren't, I'd prepare to be prepared regardless of the situation. You never know when your name is going to get called. That's how my whole career has been. You kind of have to approach it the same way."

NOTES: Browns Pro Bowl TE Jordan Cameron remains sidelined with a shoulder injury and will not play this weekend. ... As he awaits word from the NFL on his appeal of a possible suspension, WR Josh Gordon will be mixed in with the starter and backups vs. the Lions. ... S Tashaun Gipson returned to practice after being out with a sprained knee and is expected to play.

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## PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

# Gutting it out

## WOODS ARRIVES AT VALHALLA AND WILL TRY TO PLAY

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Barely able to tie his shoes three days ago, Tiger Woods is ready to tee it up in the PGA Championship.

Woods caused the biggest sensation of the week Wednesday afternoon simply by driving his silver SUV into the parking lot at Valhalla. He has never arrived so late for a major championship and had so little time to prepare — just nine holes at Valhalla, which he had not seen since winning the PGA Championship in 2000.

But at least he's playing. That much was in doubt Sunday when he withdrew from the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational because of back pain that made it a chore to switch out of his golf shoes. Woods said he suffered a pinched nerve, but that it was not at all related to back surgery he had March 31 that kept him out of golf for three months.

He said his trainer adjusted the area above the sacrum. "Once he put it back in, the spasms went away," he said. "And from there, I started getting some range of motion."

The latest injury occurred

when Woods tried to play a shot from just above a deep bunker on the second hole at Firestone, and his momentum caused him to land hard in the sand. He kept playing, and hit some horrific shots before deciding to withdraw after a tee shot on the ninth hole.

That was only his third tournament since his return from surgery, leading to concern that he might be done for the year. "It was a different pain than what I had been experiencing," Woods said. "So I knew it wasn't the site of the surgery. It was different and obviously it just the sacrum."

His arrival put some life into what had been an ordinary week. Dozens of cameras captured Woods putting on his shoes with ease at his car. He got a big cheer just walking onto the practice range and the crowd was six-deep down the first hole, about like it was for the Ryder Cup at Valhalla six years ago.

In the nine holes he played with Steve Stricker, Davis Love III and Harris English, Woods looked the same as he did last week.

He drilled his driver down the first fairway. He badly pulled his tee shot on the third hole. It was a mixture of good and bad,

about what can be expected from someone who has played only nine rounds in the last five months.

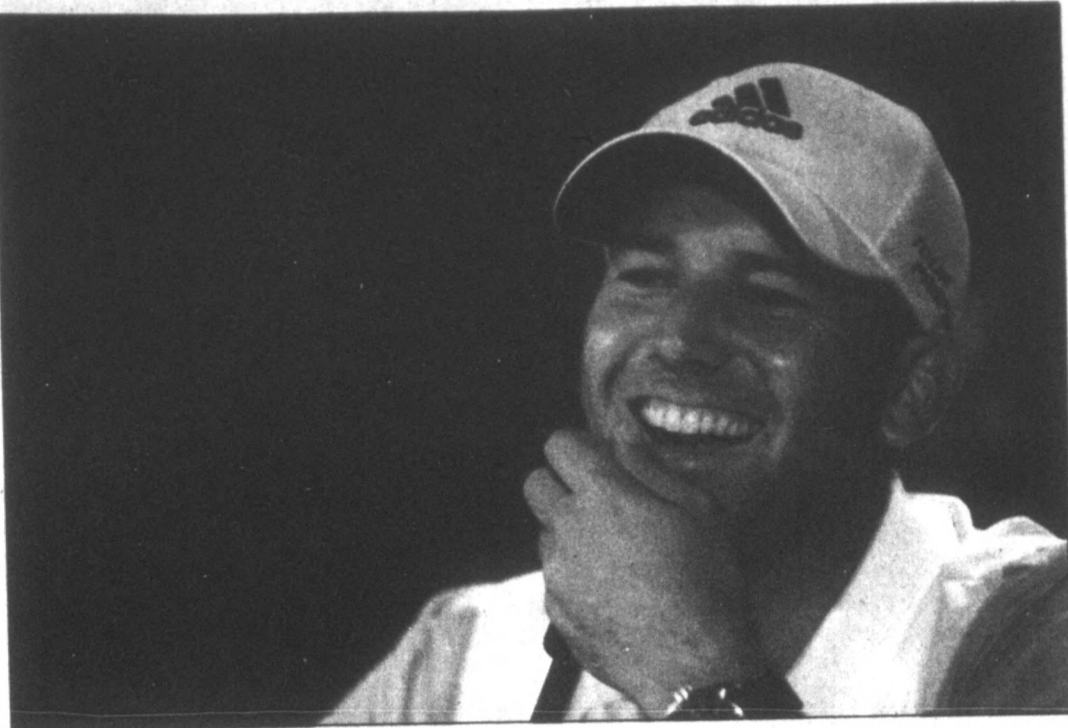
"Nothing great," Woods said. "It's only Wednesday."

Woods tees off Thursday alongside Phil Mickelson and Pádraig Harrington. He simply said, "Yes," when asked if he expected to win, which seemed to be a tall order considering his return from surgery. Woods missed the cut by four shots at the Quicken Loans National, had his worst 72-hole finish in a major at the British Open and was in the middle of the pack at Firestone when he withdrew.

Barring a victory, this likely will be his last tournament for at least six weeks.

Woods is not eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs, and he hasn't given U.S. captain Tom Watson much reason to pick him for the Ryder Cup. Woods said he would have to "play well" to give reason for Watson to take him.

"That's the only thing I can control," Woods said.



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Sergio Garcia, of Spain, speaks to the media during a news conference at the PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, in Louisville, Ky. The tournament is set to begin on Thursday.

## Garcia back in mix for majors again

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — The only thing worse than being mentioned as the best player without a major is not being mentioned at all.

Sergio Garcia is back in the conversation. The 34-year-old Spaniard is No. 3 in the world, his highest ranking in five years. He arrived at Valhalla for the PGA Championship coming off a pair of runner-up finishes. He briefly challenged Rory McIlroy at the British Open and then lost a three-shot lead to McIlroy at Firestone.

Fifteen years after his first close call at a major, Garcia looks as poised as ever.

"It's been a good year," Garcia said. "Obviously, a lot of high finishes, some really good chances of winning tournaments. Unfortunately, it's only happened once this year in Qatar, but I'm excited about it."

"It's another big week here in Valhalla. We're going to try to do more of the same and keep playing well and see if we can be there again on Sunday and have another good chance."

Just his luck, there always seems to be one guy doing a little bit better.

For years, that was Tiger Woods. Garcia was 19 when he

nearly chased Woods down in the 1999 PGA Championship at Medinah. He played with him in the final group of the 2002 U.S. Open at Bethpage Black and in the final group of the 2006 British Open at Royal Liverpool.

Woods hasn't won a major in six years. And now Garcia has to contend with McIlroy.

"I wouldn't say bad timing," said Garcia, with a smile. "I think playing well, it's always great. And if somebody else is playing better than you, there's nothing you can do. ...The only thing I can do is try to play the best I can. If I manage to do that, I know that I've shown that I can play really, really well. But if somebody else plays better, the only thing I can do is congratulate him and move on."

That's what he did at Hoylake two weeks ago. He played in the group ahead of McIlroy at The Open, and ran up to hug him in the scoring trailer when McIlroy completed his two-shot victory.

It wasn't always that way. Garcia struggled to lose as graciously as he won, such as the British Open at Carnoustie in 2007 when he lost in playoff to Pádraig Harrington and blamed it on bad breaks, suggesting he was playing against "more than the field."

He looks as happy as ever, in part because of the group around

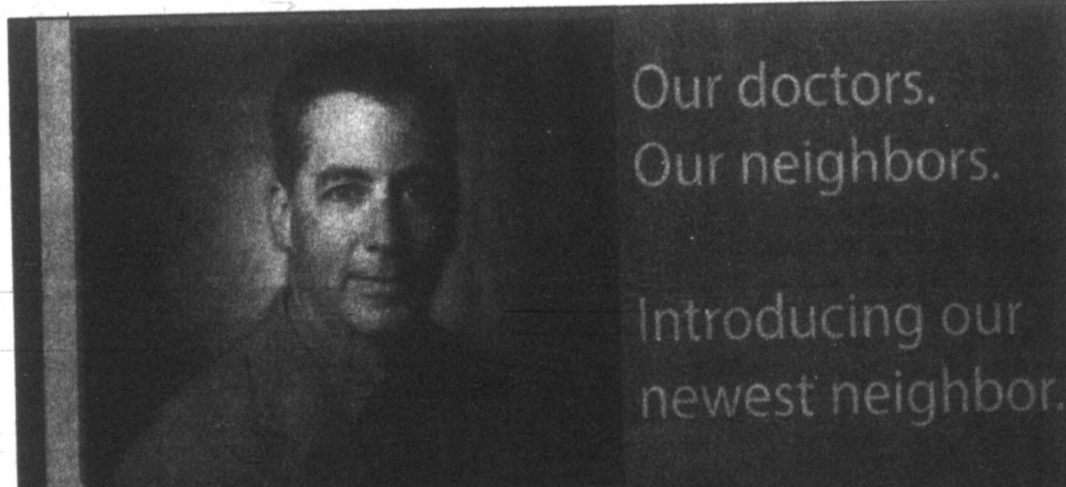
him and girlfriend Katharina Boehm, a German who played college golf in the United States. So which comes first? Does happiness lead to good golf or does good golf make him happy?

"A bit of both," Garcia said. "Obviously, I feel like things around me are right when I want them to be, and that obviously puts me in a nicer situation when I go on to the golf course. And then ... don't get me wrong — it's not just good playing because of happiness. It's work and confidence and all those things."

"I've had some really nice things happen to me on the golf course and things that keep your round going. All those things kind of put together make up for the happiness and the good play."

Garcia looked so much at ease that happiness might no longer depend on whether he can call himself a major champion. He believes he felt a greater sense of urgency to win a major when he was in his early 20s and contending for them more regularly. Now, not so much.

"Like I've always said, if I get to 45 and I haven't won one, then I'll probably start worrying a little more," he said. "But I don't know. Hopefully, that won't happen."



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## Numbers Game

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