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## Auditor gives county schools clean audit report, despite trends

By AUSTIN RAMSEY  
Staff Writer

Calloway County Schools earned a district of distinction status after last year's round of statewide testing results were released this fall. Now, according to the district's auditor, the district should call itself a district of distinction on sound footing.

Jason Anderson of Alexander Thompson Arnold PLLC presented the district's annual audit report at the monthly board meeting at the Calloway County Preschool Thursday evening. Anderson said the district had done a good job in preparing and presenting financial data to auditors this year, but he said a statewide expenditure trend concerned him, as districts like Calloway begin to spend more than they earn in light of state budgeting cuts.

"It's a good clean audit, and the district is on sound footing," Anderson said, "but there are some trending issues that are different from those in the past."

Superintendent Steve Hoskins said he was pleased with the results, but that he believes the district needs to begin work now to reverse negative spending trends, rather than wait until they reverse the district's posi-

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### Verse of the Day

I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

- Psalms 89:1

### Good Morning

to Ledger & Times subscriber:  
**Helen Donelson**

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## Panera Bread Site Work



GREG TRAVIS / Ledger & Times

A crew with Davis Construction was busy this week with on-site preparation work for the new Panera Bread restaurant on U.S. 641 North, across from Murray State University's Roy Stewart Stadium. According to Brent Cox, with Buffalo Construction of Louisville, general contractor for the project, the current site work should take one week to 10 days. He said, weather permitting, construction on the restaurant should take approximately 120 days to complete.

## City Council approves bids, hears iwis news

By HAWKINS TEAGUE  
Staff Writer

In its final meeting of the year — and the last with Bill Wells as mayor — the Murray City Council approved a bid for a wastewater collection system and heard some very good news about a local industry.

City Administrator Matt Mattingly reported that the Kentucky Department

for Local Government told the city this week it would receive a \$1 million grant for the iwis automotive plant to buy equipment. He said the council would likely vote in January on a budget amendment to transfer that money to the Murray-Calloway County Economic Development Corporation to be used for that purpose.

The council also approved a bid of \$2,476,386 from Robertson, Inc. of

Poplar Bluff, Missouri for upgrades to the East Forks Clarks River pump station and force main. It was the lowest of three bids, which ranged from approximately \$2.58-3 million.

The project is the second of four planned collection system upgrades that are part of the larger project to improve the city's wastewater treatment system. Also included in the larger project are improvements to the wastewater treat-

ment plant itself. The council also approved a \$65,000 bid from Danny Cope & Sons Excavating, LLC of Calvert City for drainage improvements on Spring Creek Drive. The bid was the lowest of six bids.

In other business:

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## Toy drive assists local school districts

By AUSTIN RAMSEY  
Staff Writer

Philanthropy is a big part of the Christmas spirit, so as the end of the month draws near, it's not uncommon to see an extra helping hand make this time of year a little better for those in need.

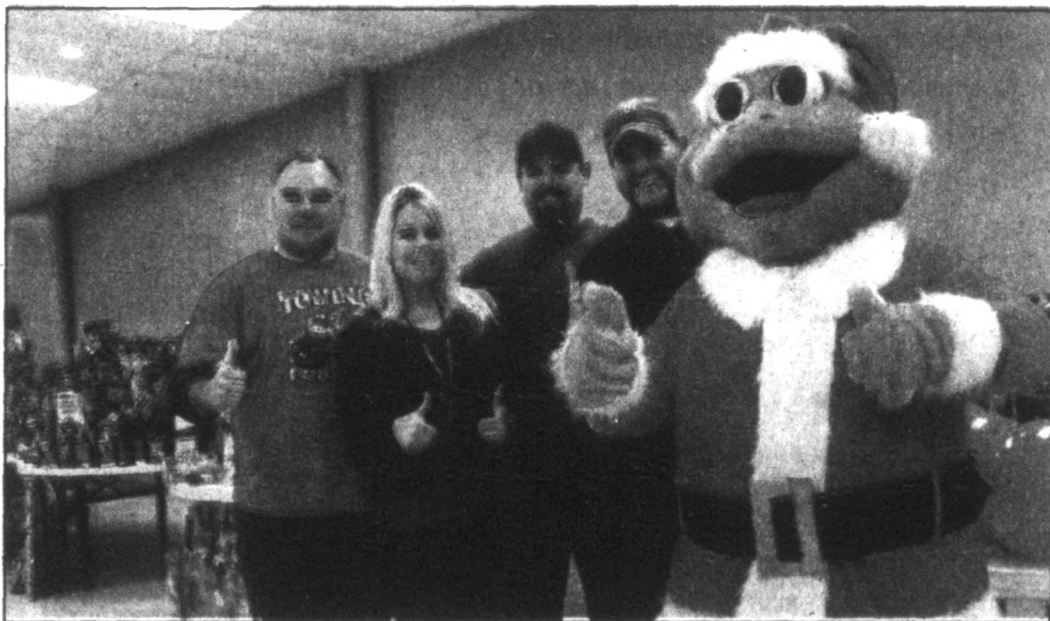
A little more than a year ago, Monty McCuiston of Max's 641 Towing and Service in Murray wanted to be that helping hand. In fact, he said, he'd wanted to use his family-owned business to have a greater community impact for almost a decade, but it had taken a while to get things off the ground.

He joined with as many business sponsors as he could and ventured into hosting a season-long toy drive for the Santa Project at Calloway County Schools and Tiger Christmas at the Murray Independent School District.

Now for the second year in a row, that toy drive is poised to be the largest regional drive, collecting more than 1,000 toys and thousands of monetary donations for children in the Murray-Calloway County area.

"We never imagined it would get as big as it has in such a short time," McCuiston said.

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AUSTIN RAMSEY / Ledger & Times



For the second year in a row, Max's 641 Towing and Service company in Murray has partnered with several local businesses to put on the Towing for Toys toy drive - a program aimed at boosting the toy giveaway operations at the Murray Independent and Calloway County school districts. Above, from left, Monty McCuiston of Max's Towing stands alongside sponsor businesses Froggy 103.7's Windy Waters, Jeremy Price, Davey Crockett and Santa Frog.

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**Daily Forecast**

**The National Weather Service**

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50. Calm wind becoming west around 6 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Calm wind.  
**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 53. Calm wind.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Calm wind becoming south southeast around 5 mph.

**Sunday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 54. Calm wind becoming east around 5 mph in the afternoon.

**Sunday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. East southeast wind 5 to 7 mph.

**Monday:** A chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 52. Southeast wind around 7 mph.

**Monday Night:** A chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 41. East southeast wind around 6 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

**Tuesday:** A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48. North wind 6 to 10 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. North northwest wind 6 to 8 mph.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 46. North wind 6 to 9 mph.

**Scenery plan for LBL raises concerns**

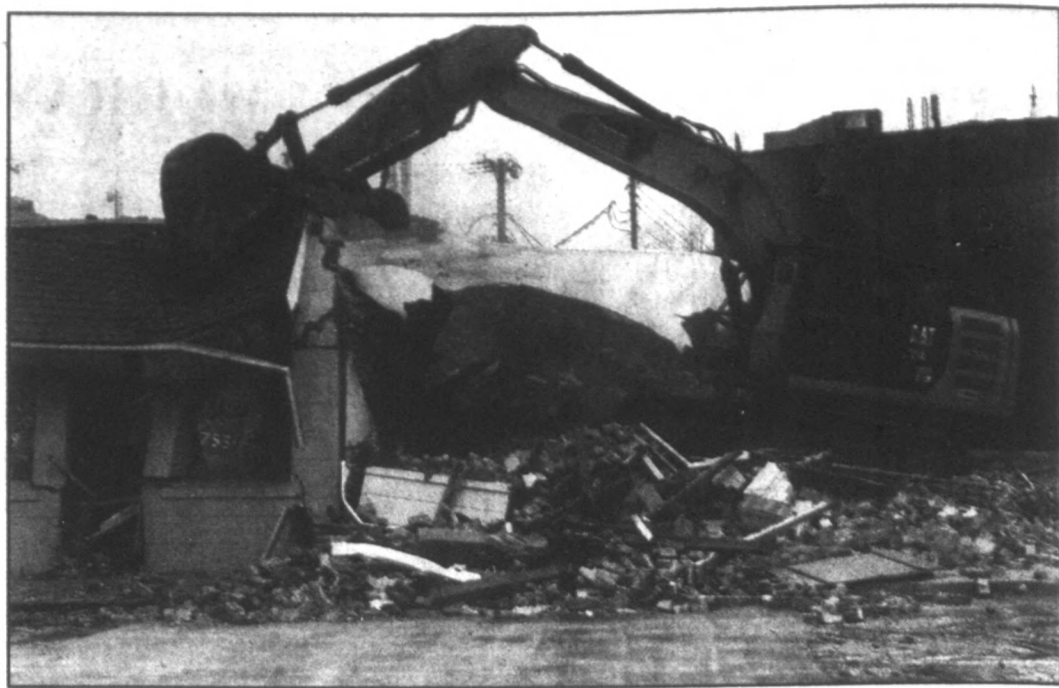
**GOLDEN POND, Ky. (AP)** — A plan to manage scenery at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area has raised some concerns with some.

The park's area supervisor, Tina Tilley, told area media that officials worked with a landscape architect to develop a draft plan for visuals that will attract more visitors. She says she wants to create "peek-a-boo views" where hikers can see lake views or wildlife habitats.

Ronnie Mardis, who says his family has ties to the land, told the station he is worried about how much more logging, cutting and clearing the plan will allow.

Tilley said she has been "surprised by the angst" the proposal has raised, but thinks there's some misunderstandings about the park's goals, WPSD-TV reported.

The forest service is taking public comments about their scenery plan through Dec. 31.



JOHN WRIGHT / Ledger & Times

**THE LAST ONE:** The shovel of a Cope & Sons Inc., track hoe smashes into the roof of the former Hair Masters building Thursday morning along Maple Street in downtown Murray. The Hair Masters/Petter Business Supplies structure at 500 Maple is the last of five buildings that had to be destroyed in the wake of a major July fire that will now leave a large empty space at the corner of South Fifth and Maple streets.

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**Closure on US 68/KY 80 Eggners Ferry Bridge set**

**Special to the ledger**

A contractor for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet plans an overnight closure on the US 68/KY 80 Eggners Ferry Bridge on Friday, Dec. 12, according to Keith Todd, public information officer for the KYTC's District One and District Two.

The US 68/KY 80 Eggners Ferry Bridge will be closed starting at 9 p.m., CST, Friday. The bridge is expected to reopen to traffic by 5 a.m., Saturday.

Todd said construction on the new bridge requires a concrete pump truck to be parked on the existing bridge. Due to the size of the pumper truck the bridge has to be closed.

"The contractor has placed message boards

along US 68 in Marshall and Trigg counties and on KY 80 in Calloway County to alert the public to this planned overnight closure. The contractor will also place flaggers and barricades at each end of the bridge to alert traffic to the closure. There will be a marked detour between Cadiz and Aurora via Interstate 24 and the Purchase Parkway," he added.

As construction on pier footings for the new bridge continues, the contractor anticipates a night closure of the Eggners Ferry Bridge about once a week for the next few months as weather allows. The contractor anticipates providing at least 48 hour advance notice on future overnight closures, Todd said.

**Man pleads not guilty in Cadiz deaths**

**CADIZ, Ky. (AP)** — A western Kentucky man accused in the slayings of his parents, sister and an acquaintance has pleaded not guilty to charges of murder, complicity to murder and complicity to kidnapping.

Prosecutors say they believe 36-year-old Ryan Champion enlisted help from 22-year-old Vito

Riservato in killing his family, and then killed Riservato. All four died of gunshot wounds at the Champion family's home in Cadiz.

Along with the arraignment on Wednesday, Trigg prosecutor G.L. Ovey filed notice that he intends to seek the death penalty in the case if Ryan Champion is convicted.

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Dr. Karla Turley graduated from University of Louisville School of Medicine in 2003. She served as Chief Resident at the Good Samaritan Hospital completing her residency in 2007. Dr. Turley and her husband, Rob, recently moved to Murray from Madisonville, KY. They have 2 children.

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### City Council...

#### From Front

• Council members took turns thanking Wells for his four years of service as mayor and his 20 years on the council before that. They also paid homage to Pete Lancaster, who served on the council for 14 years, and Mike Faiht.

• The council passed the second reading of an ordinance amending the health and sanitation to eliminate duplication and conflict in the previous ordinance.

• The council passed the second reading of an ordinance amending a chapter of the property maintenance code to adopt the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code as the city's standard operating procedure.

• The council passed the second reading of an ordinance to amend the annual budget to fund a classification 18 Maintenance Worker I position.

• The council approved recommendations from the Planning Commission to annex 27.824 acres located east of Falwell Estates north of Wiswell Road and to zone two properties on Robertson Road South as R-2 (single family residential) and another owned by the city as Government.

• The council approved a bid from Rogers Group for crushed limestone.

• Murray Main Street Manager Deana Wright delivered her annual report and said the Main Street board would hold a town hall meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 18.

### Drive...

#### From Front

Starting around the first of November both years, Max's Towing and more than a dozen community sponsors hold rebate nights at local eating establishments and athletic events like Murray State basketball games or high school meets. Patrons could get discounts for bringing toys or monetary donations for the drive, or they could bring their gifts to drop-off locations around town.

Last year, the drive raised slightly fewer than 1,000 gifts and about \$1,500 in donations. This year, McCuiston said the drive collected about 2,000 toys and more than \$4,000 in donations.

"We feel like it's a great impact to the Tiger Christmas and Calloway's Santa Project," he said. "To see (the organizer's) faces when we walk through the door with these toys tells me that."

Part of the reason he said he believes it is so important to host a drive like the Towing for Toys push is because he said there really is a need in the community, especially during the Christmas season.

Between both school programs, he said, almost 1,500 children are served. At that rate, as boxes full of toys, clothing and school supplies are shipped out in the coming weeks, drives like his are a critical part of what make things work for the community.

Max's Towing partnered with Gatti's Pizza in Murray, Murray State University, the Big Apple Cafe, Zax Imprinted Sportswear, the Murray Ledger & Times, Froggy 103.7 and Sirloin Stockade.

More than a dozen businesses and individuals gave huge monetary donations to the drive. Without the help of sponsors and the charitable giving from people all over Murray and Calloway County, he said the drive could never be as successful as it has been this year.

### County Schools...

#### From Front

...tive financial standing.

The board also OK'd a presentation from an architect the district shares with the Murray Independent School District for the construction of a new career technical center on Johnny Robertson Road west of Murray. Preliminary schematics for the 39,000-square-foot facility show a bi-corridor building featuring separate laboratory and classroom settings for health, culinary arts, carpentry, electricity, auto mechanics machine shop and welding study areas. In total, the cost of the project should round out to about \$8 million, said Greg Thomas RBS Design Group of Owensboro. He will join representatives from the school district in Frankfort next week to present the schematics to the Kentucky Department of Education for adjustments and approval.

Near the start of Thursday's meeting, the board hosted a public forum to present and discuss the annual health and well-

ness policy at Calloway schools. Food Service Director Pat Lane said federal and state regulations on food preparation and proportions were becoming a burden on the way her department operated. She said last year, for example, federal guidelines required that schools serve half whole-grain starches at meals. This year, entirely whole-grain products are required, driving up prices and significantly impacting taste. Lane said opposition legislation is the works to repeal some food service mandate laws. School nurse Vicki Williams said the district was pleased with the number of flu shots it had administered this year, but the health services staff was still overwhelmed by chronic conditions in the district.

The board recognized board member Terry Bourland for his 16 years of service to the district. He opted against running for office this year.

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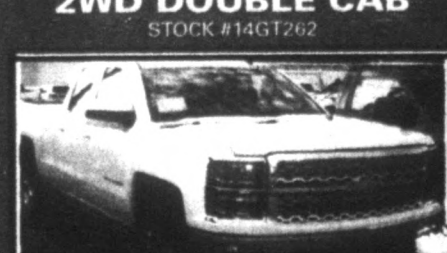
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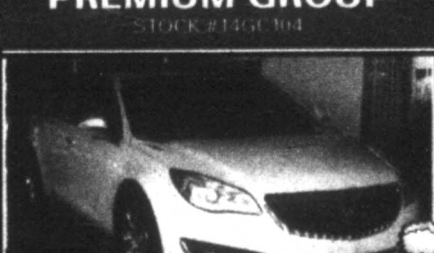
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MURRAY STATE FOOTBALL

## Stewart chosen to lead Racers

Becomes the 18th head coach in Murray State football history

By RYAN RICHARDSON  
Sports Writer

Murray State promoted Mitch Stewart from offensive coordinator to head coach Thursday following the departure of former head coach Chris Hatcher to Samford.

Initial reports of Hatcher's move to Samford came Wednesday night, and the Bulldogs officially confirmed their hire Thursday afternoon.

Only two hours later at a press conference, the Racers named Stewart the replacement and 18th football head coach at Murray State.

"It's something that's been a huge dream of mine for a long time," Stewart said. "My initial response to (Hatcher leaving) was I needed to make a few phone calls (to express my interest in the job)."

After he learned Wednesday that the job would be open, Stewart drove back from Mobile, Alabama, to Murray to make sure Director of Athletics Allen Ward knew he was interested.

He needn't have worried, as Ward said he's had his eye on Stewart for years.

"Honestly, I've been thinking about Mitch as the replacement for three or

four years," Ward said. "I've been impressed with Mitch for a long time." Ward began to seriously consider Stewart as the next head coach last year when Hatcher showed interest in the job at Kennesaw State. Since then, Stewart has topped the replacement list if Hatcher ever left.

Both Stewart and Ward said the transition thus far has been smooth, and the players have been receptive.

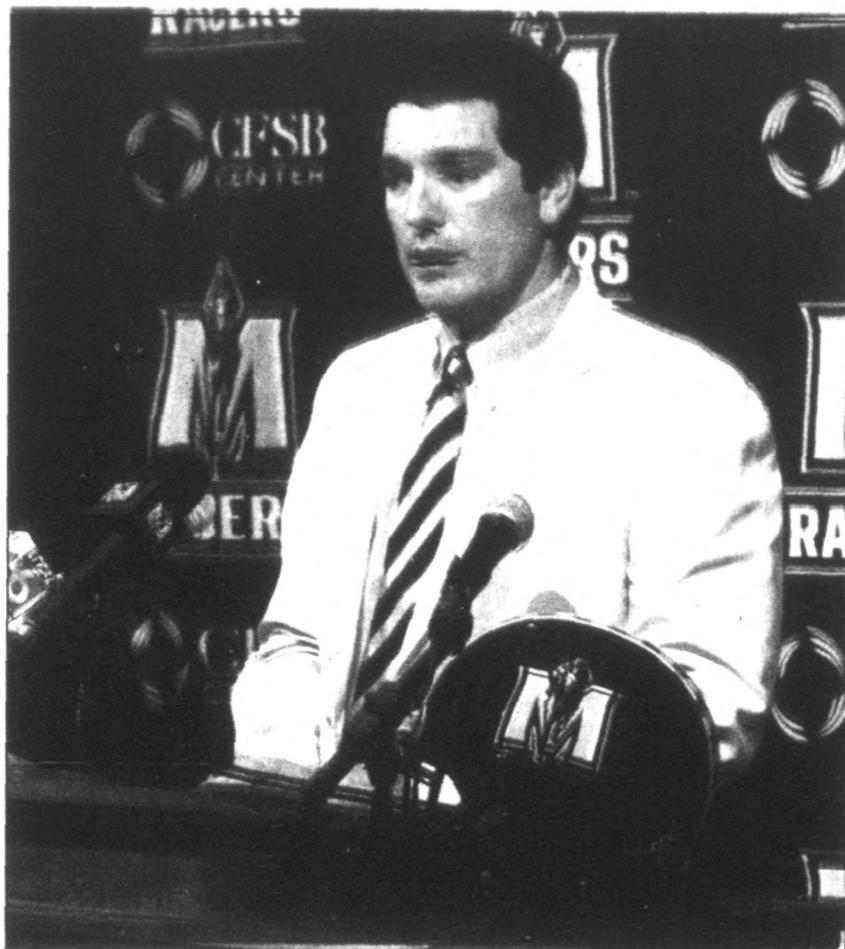
"It was pretty seamless just because I've been here a while," Stewart said. "I know the kids and I know the recruiting and all that kind of stuff."

He also knows the offense, as evidenced by his previous position. His ties to Hatcher's game style go even deeper, though, because he was a quarterback at Valdosta State when Hatcher served there as head coach. He was then a wide receiver coach when Hatcher was at the helm at Georgia Southern.

When Hatcher came to Murray in 2009, Stewart joined the staff as the wide receivers coach. For the past four seasons, Stewart served as the offensive coordinator.

Before Hatcher left Murray State, he commented on the decision to promote

■ See STEWART, 9A



EDWARD MARLOWE / Ledger & Times  
Mitch Stewart speaks with friends, family and media Thursday during a press conference. Stewart was named Hatcher's successor at HC.

## Hatcher officially announced as Samford HC

By RYAN RICHARDSON  
Sports Writer

Chris Hatcher has officially left Murray State to take over as head coach at Samford University.

After initial reports came out Wednesday regarding Hatcher's departure, Samford's athletic department released a statement around 2 p.m. Thursday confirming the hire.

Hatcher will be introduced today at 11 a.m. during a live press conference.

In the release, Samford President Andrew Westmoreland said Hatcher fits the program's needs in multiple ways.

"Coach Hatcher possesses the characteristics necessary for success as the leader of our football program," Westmoreland said. "Underlying his strengths as a great motivator and tactician, he is a person of unshakable character. Fundamentally, he sees himself as a teacher. He is an ideal fit for Samford."

Hatcher replaces Pat Sullivan, who stepped down earlier this month after

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## PREP BASKETBALL

## Lady Tigers fall in Massac County

Staff Report

Despite cutting their deficit to two several times in the fourth quarter, the Murray Lady Tigers never could overcome the Massac County Lady Patriots — falling 46-42 in southern Illinois Thursday night.

Macey Turley led the Black and Gold with 10 points, Maddie Waldrop finished with nine points and eight rebounds and Hannah Clark had eight points, but Murray only shot 16-of-53 from the field and just 1-for-11 from behind the arc.

The Lady Patriots didn't fare much better — shooting just 16-of-46 from the field — but were able to win the rebound battle 32-26 and hold the Lady Tigers scoreless in the final possessions.

It was Murray's first loss of the season — a night, head coach Rechelle Turner said, where defense and rebounding weren't enough.

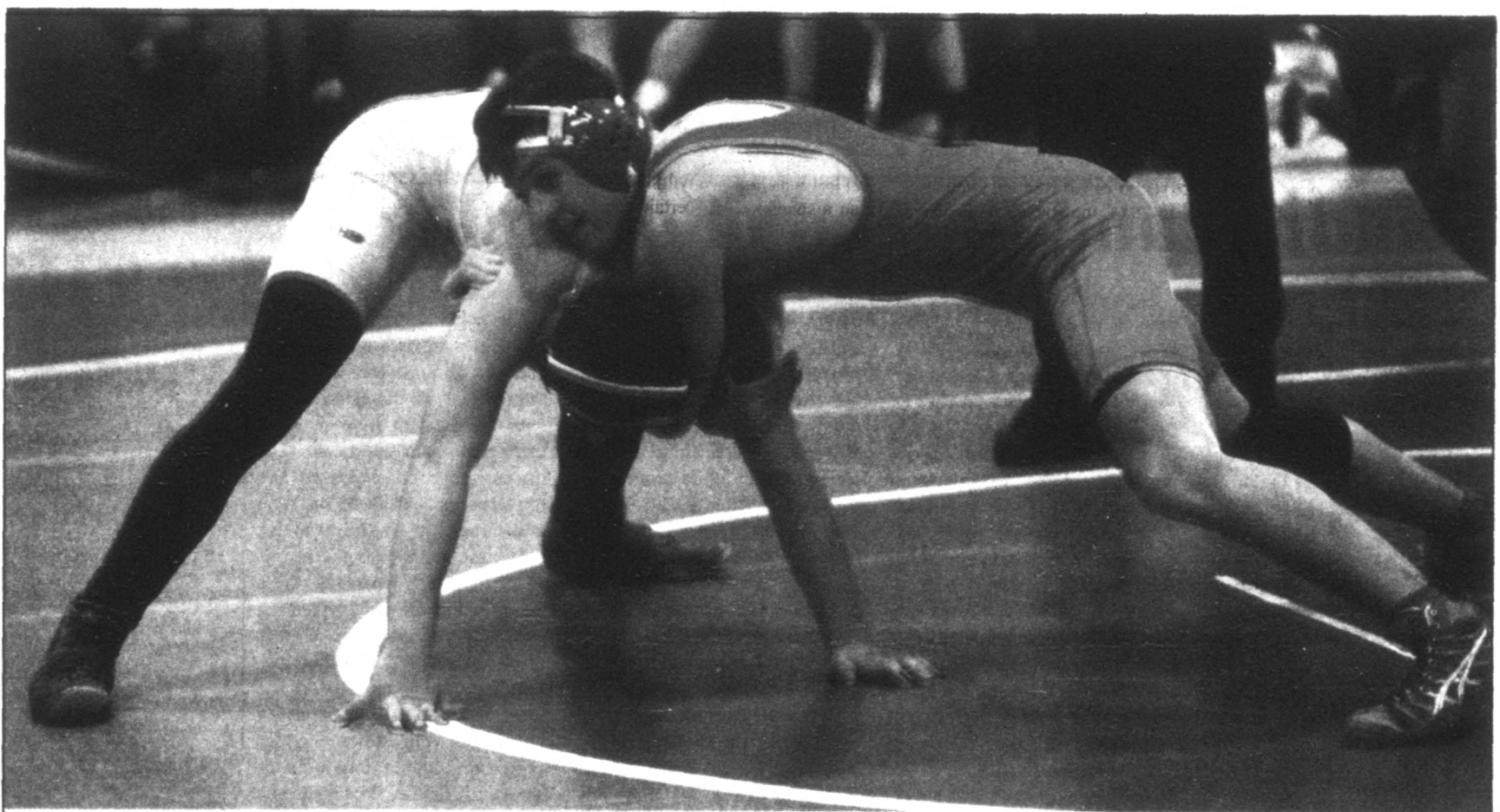
"I think the defining points of the game were that we didn't score...our defense never turned into offense," she said. "With missed free throws and the missed open shots, we just missed a chance to win."

Murray trailed by one — 31-30 — heading into the final quarter, but the Lady Patriots took an eight-point lead late. The Lady Tigers battled back, but Turner said it was missed layups, poor shot selection and bad decisions that cost them down the stretch.

"The is certainly the first test we have faced, and we are just not very good right now," she added. "And we have a short time to correct the situation."

Turner is referring to next Tuesday's matchup, where Murray faces a familiar foe in three-time regional champion Marshall County in Benton.

## CCHS WRESTLING



EDWARD MARLOWE / Ledger & Times  
Calloway County's Nick Walls picked up his first-ever win against Caldwell County's Braden Sperry Thursday night, winning by 6-2 decision for three team points. The senior captain also scored a pin later in the night against McCracken County, moving him to 102 career wins.

## Lakers floor Caldwell, McCracken

By EDWARD MARLOWE  
Lead Sports Writer

A lot can certainly change in one week.

After opening the season last week with a narrow loss to Trigg County, the Calloway County Lakers surged through Sikeston, Missouri and carried their weekend success into Thursday — where they dropped Caldwell County 54-16 and McCracken County 60-18 in the Day Treatment Center.

Nick Walls picked up his 101st and 102nd wins along the way, Mario Perez picked up his first two wins of the season,

Colby Culver picked up two pins, Cody Jackson picked up two pins and the Lakers were never out of control against the Tigers or the Mustangs.

"We wrestled today like we did Saturday," Walls noted of his brawlers. "Caldwell won the majority of their matches Saturday (at Sikeston), and their not a slosch team."

"We just look a lot better than we did last Thursday night."

Freshman Nick Dickerson opened the evening with an 11-1 loss to Caldwell's Caleb Hammonds before the Tigers had to forfeit their next six weight classes.

Walls then met with Caldwell's Braden Sperry in the 152 lb. class — an opponent, he said, he had never defeated before Thursday night.

The senior captain took a 4-0 lead early in the second period before Sperry was able to notch a takedown late in the frame. Walls answered seconds later, however, with a takedown of his own and held on for the three-point 6-2 win.

"All this work over the summer just paid off," he said. "The last time he faced me he beat me 2-0, the time before that I think was by four or five points."

"This time, I just got past him. I spent

this summer working weights, and he used to be a lot stronger than me. This time, I was a lot stronger than him."

After starting the season 0-6, Perez picked up his first win after staving off Caldwell's Caleb Riley 7-2.

Wrestling above his weight class to start the season, Perez said he was finally comfortable back at 160 lbs., where he was also able to secure another 7-2 win against McCracken County's Jonathan Bowland later in the evening.

After taking a quick 4-0 lead, David Woods fell by pin to Tige Littlefield at 182

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## PREP BOYS BASKETBALL: MURRAY 71, FULTON CO. 29

## Murray mauls Fulton County for third win

By EDWARD MARLOWE  
Lead Sports Writer

Holding a slim 14-12 over Fulton County Thursday night, Murray head coach Bart Flener pulled in all of his starters for a rest to start the second quarter — then let his bench get to work.

By the time it was over, the Tigers (3-1) had ripped off a 33-4 run through the entire quarter — holding the Pilots to zero field goals and just four free throws to their scorebook — before coming away

with the runaway 71-29 win.

"We were getting the shots we wanted (early), just couldn't get anything to go in," he said. "We were a little sluggish, and I told the guys and they realized 'hey, we have to work through this, we have to work through this.'"

"Our run is coming."

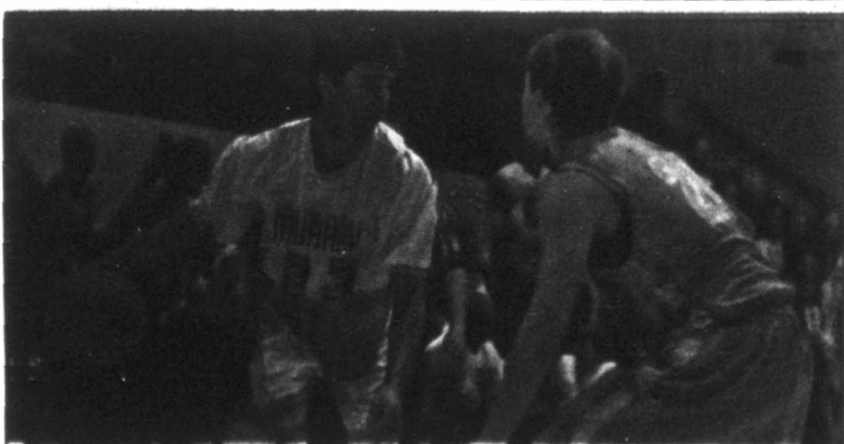
Opening the second quarter with his signature "trapezoids" defense, Flener and the Tigers slowly increased their lead until the defense wore Fulton County down.

Back-to-back steals from Duane Curtis

led to quick baskets from himself and Tre Hornbuckle to push Murray up 23-13, while Tandy Sheppard paced the Tigers with 11 points and six rebounds — four offensive.

Two threes from Preston English pushed the lead to 30-13 before the Tigers rang up five-straight steals on the Pilots using full-court press — then Curtis closed out the quarter with two more steals and buckets before a Jumonte McClure jumper sent

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EDWARD MARLOWE / Ledger & Times  
James Boone finished with five points and five boards Thursday.



Zach Flener has been a spark off the Murray bench. He finished with six points.

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### ■ MHS...

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Murray to the dressing room with a comfortable 47-16 lead.

"We started playing like we were supposed to play and we got a couple steals on traps and brought ourselves up," Sheppard said. "We were just following coach's orders."

Nine Tigers scored at least five points Thursday night, while Sheppard, James Boone and McClure combined for 15 of the team's 39 rebounds.

Thursday night also proved to be the return of big man Ethan Clark, who had suffered a foot injury earlier in the pigskin season and had been sidelined to start the basketball year.

Flener said it was nice to have

one of his best rebounders back on the floor, as the rotation of his bigs - Tedric Hughes, Sheppard, Hombuckle, and now Clark - certainly improves moving forward.

"We have bigs, and we have mobile bigs," he said. "We don't just have guys who are going to stand inside - we have guys that are able to run the court and be able to play the style that we want to play. Establish ourselves inside."

Fulton County was paced by Davis Major, who finished with 17 points, while Steven Roberson found baskets in the first and fourth quarters with eight points to help keep things tight early.

Early in the contest, Boone was relied upon to score near the basket with one-on-one matchups, but

the skilled junior only finished with five points as the Pilots consistently clogged the lane to prevent his drive.

Looking to avoid their consistent third-quarter woes, Murray headed into the final quarter on a 14-9 run and a 61-25 lead - often falling back into a zone defense and managing the clock to finish with a strong quarter.

The Tigers face a tough Paducah Tilghman team tonight in McCracken County, as the Blue Tornado average nearly 97 points per contest after winning their first three games of the year against Fulton, Carlisle and Community Christian.

Tipoff is set for 7:30 p.m. at Paducah Tilghman High School.

### ■ Hatcher...

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eight seasons as the program's head coach. He is the 36th head coach in Samford football history.

Sullivan led the Bulldogs to four consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1999 and three consecutive seasons with at least seven wins for the first time since 1962.

Hatcher said he's excited to take over after such a successful coach.

"It is a true honor to follow Coach Sullivan and have the opportunity to lead the Samford football program into its next

chapter," Hatcher said. "Put simply, Coach Sullivan is a legend. They say you never want to be 'the man that follows the man.' Well, I do."

Hatcher goes to Samford after serving as the head coach at Murray State since 2010. In five seasons, he led his signature "Hatch Attack" offense to top the Division I-FCS football charts.

In 2014, the Racers ranked second in the nation in passing offense, averaging 327.2 yards per game. The team also ranked 15th in total offense at 468.3 yards per

contest.

Still, Hatcher posted his worst record this season (3-9, 1-7 OVC) since coming to Murray State. Murray State Director of Athletics Allen Ward said this season is not representative of Hatcher's work.

"Certainly, last season didn't meet any of our expectations, but at the same time, I don't believe that last season was anything more than a snapshot. It's certainly not representative of the last five years, in which we've made a lot of progress with our football program."

### ■ CCHS...

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lbs. before Cody Jackson secured a pin at 195 lbs. against Caldwell's A.J. Brown - just seconds into the third frame with a slim 1-0 lead.

"That was huge," coach Walls said. "We were very patient. That's senior leadership. He waited until he got to the point that our strength mattered - and that was on top."

Culver then delivered a pin on Tiger Ben McGregor in :27 - an early statement by the Lakers.

Dickerson, Ben Hanneman, Jacob Bellah, Jack Hanes, Walls, Woods, Scott Ruttman and Culver then all gained pins against McCracken County, while Calloway's Austin Zeppas was able to gut out a 12-6 win against McCracken's eighth-grade 113 lb. varsity wrestler Steven Cagle.

"I didn't expect such big wins," coach Walls continued. "But we've got three weeks until sectionals. If we want to go to team state, we've got to get better."

"We're not there yet."

Senior captain Rustin Burkeen did not wrestle due to precaution following a concussion scare this past weekend.

"I should be back before regionals," he said before Thursday's match.

### ■ Stewart...

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Stewart.

"I think Mitch is an excellent hire," Hatcher said. "He is someone who is familiar with the inner workings of MSU and its operations, and someone who will do a great job. I am excited for him and his family about this fantastic opportunity. The future of Murray State football is in good hands."

Going forward, Stewart doesn't plan to change much, at least offensively, because he thinks the current gameplan is working.

Under his tenure, the Racers included the OVC in scoring offense in three of his four seasons. His offenses have averaged 5,201.5 yards and 409 points per season on 452.3 yards and 35.6 points per game.

This season, his offense ranked 15th in the nation with 5,625 yards of total offense and

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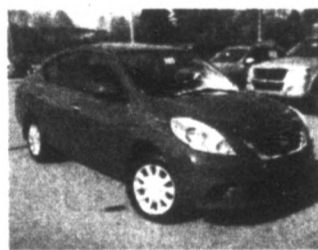
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