

## BUILDING BRIDGES

### Officials: Lakes project underway

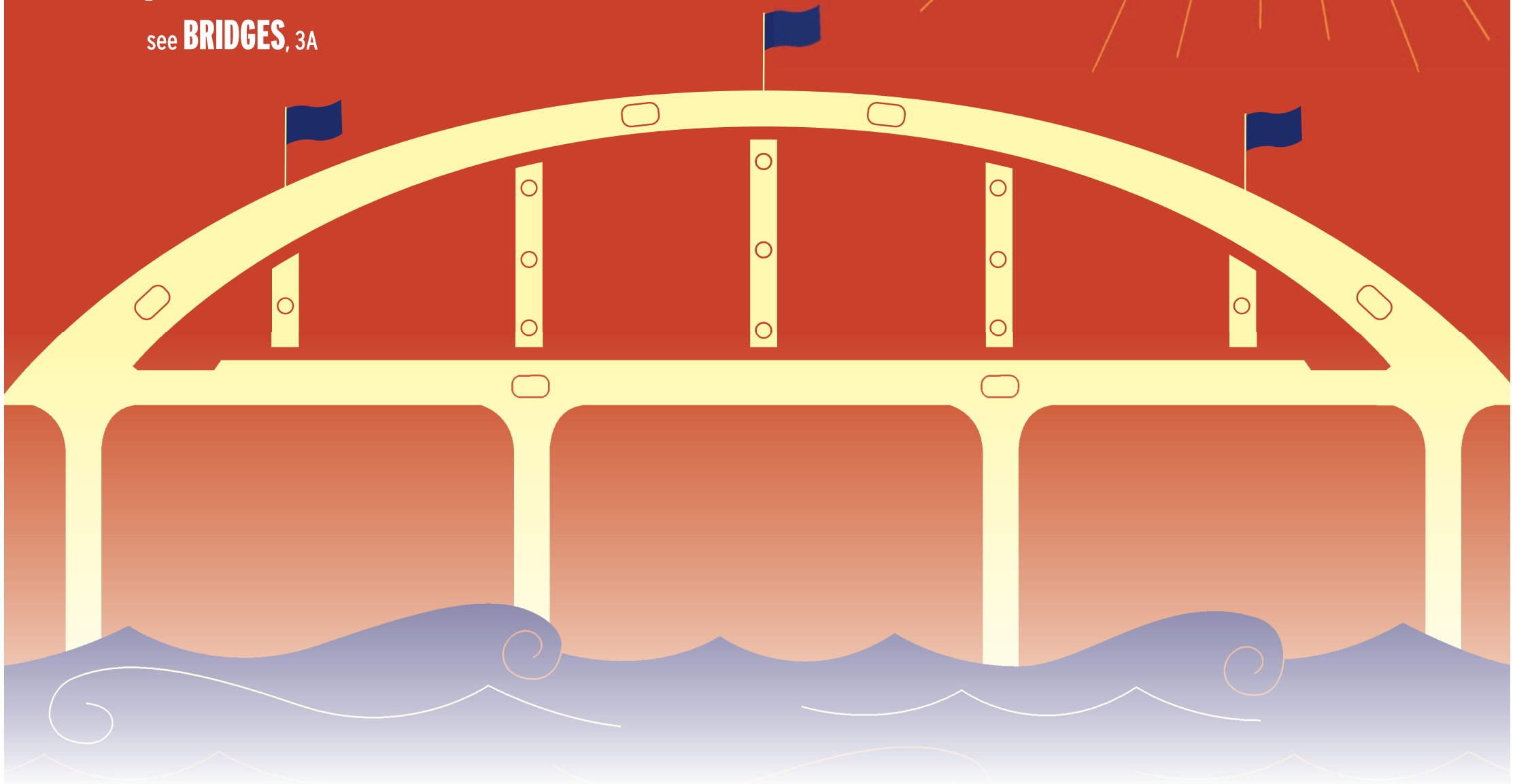
A SPECIAL REPORT:

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The construction of two new bridges over the Kentucky and Barkley lakes is expected to begin early next year.

In October, Gov. Steve Beshear announced plans to push forward construction to begin before he leaves his position in 2015.

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## German auto supplier to operate in Murray

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Gov. Steve Beshear announced German automotive supplier iwis (pronounced ee-vis and written in lower case) will establish its first U.S.-based manufacturing operation in Murray next year.

The new company will move into the 119,000-square-foot old Webasto plant that closed down north of Murray in 2008 and bring 75 new jobs to the region.

The announcement comes at the heels of an almost month-long international economic development trip the governor took over the summer. Beshear met with representatives from the German automobile parts manufacturer in Munich to discuss the advantages of locating in Kentucky. Site observers had shown interest in Murray as a possible start to the company's American operation after meeting with members of

the Purchase Area Economic Development Corporation in Chicago and touring unused property on U.S. Hwy. 641 north of Murray.

Beshear, who spoke alongside local officials last Friday, Nov. 30, praised the more than \$12.5 million investment iwis has pledged to the Murray location. He said it represented a positive step toward raising investment interests by foreign companies. Only two weeks ago, French cosmetic and beauty company L'Oréal announced its own \$42 million expansion of its Florence, Ky., location and added 200 new jobs.

iwis is the next step in garnering a broadened interest in Kentucky investments, Beshear said. The company is only just the most recent addition to a list of 440 international companies that have made investments in the state.

"This is a very exciting day for Murray, for Calloway County – for all of Kentucky," he said.



*Austin Ramsey/The News*

Gov. Steve Beshear, right, speaks with Murray State President Randy Dunn shortly before announcing Murray's newest international business investment.

Founded in 1916, iwis began as a widely successful European bicycle chain production company based in Munich. The company expanded to the iwis Group midway through the 20th century and began mastering the production of high-quality vehicle and industrial timing chains for

camshafts, injection pumps, differential shafts, oil pumps and auxiliary units. Today, the company is one of the top automobile component producers worldwide, aiding in the production of widely varying machines.

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## Dunn a finalist for Florida Ed. commissioner

**Staff Report**

President Randy Dunn was announced as a top-three finalist for the Florida education commissioner position Tuesday. Dunn will interview at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in Tampa, Fla.

Florida Department of Education spokesperson Cassandra Elekes said Dunn submitted his application last Friday near deadline.

The Education Commissioner is in charge of primary and secondary education, as well as universities and community colleges in the state. The new commissioner will be chosen Dec. 12.

The other two finalists include Charles

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## Committee moves forward with speed increase efforts

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The Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee is maintaining relationships with surrounding area chambers to endorse possible legislation that would increase the speed limit on U.S. 68/Ky. Hwy. 80 to 65 mph.

The combined federal and state highway project intertwines east across Kentucky and acts as a vital transportation route for cities like Murray, Hopkinsville and Bowling Green. For years, the corridor was left predominately dormant west of

the Kentucky and Barkley lakes; Ky. Hwy. 80 that split from U.S. 68 at the Kentucky Lake was only a two-lane road for decades until local officials banded together to urge Kentucky governors Ernie Fletcher and Steve Beshear to widen the route.

With expanded roadways come faster speeds, but local officials say



**Allison**

those cannot come soon enough.

Speeds on the widened road between Cadiz and Bowling Green were increased in September. That effort had been spearheaded by a coalition of chambers in Trigg, Christian and Todd counties called the Southern Pennyryle Alliance.

The M-CC chamber assisted the SPA in case studies and contacting state and local officials, but Allison said work had already been done, and the governor's announcement earlier this year was no surprise to him.

"We got into the game late," he said. "That's why (the alliance's) is

already approved. They had been working on it for over a year."

For whatever reason, Allison said, when the governor announced increased speed limits on the now four-lane corridor, the expansion of roadway west of Cadiz, Ky., across the wetlands region was left out.

Some portions of the 68/80 highway, particularly around Cadiz, have not undergone widening and some projects are in the making, but Allison hopes the higher speeds can at least be reflected once the highway crosses west across the lakes and en-

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## Jackson indicted for assault charge

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Men's basketball guard Zay Jackson was indicted on a charge of second-degree assault by a Calloway County grand jury Thursday.

Jackson's charges stem from an incident where he was accused of striking Jason Clement of Paducah, Ky., with his car in mid-September. He also received a charge of first-degree wanton endangerment for putting Jason's wife Alia Clement of Paducah in substantial danger.

Second-degree assault is a Class C

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# This week


Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All day</b> Extended Waterfield Library hours</li> <li>• <b>All day</b> Sociology Club Gentry House collection; Faculty Hall and Curris Center, open to all</li> <li>• <b>9 a.m.</b> Friends of the library mini book sale; McCracken County Public Library, Paducah, Ky., open to all</li> <li>• <b>3 p.m.</b> College Republicans; Curris Center, second floor, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All day</b> Extended Waterfield Library hours</li> <li>• <b>7:30 a.m.</b> Jingle Bell Run 5K and Candy Cane Trot; Noble Park, Paducah, Ky., open to all</li> <li>• <b>11 a.m.</b> Santa Claws Pet Photos; Weaks Community Center, \$10</li> <li>• <b>4:30 p.m.</b> Olive Boulevard Luminaries; Olive Boulevard, open to all</li> <li>• <b>7 p.m.</b> David Johnson Chorus concert; University Church of Christ, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All day</b> Extended Waterfield Library hours</li> <li>• <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Sunday School; Winslow Dining Hall, open to all</li> <li>• <b>9:30 a.m.</b> Journey Church; Sunday School, Curris Center, Large Ballroom, open to all</li> <li>• <b>11 a.m.</b> Journey Church; Sunday School, Curris Center, Large Ballroom, open to all</li> <li>• <b>2 p.m.</b> Murray Art Guild members exhibition; open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All day</b> Extended Waterfield Library hours</li> <li>• <b>9 a.m.</b> Feeding the hungry; Community Ministries, 1200 Broadway, Paducah, Ky., open to all</li> <li>• <b>6 p.m.</b> Maiden Alley Cinema family holiday movie "Elf"; 112 Maiden Alley, Paducah, Ky., open to all</li> <li>• <b>7 p.m.</b> Karaoke; Shotz Bar and Grill, Paducah, Ky., open to all</li> </ul>


Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All day</b> Extended Waterfield Library hours</li> <li>• <b>Noon</b> Paducah River City Business and Professional Women Meeting; Country Club of Paducah, Ky., open to all</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Murray State Tennis Club; Bennie Purcell Tennis Courts, open to all</li> <li>• <b>7 p.m.</b> Sci Fi Club; Faculty Hall, Room 208, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All day</b> Extended Waterfield Library hours</li> <li>• <b>8:30 a.m.</b> MyGate Finance, Creating Purchase Requisitions; Gate House, 325 Wells Hall, open to all</li> <li>• <b>1 p.m.</b> Diabetes classes; Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky., Atrium classroom, open to all</li> <li>• <b>6 p.m.</b> College Democrats; Curris Center, Mississippi Room, open to all</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>All day</b> Extended Waterfield Library hours</li> <li>• <b>5 p.m.</b> Relaxing from Within; Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Ky., bring a pillow, open to all</li> <li>• <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Tennis Club practice; Bennie Purcell Tennis Courts; open to all</li> <li>• <b>7:07 p.m.</b> Baptist Campus Ministries, open to all</li> <li>• <b>9:30 p.m.</b> Musical performances; Hart Coffee Shop, open to all</li> </ul>


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### Weekend Weather

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## Police Beat

### Nov. 29

**4:29 p.m.** A caller reported being harassed at Waterfield Library. Officers were notified and took a report.

**5:27 p.m.** A caller reported damage to their vehicle at the Curris Center. Officers were notified and took a report.

**9:21 p.m.** A caller reported suspected drug use in Hart Residential College. Officers were notified and the area appeared normal.

### Nov. 30

**12:24 a.m.** Officers arrested Anthony Tyson of New Concord, Ky., on 15th Street. Tyson was arrested on an outstanding

warrant and issued a citation.

**6:27 a.m.** A caller reported theft of property at Elizabeth Residential College. Officers took a report for theft by unlawful taking less than \$500 from a motor vehicle.

**6:43 a.m.** A vehicle accident was reported by officers on Payne Street with damage to University property.

### Dec. 1

**9:49 p.m.** A caller reported a possible break-in to a motor vehicle at the Hamilton Field parking lot. Officers were notified and no damage was found.

**11:23 p.m.** Officers issued a citation to Zackary Eells of Murray on North 18th Street for speeding 15 mph over the limit, without registration and disregarding a stop sign.

**11:38 p.m.** Lauren Melton of

Collierville, Tenn., was arrested for first-degree alcohol intoxication and officers issued her a citation.

### Dec. 2

**3:12 a.m.** Officers arrested Jessica Smith, graduate student, of Murray on Woodlawn Drive for first-degree driving under the influence of alcohol and officers issued her a citation.

**4:01 a.m.** Officers arrested Joseph Skaggs, graduate student of Murray, on Calloway

Avenue for second-degree driving under the influence with aggravated circumstances. Officers issued him a citation.

**8:51 p.m.** Officers issued a citation to Ali Ali of Murray for speeding 15 mph over the limit.

### Dec. 3

**8:24 a.m.** Public Safety officers reported a suspicious vehicle at The Olive parking lot. Officers were notified and took a report.

**9:43 a.m.** A caller reported

graffiti at Faculty Hall and officers took a report for third-degree criminal mischief.

**2:13 p.m.** A caller reported a motor vehicle accident near the Public Safety building. The caller notified the Murray Ambulance Services and the Murray Police.

### Dec. 4

**9:54 a.m.** A caller reported being stuck on an elevator in Regents Residential College. Officers and Facilities Management were notified.

**12:29 p.m.** A caller reported a medical emergency in Wells Hall. Officers and Murray Ambulance Services were notified.

**8:58 p.m.** A motor vehicle accident was reported on Chestnut Street. Officers referred the accident, as it was out of their jurisdiction.

### Dec. 5

**3:24 p.m.** A caller at the Public Safety Building reported being harassed. Officers referred the incident to other jurisdiction.


**4:14 p.m.** A caller reported being stuck on the 7th floor of White College. Officers and Central Plant were notified.

**6:23 p.m.** A caller reported possible vehicle vandalism in the James Richmond parking lot. Officers were notified and took a report.

Motorist assists - 4  
Racer escorts - 2  
Arrests - 4

*Meghann Anderson, Assistant News Editor, compiles Police Beat with materials provided by Public Safety. Not all dispatched calls are listed.*

### Call of Fame



### Dec. 2

**1:07 a.m.** Officers issued a citation to Jacob Speck, freshman from Franklin, Ky., for possession of alcohol by a minor and drinking in public in the McDonald's parking lot.

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# BRIDGES

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The plans for the new structures are currently in the design phase, but once completed, both bridges will match the four-lane U.S. 68/Ky. Hwy. 80 widening project that has been underway in the region for much of the last decade. Additionally, they will feature stronger trusses and safer guardrails than the two existing bridges connecting the Jackson Purchase region to greater western Kentucky.

The two platforms are expected to be almost identical in the unique basket-handle tied arch design made popular in several Japanese bridges.

The bridge to be built over the Kentucky Lake will replace the Eggners Ferry Bridge at the western entrance to Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area after it was reopened in July – six months after the Delta Mariner, an 8,200-ton cargo ship, struck the bridge in January, displacing a span.

The bridge should be completed by 2016.

The structure's contract includes a basket-handle arch, approach spans to the arch, final roadway construction and a multi-use path.

Keith Todd, public information officer for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, said the plans for the new bridge over Kentucky Lake are in progress and construction should begin soon on the first phases of the bridge.

"The first sign of work on that project will be an approach bridge that will cross the lagoon next to the existing bridge at Aurora (Ky.)," Todd said. "This will extend over the lagoon to give the contractor access to the main lake for construction to eventually begin on the actual lake crossing."

Todd said finishing the approach span will give KyTC officials a better idea of how and when to undergo the substantial build process.

The second step will include construction of the main span arch bridge, the bridge approaches and all final roadway paving. Design completion for this initial phase of work is expected to begin in early 2014.



The conceptual rendering above features the unique basket-handle tied arch design that will replace the Eggners Ferry Bridge over the Kentucky Lake in the coming years. An identical bridge will couple over Lake Barkley.

"I just want to remind people that building a bridge doesn't happen overnight," Todd said. "It takes years of planning and permit work. It's a major project and it'll move forward depending on the weather and money."

He said he expects to have a start date on the lagoon bridge in the next month or two.

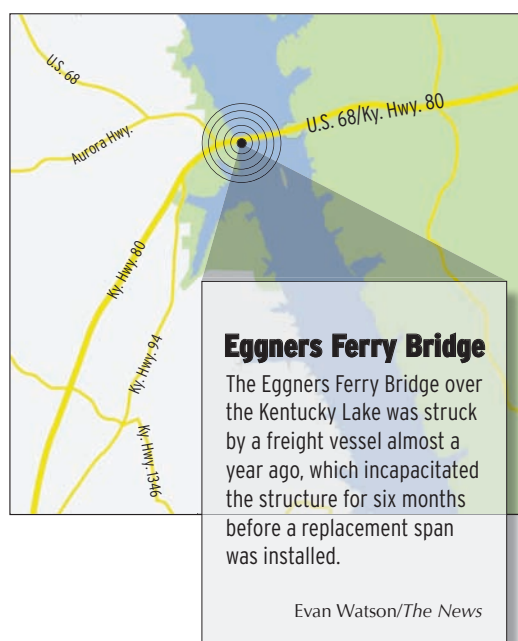
Officials from the KyTC manage the Lake Bridges Project. These officials will oversee work completed by the engineering consultant team of Michael Baker Jr. Inc. and Palmer Engineering.

The second bridge over Lake Barkley replaces the Lawrence Memorial Bridge. It too does not match the U.S. 68/ Ky. Hwy 80 widening project, lacks shoulders and adequate resistance strength.

Construction of the new bridge over Lake Barkley is expected to begin in late 2014. That bridge is expected to be complete by 2017.

The bridge has two lanes with steel beams and trusses. It's owned and maintained by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Concept photo courtesy of the KyTC



### Eggners Ferry Bridge

The Eggners Ferry Bridge over the Kentucky Lake was struck by a freight vessel almost a year ago, which incapacitated the structure for six months before a replacement span was installed.

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# SUPPLIER

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iwis employees more than 1,000 people in 22 facilities around the world.

Beshear, spoke Friday to a group of more than 50 people on the factory floor of the new iwis home in Murray. He said he was especially excited to put more western Kentuckians back to work after years of little to no employment in a staggering national economy.

"That represents 75 Kentucky families that are going to be able to put their kids down at their pillows at night with a lot more confidence that they're going to be able to support their families and continue to create that quality of life that we are so proud of here in west Kentucky," he said. "They will build on and improve that quality of life."

Beshear said the company would begin production almost exactly one year from now, before ramping up production in 2014 to optimize its staff and management capacity.

iwis Managing Director Johannes Winklhofer was also present for the Friday announcement. Beshear thanked him for his confidence in the region by presenting him with a Kentucky memorabilia painting. Beshear said it was a combined effort that included his office, the Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation, the Murray Chamber of Commerce and local government officials that helped make Murray the attractive place

it soon became for Winklhofer and his team.

"This success, folks, is due to a team effort," he said. "It doesn't just happen. It happens because people really work together, come together, cooperate, coordinate and make it happen."

Winklhofer said the process of finding a home for the first U.S. manufacturer was a tedious process, and he said Murray was not even a contender at the start. The company holds subsidiary bases in Detroit and Indianapolis, and he said a site selection team he had organized with the help of the German-American Chamber of Commerce was strategically searching for regional cities around those northern states.

The team chose states like Ohio, Illinois, Michigan and Iowa initially, but Winklhofer suggested they conduct reviews of states farther south. Murray came up in preliminary investigations, and Mark Manning, executive director of the MCEDC, gave what Winklhofer called a very convincing presentation at a development summit in Chicago.

"My employees came to me and told me, 'We must see this. We must go there,'" he said. "We did some investigations here and a management team came over to verify the site, and a couple of days after this visit here, we got a call from the office of Gov. Beshear. I was totally surprised. I never expected that a governor of a U.S. state would take care of a small company of Europe."

That is when Beshear visited Winklhofer in Germany and discussed the advantages of locating in western Kentucky.

"We from Munich feel very much that you have welcomed us," Winklhofer said.



Austin Ramsey/The News

iwis Managing Director Johannes Winklhofer accepts a memorabilia plaque at the Friday announcement that he and his German automobile supplier would open its first U.S.-based operation in Murray.

# DUNN

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Hokanson, an education consultant, and Tony Bennett, outgoing Indiana superintendent of public instruction.

Interviews will be broadcast live on the Internet.

Dunn said he had felt it wise to submit his name for the Florida Commissioner's position in the final hours of the application window.

"I have shared publicly that, until such time the Murray State (Board of Regents) offers a reasonable contract extension, I would need to look carefully at select, exceptional career opportunities when they arise," Dunn said. "I owe it to my own career path to keep all options open."

He said the Florida Commissioner of Education job would be an attractive one for someone with similar background and experience.

"Because it's a unified PK-16 system – combining elementary and secondary education with the Florida College System – it would be in my wheelhouse, having worked across those educational levels," Dunn said.

Dunn served as state superintendent in Illinois before coming to Murray in 2006.

# JACKSON

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felony, with the possible consequence of five to 10 years in jail. Jackson could also receive one to five years in jail for the charge of wanton endangerment.

Originally, Jackson was charged with two counts of second-degree assault, which were both lessened to first-degree wanton endangerment after the original hearing. Judge Dennis Foust, the original judge on the case, withdrew himself from the trial after Jackson made direct personal contact with him Commonwealth Attorney Mark Blankenship said. He added that communication between the judge and defendant is not common and he believes this to be the reason Foust recused himself.



Jackson

After withdrawing his guilty plea late last month and rejecting Judge Craig Clymer's offer of one year in jail, Jackson exercised his right to a grand jury in Thursday's indictment. Clymer told Jackson in the last status hearing that all offers would be off the table if he were to be indicted with a felony.

"When Judge Clymer got in the case and looked at it, he decided to not agree with the deal but to stay with the lower charges," Blankenship said. "I really don't think this turned out to be a good move for Mr. Jackson."

Blankenship said Clymer more than likely would have granted Jackson shock probation if he had accepted the one-year offer. Under that agreement, Jackson would have only served a portion of the year in jail and lived out the entirety of the sentence under strict watch by the court system.

Clymer said in the status hearing that, by withdrawing his guilty plea, Jackson was essentially eliminating any responsibility he had in the incident.

Said Blankenship: "We've got these charges and I'm not sure if I should engage in any plea negotiation with the defense or of we should just let a regular jury hear the case and have a trial."



Austin Ramsey/The News

Local chambers of commerce are hoping to increase the speed limit on parts of U.S. 68/Ky. Hwy. 80 in southern Kentucky. The predominately four-lane highway is 55 mph through Calloway and Graves counties.

# HIGHWAY

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ters Calloway County. There, he said, the four-lane road remains 55 mph, and frankly, that is just too slow.

The Advocacy Committee is still hoping to convince state authorities that higher speeds are safe and necessary. Allison said the Southern Penyrrie Alliance is still planning to help counties like Calloway and Graves west of the lakes in their efforts to garner support.

As of now, the Murray City Council has written a letter of support for the increase, and Allison said he expects a letter from the County Fiscal Court soon. The Murray Convention and Visitors Bureau has also verbally given support toward the chamber's cause.

Officials hope a speed increase would develop more Murray tourism. Ky. Hwy. 80 crosses North 12th Street just outside city limits. With higher speeds, Allison said people might see the road as a more viable route, rather than depending on interstates.

The M-CC chamber is specifically interested in effecting change in GPS routing. Currently, popular guidance devices recommend bypassing Murray because speeds around the city max out at 55 mph. With a higher speed limit, devices would likely suggest using Hwy. 80 in the Jackson Purchase region. That is good for everyone, Allison said, even students.

"It's going to be important to get that increase here," he said. "For prospective students, having this speed increase will prevent pushing people around us when they're looking to find us. It's all about finding the area."

# 14 businesses OK'd to sell beer, ABC begins alcohol tax collection

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Though local businesses have begun collecting the 8 percent tax on alcohol sales in Murray, specific collection numbers are not set to be released until first quarterly reports in late January.

In order to collect the revenue from alcohol sales in the city, Murray Alcohol and Beverage Control Officer Kendra Clere said businesses are required to pay an amount equal to total alcohol sales multiplied by the 8 percent tax and then deduct \$50 from the city invoice. The deduction accounts for one quarter of the \$200 alcohol license fee, which is required by city and state law for any business wishing to sell packaged beer.

"This is like a deposit on a utility," Clere said. "The \$50 is essentially refunded back to the business, whereas the license has to be renewed every year."

No clarity has been provided on when the first taverns and full packaged liquor stores will arrive, Clere said, as the Kentucky ABC has not indicated when they will send inspection teams to the prospective locations for further investigation.

While a couple of the tavern locations could be approved as early as February, Clere said it could be as late as March or April before the first liquor stores could arrive.

With 15 applicants for a liquor store and only eight licenses available, Clere said the state would take

as much consideration as possible before awarding the first store licenses in Murray.

Clere confirmed The Big Apple Cafe as one of the business awaiting approval for a tavern license, while businesses such as Nick's Sports Bar, The Olive and Dinh's Vietnamese Cuisine have all applied for 50/50 licenses but have yet to be affirmed by state inspections.

Though most numbers are clearly speculative at this point, it is hard to miss the distribution trucks rolling into the city on a daily basis, constantly filling the coolers and beer caves as beverages are flying off of the shelves in expedient fashion.

Golden Eagle Distributing, which ships all Anheuser-Busch products within the region, is already experiencing massive increases in sales and shipments, and company president Mark Meisenheimer said he only expects things to get even more busy once the liquor stores and taverns finally arrive.

"The first week and a half, two weeks were very hectic," Meisenheimer told WKMS 91.3 on Nov. 20. "One day we had to go to Murray three times because we had others opening up. But we are getting a better handle on it and the retailers and their stores are getting a better handle and getting the right products in there and the right quantities. So it's evening out a bit."

Clere said 14 businesses have been approved to sell beer. With 10 of those businesses now selling packaged beer

and Kroger's of Murray beginning their sales this past week, the landscape of the city is changing ... in some cases quite literally.

During a special requested Board of Zoning Adjustments meeting called on Nov. 27, Keith Boeller of Pajco Inc. of Cape Girardeau, Mo., presented his blueprint for his company's convenience store, Rhodes 101.

Hoping to purchase the lot located on 106 South 12th St. between the now Penn Station/Domino's and Grease Monkey, Boeller asked the board for a setback variance to allow the gas station canopy to sit 36 feet from U.S. 641 instead of the required 50 feet in accordance with city zone ordinance.

The location, which is categorized as a B-2 zone, is nearly one acre in size and according to Boeller is a prime location for his company business model and would be a great addition to the city of Murray.

While the board unanimously approved the placement of the canopy in the side-yard of the proposed convenience store, it did not approve the 14-foot variance off 12th Street request because of visibility issues and the strong possibility for traffic jams at the location.

Boeller said if Pajco Inc. decides to continue with the project, the proposed five-pump gas station/dive-in convenient store would have to change their design to instead host four pumps in order to fit the reduced canopy and meet the city ordinances.



# Opinion

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## Our View

### Tell students their rights, too

The staff editorial is the majority opinion of The Murray State News Editorial Board.

"You have the right to remain silent" are seven words that most of us never hope we have to hear, and, of course, most of us never will hear them, except maybe in the latest episode of *Law and Order*. Nevertheless, with the Supreme Court of Kentucky poised to rule on whether or not public school administrators are required to inform you of your Miranda Rights when questioned in a school context for a criminal act, we feel it important to waive our right to silence on this critical issue.

The Miranda Warning was first established in 1966 by the United States Supreme Court in overturning the conviction of a man who was not aware of his right to silence in the face of police interrogation. We see no reason why these same rights, accorded to every American under the 5th Amendment's right to protection from self incrimination, should stop at the classroom door or the schoolyard parking lot.

Further, we see no reason why students should not be accorded the same rights as the rest of the population in criminal proceedings or interrogations – students should not be discriminated against on the basis of getting an education, and a school should not operate in the same manner that kangaroo courts operate in tinpot dictatorships.

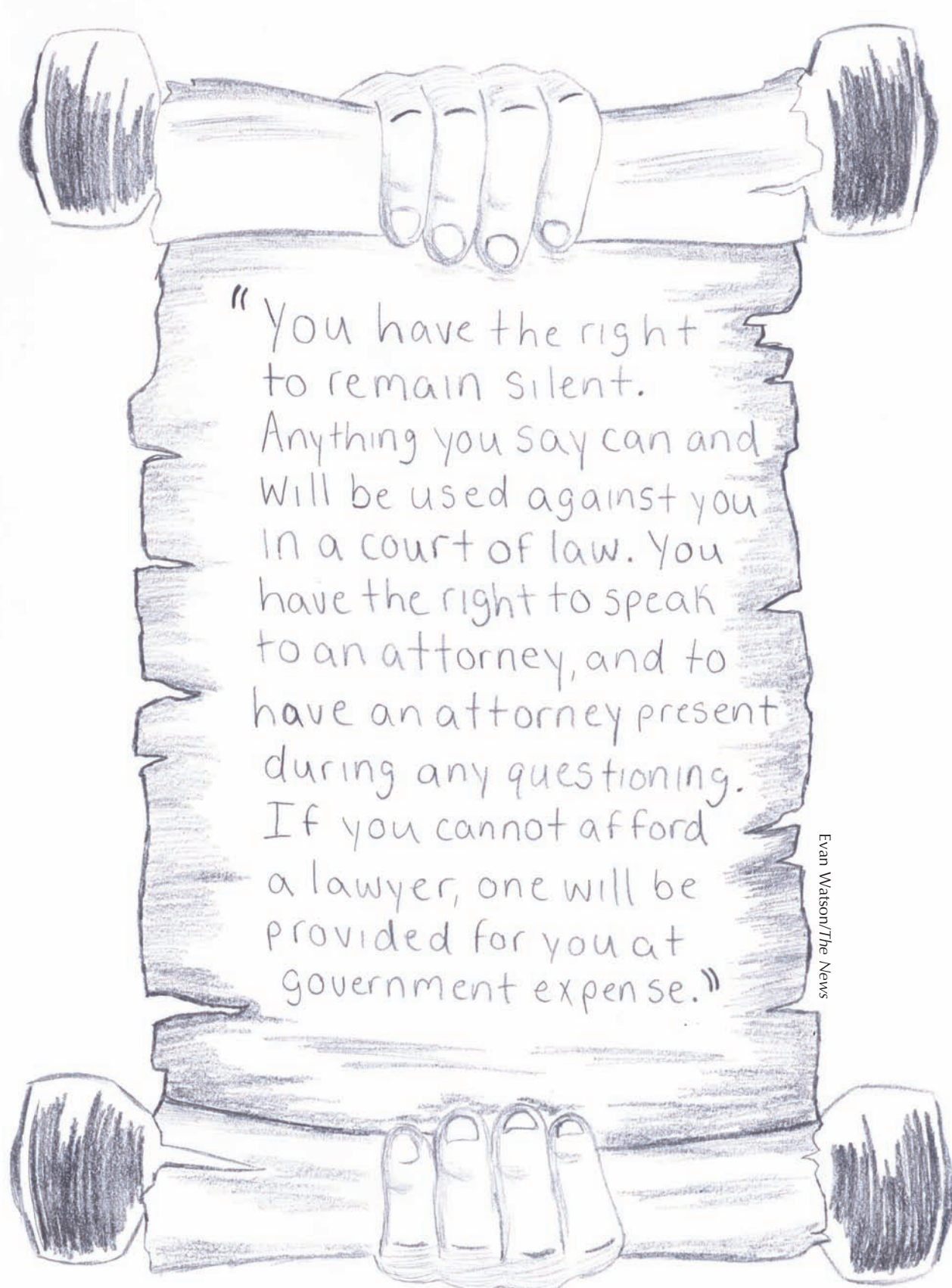
We are endowed by nature with the rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Liberty is the key right at stake in this ruling, and the Supreme Court of Kentucky should make a decision that reflects the right of every Kentucky student to liberty from self-incrimination in an interrogation and in a court of law.

Dissenters might argue that this is a cumbersome requirement, that it will lead to those who are guilty of crimes to get off the hook scott free – so be it. The same arguments were leveled at the original Miranda ruling in 1966 and they're as wrong today as they were half a century ago.

The right of individuals to be secure from self-incrimination and the right of individuals to be made aware of their rights outweigh any potential costs because we believe, in these United States, that nothing, no person, no court or no government can abridge the rights of the individual and that it is better that a guilty person go free than a free person pay for a crime he or she did not commit.

The Supreme Court of Kentucky can make the right decision when it renders its ruling on this most critical of issues by requiring students to be informed of their Miranda Rights in an interrogation. Or, it can, like so many other institutions in our modern life, continue down the path toward abrogation of our natural rights.

One thing we should bear in mind, however, is that we the people of the Commonwealth have the right to elect our Supreme Court justices – this decision, ultimately, is still up to we the people.



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## A Professor's Journal

### Final exams mimic life, give chances for new beginning



Nothing makes me more nervous during the course of a semester than final examinations.

For me, final exams mimic life itself. I think I remember my anxiety as a student years ago, four years as an undergraduate and then several more years as a graduate student, enduring the anxious anticipation and then the fretful week itself.

I remember giving up on study group sessions; it always made me nervous when a fellow student seemed to know

it all already or when friends joked and jostled, all slap happy from too few hours of sleep.

So I would hunker down in my dorm room or in a lonely corner of a library. There I would pore over classroom notes, neglected textbook chapters, or stacks of note cards all arranged chronologically or topically.

I committed these cards to memory, a practice few of my students seem to use anymore. And I tried to anticipate essay questions, forming in my mind and in scribbled outlines a possible plan of attack.

I think that once I was in that zone, that intense study

**"Final exams are like life itself. And I know that final exams always presage new beginnings."**

**- Bolin**

mode, all pepped up on steamy cups of coffee laced with cream, un-showered and unkempt, eyes glazed over outwardly, but mind active and even burning inwardly, once I found myself in that state, I actually enjoyed myself, though I would never admit it.

And then when the time came for the examination itself, if I had prepared properly, if I had committed the time required, if I had covered all the bases of textbook reading, note-taking and organization, then it all came pouring out in one mad exhilarating rush.

Finished, I breathed again, placed my No. 2 Ticonderoga pencil on the desk, looked over the thing one more time, checked my name at the top right side of the first page, gathered up my book bag and unloaded the examination on the professor's desk at the front of the room.

Now, on his or her side of the desk, he or she sat, reading calmly sometimes, or working on who knew what, or simply staring vacantly out over the room. I used to imagine a slight smirk on the professor's face or a look of bored, but satisfied control.

Now I know better. Now that I sit on the professor's side of the desk, I know that the professor, all pepped up on steaming cups of coffee – black – is anticipating lonely hours in a coffee shop corner, or all holed up in a home study or in a campus office, poring over the students' offerings, administering a combination of justice and mercy, and waiting, like the student, for the holiday break, a welcome respite from days of anxious toil and worry and busyness.

I don't know which side of the desk made me more anxious, but I do know this. Final exams are like life itself. And I know that final exams always presage new beginnings.

Study hard. Do well. Have a great holiday break. Get some rest. Love your family and friends. Love your enemies, if you have any. Help someone who is unable to help themselves. And pray that your professors will be able to do the same.

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Outside Voice

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Devin Griggs  
Opinion Editor

One hundred forty-seven years ago, a new birth of freedom was proclaimed with the passage of the 13th Amendment, ending slavery and setting the United States down the path to making equality of opportunity more than a buzzword – more than just a nicety reserved for the wealthy.

Nevertheless, that new birth of freedom proclaimed by Lincoln at Gettysburg and expounded upon by the Radical Republicans during the Reconstruction period did not come quickly – with Lincoln's death and the subsequent collapse of Reconstruction governments to conservative rule, black Americans in the South were subjected to Jim Crow repression for the next hundred years. It wasn't until the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson that the unfinished job of Reconstruction was made all the more whole.

The story doesn't end with the Great Society, however. As the Radical Republicans of the 19th Century were soon outmaneuvered by racist terrorism and a return to conservative rule in the South, so too did the ultimate mission of Reconstruction fall by the wayside of the Great Society liberals – the mission of creating an integrated, colorblind American society.

State-sanctioned segregation might be a thing of the past, but cultural and economic segregation persists. Our churches, our neighborhoods and our hearts remain segregated. The unemployment rate for black Americans is much higher than that for white Americans, and the doors to equal opportunity for black Americans are largely closed off, thanks to barriers to entry in the economy (lack of skills, inadequate education, etc.) and the economic legacy of slavery and four centuries of discrimination.

Will it take us another century to address the problem of our segregated society? Will it take us another century to own up to the fact that millions of our brothers and sisters are suffering under the long shadow of mistakes of the past? What can even be done to address this segregation, in the here and now? Another century of segregation, even in the private market and in our individual lives, is untenable in the long-run and certainly undesirable. The political reality of course is that those in power would rather offer token solutions to the problem rather than do what is necessary to integrate American society.

It won't be cheap, and it won't be easy but it has to be done. We have to create jobs that pay well to break the cycle of poverty, not just for black Americans but for white Americans as well. We have to bring an end to the separation of Americans on the basis of skin color by celebrating not what makes us different, but what can ultimately unite us as one people – white and black Americans need to trust one another. But to do it, we need to create a more equal economy for us all.

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# Forgotten Founders, forgotten heroes

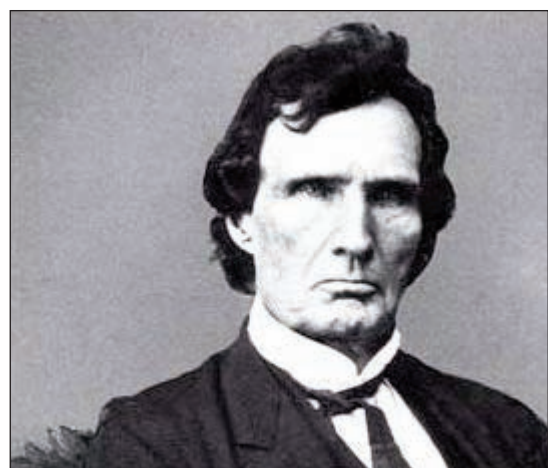


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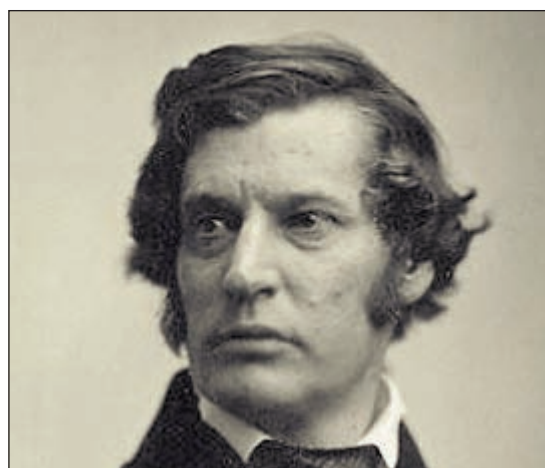


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From Left to Right: Rep. Thaddeus Stevens of Pennsylvania, Rep. John Bingham of Ohio and Sen. Charles Sumner of Massachusetts fought for equal rights and an end to slavery.

Works on Abraham Lincoln consistently top national bestseller lists – “Team of Rivals,” “Lincoln on Leadership,” even “Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter.” Perhaps it is little wonder, then, that Steven Spielberg’s “Lincoln” continues to rank in the top five movies at the box office.

It is all the more fitting as the nation marks the 147th anniversary of the 13th Amendment and its ban on slavery, the congressional debate over which is dramatized so well in Spielberg’s film. Ratified just months after Lincoln’s assassination, the 13th Amendment served as a foundation for the new birth of freedom Lincoln envisioned in his “Gettysburg Address.”

Americans are drawn to Lincoln for a variety of reasons, Lincoln as wartime President, Lincoln as the “Great Emancipator,” Lincoln as martyr. Indeed, rarely has so multifaceted a person inhabited the White House, and perhaps never in as perilous a time in our nation’s history. As a result, Lincoln continues to occupy a privileged place in American public memory, and rightly so.

Nevertheless, in our collective reverence for Lincoln, we often give short shrift to the generation of leaders who succeeded him and who radically improved our nation’s founding charter after a bloody Civil War.

These forgotten founders – Thaddeus Stevens, Charles Sumner and John Bingham, among others – shared Lincoln’s goal of securing a new birth of freedom for all Americans and of realizing the promise of Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence. Indeed, as Stevens explained near the beginning of Reconstruction, “Our Fathers had been compelled to postpone the principles

of their great Declaration and wait for their full establishment until a more propitious time. That time ought to be present now.”

Concededly, our forgotten founders were no saints. (Then again, neither was Lincoln.) However, in their personal commitments and collective aspirations, we see (more than) a bit of ourselves. Prior to the Civil War, Stevens defended fugitive slaves in court, Sumner fought for school desegregation in Boston and Bingham envisioned a federal Constitution that would protect the fundamental freedoms of all Americans. Of course, Stevens, Sumner and Bingham failed to achieve many of their goals during Reconstruction.

Nevertheless, in the face of Southern intransigence and unprecedented violence, they still accomplished a great deal. In the words of Yale law professor Akhil Reed Amar, these leaders “ended slavery, made every person born under the flag an equal citizen, guaranteed a host of civil rights to all Americans, and extended equal political rights to black men.” As a result, many scholars have rightly described Reconstruction – and its related constitutional amendments – as a “Second Founding.”

Despite these achievements, few Americans have likely thought about Reconstruction (or its leaders) since their high school history classes – and, even then, they are as likely to remember Reconstruction as a period of Northern vengeance and national disappointment as they are as a precursor to Brown v. Board of Ed., Martin Luther King, Jr., and the achievements of the modern civil rights movement.

There’s little doubt that this collective

amnesia is caused, at least in part, by the messiness of the Reconstruction story itself.

However, it’s also the result of larger historical forces – forces that pushed the North and South towards reconciliation in the early twentieth century and, in turn, shaped the canonical stories that we passed along to our schoolchildren for generations thereafter.

Today’s textbooks still use the notion of Lincoln’s gentleness as a foil to the congressional Republicans’ harshness. And they still describe Thaddeus Stevens – the Reconstruction leader featured most prominently – as a “Radical avenger.”

Therefore, students are still left with (at least) the faint impression that Reconstruction may have turned out differently if only it were guided by a gentler, more charitable hand.

Finally, even as Stevens takes on added prominence in our leading textbooks, John Bingham is still entirely ignored, and Charles Sumner is still remembered most for being caned on the Senate floor by Preston Brooks – or, as one modern textbook puts it, as “Bleeding Sumner.”

These forgotten founders deserve better. Perhaps the compelling film now in theaters – with Tommy Lee Jones as Thaddeus Stevens – will inspire movie-goers to learn more about what happened next. The rest of Reconstruction – like the tale of Lincoln’s final months – is surely a story worthy of Spielberg.

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## Cheers & Jeers

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**Cheers to ...** Winter Break! Keep up the good work Racers, you’ve managed to get one semester under your belt. **Now let’s see if you can survive one more ... or three ...**



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**Simon Albert** @RonPaul2012FTW  
If you want to #FireBoehner with a pro-TARP, pro-Stimulus & pro-bailout RINO like Paul Ryan, you still don’t get it. #RINOTakeover #tcot  
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9:12 p.m. Dec. 5



**John Errante** @JohnErrante  
"Losing the Presidency results in the House majority party forfeiting all its power." - said no Founding Father ever. #FireBoehner #tcot  
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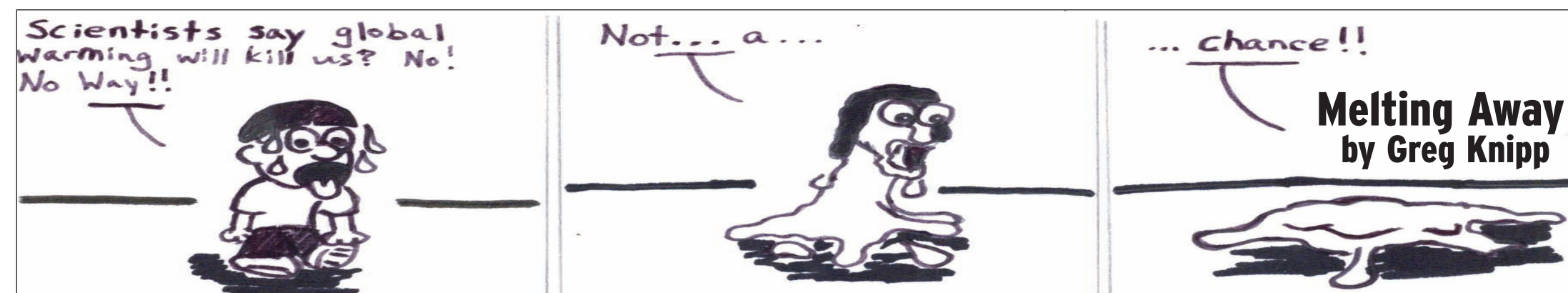


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Left, a worker for the Murray-Calloway Country Central Park adjusts lights on one of the many Christmas light displays shown throughout the park. Below, a toyland light display shines during the annual Festival of Lights.

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# Sports



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Junior Walter Powell stretches for the end zone against Tennessee State. Powell finished the season with 10 touchdowns and 94 catches.

## Powell sets sights on future

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Head Coach Chris Hatcher had nothing but glowing remarks when talking about junior wide receiver Walter Powell and his remarkable season. "He just loves to play the game," Hatcher said. "What you see out there on the game day, I see that every day at practice. He's a tremendous competitor."

Powell finished the 2012 season with the single-best receiving stats in Murray State football history, snagging 94 passes for 1,213 yards and 10 touchdowns.

As if catching passes was not enough, Powell decided to turn on the jets as the primary punt and kick returner for the Racers, making history books with his 100-yard punt return touchdown against SEMO on Nov. 17 and finishing the season with 905 return yards, two punt return scores and one kick return for six.

By averaging 193 all-purpose yards per game on the season, Powell finished second in the FCS in the category for the year. The numbers have not gone unnoticed, as he will be one of top 100 receivers in the country next pre-season.

With such an impressive resume to his name, Powell said the toughest challenge for him now lies

in the future, where he said he hopes to be even better next season and set goals higher than in years past.

While the record-breaking year could be characterized as a statistical anomaly by some, anyone who knows Powell realizes it is anything but. In 2011, Powell led the team in receiving yards (584), tied for the team lead in touchdowns (5) and was second on the team in receptions (45).

The chemistry between Powell and senior quarterback Casey Brockman this season could be seen on the first snaps of the 2012 season against Florida State, as the 6-foot-1-inch, 180-pound receiver constantly beat press coverage and one-on-ones on his way to nine catches and 67 yards for the game.

It wasn't all cake for Powell this season, however, as the losses outweighed the wins in the end as the Racers finished 5-6 overall and just 4-4 in conference play.

One particular game for Powell proved incredibly difficult, when on Oct. 27 the Jacksonville State Gamecocks held him without a catch for the entire game.

As the only team to give him the goose-egg all season, the Gamecocks went on to win 38 - 35.

"Casey was trying to get me the ball, but it just wasn't working out," he said. "I wasn't going to be that go-to guy for the game. They schemed us up

well, and I didn't touch the ball the whole game."

With Brockman's last season as a Racer wrapped up, Powell said he and the rest of the team will have to take it upon themselves to welcome a new leader behind center for next season. Had things shaken up a little differently, however, Powell might not even be in a Racer uniform to help lead the team next season, much less set school records this year.

"Coming out of high school, my grades weren't too good," Powell said. "The plan was to go to junior college. I had other schools in the OVC like UT-Martin and SEMO looking at me, but they didn't throw out any offers. I thought I would go (to a junior college) and then transfer to a big D-I school. Coach Hatcher came around last minute and was blowing me up and bugging me. I like the players and I like the chemistry and the camaraderie down here."

Bringing a work ethic on and off the field is just part of Powell's game. It is raved about by the coaching staff, and as voice in the locker room, Powell said he prides himself on being a model example for others on the team.

It's just one more asset to take with him after he finishes at Murray State.

"Hard work really pays off," he said. "You have to always be working hard, whether the spotlight is on you or not."

## Track and Field

## OVC Champion prepares for final season as Racer

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Alexis Love, senior sprinter from Palmetto, Fla., ended her season as a junior in Eugene, Ore., at the USA Olympic Track and Field trials with a heat time of 23.1 seconds.

Close to her Murray State record of 23.03, Love missed the last qualifier by .54 seconds.

"It was awesome just being around professional athletes, learning what they do every day," Love said. "I've learned so much and I didn't feel sad when I left. It was a great opportunity and experience."

Love set many Murray State and OVC records during her junior season. After finishing second in the 200 at the OVC Championship, Love earned Indoor All-OVC honors. She also ran her personal-best time of 11.97 in the 100 at the Showdown on

the Cumberland, an OVC tri-meet in Clarksville, Tenn. Love finished sixth in the OVC Championship in the 100 and helped the team finish fifth in the outdoor.

Head Coach Jenny Severns said she has even higher expectations for Love this season. Severns said now Love knows what she is capable of and has more confidence on the track.

Love's weakness, according to Severns, is getting through the longer workouts, which she claims are a necessary evil. Love said there are several areas she wishes to improve on in the next season.

"I definitely could've been more calm last year," Love said. "I need to go out there with a clear mind and more confidence."

Love also said getting off the blocks quickly and being more pow-



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erful is a goal of hers.

Severns said she is looking forward to Love's leadership role in her senior season.

Initially, Severns said Love was not fond of being a leader of the team, but with her speed and talent, she learned to accept the role.

"Leadership is vital," Severns said. "Without it you can't do much, and I definitely think our success will be dependant upon team leadership."

Love said she has learned to be a leader over time and enjoys being a team captain. She said her teammates look up to her not just as a leader, but as big sister as well.

## Swing and a Drive

### Proud to be a Racer

A few weeks ago, I went to Charleston, S.C. to cover the basketball team at the Charleston Classic.

When I left the Nashville, Tenn. airport that morning, I was expecting a smooth day of traveling, putting me in Charleston around 4 p.m. with plenty of time to make it to the Racers' 7 p.m. tipoff against Auburn.

Little did I know, that's not exactly how the trip would go.

The cheapest flight the newspaper could find to send me to Charleston was with Southwest, and it had me going from Nashville to Baltimore, and then heading from Baltimore to Charleston after a two-hour layover.

I made it to Baltimore without any trouble, other than a fairly severe frisking by an overzealous security guard.

Overpriced airport sandwich in hand, I hunkered down with my headphones and laptop to do some research on the Auburn basketball team during the layover.

It was then when I made eye contact with the nice, older gentleman sitting across from me. He noticed my Murray State T-shirt and we struck up a conversation.

He introduced himself as Sid Easley, and we discussed Murray State's chances against Auburn later that night. After a lengthy discussion, I turned my attention back to my laptop to finish reading up the Racers' opponents.

Before long, it was time to board the plane to Charleston. After two hours of sitting next to a guy with a long mangy ponytail, who didn't exactly smell like a bed of roses, I was more than ready to get to my hotel room. I was hoping for a shower and a short nap before the game.

Unfortunately, the pilot came over the speakers and told us we weren't going to be able to land right away, due to bad fog down on the ground. After 45 minutes of circling around, they announced they were taking us to Jacksonville, Fla., to refuel and wait it out. Much to my dismay, my napping plans flew out the window.

Once in Jacksonville, they let us off the plane and I immediately found Mr. Easley. We sat and talked for a bit longer, both realizing not only were we not going to get a nap, but we were probably going to miss the game as well.

After two hours, the pilot told us the flight was cancelled. I'll be honest, I was a little freaked out. I had no money to rent a hotel and am too young to rent a car. Fortunately for me, Mr. Easley came to the rescue.

After I got my bags off the plane, he came running up to me and told me he had found another couple from Murray who had rented a car and were making the four-hour drive to Charleston that night. A wave of relief came over me. Prior to that, I was making plans to crash on the floor of the airport (or hitchhike).

They all told me it was no problem to have me ride along.

The four of us piled into the SUV and began the trek to Charleston. I sat there wondering what set of life choices had landed me in an SUV with three alumni from Murray somewhere in Georgia.

I was able to find Neal Bradley calling the game on my phone and the four of us hooped and hollered together as the Racers dominated Auburn.

I've been in Murray for a year and a half now, and while I knew it was a pretty friendly town, that night I realized just how amazing this place is.

It's not the buildings, the University or even the nationally known basketball team that makes Murray unique.

It's people like Sid Easley who are exceedingly generous, no matter the circumstance.

I found out later that Mr. Sid Easley is extremely well known in Murray and even has a building named after him (the Sid Easley Alumni Center). Never once did he tell me, 'Oh, by the way, I'm kind of a big deal.' He was just a nice guy who helped me out.

As the four of us were cheering for the Racers from that SUV, I realized this community is truly one-of-a-kind.

The people who call this place home make me so proud to be a Racer.

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## Men's Basketball

## Daniel dominates, Racers win big

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In a matchup that heavily favored the Racers, senior forward Ed Daniel said the team prepared for the Bethel Wildcats the same way they would prepare for anyone.

"We prepare every game like we're preparing for a big team," Daniel said. "No team is different. Anybody can beat you, so we just prepare for everyone as hard as we can."

The preparation paid off for the Racers Tuesday night as they defeated Bethel 76-54.

Daniel came out firing, scoring the Racers' first eight points, giving them an 8-2 lead just three and a half minutes into the game.

The senior from Birmingham, Ala., finished the night with a team high 23 points and 14 rebounds, securing his fifth straight double-double.

"Like every other game, I'm just going for rebounds harder than anybody," Daniel said. "That's really my main focus ... I'm feeling good. I just keep going hard every day."

The Racers never looked back, holding the Wildcats to 19 points in the first half. Relying heavily on a strong defense, the Racers snatched a season high 13 steals and held Bethel to 28 percent shooting from the field.

With the exception of Jeffery Moss, who sat out the game with an ankle injury, every Racer freshman saw extended minutes throughout the game.

Tyler Rambo led the first years, shooting 4-6 from the field while collecting eight points and three rebounds in 13 minutes. C.J. Ford saw 20 minutes and scored three points to go along with three rebounds and two steals.

The win moves the Racers to 6-1 on the season, with their lone loss coming against Colorado in the championship game of the Charleston Classic.

Murray State now faces a tough portion of the schedule, however, with their final five non-conference games coming against teams with winning records. Additionally, three of those five games are on the road.

The Racers will continue to take it one day at a time, however, as they prepare for their road game Saturday against the Evansville Aces.

"We've got a bunch of road games coming up here, and that's just the way the schedule falls," Head Coach Steve Prohm said. "You're talking about an upper-half Missouri Valley team and they've got a brand new arena and it'll be a great crowd."

The Racers will then return to the CFSB Center for a rivalry game against Western Kentucky, a team which made the NCAA Tournament last year, before hitting the road again to play Arkansas State and Dayton.

The game Saturday against Evansville begins at 1:05 p.m. and is scheduled to be broadcast on the Racer TV Network.



Senior forward, Ed Daniel soars toward the basket Tuesday night in a win over Bethel. Daniel recorded his fifth straight double-double with 23 points and 14 rebounds.

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## Mushatt returns to practice, recovers ahead of schedule

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On July 10, many people thought senior forward Latreze Mushatt's career as a Murray State Racer was over.

Mushatt was expected to start alongside Ed Daniel in the paint for Murray State before he tore his Achilles tendon during a summer workout. Two days later, Mushatt went in for surgery to repair the tendon and was told it would be close to seven months before he could get back on the court.

Head Coach Steve Prohm requested an additional sixth year of eligibility (Mushatt sat out one year after he transferred to Murray State from Missouri-Kansas City), but was declined. Not sure if he would get the chance to finish out his senior year on the court, Mushatt hit the rehab hard.

When the season began, Prohm told the media he did not expect to see the 6 foot 5 inch forward until late January or early February.

Mushatt's recovery, however, is progressing ahead of schedule. Just four months after suffering his injury, Mushatt began participating in non-contact drills last week in practice.

"He's done great with his rehab," Prohm said. "Now you've got to go through a couple weeks of actual practice to get in shape, so you're still looking at the whole month of December to get back in game shape to play in January."

Instead of a return in early February, the Racers are hoping to get Mushatt back nearly a month earlier than expected - just in time for conference play to start.

Mushatt's return would add some much needed depth to a team whose bench is entirely made up of freshmen.

Mushatt could also help take some of the pressure off fellow big men Daniel and Brandon Garrett, who are currently averaging 28.7 and 20.4 minutes per game respectively.

Mushatt played a big role for the Racers last season as the team's second leading rebounder in conference play.



Senior Forward Latreze Mushatt averaged 19.8 minutes, 4.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game last season

Photo courtesy of Sports Information

"He already knows what we're doing and knows what's expected," Prohm said. "He started eight to 10 games for us last year on a very good basketball team. He understands his role and he's been there and produced. I don't want to rush him, but whenever we can get him back it will be a huge positive."

The Racers' OVC schedule kicks off Jan. 3 at UT Martin.



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## Top prospect selects Racers, adds to 2013 class

## Staff Report

Following a weekend visit to Murray State, high school senior guard Demarcus Croaker of Orlando, Fla., reportedly committed to the Racers Sunday.

Croaker confirmed the commitment on Twitter.

"I'm committed to #racernation now," he tweeted.

"I just want to take this time to thank God for allowing me to make it this far. I'm now a Murray state racer and super excited #RacerNation," Croaker tweeted.

The 6-foot-4-inch guard received numerous offers from schools all over the country, including Florida, Marquette, Miami and Central Michigan. It was rumored Croaker also drew interest from No. 1 ranked, Indiana.

Over the summer, Croaker narrowed his list down to three finalists: Murray State, Florida State and Texas.

Croaker has impressed scouts with his ability to drive to the basket and score at will, averaging 21 points per game during his junior year at Jones High School. He was given a four-star rating out of a possible five and was ranked as the 26th best point guard by Rivals.com.

With the graduation of senior guards Isaiah Canaan and Stacy Wilson at the end of the season, Croaker figures to play a large role in next year's team.

Croaker joins guard Cameron Payne and forward Jarvis Williams in the Racers' 2013 recruiting class.

## Women's Basketball

## Racers win five straight

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The Racers won their fifth straight game Saturday 67-55 over Southern Illinois.

The win was also the first for the Racers in 19 games against the Salukis.

Senior guard Mariah Robinson led the Racers with 23 points, four rebounds and four assists.

Freshman forward Kelsey Dirks also made her mark, recording her first double-double of the season.

Dirks scored 12 points, had 10 rebounds and had three blocks.

"It's a very fast-paced game," Dirks said. "I feel like we're doing great and getting better as the season progresses. I know that the coaches have been on me from the start for going after every rebound and playing hard and posting up hard. That's what I'm trying to do for every game."

Statistically, Dirks has steadily improved with each game she has played.

"Kelsey works extremely hard," said Head Coach Rob Cross. "And one thing she does for us is she alters a lot of shots. She has great length and athletic ability. She's an outstanding rebounder and very effective low-post player."

The Racers made a clear effort to take care of the ball, only turning it over 12 times.

The team finished with 13 steals and forced 20 turnovers from Southern Illinois.

The powerful defensive performance from the Racers held the Salukis to just 36 percent shooting from the field.

Free throw shooting declined greatly against Southern Illinois, with the Racers trading in their season average of more than 75 for 53 percent.

With only three non-conference



Senior guard Mariah Robinson drives forward Saturday in a 67-55 win against SIU.

Photo courtesy of Sports Information

games left on the schedule, the Racers are taking strides to prepare for tough OVC play.

"We're in a pretty good place right now," Cross said. "We've got certainly no work of art. We've got a lot of things to fix as do most teams at this time of year. We're still not as disciplined as we would like to be defensively. We're doing a pretty

good job offensively, but we still need to work on getting the ball in the basket."

The Racers' next game will be at noon on Dec. 16 at the CFSB Center against Alabama A&M.

Their first OVC game is against Eastern Kentucky at 1 p.m. on Dec. 31 at the CFSB Center.



# Amundson coaches team to season high

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The Racer softball team tied the best fall season in program history, posting a 6-2 record despite major changes in leadership.

Kara Amundson was introduced as the head coach a short time after Allen Ward, director of athletics, released then Head Coach Jay Pyron. The Racers went 80-78 over three seasons, with just one winning season in that span.

"It's been a really good and positive transition," Amundson said. "The underclassmen, especially the freshman class, have made some huge strides and I do give our upperclassmen credit for that. They've done a great job of leading this fall, just being hard-nosed."

Their pitching staff posted a 2.66 ERA and only allowed 11 extra base hits through the fall, while the offense provided the Racers with 9.33 runs per game and a .344 team batting average.

"I think we're going to have one of the toughest pitching staffs to beat in the conference this year," Amundson said. "And offensively we just have some really good hitters throughout my whole lineup."

The pitching staff was anchored by freshman J.J. Francis, She led the staff with three

wins, a 2.00 ERA and held opponents to a dismal .180 batting average in five appearances.

While on the offensive side, sophomores Alexa Becker, Mo Ramsey and Casey Castile led in all major categories.

Amundson said her squad developed tremendously since the end of last season and accepted their individual roles on the team, providing the new coaching staff with an unusual problem.

"It's going to be hard for us to pick who is going to be in the lineup each week with the depth of our lineup," Amundson said with a smile. "If that's our biggest problem it's a good problem to have."

The Racers will also see changes in venue and schedule strength with their first game on-campus during the 2013 campaign, as Racer Field will be constructed on the former practice football field.

They will faceoff against three SEC opponents in Arkansas, Mississippi State and 2012 Women's College World Series competitor Tennessee.

The Racers begin their spring schedule with the first of four away tournaments Feb. 15-17 when they travel to Mississippi State for the Bulldog Classic.

The first ever on-campus home game is a double-header March 16 against SEMO.



Senior catcher Ellyn Troup slides to third base. Troup started in all 52 games last season.

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## That's What He Said

### Marlowe signs with New York Knights



Edward Marlowe  
Staff writer

When I first returned to school in the fall of 2010, I felt like Roy Hobbs of the New York Knights.

Hobbs, played by Robert Redford in the 1984 classic "The Natural," returns to the big leagues after a lengthy hiatus from the game. Obviously much older (and certainly more-the-wise), Hobbs struggles to fit the mold of the everyday baseball player until one fateful day, one dramatic swing changes everything.

During my first tour at Murray from 2003 to 2008, I floundered whimsically through classes and majors. I took up hobbies such as video games, partying and socializing to fill my time instead of studying and doing homework. The little homework I did complete felt natural and seamless, and yet I was lost on what I wanted to do with my life, and was definitely much less understanding of the ramifications of not attending class regularly or completing any and all assignments.

My grades, of course, tumbled into oblivion,

with my last full semester in fall 2007 culminating into a grandiose .5 GPA for the final dagger in my hopes and dreams.

Hey, I passed scuba diving. That counts for something.

The local scholarships stopped coming and my KEES money went to a more deserving Kentucky student than myself. I had officially thrown it all down the toilet, and honestly didn't have too much to show for it, save some good friends and family to back my indecision.

Licking my wounds and searching for direction, I went to work full time at the now-defunct Ryan's Family Restaurant and part-time at Vitello's (now The Olive). I had been working at both during my last semester in 2007, but I'd never understood the value of time management, or even graduating college for that matter.

From spring 2008 until spring 2010, I stayed in contact with friends at the University and even performed in several theater shorts just to occupy my mind and pass the time between paychecks. I watched my friends graduate and move on ... some of them getting married and stabbing out into the world.

I dated a little bit, but it never really amounted to anything. I think it was obvious I was lost and going absolutely nowhere with my life, and no self-respecting girl dates a man without goals or ambition.

People always asked me if I was going to ever go back to college, and for a time I had the same automatic answer.

"Hopefully."

By summer 2010, I'd had enough. I knew I

couldn't wait tables or grill-cook for the rest of my life, at least not from a "this is my life" standpoint. I hadn't reached my zenith, my self-actualization - the ends to my means.

One bright morning at Ryan's, right about the time I was fed up with pretty much everything in my life, Murray State Head Football Coach Chris Hatcher came through the omelet station for his customary ham, cheese and jalapeno concoction.

He had brought in families and their recruits for a breakfast, and I had always enjoyed talking to prospective players and the coaching staff about the team.

At the time, Hatcher was just arriving to the University and he had more on his plate than the breakfast he had just ordered.

Tasked with turning the team around and finding a starting quarterback, Hatcher and I shot the bull about the upcoming season, the development of then-sophomore quarterback Casey Brockman and the hopes of the team for the year.

As Hatcher and his staff returned to the table to enjoy their breakfast (hey, I cooked it), I just stood in sheer disbelief, euphoria and then utter clarity as everything unfolded almost as perfect as the omelets I used to make.

Queue the dramatic swing music.

I had to get back in school, and I had to get into sports journalism.

Next Saturday at 10 a.m., nearly nine years after my first class, I'll graduate with a degree in journalism and a minor in mathematics from Murray State.

Along with it, I've had the experience of cov-



Robert Redford as Roy Hobbs in "The Natural."

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ering Racer basketball, football, men's and women's golf and the Tennessee Titans. I've been to journalism conferences and worked an internship in Paducah, Ky., and everything in between.

It's not all been easy, no, and I sometimes wish I had fully realized my goals earlier in life, just for the sake of minimizing student loans, maximizing personal maturity and keeping obstacles from derailing my tracks.

If I had done that, however, I wouldn't be where I am at today, and being Roy Hobbs isn't really all that bad right now.

In fact, I think it comes pretty natural.

## Baseball

# 'Breds add new faces to 2013 roster

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Eleven new faces will be on Reagan Field this spring.

The 'Breds roster features six new pitchers and five new position players. The group joins the 14 returning veterans from last season. Last year the team finished 23-33 overall, and 8-19 in OVC action.

Freshman Dalton West, from Owensboro, Ky., said the maturity and talent he sees in his teammates is the biggest difference after coming from Apollo High School to Murray State.

"The experience in itself is a lot different," he said. "I expect to have a better season than last year. We have all been working hard in the weight room and getting stronger. Hopefully that will pay off this season."

Transfer John Rafferty, from Chicago, Ill., said the biggest difference coming to Murray State is it is a big school and the guys on the team are better than what he was used to from playing at a community college.

Head Coach Rob McDonald said not all

of the new players will see game time, but it is his job to make sure the ones that do play, are ready physically and mentally. He is confident they will be prepared. It is an adjustment for anybody in any sport coming to Division I athletics, McDonald said.

"It is just about developing their skills and their talents to succeed at the level of competition that we will be playing," he said. "The main thing is the speed of the game is different and the talent of the players that they will be playing against is different. It is not like they will be out there in the middle of a game looking around, thinking, wow, I've never seen this before."

The pace and amount of work the team does in the weight room is different than what the newcomers are used to. However, McDonald said the work in the weight room with coach Mike Rhodes has been outstanding.

"The guys work very hard and very intensely in there," he said. "For the new guys it is quite an adjustment and it is an adjustment to our returning guys too. The pace and everything that we are doing in the weight room."

Lott said he is expecting a good season

after having two successful years at his, Marshalltown Community College.

"(I want to) show people what I can do," he said. "Hopefully I can bring some new aspects and help the team win some games."

The first game of the season is Feb. 15 in Conway, Ark., against Central Arkansas.

#### The new freshman are:

Mason Barber a pitcher from Mt. Juliet, Tenn.; Sheldon Baxter a pitcher from LeCanto, Fla.; Andrew Bramley a pitcher from Louisville, Ky.; Matthew Johnson-an infielder from Owensboro, Ky.; Cody Maerz a pitcher from Louisville, Ky.; Seth Washington an infielder from Russellville, Ky.; and Dalton West a catcher from Utica, Ky.

#### The new transfers are:

Cashtyn DeLeeuw a pitcher from Grimshaw, Alberta, Canada; Greg Guest an infielder from Nashville, Ill.; Ben Loft an outfielder from Ottumwa, Iowa; and John Rafferty a pitcher from Chicago, Ill.

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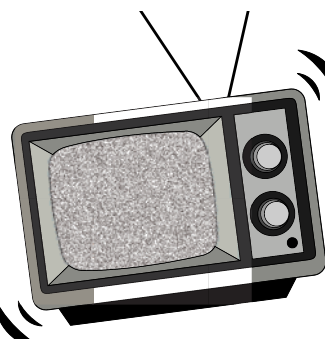
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# Construction nears completion on practice facility, softball field

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With the calendar year drawing to a close, two facilities projects for Racers athletics are nearing completion.

Work began in February and the basketball practice facility is still on schedule for completion in January of 2013.

"The construction process has continued and we're on schedule," said Athletics Director Allen Ward. "We're expecting completion on January 1st. I think anybody that's been able to see it progress has seen it move right along. They've stayed right on the schedule as we'd hoped. They'll turn it over to us some time in the early part of January."

The new facility will not only provide both the men and women's basketball teams with an up-to-date practice and training facility, but will also provide offices for both coaching staffs.

Though the coaching staff is not likely to move mid-season, the facility will be open for both teams to use following completion.

"They'll probably be using the practice area," Ward said. "As far as when the coaches move, I don't know if that's been determined yet. If there was a break a few days in the season that we could get them moved over there then we might consider doing that. If not they'll move over after the season is completed. The court itself and the practice area will be available for the team."

In addition to the new practice facility, the Murray State softball team is getting a field of its own after three seasons of games at Central Park. The field is on schedule for completion before the Racers' first home game in mid-March.

"It's coming along," Ward said. "You'll notice that they've done a little bit of the grating for the

field itself. The fence is up. You'll start seeing holes being dug for the lights coming soon. If the weather holds true we'll continue to put up the structure of the facility."

That progress was delayed for a short time early in construction.

"We've run into a couple of little snags but nothing that we can't overcome," Ward said. "We had to do a little more planning in a couple of areas but we still expect to be completed by the time the season starts in February. Our first home game isn't until March, so we should be up and running and be able to play on it by the time we open up our home season."

Progress on the field is still moving forward, however there have been some minor setbacks, Ward said.

"Just normal little things as far as approval and some of the architectural and engineering review we have to go through," he said. "It's nothing major at all. Just a couple of things we had to provide to the state and we've done that and we're moving ahead now."

However, should the issues early in the construction process cause delays in the Racers taking their new home field, the Murray State softball team does have a backup plan.

"We still have several months and I've been working closely with Facilities Management and we're confident that it's going to get done," Ward said. "But if we have to start (at Central Park) we've got a good relationship with Murray-Calloway County Parks and Recreation and we'd be able to do that."

Ward said, regardless of its status the updates will undoubtedly have a positive impact on both Racer basketball and softball's ability to continue to recruit and compete with the best.



Kylie Townsend/The News

Above, the basketball practice facility is expected to be completed in January. Below, the softball field will be finished in time for the first home game March 16.



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## #Racertweets

8 new Tweets

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Softball

**Isaiah Canaan** @SIP03  
Great Team Win tonight... Lets keep this Train Moving #racernation  
Men's Basketball

**Tessa Elkins** @t1elk  
It doesn't matter what day of the week, if it's before noon, I'm going back to sleep.  
Women's Basketball

**Dave Winder** @RacerDave23  
Ed Daniel has his 5th straight double-double 21pts 11reb. 2H 14:09#Racers lead #Bethel 55-26  
Assistant AD

**Demarcus Croaker** @Dcroaker5  
I just want to take this time to thank god for allowing me to make it this far. I'm now a Murray state racer and super excited #RacerNation  
New Men's Basketball Recruit

**Katlyn Hudson** @nuggethudson2  
This lady in the waiting room wants to be my best friend. Ahh I don't understand your jokes !!  
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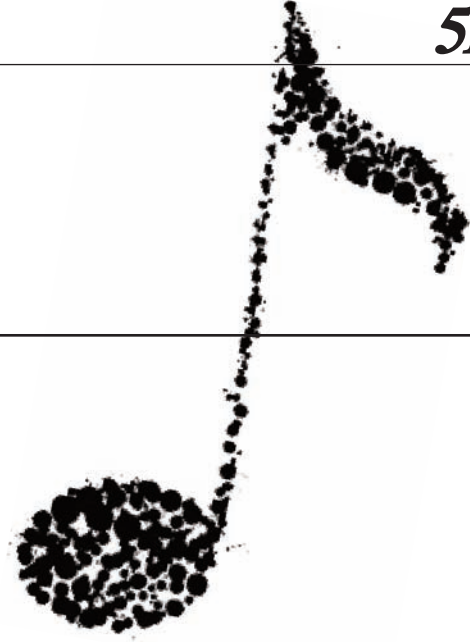
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Students form male, female a capella music groups

The Suspensions



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A suspension in music is defined as a non-chordal tone that resolves downward by step to a chordal tone, but Murray's definition of the word has been transformed by a group of students whose harmonies have been heard throughout the community at various events since 2010.

The Suspensions are a male a capella group that sing a variety of genres including doo wop, pop, R&B and classical. They also perform songs by Boys II Men, Michael Jackson and The Gaither Vocal Band, among others.

Michael Martin, senior from Florissant, Mo., is a current member and is the music director of The Suspensions. He has been in the group since its start in 2010 and remembers how the group began.

"The group started from vocal majors that were in Phi Mu Alpha, and we decided that we wanted to sing together for the FLW (Forrest L. Wood) Star Spangled Banner Competition," Martin said. "We won that and then we won it the next year as well, so we decided we liked singing together and we've been going ever since."

As music director, Martin leads rehearsals and schedules performances for the group. The group rehearses every Sunday and Thursday for an hour or longer, depending on the upcoming performances they have.

"I organize the meeting times and say what we are going to rehearse," Martin said. "We have two rehearsals a week. Also, I am the publicity representative and so I work on getting gigs together and getting the music ready for the gigs."

The group has sung at Playhouse in the Park's Murray Dance Stars fundraiser, Ms. MSU, All-Campus Sing, Paducah Symphony's Sing-Off in Metropolis, Ill., Veteran's Day events, a few basketball games and anything to get their name out there and have a good time singing, Martin said.

Don Robertson, vice president of Student Affairs, has heard the group perform and thinks the group is a great asset to Murray State's campus.

"They have great harmony and provide for a fun experience," Robertson said. "My first impression was very positive. This group was providing something that had been missing on campus and they were very good at it. I knew immediately that they would be successful and a great addition to our

musical offerings on campus."

Daniel Milam, senior from Memphis, Tenn., thinks being in the group has helped develop his music training and has given him a way to perform outside of the required music classes for his music major.

"My favorite part about being in the group is being able to do something different than what they require as a music major, such as performing a capella tunes that we don't normally get to perform," Milam said. "It's helped me hone in on my aural skills. You really have to have a good ear to be in an a capella group."

The group is about to go through some changes because some of its original members will be graduating this year. They will be auditioning new members and intend to keep the group on campus after the original members have left Murray State.

Martin said the most rewarding part about being in this group is sharing a new experience with friends.

"I don't think any of us except for a couple people have done an a capella group before, so it was really cool to come together and do something like this that we haven't done before," Martin said. "We all have interesting personalities that really help to make the group (awesome)."

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The movie, "Pitch Perfect," hit theaters in October and inspired singers everywhere and even a handful of non-singers to try their luck at a capella.

Olivia Erb, senior from Fort Thomas, Ky., was motivated to start her own a capella group before "Pitch Perfect" had even reached the a capella repertoire.

"When I was a freshman here, I approached a couple of professors about maybe starting an a capella group," Erb said. "I was in a couple of a capella groups in high school and I thought it was just a lot of fun and we did really cool music. So, I kind of wanted to start something like that on campus because we don't have anything like that."

Erb's a capella dream came to Murray State in November 2011 when she teamed up with Sigma Alpha Iota to start The Muses.

Originally a way to raise money for SAI's philanthropy, The Muses evolved into an a capella group focused on gaining experiences after a few paid gigs.

"I thought, well, I could do it; I could start (an a capella group)," Erb said. "So, I approached the sisters of Sigma Alpha Iota about it, and started it through them. So, we pulled members from SAI to be in the organization for the first year, and we're actually starting to open it up to people outside of our organization starting next semester."

As an official a capella group, one of the first things the women did was decide on the name "The Muses." Erb said the name, a reference to Disney's Hercules, represents Murray's all female a capella group because of their muse-like spunk.

The Muses, a group of 14 females led by Erb

The Muses



Photo courtesy of Olivia Erb

and four section leaders, practice every Thursday in the music department's choir room.

The Muses learn new songs to perform including modern songs like Sara Bareilles' "Love Song," classic barbershop songs, Disney songs and Christmas songs.

"As a music major, I'm always interested in learning new music," said Jocelyn Dora, senior from Newburgh, Ind. "The song 'Love Song' is always a fun one for us (to sing), and we also have fun with 'Can You Feel the Love Tonight' since we're such big Disney fans."

The group usually does three big performances a semester and also sings the National

Anthem for different sporting events occasionally.

"I talk with (Don Robertson, vice president of Student Affairs) a lot and he gets us different gigs," Erb said. "We did the Murray Women's Society tea and we did the administrative professionals luncheon. A lot of what we've done so far has been through Murray State. We did sing at a wedding over the summer, and that was a really cool experience. We did all of the wedding music, even the bridal march, a capella. It was really neat."

Erb said The Muses have grown together as a group over the past year and have made it fur-

ther than most musical groups could have in such a short time.

"We've gotten to the point where instead of just being 14 individual singers we're singing as a group now," Erb said. "For a lot of groups it takes a lot longer to get that down, and we've gotten it really rapidly."

Now that the a capella group has grown into skillful muses, Erb said she would like to see them grow in other areas.

"I'd like to work on singing in service to the community more," Erb said. "The community has the potential to be really rich in the arts, but it's not going to just do that on its own."

Featured Tweets of the week

A compilation of Tweets that made us laugh, cry or scratch our heads.

This week's topic: #Finals



Colton James @coltshow
shoutout to the girl beside me at the library playing neopets #finals
2:15 p.m. Dec. 3



Abigail Miles @AbigailMM
GO TO COLLEGE, THEY SAID; IT WILL BE FUN, THEY SAID. #finals
5:09 p.m. Dec. 3



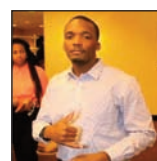
Women's Humor @womenshumor
May the curve be ever in your favor. #Finals
12:50 p.m. Dec. 4



Hannah Weinberger @hannnnn\_rose
I wish teachers would just grade it right then and there so I could stop wondering #finals
8:54 a.m. Dec. 5



MUN\_Stats @MUN\_Stats
100% of people reading this should probably be studying. #finals
10:25 a.m. Dec. 5



Gethorio Davidson @Rigamortis88
I haven't seen most of these people since the beginning of the school year. #Finals
1:05 p.m. Dec. 5

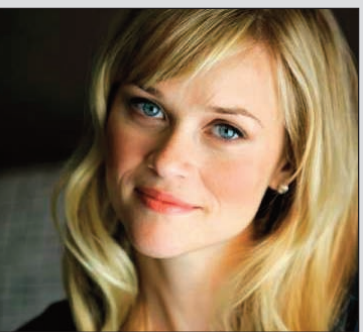


**THE WATER COOLER**  
"Entertainment news sure to spice up your lunch conversation"  
Information and photos from *The Associated Press*  
Compiled by Savannah Sawyer



**COOPER TEMPORARILY SUFFERS FROM SUN BLINDNESS**

Famed journalist **Anderson Cooper** suffered from a temporary sun blindness while working on a story for "60 Minutes." While on location in Portugal, Cooper spent two hours in the water and later developed a burning sensation in his eyes which caused him to lose his sight for 36 hours. Nancy Synderman, chief medical correspondent for NBC News, described Cooper's injury as a retina burn. She stresses the importance of wearing sunglasses.



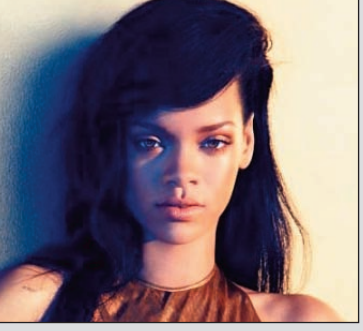
**WITHERSPOON RECEIVES HONOR**

The March of Dimes has decided to honor **Reese Witherspoon** for being a model celebrity parent. Witherspoon, who just gave birth to her third child, will be given the Grace Kelly Award at the Celebration of Babies event today. The award is given out to celebrity parents who are committed to living healthy lifestyles by eating right and finding the right exercise regimen.



**ROYAL BABY BRINGS OUT SUCCESSION ISSUES**

It was announced Tuesday that **Prince William** and his wife, the former **Kate Middleton**, will be expecting their first child together. Succession rules are set to change to give royal daughters the same rights as sons. So either way, their child will be born a king- or queen-in-waiting. It will displace Prince Harry as third in line to the throne. They are set to change at the "earliest opportunity," said Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg Tuesday. "Whether the baby is a boy or a girl, they will have an equal claim to the throne."



**RIHANNA JOINS TV INDUSTRY**

In an announcement made Wednesday, twenty-four-year-old pop and R&B singer, **Rihanna**, will produce and star in a new series for the Style Network. The show will be titled "Styled to Rock" and will allow 12 want-to-be designers a chance to style the stars. As if right now there will be a 10 episode arc and the prizes have yet to be determined.

**Murray State senior wins marathon in Baton Rouge**

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Some people enjoy reading. Some people enjoy eating. Some people enjoy lounging on the couch with a video game controller glued to their palm. **Brittlyn Sosh**, senior from Evansville, Ind., enjoys running.

Most beginning runners look into the Couch-to-5K plan or simple fun runs like the Color Run. Sosh, who has been running as a hobby for almost a year, completed her second marathon in Baton Rouge, La., last Saturday.

With a time of three hours, 27 minutes, a minute slower than her personal record, Sosh took first place female at the Baton Rouge marathon.

Explaining that the course was tougher than the course from her first marathon, Sosh said she was still happy with the time despite her personal goal of beating her record. She also said she was excited to win the Baton Rouge Style trophy, a giant flask.

"I ran a marathon in Indianapolis at the beginning of November and that was my first full marathon," Sosh said. "I qualified to run the Boston Marathon there, but I won't be doing that until 2014 because (registration for 2013) was already closed. That was my first full marathon. I've done half marathons, so it was really exciting doing my first full and actually qualifying (for the Boston Marathon)."

Qualifying for the Boston Marathon at the Indianapolis marathon required a time of three hours, 35 minutes for Sosh's age group. Sosh ran the 26.2 miles in three hours, 26 minutes.

With five half marathons and two full marathons under her belt, Sosh plans on competing in another full marathon in New Orleans in February 2013.

"I'm wracking them in," Sosh said, smiling.



Photo courtesy of Brittlyn Sosh  
**Brittlyn Sosh, senior from Evansville, Ind., ran in a marathon in Baton Rouge, La., last Saturday and won first place. This was her second time completing a marathon.**

Sosh said she just wants to beat her personal best each time she heads out to run, and that is her goal for the marathon in February and the Boston Marathon in April.

"I eventually want to (also) do the Ironman triathlon," Sosh said. "I've been riding bikes and swimming a whole lot with my family, but I want to get some marathons under my belt before I do that."

Sosh's family has been the central

support system throughout her running adventures, and even encouraged her to start the journey in the first place.

"My family (runs)," Sosh said. "My mom started running, my dad started running, my little sister ran her first half marathon and my grandma runs marathons. Our whole family does it, so it's just a really cool family thing."

With her mother's love of running as inspiration, Sosh added the sport to

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-Brittlyn Sosh  
Senior from Evansville, Ind.

her busy schedule. She started out by joining an Evansville running group that put together an 18-week training schedule.

"Staying with it was the hardest part," Sosh said. "There were some weeks where we'd be running almost 60 miles a week, so doing that and going to school and working, it was crazy. It was a lot to handle at times, but you've just got to stay with it."

As a marketing major on track to graduate this month, running only makes up part of what Sosh does in her daily routine.

"One of the main things about me is just being a college student and being able to manage all of my time," Sosh said. "It's really stressful. I usually work 18-20 hours a week, and I only have 12 hours of classes a week this semester, but I'm in all 500 level classes, so it feels like 50."

A member of Alpha Kappa Psi, caretaker of her canine, Bentley, and an individual who values the upkeep of friendships, Sosh has a system for handling her crazy schedule.

"When I get my homework assignments I do it right when I get it," Sosh said. "I don't procrastinate at all, and any free time I get I just keep going. I'm like a little energizer bunny. I constantly go, go, go until I can't go anymore. Let's just say, I sleep well at night."

Sosh encourages others to start running and is even willing to share a bit of her own advice on how she keeps doing what she loves.

"Don't get discouraged," Sosh said. "When you don't think you can go anymore, just keep going. I always tell my friends when they ask me how I do it - I always tell them that running is 80 percent mental and 20 percent physical. You only give up when you think you give up."

**Sorority hosts fundraiser for violence awareness**

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While many sat at home watching the Victoria's Secret Fashion Show on Tuesday evening, Zeta Phi Beta hosted a runway show with models who had bruises and scratches painted on their skin.

Though this was not the typical runway show, the sorority sisters wanted to speak out against domestic violence with their fundraiser "PAINting a PRETTY Picture."

The Notorious Nu Rho chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. invited all to attend the philanthropic event which featured a catered meal, runway show, live musical entertainment and life story readings of those who have suffered the effects of abuse.

After opening the doors at 6:30 p.m., the event began with a meal catered by Murray State. Thirteen tables were set with black and blue decorations and formal invitations for each seat. The meal allowed guests a chance to greet one another and socialize before the event began at 7:30 p.m.

Atara Kivel, senior from Paducah, Ky., welcomed more than 70 guests to the event.

A PowerPoint opened the floor to the serious conversation that was to take place. It featured pictures

of battered men and women along with statistics on domestic abuse.

Following the presentation, Shannon Mitchem, freshman from Chandler, Ind., shared a poem and Shelbie Pittman sang "A Stranger in My House" by Tiana.

The unique runway show followed and each of the models began telling their stories in the show.

"The runway show tells a story," Kivel said. "The models are portraying the stages of domestic abuse."

In the first phase each model wore a smile, portraying the time before they met their abusers. Audience members laughed and cheered for the models as they strutted their stuff and showcased their personalities.

Breaking up the phases of modeling was a performance by Randy Box, freshman from Oak Grove, Ky., and a true story of a domestic violence victim read by Shawnta Jones, junior from Glasgow, Ky.

New romances were showcased in the next phase of the domestic abuse stories on the runway, but the couples fighting resulted in domestic abuse.

While the models prepared for the third phase of the show, Shelby Lockhart, junior from Louisville, Ky., read an original poem. Keioni Hall, freshman from Memphis, Tenn., and Tamesha Thomas, non-

student, sang a duet.

Finally, the last phase of the runway show portrayed the victims of abuse covered in bruises, scars, scratches and blood. The crowd was silent as they looked on the faces, arms, legs and necks of the models who once depicted perfect happiness.

The audience members enjoyed the presentation as a whole, but the runway show proved to be the most impactful.

"The way they portrayed the story on the runway before, during and after had a good effect on the crowd," said Ariel Watson, freshman from Lexington, Ky. "The theater department did a very professional job on the makeup for the models."

Victoria Marbles, nonstudent, spoke to the audience to close out the evening about beauty being beyond the physical appearance and people standing strong against domestic violence.

Tickets were sold for the event for \$3 per person and \$5 per couple. All of the funds raised will be donated to the Face to Face Foundation which houses women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

The foundation will also pay costs of facial reconstruction surgery if the abuse results in need of surgery.

**Theater**

**Playhouse performs Christmas classic**

**Staff report**

For this holiday season, Playhouse in the Park is hosting a special Christmas show for the community featuring Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

The director of the play, Jeffrey Miller, wrote an original stage adaptation to follow more closely with the novel.

Miller wrote the adaptation in order to honor the original storyline.

"The adaptation Jeff wrote follows much closer to the novel and is a refreshing spin compared to the weird, quirky adaptations you usually see," said Elizabeth Hammonds, Murray State alumna from Murray, who plays Mrs. Cratchit.

The cast has been rehearsing for five weeks and decided to

use this play to honor Dickens 200th birthday. The cast has a wide age range, including children age 6 to adults who are 70. For some, playing a specific part in this play has been a dream come true.

"I've worked for the Playhouse since 1979 and it's always been a dream to play Scrooge," said Don Fleming, nonstudent from Murray. "It's a great experience to finally play this part."

"A Christmas Carol" will be showing at 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 7 and Saturday Dec. 8 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 9. The show will also be playing at 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 14 and Saturday Dec. 15 and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 16 at Playhouse in the Park in Murray Calloway Central Park. To order tickets, call the box office at 759-1752.



**Scrooge, played by Don Fleming, receives a visit from the ghost of Christmas past. 'A Christmas Carol' premieres 7 p.m. Friday at Playhouse in the Park.**

Kristen Allen/The News



# The best and the rest of 2012

A special review by Anna Taylor and Savannah Sawyer. Photos by *The Associated Press*

The first presidential debate didn't go so well for President Barack Obama, but he made a comeback in the race. Especially that part where he was re-elected.

## Best Comeback



President Obama

After collaborating with modern artists at the Super Bowl half-time show this year, Madonna proved to everyone that she is no longer into the groove.

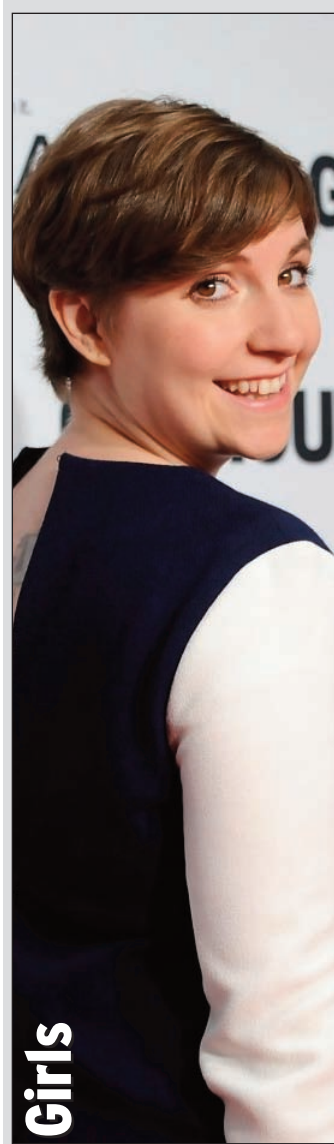
## Worst Comeback



Madonna

Being a broke post-grad never looked cooler than being a single intern in New York City. Lena Dunham shines in the new HBO series she created.

## Best New Show



Girls

Whoever thought that making a reality TV show about a Southern Georgia family with a beauty pageant diva-child was pretty desperate. Are those even their real names?

## Worst New Show



Here Comes Honey Boo Boo

Even though most of us have no idea what Psy is even saying, we still manage to get it stuck in our heads. Can he keep it up with his next song?

## Catchiest Single



Gangnam Style

It sounds like Nicki Minaj threw five songs together while working in the studio one day and the result was "Starships." Her goal? To be as obnoxious as possible.

## Worst Single



Starships



The Hunger Games

## Best Book Adaptation

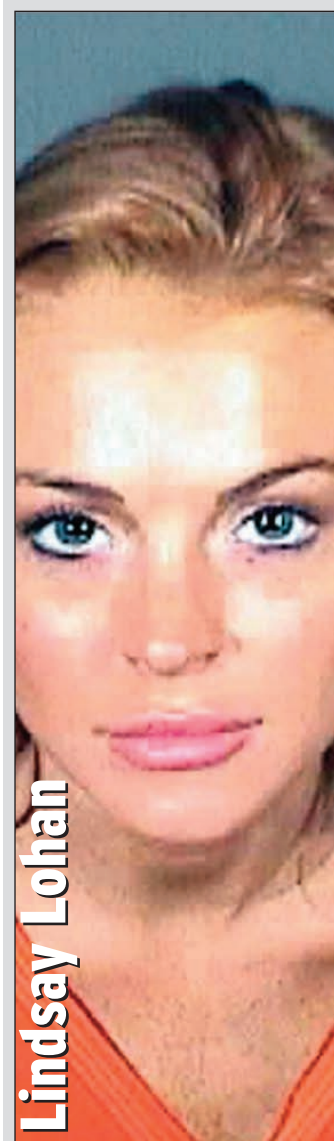
Usually when a book is made into a film the results aren't great, but it's quite the opposite with "The Hunger Games." The first film was released March 23 and the next film in the series is set to release Nov. 21, 2013.



Breaking Dawn - Part 2

## Worst Book Adaptation

After four long years, the "Twilight" series has come to an end. "Breaking Dawn - Part 2" was released Nov. 16. The saga has grossed over \$3 billion to date.



Lindsay Lohan

## Most Predictable News Story

What did she not do this year? She started the year off great. She finished her community service and hosted "Saturday Night Live." But then she took a turn for the worst. The latest on Lohan is she failed to pay her taxes.



Whitney Houston

## Most Tragic Celebrity Death

On Feb. 11, the pop music world lost a music icon. Whitney Houston was found dead at a Beverly Hilton Hotel in the bathtub due to an accidental drowning.



Seth MacFarlane

## Entertainer of the Year

From the release of his movie "Ted," in which he starred and directed, to being the first "Saturday Night Live" host of the season, to being invited to host "The Oscars," Seth MacFarlane was on the top of his game this year.



Will Arnett & Amy Poehler

## Most Shocking Break-up

The nine-year marriage between Will Arnett and Amy Poehler ending was possibly the most shocking break-up of the year. Makes me rethink the meaning of true love.

# SUDOKU PUZZLES

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