

As Guardsmen head home, public asked to stop sending gifts

By the Daily News
The Kentucky National Guard Family Support Group is requesting that no more cards or packages be sent to local guard troops overseas.
The Bowling Green-based soldiers are planning to return September through October. Their Iraq post is in the process of closing.
The support group is asking that homeowners fly American flags and place yellow ribbons up during this time period.
Homecoming details are not yet available.

Extension office board to meet Wednesday

By the Daily News
The Warren County Extension Office District Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Extension Office, 3132 Nashville Road.
Agenda items include financial updates and equipment requests.

Engagements

Bullock-Romines

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bullock of Brownsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Bridget Renee Bullock, to Andrew Thomas Romines, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Romines of Canmer.
Bridget is a graduate of Edmonson County High School. Andrew is a graduate of Hart County High School and is employed by Dart Container in Horse Cave.
The wedding will be at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 1, 2007, at Cub Run Baptist Church in Cub Run, with a reception afterward at Cub Run Elementary School.
All friends and relatives are invited.

DEATHS

Lillie Bullington

FRANKLIN — Lillie Bullington, 93, of Franklin died at 11:20 a.m. Aug. 24, 2007 at a Bowling Green nursing home.
The Macon County, Tenn., native was a member of Fairview Memorial Missionary Baptist Church in Bowling Green. She was a daughter of the late James Halliburton and Nola Bell Weems Halliburton and wife of the late Merlin Louis Bullington. She was preceded in death by a son, Daryl Bullington; and a daughter, Donna Graves.
Funeral is at 11 a.m. Monday at Booker-Gilbert Funeral Home,

Lexington man arrested following armed standoff

SOMERSET (AP) — A central Kentucky man was arrested on Saturday following a 90-minute standoff with police in which he repeatedly pointed a handgun at the officers.
David Wilson, 41, of Lexington, was taken into custody and charged with three counts of wanton endangerment, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and possession of marijuana.
Wilson was outside a Ready Mix plant when police were called to the scene. Wilson pointed a gun at the first officer to arrived, then spent more than an hour pacing back and forth before police were able to subdue him. He was arrested after police persuaded him to lay down his gun.

Comair head thanks Lexington

LEXINGTON (AP) — The president of Comair sent a letter to the city of Lexington on Friday, thanking residents for their support in the year following a plane crash that killed 49 people.
Don Bornhorst's letter, addressed to Mayor Jim Newberry and the Lexington community, said the city "continues to bear the burden of such a tragedy occurring in your tight-knit community."
The letter acknowledged the loss to family and friends of those who died and said "Comair employees also mourn the lost members of our family."
Comair Flight 5191 crashed early last Aug. 27 after taking off from the wrong runway at Lexington's Blue Grass Airport. First Officer James Polehinke was the only survivor.
A public ceremony was planned for today in Lexington to mark the first anniversary.



BRIDGET BULLOCK AND ANDREW ROMINES

Granison W. Drake

MORGANTOWN — Granison W. Drake, 89, of Ocklawaha, Fla., died Aug. 22, 2007 at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.
The Huntsville native was retired from US Steel Corp. and was a World War II Army veteran. He was a son of the late Ellwood and Delle Drake and husband of the late Elizabeth Drake.
Funeral is at 1 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home, with burial in Gardner Cemetery. Visitation is after 2:30 p.m. today at the funeral home.
Survivors include three daughters, Alice McCarty and her husband, Edward, of Scherebilly, Ind., Karen Drake of Scherebilly and Debbie Kemp and her husband, Wallace, of Ocklawaha; a son, Ronald Drake; four grandchildren, Donovan and Joshua Carter and Eddie and Robert McCarty; two sisters, Virginia Hartis and Jewel Harrison; and a brother, Willie Drake.

Berta A. Fesler

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Berta Antonie Fesler, 61, of Murfreesboro, Tenn., died Aug. 22, 2007, at Stone Crest Medical Center.
A native of Wursburg, Germany, she was a former employee of General Motors, having

Gaming systems being shipped back in droves

Microsoft's Xbox 360 an often faulty product, according to area gamers

By AMEERAH CETAWAYO The Daily News
Local gamers are sending in their Xbox 360 video game consoles by the dozens as Microsoft fixes glitches with the technology.

Any Xbox 360 owner who experiences a general hardware failure — indicated by three flashing red lights — will now be covered by a three-year warranty from date of purchase, according to Microsoft; previously, the warranty for general hardware failure was only for a year.
Marshall and Sonya Gray, owners of the UPS Store at 760 Campbell Lane, say they are shipping about 30 to 35 Xbox consoles each week from gamers sending them back for repairs. And dropoffs have increased steadily within the last few months, Sonya Gray said, with as many as 12 Xbox consoles being dropped off in one day alone — she recalled one customer who was sending his Xbox back for the sixth time.
"It's a hot item and the bugs aren't completely worked out of it," Sonya Gray said.
As a matter of policy,

Microsoft won't disclose specific return or failure rates. Local gamers, however, who are paying a retail price of below or above \$300 for the console, have come to their own conclusions.
Titus Phillips, assistant manager of GameStop in Greenwood Mall, said failure rates are reportedly at 45 percent for the Xbox consoles released in 2005 and 35 percent for those released later.
"People are upset, but they're not upset at us because there's nothing we can do about it," he said.
Stephen Skaggs, a 10th-grade gamer from Edmonson County who sent his Xbox back once, said he got his console back in two weeks and hasn't had any problems since. He also said some of his friends had experienced the "three rings of death" and had to send in their consoles to be repaired.
Matt Greene, a salesperson at The Great Escape on Scottsville Road, said consumers are looking past the technical issues.
"All new consoles have a few problems when they first come out," Greene said.
Yet, of the 30 or so Xbox game systems that Great Escape customers have tried to get the store to purchase, only about 10 of them were functional.
"I've had several friends that

haven't had any problems with theirs; I guess it's just the luck of the draw," Greene said.
For the Gamers' Guild at Western Kentucky University, the problems with the Xbox have resulted in lower consumer confidence in the console.
"Xbox has always had problems," former Gamers' Guild president Samuel McGhee said. "There are members of our club, who are mostly college students and thus poor, who buy more reliable systems such as the Wii or the PS2."
In the U.S. alone, customer spending on Xbox 360 is 2:1 to that of Sony's PlayStation 3 and Nintendo's Wii, with Xbox 360 consumers spending more than 2.7 billion in revenue since November 2006 on hardware, software and accessories combined, versus \$1.3 billion on PS3 and \$1.7 billion on Wii, according to July figures from NPD market research.
The Xbox 360 has an estimated retail price of \$349.99 for its "Pro" system, which includes a 20 gigabyte hard drive, wireless controller, Xbox 360 headset and other features. The Xbox 360 Core System, which comes with less gadgets, retails for \$279.99; while the more powerful Xbox Elite retails for \$449.99.

worked in numerous cities, including Bowling Green. As an employee of General Motors, she had the opportunity to live many places, and in doing so met many good friends for whom she cared and who cared for her. She loved to work in her gardens, where she spent much of her time in retirement. She will be deeply missed.
A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Jennings and Ayers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements; visit www.jenningsanders.com for more information.
As she was an avid animal lover (especially dogs), the family asks that condolences take the form of donations to local humane societies.

Lawrence Haynes

Lawrence Haynes, 69, of Bowling Green died at 5:43 EDT Aug. 24, 2007 at Norton Hospital in Louisville.
The Brandenburg native was self-employed, working in the commercial trucking and tire industry. He was a Baptist. He was a son of the late Herbert Haynes and Aliene Murray Haynes and was the husband of the late Nancy Ellen Cook Haynes. He was preceded in death by a sister, May Johnson.
Funeral is at 11 a.m. Monday at Johnson-Vaughn-Phelps Funeral

Home, with burial in Fairview Cemetery No. 1. Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.
Survivors include two sons, Mary Haynes and his wife, Carol, of Elizabethtown and Jeff Haynes and his wife, Amy, of Brandenburg; two daughters, Patricia Bramblett of Marietta, Ga., and Sandra Lapierre and her husband, Ronald, of Comer, Ga.; two brothers, Herbert Haynes and Houston "Doodle" Haynes, both of Brandenburg; a sister, Faye Whelan of Brandenburg; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Opalea Nelson

BEAVER DAM — Opalea Nelson, 84, died Aug. 23, 2007, at a Beaver Dam nursing home.
She was born in McHenry, was a manager at the deli at Houchens in Beaver Dam, was a cook for Ohio County School System and worked at General Electric in Owensboro. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter "Dee" Nelson, who died July 12, 1999.
Funeral is at 2 p.m. today at Bevil Bros. Funeral Home in Beaver Dam, with burial in Sunnyside Cemetery. Visitation is today from 9 a.m. until the service at the funeral home.
Survivors include two sons, Alton Mitchell of Beaver Dam and James Mitchell of Henderson County; a daughter, Deborah Lynn Frey of Bowling Green; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Anna Margaret Casey of Louisville.

Maybelle G. Steen

GLASGOW — Maybelle Goodpaster Steen, 87, died Aug. 24, 2007 at the home of her daughter Sara Merritt and her husband, Roy, in Sellersburg, Ind.
She was born Sept. 28, 1919, and was retired from the Social Security Administration and had previously been living with her son and daughter-in-law, Sam and Nanci Steen, in Ozark Mountains, Ark. She was the wife of the late George Samuel Steen Sr. of Barren County.
Funeral is 1 p.m. Monday at A.F. Crow & Son Funeral Home,

with burial in Hiseville Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. until the service Monday.
Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the American Heart Association.
Survivors include four children, Sam Steen and his wife, Nancy, of Pelsor, Ark., John Steen and his wife, Gayle, of Hiseville, Sara Merritt and her husband, Roy, of Sellersburg, and Susan O'Daniel of Louisville; grandchildren, John Steen, Adam Steen and his wife, Sarah Katherine, Les Steen and his wife, Tina, Sara Steen Ash and her husband, Dewayne, Susan Steen Pace and her husband, Ryan, Tracy Burch, Lisa Burch Blocher, Michael Burch and his wife, Tracey, Sarah O'Daniel Fortuna and her husband, Jerry, Anthony O'Daniel, Katie O'Daniel Comeens and her husband, Adam; and 13 great-grandchildren, Sara Grace, Shane, Nora Cate, Leah Rose, Hannah, Emma, Audrey, Preston, Lexi, Abby, Haleigh, Elizabeth and Jerry III.

Etter Louise Tinsley


TOMPKINSVILLE — Etter Louise Tinsley, 90, of Bowling Green died Aug. 24, 2007 at Greenview Regional Hospital.
The Allen County native was born Feb. 16, 1917, was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was the wife of the late Harold Tinsley and daughter of the late Joe Rigdon and Pernie Wheat Rigdon. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Depp Wheat and Ralph Rigdon; and three sisters, Minnie Lane, Evelyn McIntyre and Virginia Graves.
Funeral is at 3 p.m. today at Hughes Funeral Home, with burial in Wood Cemetery.
Survivors include two sons, Wendell Tinsley of Austin, Texas, and Aubrey Tinsley of Tennessee; four daughters, Cathy Holder and Laverne Guess, both of Bowling Green, and Daretta Grinstead and Joyce Ann Wyatt, both of Smiths Grove; two brothers, Brazil Rigdon of Scottsville and Jack Rigdon of Fountain Run; three sisters, Elminia Wheat of Louisville, and Bytha Kirby and Polly Wyatt, both of Fountain Run; 17 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

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