

Marshall County week in review

Kentucky Republican Congressman James Comer recognized local student Jackson Boone for recently completing a spring internship in his Washington D.C. office. While serving Kentucky’s 1st Congressional District, Jackson was dedicated to helping Congressman Comer’s staff conduct Capitol tours, respond to constituent inquiries, and research critical legislation. Jackson Boone, a Marshall County native, is pursuing his undergraduate degree at Baylor University studying Mechanical Engineering and is an active member of Baylor Ambassadors.

Jackson Purchase Energy Corporation (JPEC) reaffirms its commitment to supporting education and investing in the future of our communities by awarding ten \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors across its service region. The two recipients in Marshall County are Halle Jo Hackney and Tommy Robertson.

Marshall County Schools announced that Mr. Allan Smith has been hired as the new Director of Transportation and Facilities for the school district, effective July 1. He will be replacing Jeff Stokes, who is retiring this summer.

MARSHALL COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 17, Master Gardener Plant Sale 2025, MC Extension Office, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- May 17, Arts & Crafts Festival, Calvert City Drive In, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- May 17, Benton Farmers’ Market H.H. Lovett Park
- May 17, Beginner Belly Dance, A Centered Space, 10:30 a.m.
- May 17, Relax & Re-wine, Poca Terra Winery, 5 p.m - 8 p.m.
- May 17, Jason Hudy, Kentucky Opry, 7 p.m.
- May 19, Laugh & Learn, Hardin Library, 10 a.m.
- May 20, Yoga in the Park, Calvert City Civic Center, 6 p.m.
- May 22, Wine Blending Party, Poca Terra Winery, 5:30 p.m.

Murray/Calloway County week in review

The Murray-Calloway County Senior Citizens Center celebrated 50 years and welcomed back two former directors of the center, Eric Kelleher and Mark McLemore.

Murray Independent School District is the recipient of a \$5,000 TVA Tennessee STEM Innovation Network/STEM Classroom Grant. The grant funding will be used to purchase a Sphero Blueprint Engineering Class Pack which will be used in teaching foundational engineering robotics and design processes.

Murray State University Commonwealth Honors Academy announced five Murray High School juniors were selected for a three-week 2025 summer academic enrichment program. The recipients of this program include Gavin Gorman, Madelyn Sugg, Kailyn Lutz, Xiomara Krotova, and Aubrey Robinson.

MURRAY/CALLOWAY COUNTY UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 17-18, The Cost of Freedom Tribute, Murray
- May 17, Murray Peddlers Mall Summer Sidewalk Sale, Murray Peddlers Mall, 10 a.m.
- May 17, Saturday Storytime, Bolin Books, 11 a.m.
- May 17, Murray High Alumni Game, Alumni Field Cary Miller Park, 6 p.m.
- May 17, A Spoonful of Sugar, Playhouse in the Park, 6:30 p.m.
- May 19, 4-H Camp Orientation, Calloway Co. Extension Office, 12 p.m.
- May 20, Brown Bag Book Club, CCPL, 12 p.m.
- May 20, Music ‘Round the Globe, Murray Women’s Club, 6 p.m.
- May 20, Trivia Tuesday, Tap 216, 7 p.m.
- MY 22, 4-H Camp Orientation, Calloway Co. Extension Office, 5 p.m.

MC Fiscal Court sees several project updates

By Kelsey Edwards
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The Marshall County Fiscal Court met on May 6, 2025 where they saw several reports about ongoing county projects, along with the tourism report and a vote on an ordinance to allow special purpose vehicles on county roads. The started out with a report from the Director of the Kentucky Lake Convention and

Visitors Bureau, Elena Blevins. Blevins shared the total tourism revenue and impact for the 2024 year, as well as a proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Blevins stated that generally the CVB is able to market to people within a four to six hour drive from the lake, and the current cost of travel has led to an increase in the number of visitors from the Evansville,

Indiana area due to the proximity. The court also heard from Britney Moss, the Parks Department Director. Moss stated that the league is expecting to have a record-breaking spring season with over 70 athletes from three states, signed up to participate, some of which are driving nearly 3 hours. With the increase in athletes, Moss intends to expand the program from

four teams to six teams in the fall. Moss said six teams could have easily been achieved this season, but many athletes registered in the final days of registration, limiting the amount of time available to find sponsors to allow the six teams. Kevin Spraggs, the Judge/Executive reiterated that work on the second phase of the Miracle League Field of Dreams project is ongoing, but has been slow moving due to the county waiting to receive grant funding that has been approved. The second phase of the Miracle League Field of Dreams project is the addition of a concession stand and restroom facility, and in the later stages of the Miracle League complex there will be an inclusive playground added along with a paved parking lot. Spraggs then went on to present a slideshow demonstrating the damage caused by the early April flooding, as well as a home that was saved by the county’s sandbagging effort.

The court went on to approve an ordinance that allows street legal special purpose vehicles on county roads. This comes after a state law allowing cities and counties

to opt-in with the program was passed. However, the county ordinance that was passed does not allow those vehicles on city roads, but Spraggs has encouraged the cities within the county to pass similar ordinances. The vote was unanimous, and the specifications regarding what types of vehicles are impacted are listed in Senate Bill 63, but the state law does not go into effect until June 27, 2025. The special purpose vehicles must be registered and licensed according to the existing state and local requirements.

The court then accepted a bid to upgrade the lighting system on an additional soccer field at Mike Miller Park, which became the third field in two years to have the lighting updated. The park is over 20 years old, and the lighting updates have been planned to occur gradually. The court also opted to advertise for bids for new sump pumps for the Judicial Building. The current two pumps are functional, but are past their prime, resulting in the pumps being slower. During the April flooding, a third, man operated pump was necessary to prevent the building

from flooding. It was also shared with the court that Moss had been approached by a citizen who was interested in donating a bench to a day use park in the county in honor of his mother. Moss shared that the citizen wanted to have one of the MCHS construction classes build the bench, but was concerned about the liability that a wooden bench could present. She recommended simply to take a donation from the citizen and have the bench made from the supplier the county has used for other park benches and then add a plaque in honor of his mother. The court was generally in favor of the idea, but was concerned about regulating any future interest that may arise. The discussion was tabled until Moss could speak with parks staff and Deputy Judge/Executive Andy Pagel about a potential criteria or way of managing such a program. The court then went into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel and no action was taken on the return to open court. The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 20 at 9 a.m.

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