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Calvert City Opens Registration for Citywide Yard Sale **September 4-6**

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Get ready because the Calvert Citywide Yard Sale is about a month away from happening! It will take place on September 4-6, 2025, all across town and the City of Calvert wants you to be part of it! The City is encouraging residents and organizations to host a yard sale to clear out unused items, and maybe even raise funds for a cause. If you plan to hold a yard sale during the event you will want to register it in order for it to be on the list. To register your sale you will need to complete the registration form then use the Facebook event page to promote your sale.

For any items you might have leftover, you can take them to the Fall Cleanup Day which will take place on September 20, 2025, from 8



a.m. to noon at Doctors Park—right behind the Calvert City library. The Fall Cleanup day is free service (rain or shine) that helps residents properly dispose of garbage and household hazardous waste. There will be public works volunteers that will be on-site to help with unloading your vehicle.

Items that will be accepted include document shredding; tires (limit 8 per household); bulk/ large items; used oils, antifreeze, latex paint; hazardous household waste; fluorescent lamps & bulbs; old prescription drugs & thermostats; and computers (SmartPath Technologies on-site for secure hard drive wiping). Calvert City residents must bring proof of residency which can be your driver's license or water bill. For questions and updates, follow along at Calvert Citywide Yard Sale Facebook Event or you can contact Calvert City Hall at 270-395-7138.

Back to School Open House nights set for Marshall School District

By Kelsey Edwards
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The Marshall County School District is gearing up for its Back to School/Open House nights that will take place next week!! Yes you heard that right, next week which means school is soon! Below are the following open house/back to school nights for each school throughout the district.

For the elementary schools, Benton Elementary will be on Thursday August 7, for new families it will start at 5:30 pm with the returning families at 6:30 -7:30 pm; Calvert Elementary's Back to School night will be Thursday Aug 7 with new

families (1st-5th) from 4-5 pm and returning families 5-7 pm; Central Elementary has their Kindergarten open house on Tuesday Aug 5 from 5-7 pm and they ask that you plan to stay the entire time. Central will also have their 1st - 5th Grade Open House on August 7 from 5-7 pm which is a come and go event. Jonathan Elementary Kindergarten and New Student Orientation will be at 5 pm on August 7 with the returning students 1st-5th grade at 5:30- 7 pm. Sharpe Elementary has their open house on August 8 with new students 1st-5th grade at 4-5 pm and Kindergarten and all returning students 5:30 - 7 pm. Lastly, South Marshall Elementary will be on August 7

for Kindergarten and new student open house at 5 pm with 1st-5th grade at 5:30 -6:30 pm.

The middle school open houses are as follows: North Marshall Middle will be August 6-7 for the 7th-8th grade locker days from 9am- 2 pm and on August 11 for 6th grade and new students from 5:30 - 7 pm. South Marshall Middle has their all student locker days on August 6-7 from 9am-2 pm with their 6th grade and new students open house on August 11 from 4:30 - 7 pm. For the Marshall County High School, the open house will be on August 7 from 1-3 pm for 10th through 12th grade and from 4-6pm for 9th grade. Both times will be come and go events

MC Fiscal Court Recognizes Softball Team; Hears from Roger Ford

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The Marshall County Fiscal court held its meeting on July 22, 2025 where the Lady Marshals Softball Team were recognized as a part of the court's ongoing effort to recognize students in the community for their efforts both in athletics and in the classroom. The softball team not only won the regional tournament, but is also the fourth Lady Marshals team to do so. The team was also the first Lady Marshals team to beat McCracken County High School in the regional finals.

Following the recognition of the softball team, the court heard from Roger Ford, who is the Marshall County Jailer. Ford addressed the court about the same topic he spoke on at the July 1 meeting, requesting to take the funding from an unfilled deputy jailer position to give raises to other jail employees. Ford does not want to eliminate the position, but would rather redirect funding from his medical budget to fill that position if needed, and to replenish the medical funds from the commissary. A thorough discussion was held and it was determined by the court that, should the suggestion be approved, the best way to do it would be to eliminate the position on paper in order to adjust the funding and approve an appropriations transfer, but allow Ford to continue the recruiting efforts. If Ford found an applicant to fill the position, the court could then amend the

budget to reinstate that position and it be funded by Ford's suggestion. A motion was made by Marty Barrett to eliminate the position and transfer the funds but the motion died due to lack of a second. When pressed as to why no commissioner offered to second the motion, Eddie McGuire, the District One Commissioner and a former sheriff, said he believed the conversation should have been had sooner. Ford stated that the approved budget was very different from the budget requests he had submitted earlier in the year. Erica West, the County Treasurer noted, that as discussed at the July 1 meeting, jails generally do not generate revenue for counties, and with the loss of Graves County inmates, the Marshall County jail should anticipate considerably less income in the 2025-2026 fiscal year in comparison to recent years.

The court then heard from Bryan Cutsinger, the Ambulance Service Director, where he requested the court approve a letter for the ambulance service to submit to their governing board. It was said that this letter serves as a waiver because existing regulations require 25% of staffing on each shift to be a paramedic, and due to various staffing issues that number cannot always be met. This waiver would prevent the ambulance service from incurring a fine if that requirement was not met. Cutsinger did note that the department currently has "adequate staffing," however there is currently one paramedic

off on medical leave. Cutsinger stated that he intended for the waiver to be an option to avoid the fines if an issue did arise but he still has every intention of fulfilling the staffing requirements. The court did go on to approve the request from Cutsinger.

The court also heard from Curt Curtner, the Emergency Management Director, who shared that Kentucky Emergency Management had developed a statewide mutual aid agreement between every county emergency management agency. The agreement is approved by the Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky Association of Counties, and Kentucky Emergency Management. During the meeting, the court also approved the advertisement for bids for sheriff's office trucks, a road department tractor and mower, and for the judicial building janitorial services as well as the surplus of a road department culvert via sealed bids and parks department polaris and cub cadet vehicles via GovDeals. The renewal of an agreement between Mike Miller Park and Dynamo soccer saw no changes from the previous year and was also approved during the meeting. The court approved a bid from Jim Smith Contracting for the New Hope Road bridge project as well, but is pending approval from Kyle Poat with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The next Marshall County Fiscal Court meeting is set for August 5, 2025 at 9 a.m.



Murray St. capital campaign brings in \$108 million

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MURRAY, Ky. (KT) – Murray State University is celebrating the close of its historic Be Bold: Forever Blue and Gold centennial campaign, which exceeded the goal of \$100 million with a final total of more than \$107.8 million raised for the future of the university

After seven years of dedication and generosity, the campaign officially concluded on June 30, 2025, with participation from close to 25,000 donors, including alumni, faculty, staff, community members, family of alumni, businesses and organizations and other friends of the University.

Dr. Ron Patterson, Murray State's 15th President, extended his sincere gratitude and appreciation to former President Dr. Bob Jackson, the Be Bold National Campaign Council, Assistant Vice President of Advancement Dr. Tina Bernot and the thousands of alumni, partners, faculty, staff and other friends who came together to make the campaign an overwhelming success.

"Our Racer community has truly come together and shown their love for this great University and their dedication to ensuring its continued excellence and modernization," said Patterson. "Our alumni and friends care so deeply about the students of today and tomorrow and are committed to doing their part to make sure that their Racer experience sets them up to be successful professionals, good citizens and lifelong learners. I'm excited to work with the University community as we now begin to fulfill these donors' intentions and use their support to make the campaign's vision a reality in the coming years."

Half of the support raised will fund student scholarships, enabling the University to continue to keep the priority of making a Racer education accessible to all deserving students. Donors have established hundreds of new scholarships in numerous academic areas, many of which will directly support first-generation students and those with financial need.

Already, the campaign is making an impact on the campus and its students. Last year, Murray State students benefitted from a record \$136 million in scholarships and financial aid. Recently, the University used funds raised in the campaign to purchase a new professional-grade performance Steinway Grand Piano to support the Department of Music. In addition, when the Jackson Hall nursing building opens its doors in fall 2026, it will be furnished with top-of-the-line modern equipment and technology.

Though the campaign goal has been met, the Murray State University Foundation is still accepting gifts. For giving information, visit murraystate.edu/giving or call the Murray State University Office of Development at (270) 809-3001.

