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## DATEBOOK

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### CC Board of Health to meet Feb. 28

The Calloway County Board of Health will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 28. The agenda topics will include the director's report, programmatic updates and other items. The meetings are open to the public. The primary location of this meeting is at the Calloway County Health Department at 602 Memory Lane. A virtual option is available and information can be found on the Calloway County Health Department's Facebook page. For questions, contact Jamie Hughes, Public Health director at jamieh.hughes@ky.gov.

### MSU Lecture to feature Brown

Murray State University's 2023 Presidential Lecture will feature W. Earl Brown, an MSU alumnus and an actor in Hollywood, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Lovett Auditorium on the campus of Murray State.

### Breast Cancer Group will meet Tuesday

The local Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Los Portales Restaurant. Melanie Bray, representative from the Murray-Calloway County Hospital, will speak. For more information, call 270-489-2462.

### Square dance class offered

A beginner's square dance class will be held on Tuesdays, beginning Feb. 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church. This is for ages 10 through adult and the cost per session is \$6.25 for singles and \$12.50 for couples. For questions or to register, call Bryan Warner at 270-978-7291 or email brykwarner@gmail.com.

### Driver's license pop-up event planned

Registration opportunity for a driver's license pop-up event will open Tuesday, Feb. 21 for the Weaks Center on March 7. The Pop-up Driver Licensing Program is a traveling service that brings all the services offered in the Driver Licensing Regional Office to local communities that don't have a regional office. Go to <https://drive.ky.gov/driver-licensing/Pages/Popup-Locations-Map.aspx> to schedule an appointment. Appointments are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made online. Payments accepted are debit/credit cards, check and money orders. The program does not accept cash payments.

### MSU Honors Academy taking applicants

Murray State University Commonwealth Honors Academy is accepting applications from high-achieving high school juniors. This year's academy will be June 3-24 on the campus of Murray State. The Commonwealth Honors Academy offers gifted high school students the opportunity to participate in a living-learning community while they engage with the region's most talented college and high school faculty, earn six hours of honors-level college credit and experience living on a college campus. Students who complete the program are eligible for a four-year renewable full-tuition scholarship to Murray State with a high school GPA of 3.5 and above and an ACT score of at least 25. For more information, call 270-809-3166 or email [msu.cha@murraystate.edu](mailto:msu.cha@murraystate.edu). To apply for the program, visit [www.murraystate.edu/cha](http://www.murraystate.edu/cha). Applications are due March 15.

### Playhouse to hold auditions

Playhouse in the Park will hold "Assassins" auditions at 6 p.m. Monday, March 6, and Tuesday, March 7, with J. Michael Byrne as director. Needed are eight males, six females, one young boy (8 to 12) and a small ensemble. Participants will need to prepare 26 bars of a musical theatre song and will participate in a cold read from the script.

### MAG to present Side by Side workshop

The MAG Community Art Center and Arts for All Kentucky will present its Side by Side workshop for students with disabilities. Partnering with a local arts educator, workshops will begin on April 18 at the Murray Art Guild. Students will complete a collaborative work with local arts, culminating in an exhibition this summer. This is a free program, but registration is limited. For more information and to register, visit [murrayartguild.org](http://murrayartguild.org) or call 270-753-4059.

### Dexter/Almo Water District to meet

Dexter-Almo Heights Water District will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 2. The meeting will be a video teleconference with the primary location at the Dexter-Almo Heights Water District Office at 351 Almo Road. Members of the public may attend the meeting at this location and will be able to view all members of the Board of Commissioners participating in the meeting.

### Music Dept. of MWC to hold contest

The Music Department of the Murray Woman's Club will hold a middle and high school music contest for piano, voice and strings students at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the Murray Woman's Clubhouse. Contest rules include time limit restricted to three minutes; memorization not required; contestants must be in grades 6-12 and residents of Calloway County; and three copies of music are to be provided for judges. Contestants will be judged on selection, technique, articulation, tone quality, expression and stage presence. A registration form must be completed by April 5. For more information or to obtain a registration form, call Sandra Farthing at 270-556-1956 or email [kwfarthing@gmail.com](mailto:kwfarthing@gmail.com) or [sandra.farthing@freseniusmedicalcare.com](mailto:sandra.farthing@freseniusmedicalcare.com).

### Legion offers help to veterans

Service officers Mark Kennedy and Lois Wells of American Legion Post 73 will be available from 1-4 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday at 310 Bee Creek Drive to assist veterans and their families who need to file VA claim. No appointment is necessary, and all are served on a first-come/first-served basis. For more information, call the Post 73 Message Board at 270-761-8728.

### Cemetery seeks donations

The Lassiter Cemetery No. 6 is in need of donations for the upkeep of the grounds. Please mail donations to Lassiter Cemetery Fund, Linda Armstrong, 858 Galloway Road, Mayfield, KY 42066.

### Back Pack program needs items

Need Line needs to stock its shelves for the Back Pack program. Needed are juice packs, pudding cups, shelf stable 8 oz. milk and cereal boxes. Need Line is at 509 N. Eighth St. and is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 270-753-6333.



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**CCHS SPEECH:** The Calloway County High School speech team competed in the Kentucky High School Speech League regional tournament and placed second. The team qualified 12 students and 27 entries for the state tournament. Tournament champions included Elizabeth Lanier in humorous interpretation and informative speaking, as well as Sarah Gardner in program oral interpretation. Runners-up included Levi Dunnaway in broadcasting, Quinlyn Moore in declamation and Vayla Carlisle in humorous interpretation. The team will next compete at the Kentucky High School Speech League State Tournament at Northern Kentucky University. The team is coached by Jennifer Dunnaway, Miranda Wilson and Breeanna Maupin.

## CC Fiscal Court received book award



Photo: HAWKINS TEAGUE/Ledger & Times  
Acclaim Press President Doug Sikes, left, presented the company's award for Best Local History Book for "Calloway County, Kentucky: Celebrating the First 200 Years 1822-2022," to the book's editor, Bobbie Smith Bryant, center, and Calloway County Judge Kenny Imes.

#### Special to the Ledger

**MURRAY** - The Calloway County Fiscal Court was recently presented with an award in the category of local history from the book publisher, Acclaim Press, for the new book they sponsored entitled "Calloway County, Kentucky-Celebrating the First 200 Years 1822-2022." This large, hard cover, coffee table style, 448-page book is well illustrated with photos, drawings and maps from all eras of the two centuries it covers.

Receiving the award was Calloway County Judge Executive Kenny Imes, who's initiative launched the book and Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester who served as the project's chairman, coordinating with the publisher for its production from beginning to end. A special plaque was also presented to Bobbie Smith Bryant, the book's chief editor and primary author, and acknowledgement of Randy Patterson and Pat Seiber for the Calloway County Historical Society's important role in the content of the book.

The award is presented each year to one of the many books published by Acclaim Press, based in Sikeston, Missouri, for the most outstanding local history book for the previous year.

"The winners are chosen by our own staff based on aesthetic appeal, literary significance and market acceptance, all of which 'Calloway County, Kentucky' excelled,"

said Doug Sikes, president of Acclaim Press, who personally presented Imes and Bryant with plaques commemorating the awards. "This may well be the grandest county history book I have ever seen in my 33 years of publishing. All who worked on it are to be highly commended."

The book is sold locally by the Calloway County Historical Society. ■

## Murray Shakespeare Festival to take place March 8-10

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**MURRAY** - Thae Murray Shakespeare Festival will return to Lovett Auditorium this spring following a two-year hiatus. Kentucky Shakespeare's professional traveling company will perform Shakespeare's great tragedy, Hamlet on March 8-10, with daytime performances on March 8 and 9 at 10 a.m. and an evening performance on March 10 at 7 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door and are \$5 for Murray State students, faculty and staff (with Murray State ID), as well as all other students. Tickets for the general public are \$10.

Hamlet tells the story of a young prince working through complicated family and personal dynamics following the suspicious death of his father. As his grief and desire for revenge grow, Hamlet wrestles with big problems that remain relevant today: duty to family, morally difficult choices, conflicting loyalties, trauma and loss, spirituality and doubt, love and madness, action or faith, "to be or not to be." This classic tragedy transcends the ages and invites the audience to consider what it means to be human.

The Murray Shakespeare Festival began in 2001 and was originally created to serve as a resource

for the region's teachers. The festival's performances bring Shakespearean texts to life for students through high-quality theatrical productions. The festival has also grown to include a large number of public events such as lectures, film screenings, acting workshops, writing workshops and more. Today, the festival welcomes hundreds of K-12 students from across the Jackson Purchase region, Murray State students and members of the community to celebrate Shakespeare's classic works.

The festival has used different professional troupes over the years, including Shenandoah Shakespeare Company, the American Shakespeare Center, and, most recently, Kentucky Shakespeare. Based in Louisville, Kentucky Shakespeare employs groups of well-trained actors who enact Shakespeare's most popular plays in ways that inspire students to learn more about the Bard. Learn more about Kentucky Shakespeare at [kyshakespeare.com](http://kyshakespeare.com).

For more information about the 2023 Murray Shakespeare Festival, visit [murraystate.edu/shakespeare](http://murraystate.edu/shakespeare). To reserve tickets for a school group, contact Murray Shakespeare Festival Chair Dr. Rusty Jones at 270-809-2397 or [wjones1@murraystate.edu](mailto:wjones1@murraystate.edu).

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet

In accordance with KRS 176.051, Kentucky's noxious weed law, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will control noxious weeds on state-owned right of way at the request of the adjoining property owner. The noxious weeds named in this law are Johnson grass (*Sorghum halepense*), Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Cutleaf Teasel (*Dipsacus laciniatus*) Nodding thistle (*Carduus nutans*), Common teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), Poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), Marehail (*Conyza canadensis*), Amur Honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii*), Multiflora Rose (*Rosa multiflora*) Japanese knotweed, (*Polygonum cuspidatum*), Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea stoebe*) and Kudzu (*Pueraria montana*).

Persons who own property adjacent to state right of way and who are involved in eradication efforts on their property can submit a written application to the highway district office in their area. Contact information can be found at [transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages](http://transportation.ky.gov/DistrictPages)

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