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HOME COMING 2023



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MURRAY
STATE COLLEGE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TRADITIONS BRING LIFE TO HOMECOMING WEEK

Murray State College's Homecoming is always a special event each fall. The College has two standing traditions: the famous hay bale creation on the corner of Byrd and Wilson, and turning the fountains blue on the Tishomingo campus. The hay bale creation signals the beginning of the week's festivities.

This year's events included a basketball game watch party in Ardmore, Night on the Town, a tailgate party, Homecoming night basketball games and coronation, and the alumni banquet and alumni softball/baseball games.

As you continue reading through this magazine, you will see photo highlights of each event.

Ardmore Watch Party

Last year was the start of an annual basketball game watch party in Ardmore. Mill Street Tavern in Ardmore streamed the games for anyone who wanted to watch the games. This year was another success.

A special thanks to Jennifer Juric-Roberts, Cyndi Stoker and Ashton Heffington for setting up this event.

Night on the Town

Murray State went back to Main Street for the 2nd Annual Night on the Town event. Students, faculty and staff gathered at Ole Red's Doghouse for free food and live music from Emily Ryne who was one The

Voice. Everyone received BINGO cards to play the games that were located in various businesses downtown. A portion of each purchase was contributed to a Murray State scholarship.

A special thank you to Gina Hatfield for her hard work on getting this successful event together!

Tailgate Party

This year, we were able to have our tailgate party; we canceled last year's due to the weather. Students, faculty and staff gathered around the Beames Fieldhouse parking lot for some food, live music, photo opps, games and giveaways before the basketball games started.

A special thank you to Kimberly Davis for bringing the party ideas to life!

Homecoming Night

During halftime of the women's basketball game, First United Bank presented Murray State College with a novelty check for \$40,000 as a contribution to upgrades at Murray State's Beames Field House.

As a thank you, Murray State presented bank representatives with a signed basketball and jersey for the local branch.

Coronation

The ceremony took place between the women's and men's games. This year's court represented 16 student organizations.

THANK YOU TO OUR HOMECOMING WEEK SPONSORS!

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Chickasaw Nation

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Johnston County
FARM BUREAU

Latte Da'

Marvin's Place

Mercy

OG&E

People's Electric Cooperative

Scooter's Coffee

Valero Quick Mart

Texoma Oil Company -
Donna & Jerry Lawley

William Murphy &
Todd Holland

Alumni Banquet and Softball/ Baseball Games

Each year, the annual alumni banquet and softball/baseball games round out Murray State's Homecoming. During the banquet, two Distinguished Alumni and two Athletic Hall of Fame alumni are inducted for 2023.

Murray State Homecoming Week is a fun and busy week. All of it wouldn't have been possible without the Special Events Committee. They did an excellent job planning and executing this year's festivities.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Faltyn', written over a white background.

DR. TIM FALTYN
President
Murray State
College

2023 HOMECOMING QUEEN

STOCKING SHELVES NEVER LOOKED SO GOOD

Murray State's Homecoming Coronation to wrap up homecoming week. As part of the selection process, nominees gathered canned foods for donation to the Tishomingo and Ardmore food banks. The nominee with the most serving sizes donated was selected as the homecoming queen.

Freshman Collegiate FFA member Mallory Sager donated the most with 39,837.5 servings, thus taking home this year's crown. She was escorted by freshman Crae McPhie.

The total servings of donated foods for the Tishomingo food bank was 122,601.3. Thank you to the volunteers of American Legion Post #164 for counting the cans in Tishomingo. The total for the Ardmore food bank totaled 4,077. We appreciate Quinton Jones and Isabella Harris for counting in Ardmore.





HOIST THE CUP

VETERINARY NURSING BRINGS HOME THE MCDANIEL CUP

The McDaniel Cup is an annual competition where students get to represent their group or organization with participation in intermural activities throughout Homecoming week.

The trophy is named after Murray State President Emeritus Joy McDaniel who began her tenure in 1982. She served as Murray State's president for 10 years until her retirement in 2022.

This year's winner was the Veterinary Nursing program led by Laura Pierce-Sandmann and Carola Morrison.



FIRST UNITED COMES IN CLUTCH AT HALFTIME

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Representatives pictured with President Dr. Faltyn and Murray State staff are Rhyan Newton, Raye Lyn Cole and Tasha Crook.



AN AGGIE STYLE HALLOWEEN

Murray State students and faculty celebrated Halloween, dressing up and participating in Tishomingo's Trunk or Treat.





FLOOD THE FOUNTAIN

Students, faculty and staff turn the Sunken Garden fountains Murray blue each year during Homecoming Week.





WATCH PARTY



MURRAY STATE COLLEGE ON THE BIG SCREEN FOR THE BIG GAMES

Mill Street Tavern hosted the annual Aggie Watch Party in Ardmore to cheer on the men's and women's basketball teams in their season openers.





NIGHT ON THE TOWN

Murray State hosted the second annual "Night on the Town." Students, faculty and staff walked around to businesses along Main Street playing games to earn stamps on their Bingo card. Thank you to all the businesses for participating in this event. Thank you to Emily Rhyne, who was on Season 23 of The Voice, for playing music during the event.

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES:

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| Blue River Nutrition | Kedford Boutique |
| Boomerang Diner | Mulberry |
| Houser Furniture | Murray on Main |
| Tishomingo Icehouse | Nicole's Country Store |
| Junk Stars | Ole Red |





2023 HOMECOMING COURT





TAILGATE PARTY

This year, Murray State held a tailgate party before the football games for fans of all ages! Live music from 10 Acre Rock, games and BBQ sandwiches kicked off Homecoming night.

Food sponsors:

Brad Lawley

Great Western Dining Service

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Valero Quick Mart









ALUMNI BANQUET

The 2023 Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees were announced.

President Dr. Faltyn provided current and future campus updates.

This year's Distinguished Alumni are Mr. Mike Vandevier (far left) and Dr. Jeffery Milligan (far right).

Athletic Hall of Fame inductees are Dr. Connor Counce (middle right) and Coach John Loftin (middle left).



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