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Veterans Lunch

Thursday, Oct. 20 (11 a.m. - 1 p.m.) Blackburn Science Building 444

All military service-connected students can go to the Veterans Affairs lounge for a free meal.

Pet Therapy

Thursday, Oct. 20 (noon - 1 p.m.) Outside of Waterfield Library

De-stress with pet therapy teams of dogs, cats and perhaps other animals with certified handlers.

Cinema International

Thursday, Oct. 20 (7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.) Curris Center Barkley Room

Cinema International will host a showing of Mexican Brazilian film "Carmo, Hit the Road."

CoEHS Blood Drive

Tuesday, Oct. 25 (8 a.m. - noon) Alexander Hall Atrium

Walk-ins are welcome. All of the blood donated will go to the Murray Calloway County Hospital.

Monster Mash & Dia de Los Muertos

Tuesday, Oct. 25 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) In front of Old Fine Arts

Art Department clubs and classes will be selling merchandise to help raise funds for conference travel, field trips and visiting artists.

Political Science & Sociology Colloquium

Tuesday, Oct. 25 (4 p.m.) Bauernfeind College of Business Room 404

Marc Polizzi will be introducing his book titled "The Roots of Engagement: Understanding Opposition and Support for Resource Extraction."

CoEHS Blood Drive

Wednesday, Oct. 26 (noon - 4 p.m.) Alexander Hall Atrium

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Homecoming

Oct. 27 - 30

The theme for Homecoming this year is, "Forever Blue and Gold." The full schedule can be found at https://www.murraystate.edu/homecoming/index.aspx.

Source: murraystate.edu/calendar



'We will be the reason democracy continues'

U.S. Democratic Senate candidate Charles Booker gives an address in Murray, Kentucky on Oct. 14 regarding the upcoming midterm election.

Charles Booker details plan for upcoming midterm election win in Murray address

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In his campaign for U.S. Senate, Kentucky Democratic candidate Charles Booker made a pit stop in Murray to give an address igniting people's hope for a blue win in a red state.

The Calloway County Democrats hosted a fish fry benefit on Friday, Oct. 14 at The Grove in Murray. Booker, who was in Madisonville, Kentucky, that morning, stopped in Murray that evening to talk with his followers and supporters, as voting season is right around the corner.

Booker is going against incumbent Republican candidate Rand Paul. In his address, Booker talks about winning as something that is possible and not something that his followers should be wishing for but expecting.

In regards to past Democratic losses in Kentucky, Booker said he understands why people may have a cynical outlook on this upcoming election.

"Push through the cynicism," Booker said. "Push through any sense of apathy. We don't have to accept things being this way. We shouldn't have to go through generations of poverty, family farmers getting choked out, both losing their livelihoods. We don't have to deal with a system where we don't get quality health care."

Beyond talking about bringing people together, Booker also reiterated his stance on important issues. He talked about his own experiences living under the shortcomings of healthcare.

Booker is a Type 1 diabetic and said he has had to ration his insulin because of the price in order to care for his children.

"When I go across Kentucky, I might be the only registered Democrat, but I talk about the fact that no one should choose between their medicine and putting food on the table," Booker said. "This isn't a radical or crazy policy."

Beyond the motivational words, Booker thanked his supporters and those planning on bubbling in the box next to his name.

"Thank you for giving me the chance to represent you," Booker said. "Thank you for believing enough in me that you would want to send me to Washington in that mess. Let's win this and make history together."

Booker received a standing ovation following his address, and before he went back on the road, The News had the opportunity to talk with him further about issues that are affecting college-aged students, as well as issues western Kentucky is confronting.

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Hurricane Ian impacts student, former professor

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Hurricane Ian, one of the most powerful storms recorded in United States history, made landfall on the coast of southwest Florida on Sept. 28, according to the Washington Post.

The Category 4 hurricane took over 100 lives, with the majority of the deaths occurring in Lee County, according to an article by NPR.

Former Murray State Journalism Professor and The News Adviser Stephanie Anderson recently moved to Tampa, Florida, and experienced the hurricane first hand.

Anderson said she was naive on how concerned she should be based on her past experiences with severe weather in Kentucky.

Anderson said winds at her house got up to 75 miles per hour, with sustained winds at 60 miles an hour.

"When you're talking about those sustained winds that are battering the house, the power's flickering, car alarms were going off in the parking lot of our townhome complex," Anderson said. "Our windows were rattling and when gusts would come, the rain would shoot completely sideways."



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Anderson

Stephanie Anderson gathered supplies once she saw Hurricane Ian would be near home.

Anderson says she saw minor damage at her townhome complex, including damaged fences, fallen trees and scattered debris.

Hurricanes are more prolonged weather events than tornadoes and ended up being more concerning to Anderson, especially as a mom to a toddler.

While hurricanes and tornadoes are both characterized by strong horizontal winds, tornado winds can reach up to 100 miles per hour or more but typically last a few minutes and rarely travel

more than ten miles which was not the case in Mayfield on Dec. 10, 2021. Hurricanes are large-scale storms that travel thousands of miles and can last a few days to weeks, according to nasa.gov.

Sophomore music business major Kayley Smith has family living in Sarasota, Florida and said she was concerned for their safety.

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“This was the first hurricane my family has truly been in the middle of,” Smith said. “My grandma was definitely the one that was worried the most, but everyone in the family was scared one way or another. However, they knew they would have a safe space during the storm, so that definitely relieved some stress.”

Smith said the town saw some damage and faced power outages as people tried to begin clean-up efforts.

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— **Kayley Smith, sophomore music business major**

“A few evacuation centers actually received damage and lost power too, so everyone who was using those had to be relocated,” Smith said. “Overall, the area had major water and wind damage, making the debris tossed around in the storm awful. I know there are still teams going around today attempting to clean up more areas, especially the Keys surrounding Sarasota.”

Approximately 67% of individuals lost their power in Sarasota, according to the *Herald-Tribune*.

Hurricane preparedness is vital when faced with a major storm to decrease fatalities.

Anderson said she tried to prepare for the weather event a week in advance to avoid long lines and empty shelves.

Smith said her grandmother prepared for the hurricane days in advance and tried to avoid crowds of people stocking up on necessities.

“She was able to get the food and supplies she and the rest of my family needed, and she completely boarded up her house and went to stay with my uncle,” Smith said. “They prepared mostly for power outages, getting batteries, candles, portable chargers, etc.”

A basic hurricane emergency kit contains items such as water, a first aid kit, nonperishable food, a whistle and a battery operated radio, according to ready.gov.

Now as a journalism professor at University of South Florida, Anderson said she saw this as an opportunity to teach her students strategies on covering a hurricane.

“I think a lot of that goes back to my experiences in Kentucky and at Murray State between covering the Mayfield tornado last December, then going through the ice storms [in 2009],” Anderson said. “I think all of those kind of prepared me as much as possible to help my students cover it.”

One of her students is an intern at a local news station and got stuck in Fort Myers covering the hurricane.

“She has all the footage of the boats strung up on land and houses to storage and talked to people who lost their homes,” Anderson said. “They had to contact the local police department and [were] able to get enough gas to be able to get to a relative’s house safely, but it turned into a really long ordeal. They ended up having to stay in Fort Myers because there was no power.”

Anderson says she feels more prepared for when the next hurricane hits Florida and would consider evacuating in the future.

“People [should] run from the floodwaters as high up as you can, or as far away as you can, and then you hide from the wind,” Anderson said. “I would definitely think twice if a hurricane was expected to hit Tampa.”



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Information about the Murray State Promise is at murraystate.edu/admissions/scholarships/promise.

University spotlights Murray State Promise for students in need

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Through the Murray State Promise program, the University will provide a full tuition scholarship to freshmen and transfer students meeting certain qualifications.

The program provides an additional scholarship to qualifying students to ensure a student’s tuition and mandatory fees are fully paid after other scholarships, grants and aid are received. Initially, the scholarship applied to 18 counties in the surrounding region. The University expanded it in 2018 to include the entire state of Kentucky.

The “promise” of the program is “to provide scholarship assistance to help pay for tuition and mandatory fees if the student’s combined federal, state, institutional and private gift aid total is less than the cost of Murray State’s tuition,” according to the University’s Scholarships for First-Year Students page.

To qualify for the scholarship, students must be Kentucky residents and receive the Federal Pell Grant.

Students must also complete the General Scholarship Application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) before the first day of the semester. Once accepted, they must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester.

The scholarship does not cover online fees, course fees, tuition above 15 hours or other costs such as housing, meals and books.

Freshmen may receive the award for four consecutive years or until receiving their bachelor’s degree, whichever occurs first. Transfer students may receive the award for fewer years, depending on their class standing upon entry or until receiving the degree.

President Bob Jackson said the program will positively impact those in need of financial assistance.

“The Murray State Promise is simply another tool to assist students and families in keeping the cost of a college education affordable,” Jackson said.

Anyone with questions can contact the Scholarship Office at 800-272-4678 or msu.scholarships@murraystate.edu.

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Tove Lo explores feminine autonomy in 'Dirt Femme'

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Soaked in dazzling '80s-inspired synths, Tove Lo's "Dirt Femme" takes pop lyricism in a direction by focusing on feminine autonomy and spotlighting a vulnerable side of herself.

Swedish singer-songwriter Ebba Tove Elsa Nilsson, known professionally as Tove Lo, debuted in 2014 with her EP "Truth Serum," which took listeners on a dive in her murky dance pop world and led to her being coined with the nickname, "the saddest girl in Sweden."

Since her debut, Tove Lo has slid across the pop spectrum, taking on club beats and synths as well as early 2000s pop synths and beats. Despite her varying approaches to pop, her lyricism focuses on her womanhood but not in proximity to manhood, which is often seen in pop music—in a more autonomous fashion that writhes with Tove Lo's confidence, sexiness and lonesomeness.

In "Dirt Femme," Tove Lo shines a light on her femininity and womanhood but also her independence. Released by her label Pretty Swede Records, "Dirt Femme" is her fifth album, but first album as an independent artist, which further shows how Tove Lo's autonomy exists in her personal life as well as her lyrics.

In an interview with Apple Music, Tove Lo said the independence allowed her to take extra time on the project.

"I had time to push myself and go to new places," she said. "I had time for the details. I had time to be myself."

"No One Dies from Love" kicks off the 12-track album and tells the story of Tove Lo trying to move on from a tumultuous relationship with someone who left her with emotional wounds. Though she is singing from this dark space, the song includes braided synths that dance along with a low clubby beat.

At first I was not sure what the lyrics seen in the title indicate, but Tove Lo isn't dying from the



Photo courtesy of Apple Music

'Dirt Femme,' Tove Lo's fifth album, was released on Oct. 14.

heartbreak—she's dying because of what the relationship put her through.

"Suburbia" describes the independence Tove Lo desires. She doesn't want the conventional "picket fence" suburban lifestyle.

The track feels as though Tove Lo is talking to a lover and telling them what she wants, and doesn't want, from their relationship.

"2 Die 4" is Tove Lo's rendition of Y2K trance music. Tove Lo's lyrics focus on connecting with another, a romantic partner, and hoping she catches his eye.

"True Romance," a pop ballad, features a contained revving synth that helps the song gain intensity. Tove Lo sings about the danger of true romance and the idea of possibly losing her emotional dependence, and thus losing a piece of herself, as she falls in love with another.

Minimal instrumentals guiding this track, and Tove Lo's vocals were recorded in one take, according to Apple Music. This captures an emotional progression

as Tove Lo's voice growls and strains toward the end of the song.

"Grapefruit" is an incredibly vulnerable synth-based track where Tove Lo talks about her past eating disorder in which she hyper focused on calorie consumption.

I don't think I have ever seen a combination of lyrics and instrumentals like this that address such a heavy topic in a pop landscape.

"Call on Me," one of the more dance-pop-style songs on the album, features English singer-songwriter and friend SG Lewis, who wrote the song and sent it to Tove Lo. In her interview with Apple Music, she said she tried reworking the song to make it deeper but felt as though doing so took away from the fun dance anthem.

"Attention Wh*re" features American rapper Channel Tres. Similar to the previous track, this song feels meant to be a bright dance track. Tove Lo and Channel Tres make for a combination I've never thought of, but it works so well.

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Parts of western Kentucky were destroyed by an EF-4 tornado on Dec. 10, 2021, and are still well under recovery, along with parts of eastern Kentucky that fell victim to flooding in late July. Making sure communities are better equipped to respond to natural crises is a part of Booker's platform.

Booker cited the Kentucky New Deal, which focuses on lifting up poverty-stricken areas in Kentucky and will also focus on natural disaster security.

"A lot of the challenges in west Kentucky, similar to eastern Kentucky, are these were areas that were already struggling," Booker said. "[In] a lot of areas, the infrastructure was already bad and investing in addressing disaster relief is really big."

More geared toward college students and graduates, student loan forgiveness and college tuition prices are both highly contested along party lines.

Booker said himself and his wife both have six-figures worth of student loans they are paying back.

"A college degree is essentially the equivalent of a high school diploma, and we have to break these barriers down if we want to end poverty," Booker said. "I do believe college should be free, and I also believe that we need to cancel student debt."

Booker further said opposing student debt relief is essentially denying fair opportunities to those who come from poverty level or lower class backgrounds.

Beyond repaying student loans, employment is also on the mind of many college students. Booker said he wants to see people being paid fairly for the work they do.

"It's really a slap in the face that we haven't done the job of making sure that hard working people are getting paid for the work that they put in," Booker said. "We're seeing corporations make record breaking profits, so the minimum of the conversation is raising the wage to a living wage."

Aside from his stance on multiple issues, Booker wants to see more voters.

"[We can] absolutely win this race, and not just this race, we can win across the board because in a lot of elections, most folks don't vote," Booker said. "And I want a lot of our young leaders, students to know that voice does make a difference."

Murray State's College Democrats were also in attendance at Booker's address and expressed gratitude for him taking time to come to a smaller town like Murray, Kentucky.

Senior Jake Hicks, president of College Democrats, appreciates that Booker made time to visit Murray.

"It gave me hope for the future and our community," Hicks said. "People with progressive beliefs can easily feel isolated in a community like Murray where statistically it is largely Republican, but...Booker brought us together."

Hicks said Booker's platform aligns very much with his own beliefs.

"As a nursing major, I am passionate about healthcare and am in support of increasing access to quality and affordable healthcare," Hicks said.

Being the leader of a politically geared organization, Hicks said the College Democrats focus on making sure people show up to the polls, especially those in the young voter demographic.

Hicks said the organization is planning to host a march to the CFSB Center polling place on election day to celebrate



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The College Democrats pose for a photo with Democratic Senate Candidate Charles Booker.

the polls opening as well as to welcome and encourage other students to vote.

"Now more than ever, we need voter turnout," Hicks said. "Go in with an open mind and vote with passion—for people, community and future. The well-being of countless lives are dependent on these votes."

Senior Libby Gerdes serves as the vice president of College Democrats and they too believe there needs to be a bigger focus on getting to the polls since students will not have the day off.

"Come election day, we won't get off," Gerdes said. "Our classes aren't canceled. Work isn't canceled. It's basically like a regular day, which is unfortunate for busy people."

Gerdes said there is not equal privilege for everyone to practice their right to vote and expressed her concern for the college population having their votes count.

"I'm especially worried...for college students who may want abortion to be legal and think Booker sounds like a good candidate but struggle to find time to vote," Gerdes said.

The bridge interrupts the predominantly clubby dance instrumental, shifting to a pitter-pattering interlude over the beat, which feels like a knife cutting through the club daze as Tove Lo's lyrics become sharper.

Tove Lo and Lewis co-wrote the next track, "Pineapple Slice" an allusion to receiving oral sex, playing with the rumor about the effects eating pineapple can have on the act.

Unlike the other tracks, "I'm to Blame" has an acoustic touch, backed by guitar, and her voice really works really well with it. In this song, Tove Lo questions whether a relationship can revive, and it feels as if it's a battle between reality's brutality and love's hopefulness.

"How Long" closes the album, which brings the listeners back into Tove Lo's synth-laced reality. Tove Lo asks her former lover how long they've been in love with another while she was dreaming of a future with them.

Overall, "Dirt Femme" is a deeper and more personal dive into Tove Lo's world where we see some of her most vulnerable tracks yet. Her songwriting is very prominent throughout the album in a way that isn't typical from pop albums under large labels.

A large focus of pop is to curate a sound rather than tell a clear story, which still makes for a great listen, but I admire how Tove Lo does not let her storytelling take the back seat.

Though the lyricism is strong, I do think the instrumentals could have been a little more personal and stands out from what we already hear a lot of in pop. I enjoy the clubby beats and would love to see her lean into that sound more as an album concept because Tove Lo has this "sad party girl" vibe.

Overall, "Dirt Femme" deserves a seven out of 10. It was a very strong return to music for Tove Lo, and now that she is an independent artist, I look forward to seeing what she will unleash on the music world next.

VOTE:

Kentucky voters can influence national politics

Election day is quickly approaching in Kentucky, which means we could see changes happening in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. Although this year isn't a presidential election, Kentuckians have the opportunity to impact the partisanship of both the Senate and House in the U.S., so the election is incredibly important.

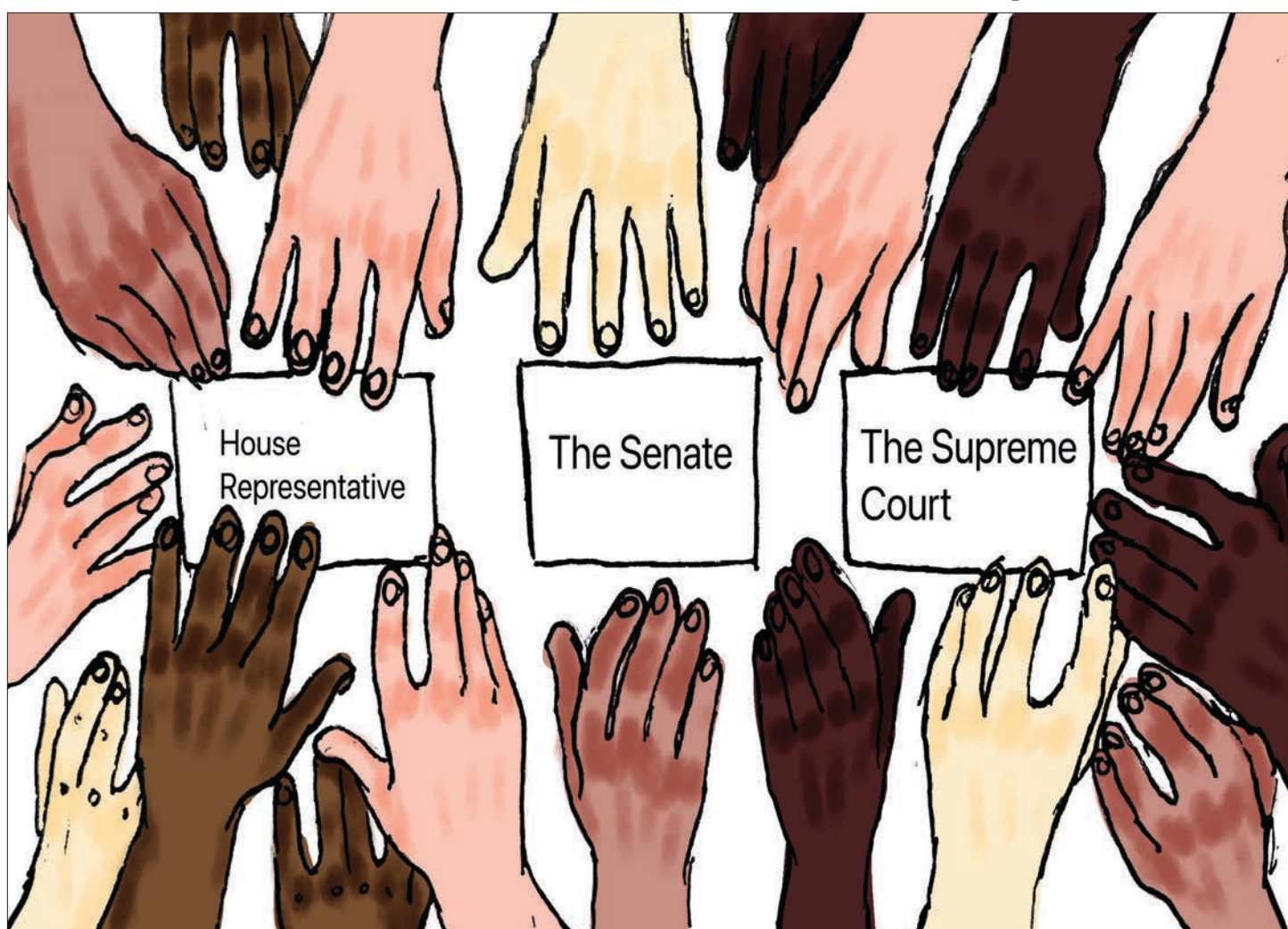
One of the biggest races in the election is for the U.S. Senate. Candidates Rand Paul and Charles Booker are running against one another for the position. Since Paul has been in office for over a decade, many voters are eager to see a change in their U.S. senator.

Booker is a strong candidate for the position and is willing to create necessary and positive change throughout our state and country. One of his main concerns is to end generational poverty by focusing on the needs of Kentuckians rather than focusing on a profit. He also plans to implement policies supporting coal miners in Kentucky since so many of our citizens still rely on coal-focused jobs.

Booker also looks at issues impacting our senior citizens. Many of our senators, Paul in particular, have worked to privatize and defund our social safety net, which would leave millions of senior citizens homeless.

Additionally, Booker is working to generate policies to help the quality of life of children in the poorest areas of our state and country, since one in six children go hungry in our Commonwealth. Booker also plans to target child abuse rates across our state since we rank first in reported cases of child abuse.

It is clear Booker is passionate about the people of our commonwealth. As someone who grew up in poverty himself, he is willing to give a voice to everyone, even those with less of an ability to make their



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voices heard. Charles Booker is exactly the positive change we need in Kentucky to finally get things done.

A vote for Booker is a vote for the future of Kentucky. Especially when it comes to his background, he is willing to work for each and every citizen in our commonwealth. Contrary to Paul, who was the lone U.S. senator opposed to making lynching a federal crime, Booker is concerned with making sure each citizen has their basic needs met.

Other important issues residents will be voting on are Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 of the Kentucky Constitution. While Amendment 2 is more widespread across the state, both amendments will change the way our state legislature is run.

Amendment 1 will ask voters if they want to scrap the constitutional rules that end legislative sessions in early spring, after 60 days in even-numbered years and 30 days in odd-numbered

years, and that only allow the governor to call lawmakers back to Frankfort for special sessions on specific topics.

A "yes" vote on this amendment would mean Kentucky legislators would meet more often and have the ability to change laws more often. Many Kentucky Republicans support this amendment since it involves more power being handed from the governor to the legislature. Especially after Gov. Andy Beshear's COVID-19 policies, such as necessary masking and changing business operations, many are in support of less power in the hands of the governor.

Amendment 2 is much more well known across the state of Kentucky, as it involves abortion rights in the Kentucky Constitution. This amendment would change wording in the constitution to include no protections for abortion rights or pregnant people. Amendment 2 has gotten a significant amount of attention across the state and

has sparked debates from both sides of the argument.

A "yes" vote on Amendment 2 would remove already restricted abortion rights in the state and remove all state protections for abortion, regardless of the reasoning. This amendment would negatively impact so many people across Kentucky and potentially lead to the deaths of people who have pregnancy complications.

One of the most important actions we can take as voters is to be politically informed. Before voting, we should educate ourselves on the issues we care about. Especially when it comes to elections like this where we vote for a potential partisanship change in the U.S. legislature or amendments impacting an entire demographic of people across our state.

We have to ensure we are politically active and engaged. Many people hold the belief that their vote doesn't count, but it really doesn't count if you never cast a vote at all.

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The Murray State volleyball team huddles together after its 3-2 win over Missouri State on Friday, Oct. 14.

Volleyball goes 1-1 over the weekend

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The Murray State volleyball team split the pair of games over the weekend and are now 4-9-3 on the season and 3-3-2 against MVC opponents.

The Racers traveled to Springfield, Missouri, to compete against the Missouri State Bears on Friday, Oct. 14. The Racers stayed on the road after the game, traveling to play the Southern Illinois University Salukis on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Murray State had a strong comeback at Missouri State. At one point, they were down two sets to none, yet the Racers were still able to win three straight sets, giving themselves a well earned 3-2 victory.

The Racers' luck ran out the following day, however, as they fell to the Salukis 3-0.

@ Missouri State

After the Racers got out to a 2-0 lead in the first set, the Bears jumped out to a 9-2 lead, thanks to a huge nine-point rally. Four of those 9 points came from a Murray State error.

Murray State was able to gain the lead after a four-point rally put the team ahead 20-18. This lead was short lived, though, as Missouri State would score 7 of the last 9 points in the set. The Bears won the first set 25-22.

The second set was back and forth for most of its duration. The

Racers had a 18-16 lead before the Bears would go on a four-point rally to regain the lead. The Racers tied things back up at 20 apiece, as junior outside hitter Jayla Holcombe and freshman outside hitter Federica Nuccio each earned a kill.

The Bears then went on another four-point run, helping them take the second set 25-21.

Murray State jumped ahead in the third set thanks to a kill by Holcombe followed by a Missouri State error. Graduate middle blocker Elisa Dozio then earned herself a kill, as did Nuccio right after. This four-point rally gave the Racers a 7-5 lead.

The Racers then went on another rally shortly after Nuccio's kill. Freshman outside hitter Ella Vogel started the rally off with a kill, and the Bears then committed a pair of errors. Dozio earned a service ace; Vogel earned another kill, and another pair of Missouri State attack errors put the Racers ahead 17-7.

The Bears began to mount a comeback as they scored 8 of the last 10 points of the third set, but it still was not enough. The Racers won the third set 25-20.

Down 14-10 in the fourth set, the Racers needed to put points on the board. Murray State regained the lead after a kill by junior outside hitter Morgan Price that was followed by four Missouri State errors and two service aces by freshman outside hitter Julia Fullop. The score was 17-14 after the rally.

Missouri State would then go on a run themselves and even had the Racers on the brink of defeat, as the score was 26-25. A kill from Holcombe tied the game up; a Missouri State attack error gave the Racers the lead, and a kill by Dozio gave the Racers a 28-26 win in the fourth set. This forced the match to go to a fifth and final set.

The Racers got an early 4-0 lead on the Bears as Holcombe started things off with a kill. Senior outside hitter Alysha Smith then earned a kill; Missouri State committed an attack error, and Smith earned another kill, completing the four-point rally.

The Bears were able to close the gap and eventually took a 15-14 lead. On the brink of defeat for the second time, the Racers put together a three-point rally that was initiated by a kill from Holcombe, tying the game. A pair of Missouri State attack errors followed after Holcombe's kill, and the Racers won the fifth set 17-15.

Holcombe led the Racers in kills with 18. She also had two blocks and an assist. Fullop ended the matchup with three service aces and 14 digs. Dozio finished with 15 kills and four blocks. Junior libero Dahlia Miller had 31 digs and five assists, while sophomore setter Bailey DeMier had 54 assists, two aces and 12 digs.

@ SIU

Down 12-10 in the first set,

the Racers were able to string together a three-point rally taking the lead, thanks to a pair of Holcombe kills and a service ace by Miller. This lead did not last long, as SIU went on a four-point run to retake the lead 16-13.

The Racers fought to get back into the set but fell short as the Salukis took the first set 25-20.

Murray State was trailing 13-10 before SIU unloaded a flurry of points and went on a nine-point rally giving the team a 22-10 lead. The Racers were able to retaliate and closed the gap a bit, but they eventually lost the second set 25-19.

Murray State had one lead in the third set 2-1. From then on, it was the Salukis' show. SIU did not let Murray State take the lead back for the rest of the match, and the Salukis won the third and final set 25-21.

Holcombe had the most kills for the Racers again in this matchup with 14. DeMier finished with three aces, a block, 30 assists and 10 digs. Miller totaled eight digs, two assists and two aces, while Price had nine kills and two blocks.

Holcombe finished with a team-high 32 kills over the span of the two games. DeMier had 22 digs and 84 assists over the two-game span. Miller finished the weekend with 39 digs, while Price finished with a total of five blocks.

The Racers' volleyball team will host conference opponent, the Bradley University Braves at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 21 in Racer Arena.

Soccer loses close game at home

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The women's soccer team currently sit in sixth place in the MVC with a conference record of 3-3-2 and an overall record of 4-9-3 after falling to the Valparaiso University Beacons at home by a score of 2-1 on Sunday, Oct. 16.

With two games left in the regular season, the Racers are likely headed to the MVC Tournament. The tournament starts on Thursday, Oct. 27, and the top eight teams within the conference will have a shot at the championship.

The Racers' next two opponents are the University of Northern Iowa and Drake University. UNI is the eighth seed, and Drake University is currently the seventh seed—meaning a win is just as valuable to these teams as it

is to the Racers. Expect intense play over the coming weekend.

The Racers struck first in the 19th minute when senior defender Saraya Young hit the back of the net thanks to a pass from junior midfielder Hailey Cole. This was Young's third goal of the season.

The Beacons retaliated in the 27th minute as sophomore forward Addy Joiner scored off of a corner kick. The goal was assisted by senior midfielder Allie Anderson. The game was tied going into halftime 1 apiece.

Valparaiso would score again in the 50th minute when sophomore defender Abby White gave her team the lead 2-1. Junior forward Lindsey DuSatko was credited with the assist on White's goal.

Valparaiso finished with six corner kicks and 10 fouls. The team attempted eight shots,



Photo courtesy of David Eaton/Racer Athletics

Senior defender Saraya Young (right) scored the Racers' only goal on Sunday, Oct. 16.

five of which were on target.

The Racers were accurate when attempting to score, as 8 of their 10 shots were on goal. The Racers finished with 12 corner kicks and 10 fouls. They also saved three shots in the matchup.

Freshman midfielder Tori Schrimpf attempted three shots, all of which were on goal but saved. Senior midfielder Lauren Payne and freshman forward Sydney Etter both finished the matchup with two shots taken on goal. Young finished with the

Racers' only goal of the game. She currently leads the MVC in assists with seven and points with 13. She has had a standout offensive year as a defender.

Senior goalie Jenna Villacres played one half of the game and saved two goals. Senior goalie Jamie Skarupsky played the other half and saved one goal. Both goalies allowed one goal each.

The Racers will travel to play the Drake University Bulldogs at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 23 in Des Moines, Iowa.



Photo courtesy of Dave Winder/Racer Athletics

Sophomore quarterback Jayden Stinson completed 50% of his passes and threw for a touchdown against the Austin Peay Governors on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Football loses Battle of the Border

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Another loss for Murray State's football team puts the Racers at 0-7 on the season, as the Racers lost to their rival, the Austin Peay Governors on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Despite a strong first half effort for the second week in a row, the Racers could not get a point on the board in the second half.

Even with the loss, sophomore quarterback Jayden Stinson played well in his fourth career start, completing 50% of his passes for 185 yards and a touchdown.

The Governors got on the board first, as graduate quarterback Mike Diliello connected with sophomore wide receiver Drae McCray for a 14-yard touchdown with 11:52 left in the first quarter.

After a couple of punts, the Racers struck back with a 40-yard field goal from senior kicker Aaron Baum. Once the Governors had the

ball back, it took just two plays for another touchdown. Diliello threw a deep ball to sophomore wide receiver James Burns for a 78-yard touchdown catch.

Following another punt from the Racers, junior running back CJ Evans Jr. took a handoff 62 yards for a touchdown, ending the first quarter.

As the scoreboard switched over to the second quarter, the Governors were up 21-7.

Murray State got some points back when Stinson found senior wide receiver LaMartez Brooks for a 23-yard touchdown pass.

Despite the touchdown from the Racers, Austin Peay answered immediately, as freshman wide receiver Kam Thomas returned the kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown.

With the ball in Diliello's hands on the Governors next drive, he attempted a pass on first down that was intercepted by junior defensive back Jarad McCray, putting the Racers at the Austin Peay 35-yard line.

They made the most of it, as backup freshman quarterback Lucas Maue came in and rushed one yard for a touchdown. The Racers were still in the game, with the Governors up 28-17 and 6:50 left in the first half.

Austin Peay struck one more time in the half, as Diliello rushed four yards for a touchdown late in the quarter, putting the Governors up 35-17 as the game went into halftime..

The second half was all Austin Peay, as the team scored two more touchdowns and a field goal in the second half, holding Murray State scoreless.

The first touchdown came when Evans Jr. rushed 16 yards to the endzone, putting the Governors up by 25 points.

A field goal late in the third quarter extended the Governors' lead even more, going up 45-17.

The last touchdown of the game came in the form of a 72-yard reception from Drae McCray. It was the icing on the cake, as the Gov-

ernors defeated the Racers 52-17.

Diliello was 18-29 passing with 309 yards, three touchdowns and an interception. Drae McCray had five catches for 166 yards and two touchdowns, while Burns had 117 receiving yards and a touchdown. Evans had 89 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

Brooks had 104 receiving yards and a touchdown on eight catches. Jarad McCray ended the day with an interception, five tackles and two tackles-for-loss.

Murray State turns its attention to the next OVC opponent, the Lindenwood Lions, who sit at 4-2 overall and 0-2 in OVC play.

The Racers are still in the hunt for their first win of the season, with just four games left.

The Lions have won their last two games, including a win over Eastern Illinois 37-34 in double overtime.

Murray State travels to St. Charles, Missouri, to take on the Lions on Saturday, Oct. 22. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

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MURRAY STATE ATHLETICS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 20 - 25

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OCT.

Tennis vs. Intercollegiate Tennis Association @ Knoxville, TN **ALL DAY**
Soccer vs. Northern Iowa @ Cedar Falls, IA **3 p.m.**

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OCT.

Tennis vs. Intercollegiate Tennis Association @ Knoxville, TN **ALL DAY**
Volleyball vs. Bradley @ Murray, KY 6 p.m.

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OCT.

Tennis vs. Intercollegiate Tennis Association @ Knoxville, TN **ALL DAY**
Football vs. Lindenwood @ St. Charles, MO **1 p.m.**
Volleyball vs. Illinois State @ Murray, KY 3 p.m.

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OCT.

Tennis vs. Intercollegiate Tennis Association @ Knoxville, TN **ALL DAY**
Soccer vs. Drake @ Des Moines, IA **1 p.m.**

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OCT.

Tennis vs. Intercollegiate Tennis Association @ Knoxville, TN **ALL DAY**
Women's Golf vs. Evansville @ Evansville, IN **ALL DAY**

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OCT.

Women's Golf vs. Evansville @ Evansville, IN **ALL DAY**

For more information visit [GoRacers.com](https://www.murraystate.edu/go Racers)



Artist explores cultural crossover through manga

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Kofi Bazzell-Smith prioritizes cultural crossover, multicultural experiences and the combinations of different art forms in his artwork.

The Clara M. Eagle Gallery currently features a manga exhibit by Bazzell-Smith called “Azuki” that displays this international crossover.

Bazzell-Smith specializes in manga, a form of Japanese comics. His style is based in bilingual action and comedy. He has worked with professional manga editors to improve his own work and leads workshops at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to help other students improve their manga.

Bazzell-Smith focuses on the question, “What does it mean for a Black American artist to deeply engage with Japanese manga as a form?”

His work is featured in “Future Spaces in Community Places for An Afrofuturism Experience.” This collection compiles mixed-media pieces that focus on multicultural collaboration and display the work of Black artists.

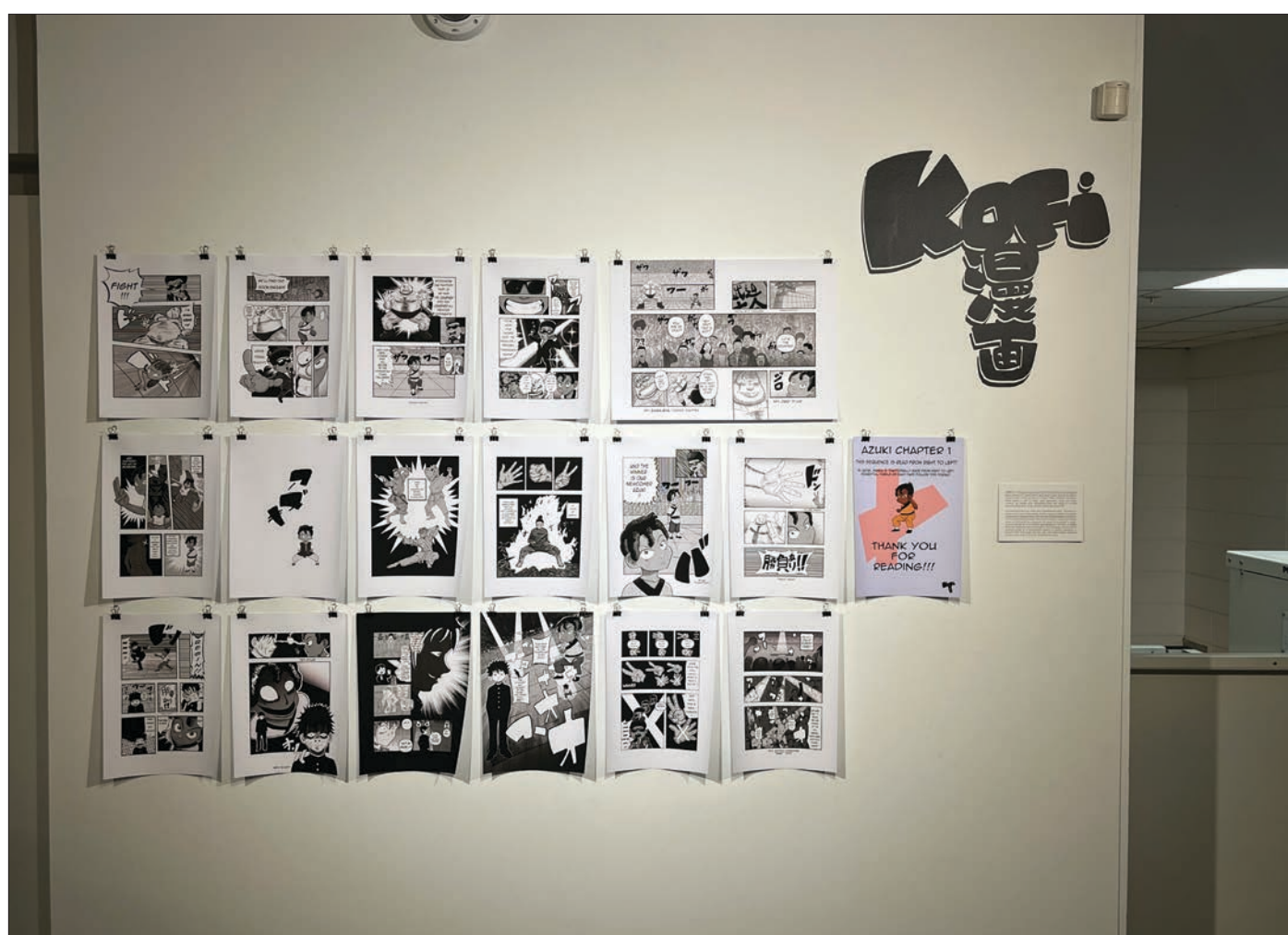
Bazzell-Smith said manga fits well in this category.

“I think that the Black mangaka movement is an important iteration of Afrofuturism,” Bazzell-Smith said.

The piece on display, “Azuki,” is a bilingual manga that imagines Black potential in a world where race doesn’t exist, according to his website.

“Azuki Chapter 1” is a twist on the traditional Shōnen genre of manga, which focuses on a young male fighter undergoing a narrative arc. “Azuki Chapter 1” instead depicts a young girl fighting male opponents in a fierce rock-paper-scissors competition. Like traditional manga, it is displayed in print form and is intended to be read from right to left.

In his artist talk on Zoom, Bazzell-Smith highlighted Brazilian jiu jitsu as an example of a cultural crossover. Brazilian martial artists created their own form of jiu jitsu that is now



Koji Bazzell-Smith's manga exhibit “Azuki Chapter 1” is on display on the second floor of the Clara M. Eagle Gallery through Oct. 29. Raleigh Hightower/ The News

considered a very influential type of martial arts.

Bazzell-Smith also talked about Japanese jazz and rap artists who have taken the genre and modified it based on their native language. Japanese verbs have a natural rhyme scheme that allows for musicians to create diverse rap structures.

Bazzell-Smith says he hopes to achieve the same type of cultural crossover in his own work. He has been studying Japanese for around six years and continues to train to understand the form.

An important part of Bazzell-Smith's success is his process as an artist. His first step in the process is writing a script. He then transfers these scripts to thumbnails, which are rough sketches of the storyline and art. The next step is to create a rough draft of the manga and send it to his editor. Bazzell-Smith

emphasized the importance of a good editor-writer relationship. Bazzell-Smith's YouTube channel, Kofi Manga, highlights each step of his process and aims to help aspiring manga writers.

During his talk, Bazzell-Smith gave advice to aspiring artists. He suggested artists always keep their portfolio with them.

“Make friends, ask questions, walk into rooms and ask if you can participate, and you’ll be surprised how many people say ‘yes’ and how much you’ll learn,” Bazzell-Smith said.

He said his best opportunities have come from showing his work and having an active social media presence.

“Always put more in,” he said. “You never know what’s going to happen.”

At the core of Bazzell-Smith's advice is something his uncle once

told him: “Opportunity comes at the intersection between luck and preparedness.”

Bazzell-Smith is working on his Master of Fine Arts in New Media at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and has been a professional boxer for over a year. Bazzell-Smith is currently working with the Mellon Foundation in the Interseminars Initiative, an interdisciplinary fellowship. He currently works with fellow graduate students creating projects that surround social

Bazzell-Smith's current goal is to get approved for a year-long study of manga in Japan. Bazzell-Smith said he continues to focus on his art and is developing the skills necessary to be published by a Japanese manga company.

“Azuki Chapter 1” will be showcased in the upper wing of the Eagle Gallery until Oct. 29.

Student athlete disproves basketball stereotype

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A Murray State Racer is disproving a popular basketball stereotype.

Many people often view “benchwarmers,” a common term for substitutes, as a second-rate player. However, one Racer is well on her way to shattering this cliché.

21-year-old sophomore Lucia Operto is from Lehmann, Santa Fe, Argentina. She is the backup player for the center position on the Murray State women's basketball team.

Operto is a decorated player. She has won three South American championships and competed in two FIBA AmeriCups and two world championships with Argentina's national team.

Assistant Coach Monica Evans describes her as a regular team helper.

“She is always willing to help me set up for team meals, come early to help or go with me to pick up food or supplies,” Evans said.

Operto is also a great teammate, Evans said. During a crucial game last season, Operto took it upon herself to pass out Gatorade and water to her cramping teammates and even operated a massage gun on one while a trainer was helped



Junior center No. 10 Lucia Operto posts up against a Tennessee Tech defender during her sophomore season. Photo courtesy of Dave Winder/ Racer Athletics

another.

Operto says she chose to attend Murray State because of its history of strong athletic and academic departments. She also expressed the importance of the coaches' kind treatment in her final decision.

“Playing basketball in America has been one of my most remarkable experiences ever,” Operto said.

She is positive, unselfish and caring, Evans said. Through showing these qualities, being a team helper and a great teammate, Operto quickly won

the respect of her coaches and teammates and has become an important player on the women's basketball team.

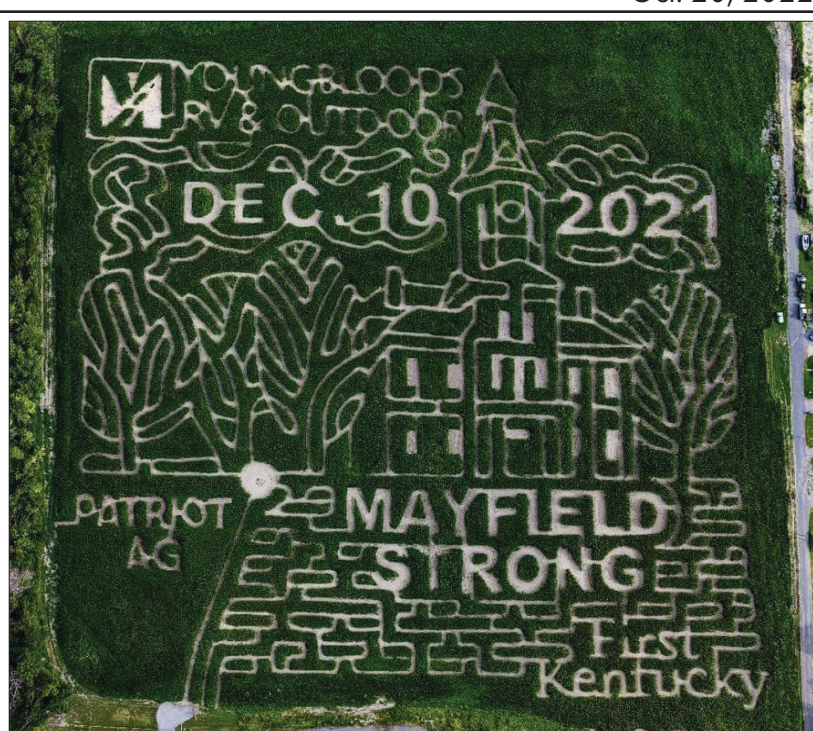
Operto says she has been inspired by many people throughout her 11-year basketball career. She first started playing because of her father and brother, but her main inspiration is Liz Cambage, a WNBA player.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family and watching Netflix.

While pursuing a major in public relations, Operto is in the

process of attempting to break into her career for the first time. She wants to work in either the social media or public relations department of a multinational company, so she can meet and forge new relationships with a variety of people from around the world. Operto says she currently has her eye on The Walt Disney Co., The Coca-Cola Co. and Google Inc.

Despite basketball not being a part of Operto's long-term career plans, she remains dedicated to her role on the Murray State women's basketball team.



(Clockwise from left) Actors pose in the waiting area of Talon Falls Screampark, this year's corn maze design at A-Maize-ing Farms features a "Mayfield Strong" theme and Penny Pumpkin Patch displays pumpkins.

Photo courtesy of @talonfalls, @a-maize-ingfarms and @pennypumpkinpatch on Facebook

Top tips to get your tricks and treats this fall

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With Halloween around the corner, members of the University community may find themselves wondering what they can do to celebrate the holiday.

Whether it is trick-or-treating, haunted houses or corn mazes, western Kentucky is host to numerous Halloween attractions that offer a little something for everyone.

Haunted Houses

For anyone seeking fright, fear, panic, terror or trepidation, nationally recognized "Screampark" Talon Falls operates out of neighboring Graves County. Talon Falls hosts 13 attractions, including the Talon Falls Haunted House, the Dead End Psych Ward Haunted House and the Blood Creek Haunted Hayride.

Talon Falls was recognized alongside four other attractions around the nation by americahaunts.com as one of 2022's "Can't Miss" haunted attractions.

"This haunt leaves no stone unturned. ...Leveraging its immersive might, this mega-attraction uses mazes inside and out through psych wards to toxic wastelands, crypts and lairs inhabited by unimaginable ghouls," according to the America Haunts website.

Talon Falls is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 6:30-11 p.m. and Sundays from 6:30-9 p.m. Talon Falls will also be opening its doors on Halloween from 6:30-9 p.m.

Graves County is also home to a second haunted attraction, "The Industrial Slaughterhouse."

The Industrial Slaughterhouse attraction is hosted in an actual abandoned slaughterhouse and features clowns, deranged

psychopaths and blood-thirsty butchers, according to the haunt's website.

Aside from the actors in the haunted house, The Industrial Slaughterhouse also claims on its website that the slaughterhouse building may actually be haunted.

"Over the years, there have been unexplained occurrences experienced by both the actors and staff," according to the The Industrial Slaughterhouse website. "Paranormal teams have investigated the building several times and have gotten some positive results."

In addition to the traditional haunted house experience, The Industrial Slaughterhouse hosts blackout nights every Sunday in which guests must navigate the halls of the attraction with a single glow stick.

The Industrial Slaughterhouse is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 7-11 p.m. and Sundays from 7-10 p.m. The Industrial Slaughterhouse will also be open on Halloween night from 7-10 p.m.

Pumpkins

For crafters, creators or shoppers, Murray is home to many different pumpkin patches.

The Penny Pumpkin Patch has been operating in Calloway County for over 20 years. Penny Pumpkin Patch is owned by Rob Gingles and is operated by himself and his family.

Along with pumpkins, Penny Pumpkin Patch also offers a petting zoo and a corn maze. Penny Pumpkin Patch is located on 3138 Poor Farm Rd.

Another local pumpkin patch, Wright Farms, is open daily throughout the month of October and offers a wide selection of pumpkins and gourds.

Wright Farms is also the pumpkin supplier of Murray State's annual "Fall on the Farm" event. Wright farms is located on 2241 Jones Sparkman Rd.

Other Calloway County pumpkin patches include Jay's Pumpkin Patch located on 1141 Tucker Rd., Grayson's Pumpkin Patch located on 207 Hicks Cemetery Rd. and Papa's Produce Barn located on 2915 New Providence Rd.

Corn Maze

For the faint-hearted, those with high blood pressure or those with children who are still looking for adventure without braving the twisty, dark passages of a haunted house, Kentucky's largest corn maze is located in Mayfield.

A-Maize-ing Farms is hosting its annual corn maze with this year's theme being "Mayfield Strong." A-Maize-ing Farms, like many other businesses in Mayfield, was affected by the Dec. 10, 2021 tornado.

A-Maize-ing Farms offers a wide variety of attractions in addition to the corn maze. Some of these attractions include a hayride, a corn cannon, inflatables and a petting zoo. The farm also has pumpkins and mums.

The corn maze is actually three corn mazes in one, according to the A-Maize-ing Farms website. Guests can choose between entering the children's, intermediate or expert mazes.

Admission into A-Maize-ing Farms costs \$15 for all visitors 2 and up and includes access to all of the farm's attractions, excluding the fall decor and the corn maze. A-Maize-ing Farms will be open Wednesday through Sunday until Oct. 31.

Trick-or-Treating

For those who prefer to keep their Halloween traditional, there are several opportunities for trick-or-treaters and for those looking to supply candy alike. The city of Murray will be hosting

trick-or-treating on Oct. 31 from 5-8 p.m.

In addition to city trick-or-treating, there are many other options for candy seekers. Murray Calloway County Parks also will be hosting its annual "Trail of Treats" at Murray's Central Park. Trail of Treats will be hosted on Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m.

There also will be Trunk or Treat events hosted by The Keg and Yates Event Center on Oct. 30 and the Meraki Beauty School on Oct. 28.

The Keg and Yates Event Center will be hosting their Trunk or Treat event for the first time, and it will be located at the Yates Event Center from 4-7 p.m. at 2760 State Route 121 North. The Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Meraki Beauty School will be held from 5-8:30 p.m. at 1307 Johnson Blvd.

Land Between the Lakes

Finally, for anyone looking to beat the crowds and experience nature, Land Between the Lakes (LBL) is hosting a variety of events inspired by Halloween.

One such event, "For Goodness Snakes," gives visitors an opportunity to meet LBL's native snakes and to learn proper safety practices around snakes. This event will be hosted on Oct. 23 and 26.

The park is also offering an event named "Mis-snaken Identity" related to the common misidentifications of the park's native snakes.

Another event, "Red Wolf Treat Time," introduces guests to one of the most endangered animals in the United States. The event also discusses conservation measures taken by scientists as they attempt to restore the red wolf population.

In addition to LBL-sponsored Halloween events, the park also offers numerous hiking trails where guests can experience fall foliage.

For a full calendar of LBL Halloween events, visit landbetweenthe lakes.com/events.