

Williams Karate Conducts Belt Tests, Promotes Several Students

In February, a panel of Williams Karate black belts conducted rank examinations for six black belt candidates.

Justin Flannery was promoted to third degree black belt, and Ben Robinson was promoted to first degree black belt.

Four students were promoted to junior black belt (students age 14 and under): Canaan Frederick, Reed Frederick, Gage Hullelt and Peyton Royse.

Williams Karate Studio has been in business in West Liberty since 1991. Owner Randy Williams said this was the largest black belt test ever conducted by Williams Karate.

In the fall of 1991, five adults were tested and promoted to first degree black belt.

All black belt instructors with Williams Karate want to congratulate the newly-promoted Williams Karate members.



Back row, left to right: Justin Flannery, Randy Williams and Jamie Ruth. Front row, left to right: Barry Frisby, and newly-promoted junior black belts Gage Hullelt, Canaan Frederick, Reed Frederick and Peyton Royse, first degree black Ben Robinson, and brown belt Chase Frederick. (Photos courtesy of Randy Williams)



Left to right: third degree black belt Jamie Ruth, fourth degree black belt Terry Vest, newly-promoted third degree black belt Justin Flannery, studio owner and fifth degree black belt Randy Williams, and senior instructor and fourth degree black belt Barry Frisby.

April events at Morgan Co. Extension Ofc.

The following is a listing of events hosted by the Morgan County Extension Office during the month of April:

- April 11 – 4-H Shooting Sports at 6:30 p.m.; and West Liberty Homemakers Meeting at 7 p.m.
- April 12 – Morgan County Soil Conservation District Tree Seedling give away at the extension office.
- April 15 – Towne and Country meeting at 5 p.m.
- April 16 – 4-H Sewing Club at 4 p.m.; and 4-H Shooting Sports at 6:30 p.m.
- April 17 – District Board meeting at 5:30 p.m.; and Peace by Piece Quilts for Veterans from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- April 18 – 4-H County Speeches Contest at 5 p.m.; and 4-H Shooting Sports at 6:30 p.m.
- April 22 – CEC at 5:30 p.m.; Ag Day for Morgan County second graders only from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Ag Day open for the public from 3 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- April 23 – Cooking Through the Calendar at 5 p.m.; 4-H Shooting Sports at 6:30 p.m.; and Fencing School at MSU Farm.
- April 25 – Savor the Flavor at 5 p.m.; 4-H Shooting Sports at 6:30 p.m.; Bull Soundness Exams from 1 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. at RCARS in Jackson, Ky.
- April 26 – Pressure Can Lid Check, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Pressure canner lid, seal and weight can be dropped off any time before this date.)
- April 27 – 4-H/FFA Horse Show at 4 p.m. at West Liberty Equestrian Park
- April 29 – UK Impressions Community Forum, 6 pm
- April 30 – 4-H Shooting Sports at 6:30 p.m.; and Fair Board meeting at 7 p.m.

For additional information regarding these events, contact the Morgan County Extension Office at 743-3292 or visit the office 1002 Prestonsburg St.

Water ...

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in February – told the Courier that the emergency request is *not* an additional hike.

Miller – who explained during the March 11 water district board meeting that the increase would likely be done over a period of three years – stated that the emergency filing is a request to implement the first year installment of the 41 percent rate increase early.

“When the water district became aware of how long the rate increase process takes – approximately six to nine months or more – they filed a motion asking for an emergency hearing,” Miller said. “Nothing about the original numbers has changed.”

Miller noted that the PSC will review information submitted by MCWD ahead of the hearing.

MCWD General Manager Shannon Elam confirmed Miller’s statements and also stated that the emergency increase is subject to refund if the amount is more than needed to meet revenue requirements.

Elam also told the Courier that new water district board appointees Chris Adams and Ellen Motley are not seated at this time, as the resignations of Treasurer Zach Engle and Commissioner Steve Gunnell were not approved by the MCWD board at the time of Judge Executive Jim Gazay’s appointments on April 4.

Adams reportedly attended MCWD’s regular board meeting on April 8, however.

Elam said that the board is following state statute (KRS 74.020) regarding appointments and that he expects that the new members will be seated for the next MCWD board meeting.

Additional Information
For additional information regarding Morgan County Water District activities, contact General Manager Shannon Elam at 743-1204 or visit the water district office at 1009 Hwy. 172 in West Liberty.

To view the MCWD rate case filing with the Kentucky Public Service Commission and associated documents, visit the website psc.ky.gov. The case number for the latest filing is 2024-00010.

KNOWLEDGE
It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.

– Mark Twain

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Caney Valley News

By Tracey Hatton

Hello again from Caney Valley! "This Little Light of Mine, I am going to let it Shine."

A neighborly hello to Ally Mae Ross. This young lady posts some wonderful religious posts on Facebook. She is going to cosmetology school. Even as she is preparing herself for a career, she is more importantly a born-again Christian who is not ashamed to share her testimony and witness for Jesus Christ, her savior. She is always smiling.

Recently, she shared a post on Facebook that as born-again Christians, we need to remember where we came from, but we are not that old person anymore because of the salvation offered by Jesus Christ. When we accept Jesus Christ as our savior, our old life is buried, and a new life is started. We turn our back on our sins, and we follow Jesus to lead us to paths of righteousness. I am very proud of this young lady. I was blessed to be her elementary school nurse. I am most proud of her standing up for Jesus Christ in her humble manner.

As I said, Ally shares her beliefs through many posts that lifts the name of Jesus. She recently reposted a post that was shared by Jasmine Sieminski.

I would like to share this as well: "Just because I did it then, doesn't mean I condone it now. Just because I once thought it was right then doesn't mean I still think it's right now. Just because something was once normal to me doesn't make it still normal now. Things change when you walk with God. Your personality, the way you carry yourself, the way you think and act." This reminds me in the apostle Paul's writing to the church at Corinth.

In 2nd Corinthians 5:17-21, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

In Romans 3:23-24, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus."

As Christians, we realize we can't save ourselves, only Christ can be our savior. We can't change ourselves, only God can change us. That

change starts when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and our Savior. The things we used to do; the appetite is now gone. Don't get me wrong, Satan will still tempt us, but we know that without Jesus Christ in our lives we are weak.

However, we also read in scripture, "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1st John 4:4.

I encourage Christians to stand up for Jesus! Christian brothers and sisters share your testimony and your witness. We are to tell people that Jesus loves them. We know that sin is forgiven by the blood of Jesus when that blood is applied to our hearts.

As Jesus shares in Matthew 12:31, "Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men."

Happy spiritual birthday to those who celebrated this past week. Congratulations to Bryan Flannery on his baptism and to Kevin Vance on giving his heart to the Lord.

Happy birthday to those who celebrated this past week.

Happy anniversary to those who celebrated this past week.

Birth congratulations are extended to Austin and Kamila on the birth of their little girl, Blakely Rae Haney.

Marriage congratulations are extended to Haylee and Colt Bowman on their wedding.

Condolences are extended to the families of Helen Higgins, Stella Haddix.

In Remembrances

April 4 – Bro. Hobart Dunn, Wilma Ison, Geneva Steele, Pam Ross, Diana Lewis, Billy McClees, Curtis Frisby, Jerry Dale Cecil, Hattie Benton, Bishop Benton, Elizabeth Tribodeaux, Paul Blevins, Lucy Perkins, Mattie Flannery, Bert Holbrook, Jennifer Ferguson, Becca Cockerham, Darrell Gullett, Angel Lewis, Patricia Mullins, Patty Holbrook, Floyd Sherman, Mikey Paul Stevens, Robert Lovins, Chester Walter and Leberta Potter.

April 11 – Brenda Haney Somaduroff, Skyler Pennington, Ruth Adams, Eunice Adams, Franklin Wright, Danny Haney, Penny Lindon, Nettie "Tid" Goodpaster, Virginia Benton, Homer Stacy, Joe Dan Gold, Gary Gibson, G.P. Honchul, Ray Gamble, Eldon Lewis, Myrtle Coffee, Proctor Owens, Grace Burchett, Bobby Gevedon, Bertha Howard, Larry Howington, Mary Scurry, Victor Elam Sr., Sandra Ratliff, Flossie Carter, Loretta Nickell, Phillip Phipps, Willie Hatton, Patsy Steele, Judy Williams, Tommie Oldfield, jr., Verlen Easterling and Loretta Stevens.

Prayers

Prayers for the lost, prayers for your family, prayers for our country, prayers for Jerusalem. Pray for the Lord to put someone on your heart to witness and lead a lost soul to Christ.

Tract ...

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589 for 2.5 miles to Gilliam Branch Road. A new parking area for the WMA is located on the right side of the road at the intersection of Highway 589 and Gilliam Branch Road.

Horse Mill Branch WMA consists mostly of upland hardwood forest with some scattered old-field habitat and will provide good opportunity for deer and turkey hunting, as well as hunting for small game species such as squirrel and rabbit, and the possibility to flush grouse. The terrain has moderately steep slopes leading to upland oak forests on the ridge tops. Horse Mill Branch WMA is open under statewide regulations.

Using funds from the Kentucky Wetland and Stream Mitigation Program for stream restoration projects on Horse Mill Branch, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife purchased more than 520 acres to improve aquatic habitat in the watershed. Another 119 adjoining acres were donated to the department for conservation and public use, together allowing for the creation of a new WMA.

The Kentucky Wetland and Stream Mitigation Program, also known as the Fees-In-Lieu-of Mitigation Fund or

“FILO” for short, uses monies paid by developers who choose to pay into a restoration fund rather than directly mitigate their impacts made to streams or wetlands regulated under the U.S. Clean Water Act. These monies are held in a dedicated fund in the state treasury and used solely for wetland and stream mitigation projects like this.

“FILO allows Kentucky to purchase desirable properties to restore and conserve, providing beneficial habitat for a wide variety of important aquatic and land animals and plants,” said Mike Hardin, assistant director of the Fisheries Division of Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “Utilizing funds procured from modern development projects, we can help protect natural wildlife areas for future generations.”

Updated WMA information and mapping is available on the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife website at fw.ky.gov. Type in “Horse Mill Branch WMA” or “John A. Kleber WMA” in the search box in the top right corner of the fw.ky.gov homepage.

Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife’s website on the License Sales portal and at vendor locations across the state. A list of license agents by county is available on the department’s website.

ny O’Neal visited last weekend with their mother, Mrs. Josephine O’Neal.

Hello to all the residents and staff of the West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

✓Keep stored extension cords neat and organized with a rubber band by attaching a paper clip to each end of the rubber band.

✓Repurpose a cardboard wrapping paper tube by attaching it to the end of your vacuum cleaner attachment to vacuum hard to reach areas.

✓Spray newly planted outside or potted plants with white vinegar to keep insects and small animals away and to kill sprouting weeds.

✓Lighted screwdriver hack: Tape a key chain size flashlight to the shaft of the screwdriver to provide direct light.

✓To prevent a cutting board used on a kitchen counter from sliding (if it has no rubber feet on each corner) Place large flat rubber bands around each end of the board to hold the board in place.

SUCCESS

Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm.

–Winston Churchill

News Of Record

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil suits – Sarah Jane Van Houten vs. Fabian Christopher Van Houten, April 1.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil suits – Tammy Payton vs. Emmitt C. Payton, April 3.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS
• Karl Drumm and Mary Ann Drumm to Jamin Drumm and Karl Drumm – On the waters of Lick fork, a tributary of Elkfork, beginning on a maple a corner of George Caskey and Will Lyons running east course and with ridge between Mordici and Lick Fork. Love and affection.

• Richard Adams, Tommy Adams and David Adams and Sandra Adams to Shana Denise Reed-Lindon – Parcel 1: On the waters of Long Branch beginning at the property lines of Bernard Hill and Ruby Hill and R.V. Brown containing 1/4 acre more or less. Parcel II: Beginning of Cole Alley at corner of Kenneth Fairchild lot. \$120,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

• Inola Graye Fitzpatrick, 17, of West Liberty, Ky., daughter of Melissa Jane Gross Fitzpatrick and Joseph Solomon Fitzpatrick, to Dakota Jackie Bridgman, 19, of Isonville, Ky., son of Brenda Bridgman and Matthew Wickey.

• Shasity Ann Ortiz, 44, of West Liberty, Ky., daughter of Sandra Kay Dickson Ortiz and Solomon Ortiz to Raphael Marquis Jackson, 46, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Delores Jean Taylor Jackson and Arthur Floyd Jackson.

• Haylee Nicole Baldwin, 21, of West Liberty, Ky., daughter of Amy Leigh Williams Cox and Christopher Sean Baldwin, to Coltyn Lee Bowman, 23, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Jessica Ann Helton Bowman and Nathan Wayne Bowman.

Funds ...

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ment.

2.) Be eligible to receive Federal funds.

3.) Practice non-discrimination.

4.) Have demonstrated the capacity to deliver a year-round emergency food and/or shelter programs.

5.) If they are private voluntary organizations, have a voluntary board.

6.) Have an accounting system and be able to provide backup documentation (receipts) at the end of each financial award program and/or phase cycle.

Qualifying agencies are asked to contact Tina Smith (tsmith@gatewayhouseky.org or 606-784-2668) for an application.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 24, 2024 (full ten-business days) at 3 p.m.

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