

News Of Record

MARRIAGE LICENSES

• Kacie Madison Jones, 22, of Ezel, Ky., daughter of Katrina Denise Peck Montgomery and Kevin Dena Jones, to Brian David Cantrell, 21, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Jennifer Ann Daniel Cantrell and Paul Garrett Cantrell.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

• Richard Adams, David Adams and Sandy, and Thomas D. Adams to Stacy Henley and Petrina – Land located on Little Caney Creek. Tract No. 1: Land located near May's corner and J.A. Day corner. Tract No. 2: Located about 300 feet from Little Caney Creek. Property known as Centerville Road. \$37,500.

• Minor B. Allen and Ella Ruth Allen to Joshua Keeton – Land located on waters of Greasy Creek and Pleasant Run Creek a corner between RC and JW Day containing 70 acres. \$63,000.

• Lana Louise Lykins and Timothy Lykins to Nicole Lynn Dalton – A parcel of land on the east side of Centerville Road approximately 1.5 miles south of junction of U.S. 460. \$149,000.

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil suits – Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Michael Gilliam, Nov. 8; Citibank, N.A. vs. Steven Sobolewski, Nov. 12; LVNV Funding LLC vs. Eric Cox, Nov. 13; Tammy Litteral vs. Nicholas Smith, Nov. 13; Anthony Bedford #167966 vs. Department of Corrections et al, Nov. 14; Paul Flory vs. Justice & Public Safety Cabinet, Nov. 14.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil suits – John A. Oldfield vs. Joyce Curry, Nov. 8; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Ulysses Creech, Nov. 11; LVNV Funding LLC vs. Jennifer Monaghan, Nov. 12; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Melissa Blevins, Nov. 13; LVNV Funding LLC vs. Anna Blair, Nov. 13.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Emily Madison Abshire – speeding 5 mph over limit – rescheduled Feb. 11.

Bobby Bailey – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – rescheduled Feb. 4.

David Burgett – license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, improper parking violations – failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

Michael Childers – speeding 5 mph over limit – pleaded

guilty, \$5.

Kevin L. Conner – no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, failure to wear seat belts – rescheduled Dec. 17.

Jerry M. Dalton – driving on DUI-suspended license (first offense) – pleaded not guilty; pre-trial conference Jan. 28, 2025.

Tyler James Davis – speeding 5 mph over limit – paid in full.

Brenda Elam – criminal mischief (first degree), endangering the welfare of a minor – preliminary hearing Dec. 3.

Carolann George – failure to produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

Aden R. Holbrook – careless driving, failure to or improper signal, license to be in possession – failure to appear; bench warrant issued.

Alyson McKenzie – reckless driving, terroristic threatening (third degree) – pre-trial conference Dec. 10.

Rodney Lynn Moore – improper equipment, improper display of registration plates, drug paraphernalia (buy/possess), controlled substance prescription not in original container – pre-trial conference Dec. 10.

Wesley D. Rhodes – theft by deception including cold checks – pre-trial conference Dec. 17.

Chaseton Rigs Roe – speeding 5 mph over limit – order entered.

William Shanks – speeding 25 mph over limit, possession of open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana – rescheduled Feb. 11, 2025.

Belinda Diane Smith – operating ATV on roadway – rescheduled Dec. 10.

Cody Ray Vance – reckless driving – pleaded guilty, \$100.

Wesley Louis Winkler – reckless driving, obstructed vision and/or windshield, failure to wear seat belts, inadequate silencer (muffler) – failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

Steven Clay Wright – failure to wear seat belts – failed to appear.

Cody Yates – menacing – pre-trial conference Dec. 17.

Douglas B. Tibbs – speeding 5 mph over limit – pleaded guilty, \$5.

William J. Blankenship – assault (first degree) – preliminary hearing Nov. 19.

Pre-trial conference – James Ray Ballard – theft by deception including cold checks (two counts) – pleaded guilty, 90 days; \$215.14 restitution; pay \$25 per month.

Pre-trial conference – Tamatha Havens – terroristic threatening (third degree) – rescheduled Dec. 17.

Pre-trial conference – Cassondra J. Ketteler – disorderly conduct (second degree), resisting arrest, menacing – rescheduled Nov. 19.

Pre-trial conference – Jonathan Marshall McGhiey – wanton endangerment (second degree; two counts), reckless driving – jury trial Feb. 14, 2025.

Pre-trial conference – Christina Chiree Peters – theft by unlawful taking – pleaded guilty, 90 days, no contact; drug paraphernalia (buy/possess) – pleaded guilty, 180 days.

Pre-trial conference – Matthew Risner – criminal trespass (second degree), theft by unlawful taking – case diverted one year.

Pre-trial conference – James A. Salyers – disorderly conduct (first degree) – pleaded guilty, 90 days.

Pre-trial conference – Matthew Tobin-Wright – speeding 17 mph over limit, careless driving, driving on DUI-suspended license (first offense) – rescheduled Nov. 19.

Pre-trial conference – Matthew Tobin-Wright – speeding 20 mph over limit, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card, possession of an open alcohol beverage container in a motor vehicle, license to be in possession – rescheduled Nov. 19.

Pre-trial conference – Matthew Tobin-Wright – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card – rescheduled Nov. 19.

Pre-trial conference – Matthew D. Tobin-Wright – failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, driving on DUI-suspended license (first offense) – rescheduled Nov. 19.

Pre-trial conference – James Vance – cruelty to animals (second degree) – rescheduled Dec. 10.

Pre-trial conference – James R. Vance – criminal trespass (second degree), criminal mischief (third degree) – rescheduled Dec. 10.

Pre-trial conference James-Randal Vance – unauthorized use of motor vehicle (first offense) – rescheduled Dec. 10.

Indicted ...

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degree).

4.) Benjamin M. Gibson, 31, of Ballston, N.Y. – Possession of a controlled substance (first degree; schedule I narcotic drug), possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance (first degree, drug unspecified; schedule I or II narcotic drug), wanton endangerment (first degree), possession of a controlled substance (third degree, drug unspecified; schedule IV or V narcotic drug), possession of drug paraphernalia.

5.) Saneya Jean Humphrey, 19, of West Liberty, Ky. – Possession of a controlled substance (first degree; cocaine), possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance (third degree, drug unspecified; schedule IV or V narcotic drug), possession of a controlled substance (first degree, drug unspecified; schedule I or II narcotic drug), wanton endangerment (first degree), possession of drug paraphernalia.

6.) Robert Jay Keeton, 49, of Indianapolis, Ind. – Possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; methamphetamine), alcohol intoxication.

7.) Adam F. Cantrell, 19, of West Liberty, Ky. – Speeding 26 mph or greater, reckless driving, fleeing and evading police (first degree)

8.) Nathaniel Dawson #296021, 28, Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex Inmate – Assault (third degree), persistent felony offender (second degree).

9.) Arthur Dean Ferguson, 42, of West Liberty, Ky. – Unlawful transaction with a minor (second degree, illegal controlled substances activity; marijuana), possession of marijuana.

10.) Lisa Whitt, 67, of West Liberty, Ky. – Wanton endangerment (first degree; two counts).

11.) John Strong, 35, of Paintsville, Ky. – Receiving stolen property over \$1,000 (motorcycle), theft by unlawful taking under \$1,000.

12.) Robert Bailey, 54, of West Liberty, Ky. – driving with suspended license, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance (first degree; methamphetamine).

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Blood drive is slated for Thursday, Nov. 21st at W.L. Christian Church

LEXINGTON, Ky. – The 37th annual Big Blue Crush is here, and Kentucky Blood Center is bringing a mobile blood drive to your area to help your community save lives and beat rival Tennessee.

The yearly competition pits KBC against MEDIC Regional Blood Center in Tennessee to see which center can collect the most blood Nov. 18–22. More importantly, the blood battle rallies fans from both states to ensure a healthy holiday blood supply for the Thanksgiving holiday.

This blood drive will play a pivotal part in helping secure a Big Blue victory. All donors who give at this drive will receive a long-sleeve Big Blue Crush T-shirt and will be entered to win two tickets to the Kentucky-Louisville football game at Kroger Field on Saturday, Nov. 30.

The Morgan County Community Blood Drive will be

1-6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at the West Liberty Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 304 Prestonsburg St.

Kentucky leads the friendly competition with MEDIC 21-14-1, including victories in four of the last five years. Victory and a health blood supply for patients at the 70-plus hospitals KBC supplies can only happen when donors roll up their sleeves. Blood cannot be manufactured.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in general good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Sixteen-year-old donors must have a signed parental permission slip, which can be found at kybloodcenter.org.

Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

Toys ...

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St., West Liberty, on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All items will be delivered to the Mountain Mule Packer Ranch in western North Carolina on Sunday, Dec. 8, for distribution to the children the following weekend.

For additional information, contact Jamie Phipps at 606-548-0377, Danell McKinney at 606-495-1282, Lydia Phipps at 606-207-1561 or Alisha McKinney at 606-495-1287.

Program ...

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would mail your letter with your child(ren)'s name, age, any special needs, and what they want or need for Christmas along with your name, address and contact information to the address above, if you are selected, we will contact you.

For additional information, contact Lowell Adkins at 606-495-5566.

Thank you for making our charity a success!

Parade ...

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tune contests, caroling, food trucks and more in downtown West Liberty!

Additional details will be noted in the Courier as they become available.

Everyone is invited to this special holiday event!

For additional information, call City Hall at 743-3330, or email k.gullett75@gmail.com or sandrade@hotmial.com.

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MotorMeals
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Fri., Nov. 22
Blackwater
Fire Dept.
11 a.m.
to 12 p.m.

Clerk ...

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in lieu of an audit of their fee account.

The intent of the change, which became effective in July 2018, was to reduce audit costs for sheriffs and clerks that have a history of clean audits, while still maintaining an appropriate level of accountability.

The Morgan County Clerk applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an AUP engagement for calendar year 2023 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c).

AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. Auditors performed the procedures, which were agreed to by the Morgan County Clerk, on receipts and disbursements, excess fees, recordkeeping, and leases, contracts, and liabilities for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

The following exceptions were identified during the AUP engagement:

1.) *quarter financial statement did not agree to the county clerk's receipts and disbursements ledgers. Receipts varied by \$7,291 and disbursements varied by \$34,100.*

2.) *The Morgan County Clerk's settlement of excess fees is on file at the Morgan County Clerk's office. Excess fees were not remitted by March 15, 2024.*

3.) *Excess fees due to the fiscal court were recalculated and there are \$79 additional excess fees due to the fiscal court.*

4.) *The county clerk's agreements and contract payments did agree to actual payments. The services received were appropriate, for official business, and properly authorized. Liabilities requiring disclosure were not disclosed properly on the fourth quarter financial statement.*

The county clerk's responsibilities include collecting certain taxes, issuing licenses, maintaining county records, and providing other services. The clerk's office is funded through statutory fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The agreed-upon procedures

report can be found on the auditor's website.

Additional Information

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Sheriff ...

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record keeping, and leases, contracts, and liabilities for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

The following exceptions were identified during the AUP engagement:

1.) *Tax commissions recorded on the fourth quarter financial statement did not compare reasonably to the computation of tax commissions. There was a variance of \$16,095.*

• **Sheriff's Response** – On the 4th quarter, we have combined sheriff's 10% add-on fees with commissions, which made commissions higher than they actually were. In the future, to avoid this exception, we will list sheriff's 10% add-on fees and sheriff's commissions on two separate line items for the 4th quarter.

2.) *Excess fees due to fiscal court were recalculated and there are \$100 additional excess fees due to fiscal court.*

• **Sheriff's Response** – The balance of \$100.00 is left in the Morgan County Sheriff's Office Fee Account to keep the account open until the audit is

completed. After the audit for the Morgan County Sheriff's Office is completed the remaining \$100.00 will be turned over to the Morgan County Fiscal Court as excess fees.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforcement, and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice. The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.


The agreed-upon procedures report can be found on the auditor's website.

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MAKING FRIENDS

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get people interested in you. – Dale Carnegie



ALLISON BALL
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES AND FINDINGS

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF

For The Period January 1, 2023 Through December 31, 2023

The Morgan County Sheriff applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement for calendar year 2023 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c). AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. The summary below presents those findings for which an exception (an instance of noncompliance with the criteria) was identified during the AUP engagement.

During the AUP engagement of the Morgan County Sheriff, the following exceptions were noted:

- Tax commissions recorded on the fourth quarter financial statement did not compare reasonably to the computation of tax commissions. There was a variance of \$16,095.
- Excess fees due to fiscal court were recalculated and there are \$100 additional excess fees due to fiscal court.

Findings related to procedures for which there were no exceptions identified, and official responses to exceptions are not included in the summary above, but can be found in the full report. A copy of this report is available on the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at auditor.ky.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
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