

# Community Bulletin Board

## Local addiction support meetings are listed

The following is a listing of self-help/addiction support meetings in Morgan County:

- New Purpose-AA-Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Index Community Center, 1749 W. Main Street, West Liberty, KY 41472.
- Might as Well-NA-Sundays, 3 p.m. Index Community Center, 1749 W. Main Street West Liberty, KY 41472.
- Celebrate Recovery Thursday, 6 p.m. United Methodist Church, 237 Prestonsburg St., West Liberty, KY 41472.

For more information or to reach out 24/7 Please call 6067432107

All meetings are open to the public.

## GADD special board of directors executive cmte meeting Nov. 27

The Gateway Area Development District (GADD) will hold a Special Session Board of Directors' Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 9 a.m. The meeting will be held via video teleconference using the following information:

Meeting Link: <https://us-06web.zoom.us/j/86977597475?pwd=Goptu5boog6J4H7gIJJh9PyVbw3vz3.1>

Phone Number: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 869 7759 7475

Passcode: 313062

## East Valley Elem. Site Base meetings slated

East Valley Elementary's regularly scheduled Site-Base Decision Making meetings will be the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m., in the school's conference room.

## Regular Morgan Co. Fiscal Court meetings 4th Thursday of month

Regular monthly meetings of the Morgan County Fiscal Court are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., at the county government building located at 450 Prestonsburg St. All meetings are open to the public. Judge Executive Jim Gazay and magistrates encourage citizens to attend.

## Airport Board to meet first Tuesday of month

The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport Board meets the first Tuesday of each month upstairs City Hall located at 565 Main St., in West Liberty.

## Republican Party mtgs. first Thurs. of month

The Morgan County Republican Party meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the upstairs council room at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

## KY Adult Education Centers schedule

KY Adult Education Centers for Morgan & Wolfe Counties, 2nd Floor, Room 207, Morgan County Board of Education Building at Index. Phone: 606-743-1500. If there is no answer, please call 606-783-9531 for assistance.

Schedule is as follows:

- Mondays – Morgan & Wolfe Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays – Morgan & Wolfe Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Wolfe County, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Campton UK Extension Office.
- Wednesdays – Morgan & Wolfe Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays – Morgan & Wolfe Center, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Wolfe County, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wolfe County Appalachian Wellness Center.
- Fridays – Morgan & Wolfe Center, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wolfe County Adult Learning Center – Wolfe County Probation & Parole, every second Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Schedule subject to change without notice.

Walk-ins are welcome! We are closed on national holidays!

## Christmas play and dinner at Watson Ch. on Sunday, Dec. 15

Watson Enterprise Baptist Church will be having our annual Christmas Play and Christmas dinner on Sunday morning, December 15 at 11:00 am. Everyone is invited to join us for an original play written by Hailey and Abigail Roseberry. We will be having a potluck dinner in the fellowship hall following the play and church service. There will be no Sunday School that morning.

We invite you to be our special guest to worship with us and celebrate the reason for the season, the birth of our Savior, Christ the Lord!!

## Beekeepers Association meeting slated Dec. 9

The Morgan County Mountain Beekeepers Association will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, at the Morgan County Extension office. All beekeepers and those interested in beekeeping are urged to attend. For additional information contact Carl Alfrey at 606-725-5888.

## Wrigley SBDM Council meetings

Wrigley Elementary SBDM Council meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. TF

## Morgan Central SBDM Council meetings

Morgan Central Elementary School SBDM meetings will be the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Thank you.

## Free Tire Disposal for local farmers

The Morgan County Conservation District in partnership with the Morgan County Fiscal Court is offering a free tire disposal program for farmers only within Morgan County.

Tires should be delivered to the Morgan County Transfer Station at 150 County Garage Road, West Liberty, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Farmers who participate in the program are required to call the Morgan County Conservation District at 743-3194 ext. 101 and speak to Donna Leach to confirm their farm number and tire dimension requirements prior to tire drop off.

Disposal is limited to 10 tires per farmer per farm number. Typical tires accepted are tractor tires, farm equipment tires, (trailers, buggies, etc.) and not to exceed 18.4 x 34 inches.

Morgan County farmers will bear no expense for disposal while funds are available.

## We are more than just a GED (R)!

Need to study for the Para-Educator or take the test? Want to brush up on your job skills? Want to earn a job skills certificate?

The KY Adult Education Morgan and Wolfe County Learning Centers are here to help you! Give Verinda and Angela a call at 606-743-1500. Send them an email: [msuwladulted@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:msuwladulted@moreheadstate.edu); [wolfeabe@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:wolfeabe@moreheadstate.edu)

Or just come on by: They are located on the 2nd Floor, Room 207 of the Morgan County Board of Education Building at Index Monday-Friday and in Campton Tuesdays at the UK Extension Office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They will be happy to help you begin or continue your educational goals!

## NEED A GED!!

To qualify for the GED in KY you must be 18 years of age. Withdrawn from Public, Private or Homeschool for 90 days or receive a 90-day waiver from your school district.

For more information, please contact your local Morgan and Wolfe Counties Adult Learning Center in West Liberty at 606-743-1500 or Email: Morgan ALC: [msuwladulted@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:msuwladulted@moreheadstate.edu), Wolfe ALC: [wolfeabe@moreheadstate.edu](mailto:wolfeabe@moreheadstate.edu).

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Morgan Central PTCO meetings scheduled

Morgan Central Elementary School PTCO meetings will be the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Meetings are open to the public.

## Christian men's conference set Dec. 6 and 7th

The Fresh Fire Christian Men's Conference will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7, at Index Community Church located at 1749 West Main St. in West Liberty.

Speakers will include Jacob Sewell, Derick Coapman, Dave Mabe and Robert Poland.

Friday's activities will run from 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m., while Saturday's activities will run from 7 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Event will include free food and free music in addition to worship and breakout sessions on overcoming strongholds and addictions, defeating sexual temptation, how to keep your fire lit, and discipleship.

This event is presented by Another One Ministries.

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### Evening Parade

The festival will conclude that evening with a Christmas parade beginning at 5 p.m.

The parade will start at the Wellness Center and travel straight ahead to end at Double Kwik. Spectators are encouraged to watch on Main Street.

Be creative and sign your float up today! Prizes are as follows:

- **First Place** – \$700.
- **Second Place** – \$500.
- **Third Place** – \$300.

Per West Liberty Police Department, ATV's and horses will not be permitted in the parade.

### Additional Details

Everyone is invited to this special holiday event! Any updates will be noted in the Courier as they become available. For additional information, call City Hall at 743-3330, email [k.gullett75@gmail.com](mailto:k.gullett75@gmail.com) or visit the website [visitwestliberty.com](http://visitwestliberty.com).

## Program ...

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and their friends & families. 100% of gifts bought this year will be from donations!!

If your business would like to make a monetary donation please mail it to Cops for Kids, P.O. Box 1026, West Liberty, KY 41472.

We are accepting letters now for the Cops for Kids charity until Dec. 9. If you 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.

The Cops For Kids dinner and gift giveaway will be Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Morgan County Wellness Center.

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

Thank you for making our charity a success!

## Drive ...

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in extreme terrain pack animal supply chains – has been assisting those affected by Hurricane Helene in North Carolina and Tennessee since September.

Donations can be dropped off at the West Liberty Fire Department firehouse, 826 Main 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.

## Service ...

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County.

Come out, and join with us in sharing and hearing prayers, Scripture, and music that acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle – and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

Everyone, regardless of church background (or lack thereof) is welcome.

The worship service will be followed by a time for light refreshments and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC") will conduct a public hearing in Case No. 2024-00115 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, December 19, 2024 in the Richard Raff Hearing Room (Hearing Room 1) at its offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, for the purposes of cross-examination of the witnesses of Kentucky Power Company and taking evidence on the issues in PSC Case No. 2024-00115 regarding Kentucky Power Company's application to expand its existing demand-side management program (the Targeted Energy Efficiency Program) and approve two new demand-side management programs (the Home Energy Improvement Program and the Commercial Energy Solutions Program). This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website at [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov). Public comments may be made at the beginning of the hearing. Those wishing to make oral public comments may do so by following the instructions listing on the PSC website, [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

## Gateway holding puzzle drive for homebound seniors through Dec. 20

Gateway Area Development District (GADD) is conducting a puzzle drive for the region's homebound senior citizens.

GADD officials hope to collect at least 600 puzzle-related items to distribute to the seniors within our ever-growing income Aging programs.

Items being collected include the following:

- Puzzles.
- Word search books.
- Crossword puzzles.
- Sudoku.
- Brain games.

Puzzle donations can be dropped off locally until Friday, Dec. 20, at the Morgan County Senior Center located at 493 Riverside Dr. inside the health department building.

Additionally, donations can be dropped off at any GADD's other senior centers in Bath, Menifee, Montgomery or Rowan counties, or at GADD's main office at 110 Lake Park Dr. in Morehead.

Monetary donations will also be accepted to purchase puzzle-related items to be distributed as a part of the drive. Please make checks payable to GADD (110 Lake Park Drive, Morehead, KY 40351), with a memo of "Puzzle Drive."

For additional information regarding the GADD puzzle drive, call the Morgan County Senior Center at 743-7695 or Gateway Area Development District at 855-882-5307.

## Council ...

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In other news, the council revisited multiple items from last month's meeting:

• **Elevator Financing Resolution** – Council members had previously awarded a bid to Elevated Facilities Group of Louisville for repairs to City Hall's elevator totalling \$130,000. Clerk Cox told the council that she had spoken with Howard Elam of Commercial Bank regarding a loan for \$130,000 to finance the project, and noted that a resolution was needed to complete the transaction. The council unanimously approved the resolution.

• **Competitive Vehicle Price Negotiation** – Council members had previously rejected bids for a 2025 Ford F-250 regular cab truck from Tim Short Auto Group (\$54,891) and Hutch Ford (\$56,500). Clerk Cox told the Council that since the last meeting, Hutch Ford had resubmitted a quote because the previous one had included a calculation error. Hutch Ford's new price of \$54,313 was unanimously accepted.

• **Vocational Rehab Lease Agreement** – Council members had previously voted to increase rent for the vocational rehabilitation office that occupies space on the second floor of city hall by \$10 per square foot. Some council members noted at that time that the current rate of \$13,533 per year had not raised since the agency began renting the space in the 1990s. Clerk Cox said that she had spoken with Jack Cline of the vocational rehabilitation office, who asked if the council was willing to lower the rate increase from \$10 per square foot to \$9.50 per square foot. Cline's request was unanimously approved.

Before adjournment, Councilman Walter offered the city's condolences to all those facing their first holiday season without loved ones who had passed away this year. He also noted the deaths of Dudley Lykins and James Keeton, who had in the past served as West Liberty Police Department chief.

**Additional Information**

The West Liberty City Council meets the fourth Monday of each month at 5 p.m. in the upstairs council room at City Hall.

## Opinion ...

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improperly called session on October 15, 2024. Any action taken as a result of the improperly called session should be declared null and void."

MCWD Board Chairman Adams stated during the utility's Nov. 4 board meeting that the closed session was related to a current employee's payroll prior to an extensive discussion among commissioners.

Commissioner Ellen Motley said on Nov. 4 that she believed board members are permitted to discuss personnel issues during closed sessions.

Additionally, Commissioner Donald Harper opined on Nov. 4 that she felt Jody Franklin's complaint coincided with the board's recent termination of former Bookkeeper Lexi Franklin.

Jody Franklin defended Lexi Franklin's tenure at MCWD and responded to various statements made during the Nov. 4 meeting via a letter that was published in the Nov. 14 edition of the Courier.

### Attorney General's Decision

Kentucky Attorney General Russell Coleman issued his decision on Jody Franklin's complaint on Nov. 26 in a two-page letter that included the following summary:

*"The Morgan County Water District Board ('the Board') violated the Open Meetings Act ('the Act') when it failed to issue a response to a complaint within three business days. The Board also violated the Act when it conducted a closed session to discuss the payroll of a current employee under KRS 61.810(1)(f)."*

AG Coleman in his letter cited KRS 61.846(1), which indicates that "a public agency shall determine within three (3) business days ... after the receipt of the complaint whether to remedy the alleged violation pursuant to the complaint and shall notify in writing the person making the complaint, within the three (3) day period, of its decision."

AG Coleman further clarified KRS 61.810(1)(f), which notes that a public agency may enter closed session to hold discussions "which might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an individual employee, member or student" – but which "does not permit discussion of general personnel matters in secret."

The attorney general also provided several other statutes regarding the handling of closed sessions and also noted that aggrieved parties can appeal his opinion in circuit court, as per KRS 61.846(4)(a).

**MCWD Board Chairman Responds**

The Courier on Dec. 2 con-

tacted MCWD Board Chairman Chris Adams, who issued the following response regarding Jody Franklin's complaint and AG Coleman's opinion:

*"The only thing I can say is that when Jody Franklin sent her original letter to me, all it was said was she wanted us to explain in our next regular meeting what was discussed in that closed session. So we did what she asked, and she still reported us to the attorney general. Since all our board members are new and still learning, she could have spoken up at the meeting to let us know we were doing wrong instead trying to get us in trouble."*

*"Our board has stepped into a mess and we are doing everything we can to get it turned around. We have learned about the attorney general's rules and are trying to stay on top of Jody's complaints. If anyone sees we are doing something wrong, it would be greatly appreciated if they would let us know immediately."*

Adams declined to comment on whether MCWD board members plan to appeal AG Coleman's decision.

### Additional Information

Attorney General Russell Coleman's full decision regarding Jody Franklin's complaint can be found at <https://www.ag.ky.gov/Resources/orom/2024-OROM/2024/24-OMD-251.pdf>.

## String Along Quilt Guild

The November 26, 2024, meeting of the String Along Quilt Guild opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag, reading of minutes and treasurer's report. The following members were present: Kim Burton, Carla Criss, Libby Hammonds, Regena Hobert, Martha Lewis, Alane Nickell, Linda Perry, Gale Andrews-Reichert, Emily Tyree, Sandra Tyree and Cheryl Wright. Guests included Wayne Tyree.

Several show-n-tell handmade projects were displayed. A bereavement quilt was given to Cheryl Wright in remembrance of her brother.

Discussion was held concerning the December potluck dinner and grab bag gifts, \$20 limit. Members were updated on the 4-H Sewing group, and the Morgan County Peace by

Piece, Quilts of Valor organization. The winner of the quilt raffle is Kevin Parker. The December meeting will include a supply list for the English Paper Piecing pincushion project we will work on at the January meeting. After the meeting a baby shower was held for Regena Hobert.

The purpose of the Guild is to promote education, preservation, shows, and exhibits in the fields of quilt making. If you would like to become involved in learning how to sew, piece, or quilt, join us at our next meeting on December 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the West Liberty Christian Church or contact one of the members listed above for more information.

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**Fri., Dec. 6**

**Blackwater**

**Fire Dept.**

**11 a.m.**

**to 12 p.m.**

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