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Notice is hereby given this 29th day of January 2025 that Michael Stevens has been appointed as the administrator of the Amanda Stevens estate. Anyone indebted to said estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

Michael Stevens
139 Court St.
West Liberty, KY 41472

David M. Stout
3320 Clays Mill Rd.
Suite 213
Lexington, KY 40503

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PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 4th day of February 2025 that Dexter Conley has been appointed as the executor of the Billy Fair estate. Anyone indebted to said estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

Dexter Conley
4049 Hwy. 2029
Hueysville, KY 41640

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Kellacey
 By Sandra Carpenter

Feb. 3 — Thought for the week: Betrayal - It never comes from your enemies. It comes from the ones you trust most!!

THE LITTLE HEN

Once upon a time there was a little hen who lived on a farm in a henhouse with all her family. She thought she had a loving family. But one day while out in the farmyard a snake slithered by.

All of a sudden the little hen cried out in pain. The snake had bitten her. She could feel the poison entering her body as she ran to the henhouse for refuge, thinking the hens would help her. But they wanted nothing to do with the little hen, fearing the poison would spread to them.

The little hen limped away crying in pain. Not because of the snakebite — but the betrayal and abandonment she felt by her own family at a time she really needed them.

As the hens in the henhouse watched her go away limping and crying, some felt guilty, some said let her go, thinking she would go off and die.

A few days later, a hummingbird came to the henhouse and said, “Your sister is alive, living in a cave. But she lost her leg from a snake bite and can't get food and needs your help.”

Suddenly the hens went silent, then the excuses began: “I can't go, I'm laying eggs,;” “I can't go I'm looking for corn,;”

“I can't go I have to take care of my chicks.”

So, the hummingbird went back to the cave without help. Later, the little hen passed away. She was all alone, No one to bury her or to mourn for her.

Regretting that they had not helped their little sister hen, they decided to go to the cave. But it was too late. They

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Walker Crase of 63 Paul Rd., West Liberty, KY 41472

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-8400, within 30 days (KRS 243-430) of the date of this legal publication.

PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 31st day of January 2025 that Julie Ann Nickell Ferguson has been appointed as the executor of the Jane Duncan Murray estate. Anyone indebted to said estate should pay the undersigned immediately. Anyone having a claim of any nature against said estate should file the same, properly verified, with the undersigned no later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

Julie Ann Nickell Ferguson
21 Sugar Maple Lane
West Liberty, KY 41472

Michael Bass
Holbrook & Bass, PLLC
527 Main St.
West Liberty, KY 41472

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found a note in the cave. (In life, many times people won't make an effort to help you when you're in need but, then when it's too late, they regret the betrayal.

Not only was this little hen betrayed, our Lord was betrayed in many ways. He prepared a banquet and invited them as guests. But they also had excuses:

“I have bought a piece of ground and must go prove it”

“I have bought oxen.”

:I have married a wife.”

(Peter said, “I will never betray you, Lord,” but he did, denying himthree times. Peter cried bitterly for betraying Jesus. Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss for a few silver pieces. You may wonder how could they betray him? Because sin always begins in the heart of man. We betray Jesus when we go against his plans and the words of his scripture. Many people have been betrayed by loved ones and it's never easy to get that trust back afterwards. We must rise above and become stronger and trust in the Lord.)

After the little hen passed away, the hen that was laying eggs stopped laying, the one looking for corn left the seeds, the one caring for the chicks forgot them. The regret they had hurt more than the poison.

Welcome, February, so glad to see you!

SAIL AWAY

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

— Mark Twain
Author

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Kentucky Public Service Commission (the "Commission") will conduct a hearing at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in the Richard Raff Hearing Room 1 at the Commission's offices at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40602, for the purposes of cross-examination of witnesses of Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Big Sandy") in PSC Case No. 2024-00287, regarding Big Sandy's Application for a rate increase. This notice is provided in compliance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b). This hearing will be streamed live and may be viewed on the PSC website, 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 listed on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov.

Court ...

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was not in attendance due to a work obligation in Wisconsin.)

Following the poll, Magistrate Phipps further discussed the reasons for his vote.

“I don’t have a problem with any of these people,” Phipps said. “But I think these board appointments should be posted in the paper so everybody who might be interested in them can apply for them. That’s my reason ... I’ve got nothing against none these people ... Water board and everything else. But I won’t vote for any of them.”

“Thank you for your opinion,” Judge Gazay said.

“That’s my opinion,” Phipps confirmed before Judge Gazay administered the oath of office to Tracey Hatton.

For readers’ clarification, the appointment process for board vacancies is as follows, as per Kentucky Revised Statute 67.170 (9), which details the powers and duties of the county judge executive:

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“(9) *When directed by statute or an ordinance of that county to make an appointment and fill a vacancy, nominate a person to fill the vacancy within sixty (60) days of the date of the vacancy. The fiscal court shall approve or disapprove the nomination within forty-five (45) days of the receipt of the nomination. If the county judge/ executive fails to nominate a person within sixty (60) days of the date of the vacancy, the fiscal court may fill the vacancy. If the fiscal court fails to approve or disapprove a nomination within forty-five (45) days of the nomination, the county*

judge/executive's nominee is deemed to have been approved. If the fiscal court disapproves a nomination, the county judge/ executive shall nominate another person to fill the vacancy within forty-five (45) days of the disapproval. If the county/ judge executive fails to nominate another person within forty-five (45) days, a majority of the fiscal court may fill the vacancy.

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This statute and others can be found on the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission website.

Other News

• **Judge’s Report** – Judge Gazay told the court he had begun chemotherapy following his cancer diagnosis, which he shared with the public last month. He noted that he was receiving the treatment via a pump at the time of the meeting and that he had not experienced any adverse effects to date. He also gave updates on the Wellness Center floor replacement and Winter Storm Blair emergency operations, which he had previously noted in the Courier.

• **Treasurer’s Report** – County Treasurer Shenea Easterling gave her monthly report, noting additions to the budgeted chart of accounts for an ambulance service project (recent purchase of an ambulance) and emergency labor contract labor services for contractors hired in the aftermath of Winter Storm Blair. The court approved these changes, with Magistrate Phipps voting no.

• **Budget Amendments** – Treasurer Easterling also presented the second reading of Budget Amendment #5 for \$75,000 for Sheriff Greg Motley’s excess fees, as well as Emergency Budget Amendment #6 for the above-mentioned ambulance service


PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The Morgan County Emergency Ambulance Service Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. has been cancelled and rescheduled for Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Located at 412 Dogwood Lane, West Liberty, KY. All meetings are open to the public.

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project. The court unanimously approved these amendments.

• **Auction Of Tandem Truck** – The court unanimously approved the road department’s participation in an auction of a Kenworth tandem truck as part of a program offered through Worldwide Equipment and the Kentucky Association of Counties.

• **County Attorney Reimbursement** – The court unanimously approved a reimbursement to County Attorney Myles Holbrook for payments he had made to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority on behalf of the fiscal court in the amounts of \$240.80 and \$349.64.

• **Personnel Actions** – The unanimously court approved the hiring of the following: Daniel Vancil, part-time maintenance, \$17 per hour; Joseph Preece, county judge executive office, part-time office/communications and public relations, \$15 per hour; Alex Craft, part-time Wellness Center, \$10 per hour; Nathan Bowman, road department full-time seasonal, \$20 per hour; Amber Moore, animal shelter, full-time seasonal, \$11.33 per hour. Magistrate Evans requested that Judge Gazay notify the court of future hirings. Magistrate Keeton also voiced concerns about pay scales as compared to those of some current county employees.

• **FEMA BRIC Grant** – Judge Gazay presented a resolution regarding application for a FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant noting that if approved, funds would be used to purchase generators for the county’s fire departments. The court approved the resolution, with Magistrate Phipps voting no.

• **Hog Branch** – The court voted unanimously to take the right fork of Hog Branch back into the county road system ahead of the monthly ratification of paid vendor claims and approval of unpaid vendor claims.

The meeting adjourned after a lengthy discussion regarding a property dispute on Leisure Branch Road, which can be found in a separate report.

Meeting Minutes

Unofficial meeting minutes can be obtained by calling Judge Executive Jim Gazay at 743-3897 or visiting his office in the Morgan County Wellness Center on Route 7, or by calling County Clerk Randy Williams 743-3949 or visiting his office in the county government building at 450 Prestonsburg St.

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