



Flooding at Upper Lacy Creek Church. (Photo from Jimmy McClure)

Flood ...

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“All MCWD customers from the top of Cow Branch Hill to 460 East to the Magoffin County line including all side roads will be without water until further notice due to a leak that cannot be located until flood waters recede. We are attempting to isolate the leak as best we can. We greatly apologize for the inconvenience.”

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The utility later posted that other customers from the Spaws Creek tank to the Old Hwy. 172 and Hwy. 172 to the Morgan and Johnson County line would also experience low or no pressure due to a main line break.

Judge Executive Jim Gazay indicated in an April 5 Facebook post that crews were working to repair the Hwy. 172 area leak at that time.

Morgan County Emergency Management officials late Friday evening announced that drinking water was available to those in need at the Wellness Center on Route 7, though flooding in the Hwy. 460 East area prevented several citizens from traveling to the facility.

Judge Gazay announced on Saturday, April 5, that the Kentucky National Guard had been deployed to Morgan County to deliver drinking water to distribution points in high axle trucks.

Troops arrived on Saturday evening at White Oak Fire Department, with guardsmen and local first responders delivering water throughout the Hwy. 460 East area.

Morgan County Water District General Manager Andy Legg told the Courier on Tuesday morning that the maintenance crew determined that water tanks were airlocked as a result of the flood.

“We are manually bleeding every hydrant and the blow off pipes at the end of the lines,” Legg said. “We are doing one side of the county at a time.”

Legg also indicated that as of Tuesday morning, water service had been restored to Spaws Creek, Hwy. 460 East to property formerly owned by the

late Barrett Frederick, Gordon Ford and County Dump Road.

“We hope to have the biggest part of 460 East from Cow Branch to the Magoffin County hill turned back on by sometime [Tuesday] evening, if we don’t find any other major leaks,” Legg said.

Sandy Hook Water District officials also informed the public via social media on Saturday evening that Wrigley area customers would also be impacted by a water line break:

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“ATTENTION Wrigley customers: We currently have a leak in the Wrigley area. We will update once we can get to it to fix it. It is down in a creek crossing and the water is up. We are currently working on a plan to get it fixed and to provide water in the meantime. We apologize for the inconvenience and are working to have water back as soon as possible.”

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Sandy Hook Water District secured for customers bottled water that was distributed at the Wrigley store prior to service being restored to Morgan County customers on Monday evening.

Drinking water distribution to persons residing in various locations also continued on Monday and Tuesday at the Wellness Center, the Morgan County Water District Office and local fire departments.

Judge Executive Jim Gazay – who had announced on Saturday that a swift water boat team was on standby for potential evacuations – issued the following statement to the Courier on Monday evening:

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“Morgan County extends our heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all Kentucky counties hardest hit by this week’s flooding.

“We are deeply grateful to our first responders who worked tirelessly before and after the event, preparing residents and standing ready for emergency evacuations – which fortunately were not needed.

“The primary challenge has been a water outage in eastern Morgan County, affecting lines and two water tank towers.

“Morgan County Water District employees and volunteers have labored nonstop to

address leaks and mechanical failures, with additional support requested from the Kentucky Rural Water Association and Kentucky Emergency Management (KYEM).

“Our emergency manager – alongside KYEM and the National Guard – has successfully delivered bottled water to landlocked communities, and we continue these efforts to ensure all affected residents are supported during this outage.”

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Mayor Kyle Risner told the Courier that the City of West Liberty saw minimal impacts from the flood, noting that water did not rise over the walking track embankment at Old Mill Park.

“We faired pretty well compared to other places,” Risner said. “We did have an issue at one of the sewer stations due to wind and a short term power outage on Liberty Road though.”

West Liberty Police Department Chief Wayne Lewis confirmed that on Saturday night a car became submerged in water pooling in a ditch at the foot of Wells Hill visible from the Double Kwik intersection – but that no injuries were reported as a result.

Morgan County schools were closed on Monday and Tuesday amid flooding and ongoing water line issues, delaying students’ return from spring break.

School district officials announced via Facebook that the cancellations would be regular closures, and that graduation and the last day of school for students would remain May 30 as previously announced.

Statewide, areas of central and western Kentucky – including Frankfort – sustained more severe flood damage as Gov. Andy Beshear announced that four people have died as a result of the inclement weather.

More than 500 roads throughout the state remained closed as of Monday due to flooding, mudslides and rockslides.

Additional Information
For additional information regarding local emergency operations, contact Judge Executive Jim Gazay at 743-3897, or Mayor Kyle Risner at 743-3330.

Extension Homemakers scholarship is open to all 2025 MCHS seniors

Deadline to apply for \$500 scholarship is Monday, April 21st

Initiated thirty-six years ago by the Morgan County Extension Homemakers Executive Council, a county-wide fundraising project of selling fresh crop pecans has made monies available for a special scholarship.

The proceeds from the pecan sales are used to offer a \$500.00 scholarship each year to a Morgan County High School senior. In addition to having fresh pecans for holiday giving and baking, purchasing the pecans from extension homemakers has provided some financial assistance to a deserving Morgan County student annually.

This scholarship may be applied to any post high school training course - trade school, vocational-technical school, as well as for any two or four-year College. It is not limited to those in Family and Consumer Sciences related studies. Any

Morgan County High School senior student (male or female) is eligible to apply.

Criteria For Application

Scholastic ability is just one of the criteria used in selecting the recipient. Each applicant must also give a teacher reference who submits a letter as to the student’s attitude, honesty, perseverance, and the likelihood for success. These are important factors in selecting the recipient. A transcript, 500-word autobiography and a photograph must be submitted with the application. Each applicant may be interviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee and Morgan Homemaker Executive Council representatives. Times to be determined after applications are received at the Morgan County Extension Service located at 1002 Prestonsburg Street.

Any student interested in applying for this extension homemaker scholarship may obtain the application from the Morgan County Cooperative Extension Service, Morgan County Public Library, or the

Morgan County High School.

Deadline for Applications

The application and supporting data must be completed by the applicant mailed to Morgan County Extension Office, ATTN: Homemaker Scholarship Committee, P. O. Box 35, West Liberty, KY 41472, postmarked no later than Monday, April 21, 2025.

Additional Information
For further information pertaining to this scholarship, contact the Morgan County Extension Office at 743-3292 or stop by the office located at 1002 Prestonsburg Street or P.O. Box 35, West Liberty.

Events ...

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Meeting, 5 p.m.
• June 10 – Farmers Market Meeting, 5 p.m.

For additional information, contact the Morgan County Extension Office at 743-3292 or email the address morgan.ext@uky.edu.

News Of Record

MARRIAGE LICENSES

• Jessica Ann Hofherr, 38, of West Liberty, daughter of Patricia Ann Pace and John Charles Hofherr, to Richard Charles Jones, 46, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Sandra Sue Harmon and Donald Paul Jones.

• Brenna Jane Somaduroff, 28, of West Liberty, Ky., daughter of Brenda Sue Haney Somaduroff and Roger Lee Somaduroff, to Samual Haney Junior Ball, 30, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Cynthia Peters Ball and Sammy Wayne Ball.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

• Abraham Thornsburry and Rhonda to Timothy Damron and Makayla – Land located a corner of Fannin 519 Foodmart, Inc. Love and affection.

• AnnaBelle Sue Marie Lewis to Victoria Gracie May Holbrook and Braxton tylor Williams – Land on the north corner of where creek meets Griffey Branch Road on east side. \$28,000.

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil suits – McCoy Family Enterprises, LLC vs Seldon Porter et al, March 28; Robert Lawrence Martin vs Florence Louise Martin, March 28; Rickayla Lynn Ison-Aurelus vs. Henrico Bruce Aurelus, March 31; DM Land Holdings, LLC vs. Unknown heirs and assigns of Odell Perry, March 31.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil suits – First Financial Credit, Inc. vs. Samuel Jenkins, March 27; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Danny Litton, March 31; Velocity Investments, LLC vs. Kerri Smith, April 1; CKS Prime Investments, LLC vs. Mary Moore, April 2.

Bible ...

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three hour time commitment. Each watch has 12 fifteen-minute slots, so there is a need for some 168 total readers over the three day period.

Of course, some folks will choose to read for more than one 15 minute time slot. That is perfectly allowed !

During the three day period, the New Testament will be read through two times.

Reading takes place from 6:00 am to 12 midnight each day in the West Liberty City Council chambers, located on the second floor of the West Liberty City Hall on Main Street.

This year the MRTC local cable access channel 54 will once again broadcast the event. This allows family and friends to tune in and watch loved ones as they read aloud from the Holy Scriptures. We are grateful for this kindness supplied by Mountain Rural Telephone

Several of the “watches” are yet to be filled. If your church, Sunday School class, youth group, women’s group, men’s group - or any group or club from the community - would like to take part, please contact Jamie Brunk at 606-438-6137 as soon as possible.

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with over \$3,000 in cash and prizes to be awarded to winners in several divisions.

General admission to the tournament is free for spectators.

Entry forms can be found at <https://omnipong.com/EntryForms/1178-4.pdf>, with additional information regarding divisions and entry fees for players.

EKTT would like to thank West Liberty Tourism and Judge Executive Jim Gazay for all their help, as well as local businesses in West Liberty and Morgan County.

For more information, call Tournament Director Byron Risner at 606-794-2295 or email him at thebyronj@gmail.com.

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Nicholas Clevenger EKCC Supervisor of the Quarter



Captain Nicholas Clevenger

To honor Capt Nicholas Clevenger who recently passed away, he has been named Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter at EKCC:

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex From Shawn McKenzie Warden

I would like to honor the memory of Nicholas Clevenger with the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex’s Supervisor of the 2nd Quarter Award for 2025. Mr. Clevenger continually proved himself among his co-workers and supervisors as worthy of this award. Mr. Clevenger first received this award in October 2023, when he was named Supervisor of

the 4th Quarter.

As a recipient of the Supervisor of the Quarter Award, Nicholas’ name will be displayed on a permanent plaque in the Administration Building. This certificate of achievement, and a copy of this letter will be placed in his Institutional and Central Office Personnel Files.

I want to express my appreciation for Nicholas’ commitment to EKCC and my deepest sympathy to the family he left behind.

My Sincere Sympathy,
Shawn McKenzie
Warden



SSG Barry Frisby, left, accepts Employee of the Month Award from UA 2 Darren Elam, right.

Barry Frisby Employee of the Month at EKCC

Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex has recognized SSC Barry Frisby as Employee of the Month for April 2025.

Mr. Frisby began his employment at EKCC on September 1, 2016, as a CTO and was promoted to Correctional Program Administrator on October 1, 2018, and again was promoted to the SSC I on March 16, 2024.

“Mr. Frisby always completes his job duties as well as helping security staff with

whatever might be needed,” said Warden Shawn McKenzie. “Mr. Frisby never complains and is a great role model to staff. . Mr. Frisby is also a member of the CERT Team and serves on the on the Honor Guard. For these and other reasons, Mr. Frisby is a deserving recipient of the Employee of the Month Award for April 2025.”

Congratulations on a job well done!

Rollback of Ky.’s water pollution reg. becomes law

From A Story By Liam Niemeyer Of The Kentucky Lantern

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 28 — A controversial bill that would significantly roll back

Kentucky’s ability to regulate water pollution will become law after the GOP-controlled legislature on Thursday overrode its veto by Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear.

Senate Bill 89, sponsored by Sen. Scott Madon, R-Pineville, would considerably narrow the definition of state waters that are regulated by the Kentucky

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property under The Kentucky Self Storage Facility Act Statutes (Section 359.200-359.250). The undersigned will sell at public sale by competitive bidding on Saturday, April 12th, 2025 at 12:00 PM, #15 Unit. Said property is stored at: **Mays Storage Units, 14116 Highway 460W, Ezel KY 41472- Morgan Co.**

Purchases must be paid for at the time of purchase by cash only. All purchased items are sold as is, where is, and must be removed at the time of the sale. Sale is subject to cancellation in the event of settlement between owner and obligated party.

Dated this: April 7th, 2025.

CONTACT: Dalton Mays for more information 606-495-7504.

ADVERTISING INFO: 606-743-3551