



Derby celebration participants at the Morgan County Senior Center.

Seniors ...

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Throughout May, GADD, the Morgan County Fiscal Court, and the City of West Liberty invite the community to celebrate the 62nd anniversary of Older Americans Month by recognizing the value of older adults and promoting programs that foster connection, inclusion, and well-being.

The Morgan County Senior Center is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with lunch served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. To learn more about GADD's senior center programs, visit www.gwadd.org/senior-centers or contact the Morgan County Senior Center at 606.743.7695.

Older Americans Month 2025 Proclamation

WHEREAS, May is Older Americans Month, a time for us to recognize and honor the community's older adults and their immense influence on every facet of American society; and

WHEREAS, through their wealth of life experience and wisdom, older adults guide our younger generations and carry forward abundant cultural and historical knowledge; and

WHEREAS, older Americans improve our communities through intergenerational relationships, community service, civic engagement, and many other activities; and

WHEREAS, communities benefit when people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds have the opportunity to participate and live independently; and

WHEREAS, we must ensure that older Americans have the resources and support needed to stay involved in their communities – reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and connectedness; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the City of West Liberty and the County of Morgan in Kentucky, do hereby proclaim May 2025 to be Older Americans Month. This year's theme,



Judge Executive Jim Gazay and Mayor Kyle Risner proclaimed May as Older Americans Month.



Seniors enjoy food and conversation.

"Flip the Script on Aging," focuses on transforming how society perceives, talks about, and approaches aging. We call upon all residents to join in recognizing the contributions of our older citizens and promoting programs and activities that foster connection, inclusion, and support for older adults.

Dated this second day of May 2025.

Jim Gazay,
Judge-Executive
Morgan County Fiscal Court

Kyle Risner,
Mayor
City of West Liberty

News Of Record

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

• Tim Bailey and Karen, Vickie Wallace, Timothy Lykins and Juanita, Kirby Lykins, Meagan Bailey, Matt Biale, Fonda Wells, and Ora Betty Lykins to Perfecto Cruze and Patricia – 1/2 acre more or less on Licking River Road (known as State Hwy. 2498). \$98,000.

• Buford Wright and Blanche to Jody Jenkins – Land located on the waters of Upper Sand Lick of Paint Creek containing 3 tracts. \$30,000.

• Kelli Crovo and Dustin Michael Crovo to Jessica Greene Esslinger and Sephan Scott Slinger – Being Lot #14 in the Leisure Lane Estates. \$341,000.

• Billi Nell Prater and Jeffrey Eldon Prater to Paul Edward Fields – Land located at 5741 Hwy. 519. \$235,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

• Madison Paige Grierson, 26, of Salyersville, Ky., daughter of Sherrie Lynn Bowling Grierson and Tommy Dewayne Grierson, to Zachary Quentin Porter, 23, of Salyersville, Ky., son of Jeannie Marie Farris Porter and William Cleve Porter.

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil suits – Tonia Jan Stacy vs. Jeffrey Dean Stacy, April 25; Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Kristen Phillips et al, April 29; Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation vs. Natasha E. Conley, April 30; Capital One, N.A. vs. James M. Blanton, April 30; Discover Bank vs. Michelle Maxie, April 30; Velocity Investments LLC vs. Joseph Singer, April 30.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil suits – Capital One Bank, N.A. vs. Linda C. Van

Ness, April 25; Denali Capital, LLC vs. Keith Barker, April 30; Denali Capital, LLC vs. Rusty Tolliver, April 30; Denali Capital, LLC vs. Nathaniel Cantrell, April 30; Bobby G. Jones vs. Charlotte Vest, April 30.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Robert Bailey – Local city ordinance – rescheduled May 20.
Christopher R. Bentley – failure to wear seat belts – pleaded guilty, \$25.

Toni M. Caskey – failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card, no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt – rescheduled May 13.

Landen Scott Collins – failure to produce insurance card – pleaded guilty, \$50.

Blake Barrington Ellis – failure to produce insurance card – pleaded guilty, \$50.

Marcus Cameron Ferguson – no/expired registration plates, failure to produce insurance card – bench warrant issued.

Bennie Ray Hall – no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt – bench warrant issued.

Silviano Lopez – no/expired registration plates, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

Travis Jeremy Mattern – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, possessing license when privileges are revoked/suspended, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure produce insurance card, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt – rescheduled June 24.

Lukas Bailee Peterson – failure to produce insurance card – pleaded guilty, \$50.

Bobbie Jo Ratliff – failure to wear seat belts – paid in full.

Nathan P. Roberts – alcohol

intoxication in a public place.

Christopher R. Spears – no/ expired registration plates, no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt – bench warrant issued.

Dayton Mendez – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, license to be in possession – pre-trial conference May 6.

Kalana Milagro Welch – failure to wear seat belts, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, failure to produce insurance card – failed to appear.

Wesley Louis Winkler – failure to produce insurance card – pleaded guilty, \$50.

Terry L. Davis – assault (fourth degree domestic violence; minor injury), wanton endangerment (first degree), terroristic threatening (third degree), strangulation (first degree; domestic violence related), public intoxication by a controlled substance, drug paraphernalia (buy/possess), tampering with physical evidence, possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; drug specified) – preliminary hearing May 6.

Pre-trial conference – Taylor Ferguson – terroristic threatening (third degree) – pleaded guilty, 365 days.

Pre-trial conference – Kayla Keeton – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – pleaded guilty, 90 days.

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Pre-trial conference – Daniel Carl Conn – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference – Jonathan Moore – theft by unlawful taking over \$500 but under \$1,000, criminal trespassing (third degree) – rescheduled May 20.

LION ...

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manufacturing took center stage once again during KAM's 'Coolest Thing Made in Kentucky' contest, and we are honored to be among the first to congratulate LION Group for giving this state and the world a real winner with the LION V-Force turnout gear," said John Sparrow, Executive Vice President and CEO of Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance. "We sponsor this contest to help highlight the incredible value Kentucky manufacturing adds to the industry, and LION Group makes an impressive addition to the prestigious list of winners."

"On behalf of our Board of Directors and team, I want to add my congratulations to our finalists, the teams at all three LION Group facilities in Kentucky and at T. Marzetti Company in Horse Cave, for making the Finals of the 2025 Coolest Thing Made in Kentucky such a hard-fought competition," said Kerry Creech, President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky and Chairman of the KAM Board. "Kentucky manufacturers clearly know how to make world-class cool things and have fun celebrating what we do!"

"From an initial field of more than 50 nominations, LION Group's V-Force turnout gear has roared to a richly deserved victory as the KAM 2025 Coolest Thing Made in Kentucky Presented by Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance, and we salute every LION Group team member on their championship," said Frank Jemley, KAM's President and CEO. "Our Coolest Thing Made in Kentucky Tournament is designed to celebrate the work of every Kentuckian who makes cool things because they and their companies help Kentucky communities prosper. Thank you to the teams at LION Group, T. Marzetti Company, and all of the teams and companies competing in this year's Tournament for what you do every day."

About The Ky. Association Of Manufacturers

The Kentucky Association of Manufacturers (KAM) is Kentucky's leading industry and business organization. Our mission is to make a better Kentucky by promoting and growing manufacturing in the Commonwealth. We are the voice for economic growth and opportunity in Kentucky. Learn more at KAM.us.com.

Events ...

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For Kids Facebook page. Free delivery is available to those who order by Wednesday, May 14, by calling or texting Sherry at 606-207-8283.

Additionally, the organization will host a poker tournament 7 p.m. Friday, May 30, at White Oak Fire Department.

The entry fee for the poker tournament is \$20, with two buy-backs before 10 p.m.

Any additional updates will be posted on the Morgan County Cops For Kids Facebook page.

Since 2007, the Morgan County Cops for Kids, a non-profit local charity, has been taking up donations and conducting fundraisers to provide gifts and a dinner to ensure that Morgan County's youth have a wonderful Christmas. Our organization is comprised of emergency service personnel and their friends and families.

All Christmas gifts are purchased with donated funds!

For additional information regarding the Morgan County Cops For Kids or the above-mentioned events, contact Lowell Adkins at 606-495-5566.

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session and have a Q and A session with the public.

We hope you will join us for this engaging and meaningful gathering!

FINDING FAITH IN A FLOWER

Sometimes when faith is running low I walk among the flowers I grow, for among the flowers I have come to see life's miracle and mystery, and standing in silence and reverie, my faith comes flooding back to me. May faith fill your heart and may God's love surround you today and always.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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 my mother, Patty Barker Schlomer. Also hello to Larry, her husband and my stepfather. I have been blessed to have her as my mother for 63 + years. As you may know, a mother and child don't always agree on all things. However, if you still have your mom, cherish her.

As we watch our mothers age, we age as well. We need to have love, grace, and compassion for each other. We never know what each mother is going through at the stage of life they are in. We get so immersed in our own daily lives, that we just take for granted all is well, even when it is our own family members. It is time to celebrate ALL mothers.

May God Bless Mothers! I am still blessed to have my mother another year as she is blessed to have her four daughters, who are all mothers. I love you mom!

Happy Mother's Day! If you have your mom this year you are blessed. There will be some who are freshly grieving the loss of their mom. The days that lie ahead, that we honor our mothers, may be extremely difficult for the ones that know what this loss now feels like. We just celebrated Easter and in thinking about loss, Mary knew all too well about loss. Undoubtedly, she thought of being the mother of Jesus throughout the different stages that she had him during his earthly life.

In Luke 1:28-31, "And the angel came in unto her and said, Hail, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God and behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS."

In verse 35: "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

In verse 37: "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

She had this baby boy at a young age and she watched him grow up under her feet. Mary was a witness to the wonders of Jesus. She saw the love, the grace, the compassion that her son bestowed to others. She saw miracles take place and then she saw him die. In 33 1/2 years she witnessed a revolution of lives being changed.

As Mary saw her first-born son beaten for a crime that was fabricated by the religious leaders of the day, her heart broke. The loss of her child, her savior, our savior was a tremendous and heart wrenching loss. Jesus Christ laid down his life for ALL to be saved if they accept him as their savior. This would span from generation to generation. Mary felt the pain of a mother losing a child. That bond between a mother and child will always be special. Regardless of what circumstances that might interfere with a relationship, you will always be a mother, and you will always be a child.

We live in a world that is not perfect! We live in a world that has strayed so far from God. We live in a world that glorifying

Happy Birthday

May 10



Happy Birthday
May 10

Barbara Carpenter

From
Sandra, Tamera,
& Kendall

sin is the norm and denying the power of God is mocked.

As Christians, we live in this world, but we are not of this world. Think about this: Jesus was 33 1/2 years old when he gave his life for us. Jesus was in the prime of his life. He was in the prime of his ministry. When Jesus Christ stretched his arms out on that old, rugged cross, he did this out of love. He bore the cross for you and for me.

As we think about his age, we know from Bible history that Mary could have been in her late 40's or early 50's. Mary was still a young woman even though middle age. As she stood there watching her first born son suffer, her heart was broken. The sobbing of her cries, the tears that stained her face, knowing that his earthly life would soon be over, was overwhelming no doubt. As Jesus acknowledge his mother, he said these words as he was on the cross.

In John 19:25-27, "Now there stood by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy Son! Then said he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home."

Jesus in the midst of his own death and suffering, he still had love and compassion, especially for his mother. He wanted his mother to be comforted during this time of loss. Mary loved Jesus and Jesus loved Mary.

A mother's love is there at all times. A mother's love is there for all seasons. If you have your mother, cherish and love her. Mothers if you have your child, love them and cherish them. This is not a one-way street! Love is unconditional. Today is the first day to hone in on a healing relationship if it is broken. Today is the start of a new beginning, not to relive the past but live in the present and look toward the future of our home in Heaven. Today is the day to "LOVE LIKE JESUS."

In 1st John 4:18-19, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us."

Happy spiritual birthday to those who celebrated this past week. Congratulations to Mrs. Kristi Trusty on her salvation and baptism. Congratulations to Vanessa and Dakota Adkins on their salvation and baptism. Congratulations to Kalan Ison on his salvation and baptism.

Happy birthday to those who celebrated this past week.

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Community Bulletin Board

Beekeepers Association meeting slated May 12

The Morgan County Mountain Beekeepers Association will meet 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, at the Morgan County Extension Office. All beekeepers and all those interested are urged to attend. For additional information call Carl Alfrey at 725-5888.

McKinneys at Ezel 1st Ch. of God May 11th

The McKinney Family will be singing at Ezel First Church of God on Sunday, May 11, at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Revival at New Salem Baptist Ch. May 19-24

There will be a revival at New Salem Baptist Church, located at 243 Hwy. 1715, West Liberty, Ky., starting Monday, May 19, through Saturday, May 24. Services will begin at 7 p.m. nightly. Bros. Danny Price, Bobby Fultz and Jacky Smith will be preaching, and there will be special singing each night. Come be a part of revival and prayer for souls to be saved.

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