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Morgan Hwy. employees winners in annual Rodeo

JACKSON, Ky. - For the first time since 2013, the crew from the Estill County state highway garage won the championship of the Department of Highways District 10's annual Equipment Operators Safety Training Conference and Roadeo. It was the third title for the crew from Ravenna and Irvine in the event that has been held annually in District 10 since 2006, with the exception of a two-year hiatus in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19

Magoffin County's Stetson Allen was the overall individual champion, compiling the best total score from all seven events that make up the

This year's Roadeo was held May 14-15 at the Beattyville Equipment Garage and Lee County Maintenance facility. Overcast skies gave way to partly sunny conditions both days. Rain was in the forecast, but the precipitation avoided the area during the two-day competition.

The annual Roadeo brings equipment operators from the district's maintenance garages together for a day of friendly competition and fellowship. The event allows equipment operators from the district's crews to show their skills in operating the equipment they use to maintain state highways in the district. The obstacle courses simulate actual situations equipment operators may encounter in the performance of their duties. The event is officially known as the Equipment Operators Safety Training Conference, and participants received training in fire extinguisher safety during the

Individual event winners

Backhoe: Chad Conway, Menifee County first place; Scott Prater, Morgan County, second place.

Snowplow obstacle course (single-axle truck): Derrik Young, Morgan County, first place; Justin Bailey, Menifee County, second place.

Snowplow obstacle course (double-axle tandem truck): Matt Kirby, Estill County, first place; Ben Montgomery, Morgan County, second place.

Tractor with mower: Matt Kirby, Estill County, first place; Stetson Allen, Magoffin County, second place. Grader: Stetson Allen,

Magoffin County, first place; Jimmy Kelley, Estill County, second place. Lowboy tractor-trailer: Ben

Montgomery, Morgan County, first place; Matt Kirby, Estill County, second place. Skid-steer: Mitch Tyra.

Beattyville Equipment, first place; Stetson Allen, Magoffin County, second place.

The individual contest winners and runners-up will advance to a statewide competition against participants from the other 11 highway districts across Kentucky, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park June 24-25. State winners will be eligible to participate in the annual Southeastern Regional Equipment Operators Safety Training Conference competition, to also be held at the Kentucky Horse Park, in September.

PUBLIC

PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 15th day of May 2025 that Linda Adkins has been appointed as the executrix of the Cathern Jean Patrick 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.

Linda Adkins 813 Redwine Rd. West Liberty, KY 41472 Hon. Michael Bass 527 Main St. West Liberty, KY 41472 C-5-22-1T

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Morgan County Fiscal Court

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Morgan County Wellness and Recreational Complex Trail

The Morgan County Fiscal Court invites the public to attend an infor-

mational meeting regarding the proposed Wellness and Recreational Complex Trail Project, being submitted under the 2025 Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The meeting details are as follows:

LOCATION: MORGAN COUNTY WELLNESS CENTER

All individuals are encouraged to attend and provide comments,

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Why Cutting LIHEAP Is a Deadly Blow to Eastern Kentucky

By any measure, the economy of Eastern Kentucky and the wider Appalachian region is struggling. The collapse of the coal industry, the opioid crisis, and the recurring natural disasters have left scars that are slow to heal. Families and individual households trying to make ends meet rely on an array of federal assistance. Recently, there have been cuts or threats to these assistance programs, including a proposed total elimination of a vital energy assistance program that supports 6 million lowincome households each year across the country.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is zeroed out in the proposed federal budget for the fiscal year that begins in September 2025. LIHEAP provides life-saving aid to millions of Americans by helping them afford their heating and cooling bills. For many, it is the difference between choosing food or heat, medicine or air conditioning. In 2024 alone, the program was utilized more than 219,000 times by Kentucky households. These are small disbursements - a max of \$250 per season - that function as safety nets for working families, elderly residents, and people with disabilities who are trying to survive on limited incomes in one of the most energy-burdened regions in the

Despite this need, the Trump administration's 2026 budget proposes defunding LIHEAP entirely. Their reasoning is that lower energy prices are on the horizon thanks to a move toward American energy dominance and the America First platform. But here in Kentucky, the future hasn't arrived yet. Energy bills are still going up, not down.

In some Eastern Kentucky counties, low-income families pay up to 14.5% of their income on utility bills-more than double the 6% threshold that experts define as a "high" energy burden. Rural residents, especially those living in older, less energy-efficient homes, feel this pain the most. Rural areas often pay disproportionately high electricity costs due to utilities charging higher rates, in part due to infrastructure costs utilities incur covering more miles of transmission lines, etc., and in part due to utilities being owned by investors who are guaranteed a certain rate of return on their

investment. And while some cities have access to local programs that might soften the blow of high bills, rural communities often

don't. That's where LIHEAP comes in. It funds weatherization improvements that make homes more efficient - reducing future energy costs and minimizing the need for repeated emergency assistance. In fiscal year 2023, the program weatherized more than 60,000 homes nationwide and helped prevent countless power disconnections.

allocated approximately \$54 age of 6 is present. This money temperatures Kentucky experi-

Cutting LIHEAP cannot just be a budget decision — this is nearly 45 years.

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

The federal government million in LIHEAP funds to Kentucky in fiscal year 2025. To access these funds, individuals must meet certain requirements and provide documentation showing their need for assistance. These requirements are designed to support Kentucky's most vulnerable residents and some examples include households where someone has a health condition or disability (verified by a doctor's note), someone is 65 or older, or a child under the is especially important during the extreme summer and winter ences. Kentucky is one of just 10 states where utility shutoffs due to nonpayment are allowed even during dangerous weather events. Sometimes families are cut off because they owe as little as \$6.

an issue that needs to consider the survival of our most vulnerable neighbors. Because it's so critical, the program is housed under the Department of Health and Human Services and has received bipartisan support for The Trump administration

recently acknowledged that Appalachia is at a disadvantage due to loss of coal jobs and the opioid crisis, and because of that, they were leaving funding for another program in the budget that benefits this area. We argue that many low-income communities across the country face similar systemic challenges that have them needing a little extra help to stay and revitalize these areas of the United States.

If you have an experience to share about how LIHEAP has impacted you or your community in a time of need, now is the time to share your story.

Chris Woolery is the Energy Projects Coordinator at Mountain Association. Over his career, Chris has helped deliver residential energy efficiency upgrades to more than 800 households. He can be reached at chris@mtassociation.org.

to attend.



MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION DISTRICT **BOARD SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

The Morgan County Extension District Board is having a special called meeting Wednesday, May 28th at noon at 5:30 pm at the Morgan County Extension Educational Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider budget amendments, building issues, and board bonding. For more information, contact the Morgan County Extension Service at 743-3292 or sfannin@uky.edu.

County in need of Foster Care ReviewVolunteers

FRANKFORT, Ky., May 19 - Twenty-six Kentucky counties are calling on compassionate community members to make a difference in children's lives through volunteering with Citizen Foster Care Review Boards. CFCRB volunteers review cases of children in foster care due to dependency, neglect and abuse, and make critical recommendations regarding their care and placement.

"It takes a lot of wonderful people to do this meaningful work, and we are greatly in need of more volunteers to join us," CFCRB State Chair Rosalyn Patton-Pelt said. (Learn more in a brief video at https:// kcoj.info/VolunteerCFCRB). Volunteers are needed

statewide, but the following 26 counties are in dire need: Boone, Boyd, Bracken, Campbell, Carter, Clay, Elliott, Fleming, Greenup, Hardin, Johnson, Kenton, Laurel, Lawrence, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, McCreary, Montgomery, Morgan, Powell, Robertson, Rowan, Whitley and Wolfe.

Thousands of children as placed in foster and other outof-home care each year in the commonwealth. CFCRBs are teams of court-appointed volunteers who conduct interactive reviews on the children's cases and make recommendations to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and state courts for each child. Boards recommend services to help children and advocate for placing children in safe, permanent homes as soon as possible, whether with their parents, other relatives or an adoptive family. The CHFS oversees the state foster care program.

Volunteers generally review cases one day a month.

Potential volunteers are required to apply, consent to

criminal record and Central

Registry checks and complete six hours of initial training. The training includes two sessions held via Zoom and two selfstudy webinars. Those interested are encouraged to apply as soon as possible so they can be screened and, if approved, scheduled for training. Once a potential volunteer

has completed training, the local Family Court or District Court judge recommends their appointment to the local CF-To apply and get more information, visit https://kcoj.info/

CFCRBVolunteer. A CFCRB recruitment flyer is available at https://kcoj.info/CFCRBrecruitflyer to be shared in com-The Kentucky General As-

sembly created the state Citizen Foster Care Review Board in 1982 to decrease children's time in out-of-home care.

More than 700 dedicated volunteers across the state serve as members of the Kentucky CFCRB. The average length of service is six years, demonstrating a long-term commitment to children in

CFCRBs review each child's case in foster care at least once every six months as required by statute. In fiscal year 2024, volunteers reviewed 19,565 cases involving 11,301 children in out-of-home care. Learn more at https://kcoj.info/ CFCRB2024.

The Administrative Office of the Courts administers the CFCRB program. The AOC is the operations arm for the state court system and supports the activities of nearly 3,300 employees and 412 elected justices, judges and circuit court clerks. The AOC also executes

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the Judicial Branch budget.

-----PUBLIC NOTICE-----

Notice is hereby given that Jody Jenkins has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to add fill dirt to his property on 172. The property is located approximately 7 miles up 172 off of 460 in West Liberty, right before the 437 junction. The elkfork stream runs at the back of this property. Any comments or objections can be submitted via email to:

DOWFLOODPLAIN@KY.GOV KENTUCKY DIVISION OF WATER, **FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT** SECTION, 300 SOWER BLVD. FRANKFORT, KY 40601.

CALL 502-564-3410 WITH QUESTIONS.

NOTICE

Destruction of Records Notice- In accordance with district procedures and records retention guidelines, the following special education records, including personally identifiable information that is no longer needed to provide educational services to the student, that are housed at Morgan County Board of Education will be destroyed after July 15th, 2025.

Special Education Due Process Records for students who attended Morgan County Schools prior to 2018. It is noted that portions of these records may be needed by the student or parent/guardian for future services or benefits. A record of the student's name, his or her grades, classes attended, grade level completed, and year will be kept permanently. The student (eighteen or older) or parent/guardian may obtain a copy of these records by contacting Leann Sargent, Director of Special Education at 606-743-8002 no later than June 30, 2025.

Deadline for written comments: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2025

C-5-22-2T

West Liberty, KY 41472

Written comments may also be submitted to:

DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2025

TIME: 5PM (LOCAL TIME)

ADDRESS: 1412 HIGHWAY 7

whether in support or opposition.

Address: 1412 Highway 7