

Award ...

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his first year of medical school at the University of Louisville, where he completed his medical training in 1972 ahead of making the decision to return to his beloved community and open a family medicine practice.

The young physician realized his dream in June 1975 with the opening of Frederick Medical Clinic, and spent the next 50 years making house calls and caring for the people he loved.

Joleen Frederick noted that Dr. Frederick continues to make house calls in 2025 before reiterating his dedication to his faith, family, patients and community:

"He would tell you that one of his greatest roles in this community is his membership in the Lacy Creek [Church of Christ], where he is an Elder and ministers from the pulpit regularly." Joleen Frederick said. "He cherishes his role in his family, the church and being the small town Doc of this community. There were those who wanted to pull him into politics, but his commitment was, is and remains to his patients and his community."

Following Joleen Frederick's introduction, Judge Executive Jim Gazay - a longtime member of the West Liberty Kiwanis Club - presented the Distinguished Citizen Award to Dr. Frederick.

Additionally, Judge Gazay issued the following proclamation that designated Dec. 2, 2025, as Dr. James Frederick Day:

PROCLAMATION
Honoring Dr. James Frederick for Fifty years of dedicated service to the citizens of Morgan County through his medical practice and for being an outstanding citizen of Morgan County:

Whereas, The Morgan County Fiscal Court deems it necessary to highlight the accomplishments and bestow honor upon citizens who have exhibited commitment to community and civic duty, and who have attained outstanding benchmarks in their lives, and

Whereas, Dr. James Frederick is one of those individuals, working tirelessly to meet the medical needs of Morgan County residents with integrity, consistency, and compassion, always going above and beyond the call of duty for those suffering from illness or injury.

Whereas, Dr. Frederick is the embodiment of compassionate service and unwavering dedication. Throughout his 50-year career, his commitment extended far beyond clinic walls, treating generations of families not just as patients, but as neighbors and friends. His kindness and deep empathy have provided immense comfort through countless crises and joys, creating a rich legacy of healing that has profoundly shaped the well-being of our community. We honor and

thank him for his extraordinary longevity of service and for epitomizing the very best of small-town medicine.

Whereas, let it be known that this Proclamation expresses the community's gratitude for his leadership, his steady presence, and the benevolent approach he brings to his role as healer, citizen, and friend.

Now, therefore, I, Jim Gazay, Morgan County Judge Executive, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2025, as Dr. James Frederick Day. We urge every resident to take time on this day to congratulate Dr. Frederick on his decades of service to the community.

Jim Gazay
Morgan County Judge Executive

Following Judge Gazay's remarks, Dr. Frederick accepted the Distinguished Citizen Award with several members of the Frederick family in attendance.

Kiwanian Langley Franklin - who provided materials for this report - noted that Dr. Frederick is the last remaining Morgan County native to serve as a family physician in a local practice, succeeding Dr. Alec Spencer, Dr. Morris L. Peyton and Dr. George R. Bellamy.

Editor's Note
Courier staffers would like to congratulate Dr. Frederick on this much-deserved award and thank him for his continued faithful service to the people of Morgan County.

- Miranda M. Cantrell

Senior Citizens Menu

Meals Are Served With Water and Milk

Thursday, Dec. 11 - Chicken Rice Casserole, Broccoli Whole Grain White Roll, 1% Milk, Cottage Cheese & Pineapple, Margarine.

Friday, Dec. 12 - Sloppy Joe, RF/RC Creamy Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Banana, 1% Milk.

Monday, Dec. 15 - Cheese Burger Deluxe, Potato Wedges, Baked Beans, 1% Milk, Red Grapes.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 - Pork Chop w/Mushroom Gravy, Macaroni & Tomatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Whole Grain White Roll, 1% Milk, Margarine.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 - Lasagna Soup, California Vegetable Blend, Baked Apples, 1% Milk, Garlic Breadstick MTG, Spinach Side Salad, Italian Dressing, Margarine.

Thursday, Dec. 18 - Oven Fried Chicken, Baked Sweet Potatoes, RC Vanilla Pudding, Whole Grain White Roll, Margarine, 1% Milk, Green Beans.

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Christian Church to host 'Blue Christmas' service

Christmas can be a painful time for some. It may be the first Christmas without a loved family member who has recently died. It may be a time that has always been difficult.

The constant refrain on the radio and television, in shopping malls and churches, about the happiness of the season, about getting together with family and friends, reminds many people of what they have lost or have never had.

The anguish of broken relationships, the insecurity of unemployment, the weariness of ill health, the pain of isolation - all these can make us feel very alone in the midst of the celebrating and spending. We need the space and time to acknowledge our sadness and concern. We need to know that we are not alone.

Our spirits sink as the days grow shorter. We feel the darkness growing deeper around us. We need encouragement to live the days ahead of us.

For these reasons, the

Broadway First Church of God, the West Liberty Christian Church, and the West Liberty Methodist Church are joining together to offer a special "Blue Christmas" service on Tuesday night, December 16, at 7:00 pm at the West Liberty Christian Church. Several pastors from the Morgan County Ministerial Association will be taking part. This will be the tenth year that the "Blue Christmas" service has been conducted in Morgan County.

Come out, and join 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.

Filings ...

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ballot for the office of Magistrate in District #5, for which Democrat Anthony Lykins has also filed.

Democrat incumbent Jarred Murphy is also seeking re-election as constable in District #4.

In federal offices, Republican Benjamin Hurley, of Phelps, Ky., has filed for the office of U.S. Representative in the Fifth Congressional District, joining incumbent Hal Rogers (R) and Ned Pillersdorf (D) on the ballot.

For U.S. Senate, Donald Wenzel will join Andy Barr, Jonathan M. Holliday and Jimmy I. Leon on the Republican ballot, while Joshua Blanton Sr. will join Logan Forsythe on the Democrat ballot.

The following is a complete listing of candidate filings for local, state and federal offices at press time:

Judge Executive
• Republicans - Jimmie

Gazay (incumbent), James David Green and Kenneth Kelly Bowman.

• Democrats - Walker Crase.
Sheriff
• Republicans - Kenneth Scarberry, Jeffrey Smith and Roger Benton.

• Democrats - Jon Paul Turner.

County Clerk
• Democrats - Randy Williams (incumbent).

Jailer
• Democrats - Lowell Adkins.

Property Valuation Administrator
• Democrats - Darby Franklin (incumbent).

Coroner
• Democrats - Shawn Van-cleave (incumbent).

County Surveyor
• Democrats - Joseph Curd (incumbent).

Magistrate, District #1
• Democrats - Eric Pelfrey (incumbent).

Magistrate, District #2
• Republicans - Fredrick Hutchinson.

Magistrate, District #3
• Republicans - Tommy Fannin (incumbent).

Magistrate, District #4
• Democrats - Brandon Evans (incumbent).

Magistrate, District #5
• Republicans - Byron Risner and Joseph Howard.
• Democrats - Anthony Lykins.

Constable, District #4
• Democrats - Jarred Murphy (incumbent).

Constable, District #5
• Democrats - Ricky Stamp-er (incumbent).

District Judge, 37th Dist.
• Nonpartisan - Rupert Wilhoit (incumbent).

State Representative 99th District
• Republicans - Richard Lee White (incumbent).

State Senator, 30th Dist.
• Republicans - Brandon D. Smith (incumbent) and Billy Wesley.

U.S. Representative Fifth Congressional Dist.
• Republicans - Hal Rogers (incumbent) and Benjamin

Indicted ...

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persistent felony offender (first degree).

EDITOR'S NOTE
An indictment is not proof of guilt, but merely an allegation that a crime has been committed.

Hurley.
• Democrats - Ned Pillersdorf.

U.S. Senator
• Republicans - Andy Barr, Jonathan M. Holliday, Jimmy I. Leon and Donald Wenzel.

• Democrats - Logan Forsythe and Joshua Blanton Sr.

Additional Information
The filing deadline for candidates is 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2026. For additional information contact County Clerk Randy Williams at 743-3949 or visit his office in the county government building at 450 Prestonsburg St.

Suit ...

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with others.

• Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; over two grams of methamphetamine), while allegedly in possession of a firearm and in complicity with others.

• Trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; heroin), while allegedly in possession of a firearm and in complicity with others.

The suit states that Jenkins was not in possession of any illegal items, however.

Subsequent testimony led to the dismissal of all charges against Jenkins, who had pleaded not guilty but was incarcerated for a total of 11 months (seven in county jail and four under house arrest) as a result of the incident.

Claims cited against defen-

dants in the suit include the following:

• Malicious prosecution.
• False imprisonment.
• Municipal liability.
• Negligent training and supervision.

• Intentional infliction of emotional distress.

In addition to loss of liberty, Jenkins is also seeking compensatory damages to be determined at trial for financial damages, loss of property use (vehicle), emotional distress and mental health damages, relationship loss (18 years), homelessness, loss of employment opportunities, reputational harm, and pain and suffering.

Jenkins is also seeking punitive damages against Officer Brown - as well as an injunction requiring West Liberty Police Department and the City of West Liberty to implement proper training and supervision of officers regarding constitu-


tional limitations of on traffic stops, searches and seizures, and the establishment of policies and procedures to prevent similar constitutional violations in the future.

Other relief requested in the suit include Jenkins' attorney fees and costs incurred in bringing the lawsuit, and such other relief as the court deems just and proper.

Officer Brown has not been employed by West Liberty Police Department since June 16, 2024, at which time he accepted a position at another agency.

City Attorney Daniel Frederick told the Courier that the city denies all allegations as to its conduct, but declined to comment further on the matter at this time.

The suit, 2025-CI-00159, can be viewed at the Circuit Clerk Geannie Wright's office in the Morgan County Judicial Center.



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PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Pamela Frisby to Jonathan Martling - Tract 2: Beginning at a set stone at Mulberry Branch near Dennie Oney and D.H. Perry's line. \$750.

• Shawn D. Lykins to Beverly Newsom - 1 acre more or less on Hwy. 191 near line of H.C. Prater. \$15,000.

• Jami L. Runyon and Anthony Lee Price to Anthony Lee Price and Rustina Ann Taylor - 0.33 acre more or less lying on south side of State Route 191, 0.9 miles south of intersection U.S. Route 460, property address 892 Hwy. 191, West Liberty, Ky. \$47,722.66.

• Brian Scarberry and John Hammonds to Mark S. Campbell and Maria Campbell - Starting at a driveway west a corner of property on Tony and Pam Hill

line. \$39,000.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

• Natasha Marie Lewis, 31, of West Liberty, Ky., daughter of Margie Evelyn Perry Stamper, to Zachary Wade Lewis, 35, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Pamela Sue Baker Lewis and Ernest Lewis Jr.

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil suits - Joshua Roseberry vs. Catherine Roseberry, Nov. 26; Tory Katelyn Frederick vs. Jason Clark Frederick, Dec. 2; Ray Jenkins vs. City of West Liberty et al, Dec. 4.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil suits - Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Sheila Holbrook, Nov. 28; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Melissa Preece, Nov. 27; Emily Johnson vs. Eric Harvey, Dec. 1; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC vs. Anthony R. Cantrell, Dec. 3.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Shaunaisha Burnley - operating on suspended/revoked operator's license - rescheduled Jan. 13, 2026.

Joshua Godwin - speeding

20 mph over limit - rescheduled March 3, 2026.

Braxton Hager, Wayne McKalyn - failure to produce insurance card - pleaded guilty, \$50.

Donna L. Hemphill - following another vehicle too closely, careless driving, no operator's/moped license - failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

Anthony Taylor Johnson - operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to surrender revoked operator's license - pre-trial conference April 21, 2026.

Shawn Wayne Keaton - no/ expired registration plates, no motorcycle operator's license, failure to comply with helmet law, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security - failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

Shawn Wayne Keaton - no/ expired registration plates, no/ expired Kentucky registration receipt, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security - failed to appear; bench warrant issued.

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