

'Black Appalachia' Wins 2026 Thomas D. Clark Medallion

Staff Report

Black Appalachia: Race, Place, and Identity, published by the University Press of Kentucky, has been named the winner of the 2026 Thomas D. Clark Medallion, one of Kentucky's top literary honors.

The award is presented annually by the Thomas D. Clark Foundation to recognize books that contribute to a greater understanding of Kentucky's history, culture and people.

Edited by Cicero M. Fain III, Sheena Harris Hayes, Wilburn Hayden Jr. and William H. Turner, Black Appalachia brings together the work of more than 25 scholars, writers and artists to examine the history, culture and experiences of Black people throughout Appalachia.

The collection explores migration, discrimination, community, memory and artistic expression while highlighting Black Appalachian

contributions to music, poetry, photography, foodways and the arts.

The book follows Blacks in Appalachia, published in 1985, which helped bring national attention to the experiences and contributions of Black Appalachians.

“To have Black Appalachia: Race, Place, and Identity placed in the same pantheon as Dr. Thomas D. Clark is deeply meaningful,” Turner said. “The award affirms both the

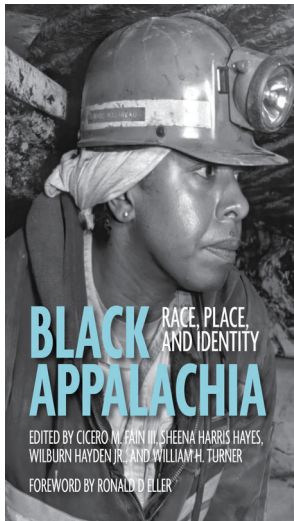
scholarship of the book and, more importantly, the lives, histories, and communities at its center.”

Thomas D. Clark was Kentucky's Historian Laureate and a founder of the University Press of Kentucky.

The annual medallion named in his honor

includes a \$1,500 prize.

The University Press of Kentucky is the Commonwealth's statewide nonprofit scholarly publisher and publishes works focusing on Kentucky, the Ohio Valley, the Upper South and Appalachia.



Maker's Monday

September 14th - 5:00 PM

Paper Crafting: Learn Quilling

Learn the art of paper quilling and create a unique paper craft.

No registration required
All ages welcome

September 21st - 5:00 PM

Beaded Potted Plant Class

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Ages 16 and up

September 28th - 5:00 PM

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Just Plane Good Ol' Boys

City of Morgantown, KY Ordinance 2026-04 Property Tax 2026

An Ordinance assessing and levying the 2026 Annual Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Property with the City of Morgantown, Kentucky;

Whereas, the property assessment for property within the City of Morgantown, Kentucky has been certified as follows:

Real Property: \$133,750,200

Tangible Personal Property: \$52,549,349

Now be it ordained by the City of Morgantown, Kentucky that:

Section 1: Property Tax Rate

There is levied for the year 2026 an ad valorem tax of .0087 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of all taxable real property within the jurisdiction, and an ad valorem tax of .0087 per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all tangible personal property within the jurisdiction.

Section 2: Abandoned Urban Property

Pursuant to KRS 132.012, “abandoned urban property” means any vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in a predominantly developed urban area which has been vacant or unimproved for a period of at least one (1) year and which:

- Because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin infested, or otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons, it is unfit for its intended use; or
- By reason of neglect or lack of maintenance has become a place for the accumulation of trash and debris, or has become infested with rodents or other vermin; or
- Has been tax delinquent for a period of at least three (3) years; or
- Is located within a development area established under KRS 65.7049, 65.7051, and 65.7053

There shall be a classification of Real Property known as Abandoned Urban Property. The legislative body of the City of Morgantown shall levy a rate of taxation of \$1.50 per 100 dollars of value. The limitations set forth by KRS 132.027 shall not apply to the rate of taxation on Abandoned Urban Property.

Under KRS 92.305 the City of Morgantown reserves the right to levy a separate rate of taxation upon Abandoned Urban Properties. The responsibility of determining which properties are Abandoned Urban Property within the City shall be that of the Code Enforcement Board. A list of abandoned urban properties shall be furnished to the County Property Valuation Administrator prior to the date fixed for the annual assessment of real property within the county.

If a property classified as abandoned urban property is repaired, rehabilitated, or otherwise returned to productive use, the owner shall notify the City Administrator or Code Enforcement Officer, which shall, if it finds the property is no longer abandoned urban property, notify the property valuation administrator to strike the property from the list of abandoned urban properties.

No later than March 1 of each year, the City Administrator or Code Enforcement Officer shall send a registered letter to the owner(s) of each abandoned urban property, as those name(s) are listed in the records of the Property Valuation Administrator, a notice that this property has been classified as abandoned urban property. The owner of any abandoned urban property who believes that his, her, or its property has been incorrectly classified may appeal such classification to the Board of Adjustments. Such appeal shall be in writing and shall be made no later than April 1 of that year. The Board of Adjustments shall afford the owner the opportunity for a hearing. If the Board of Adjustments finds that the property was incorrectly classified as abandoned urban property, it shall cause the property to be removed from the list of properties so classified. The Board of Adjustments shall develop policies and procedures for conducting such appeals.

Section 3: Location

Property Taxes shall be paid to the Butler County Sheriff's Office located at Butler County Courthouse:

110 North Main St
Morgantown, KY 42261

Section 4: Penalty Schedule

The Butler County Sheriff will collect delinquent city taxes in the same manner used to collect delinquent county taxes in accordance with KRS 133.220, KRS 133.230 and KRS Chapter 134.

Section 6: Effective Passage

This ordinance becomes effective upon its passage and publication according to law. This ordinance is subject to all provisions of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Mayor Billy Phelps
Attest: Allie Lee, City Clerk

9/3/26

Super Crossword

FELINE FROM AFAR

ACROSS

1 More serious, as a matter

7 It's hidden by head hair

12 Quivered

20 Sure to succeed, as a proposition

21 Marisa of "Cyrus"

22 César Ritz or Conrad Hilton

23 Immediately

24 Of the hipbone

25 With great happiness

26 Start of a riddle

29 Breathe hard and fast

30 Seat of Kansas' Allen County

31 Whale like Shamu

35 Bouncer's age-verifying duty

39 — Park (site of Edison's lab)

41 Shock absorbers, of sorts

44 Riddle, part 2

47 Overly affected

48 Two, in Spain

49 Certain blood type, in brief

50 Quantity: Abbr.

51 Egyptian sun god

53 Fiber-yielding plant

56 Charlotte — (rich dessert)

58 Erwin of old films

61 Web portal since '95

62 Riddle, part 3

66 Mailed, e.g.

68 Pen name

70 Tiny, informally

71 Riddle, part 4

74 Really binges, briefly

77 Atlanta-to-Tampa dir.

78 Dog's tether

79 Edict

80 Expend all of

82 Lay (down)

83 84-Down of Bart Simpson

85 "Indubitably!"

87 Dazzling effects

91 End of the riddle

97 Signs up

98 Fishing line attachments

99 Private school

100 Personal manner

101 Chimney stuff

102 Skewed view

103 Riddle's answer

113 Egyptian carrier until 2021

116 Makes level

117 Disappear without —

118 Least narrow

119 Fix, as a bow

120 Papal crowns

121 Cutting parts of some cutting tools

122 Sulky states

123 Accompany for security

DOWN

1 Chew like a rat

2 Horror film director Eli

3 Emollient plant juice

4 Gold-winning skier Lindsey

5 Locked place where people solve puzzles to find the key

6 People staging old battles, say

7 Clown's leg lengthener

8 E. — (bacterium)

9 Lady friend, in France

10 On a slant

11 Small flute

12 Iota preceder

13 Do deep massage therapy on

14 And the like: Abbr.

15 Portion (out)

16 Ignored, informally

17 Pan topper

18 Sinuous fish

19 Parched

27 Egyptian sacred cross

28 Truckloads

32 Goes over, as old issues

33 Sevastopol natives, e.g.

34 Deputy: Abbr.

35 Hair TV cousin

36 Whoop-de-—

37 Co. VIP

38 Owns, to Shakespeare

39 L-P link

40 Mag VIPs

41 Big Mac base

42 Wombs

43 Fill with steam

45 Mag revenue sources

46 Cry to a baby who makes a boo-boo

52 Potentially offensive, in brief

53 Attacked aggressively

54 Business coll. subject

55 Repair

57 Neighbor of Nor. and Fin.

58 Dir. 45 degrees from 77-Across

59 "Madam Secretary" star

60 Perturb

62 Rig on a road

63 Panther

64 Med. insurers

65 "Ready Player One" co-star Sheridan

67 "J to — L-O!" (Lopez album)

69 Until now

72 Dots on ocean maps

73 Switch gears

75 Become less intense

76 In the current state

80 Land with a 50-star flag

81 Said "guilty" or "not guilty"

82 Apple discard

84 Bro's sibling

85 Hearty laugh

86 Three in "maximum"

88 "Botch- —" (1952 hit)

89 Pro — (for now)

90 Pigs' hangout

92 Makes an allusion to

93 Sneaker, e.g.

94 Horn honkers

95 A baker may wear a mitt to handle one

96 Longtime depilatory brand

101 Singer Patti or Sam

102 Greyhound transports

104 Deputy

105 Body part with a cap

106 Brooklyn Bridge's river

107 Legendary snow beast

108 Doing the task

109 — II (Gillette razor)

110 Starchy tropical root

111 Plug-in auto

112 Repose

113 Sit-up targets

114 Lyricist Gershwin

115 Seating tier

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