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Rotary Club set to host political forum April 9th

Join us for the West Liberty Rotary Club's Political Forum on Thursday, April 9, at the Morgan County Board of Education building.
Registration will be at 5:30 p.m., and the event will begin at 6 p.m.
All candidates have been invited to attend.
There is no charge for admission. A Cake/Pie auction will be held during the event.
Please take this opportunity to hear the platforms of your candidates.
Contact Rotarian Cheryl J. McGraw at 606-359-2719 for additional information.

Cave Run Area Habitat For Humanity Reaching Out To Local Communities

Housing Assistance Non-Profit Offers Services To Five Area Counties Including Morgan And Wolfe

By Miranda M. Cantrell

Cave Run Area Habitat For Humanity is reaching out to local residents as part of the organization's efforts to provide housing to those in need.

The Courier spoke with Cave Run Habitat Executive Director Ashley Gilliam, of Morehead, on Friday, Feb. 13, at the Hazel Green Food Project in Wolfe County prior to the pantry's Valentine's Day food distribution event.

Gilliam, a 2005 graduate of Morehead State University who assumed her current position in February 2025, was on hand to support volunteers and meet with patrons seeking information regarding housing assistance.

"I try to come here to help out as much as I can," Gilliam said. "As Habitat executive director, it's a way for me to talk to people who might need more information about our services."

Gilliam noted that Cave Run Habitat – whose 501(c)(3) umbrella encompasses Hazel Green Food Project – covers an extensive service area including Fleming, Menifee, Morgan, Rowan and Wolfe counties.

"We started out as Morehead Habitat for Humanity in 1989," Gilliam said. "Following the



Cave Run Area Habitat For Humanity Director Ashley Gilliam was at the Feb. 13 food distribution event at the Hazel Green Food Project facility.

tornadoes in 2012, we added Morgan and Menifee counties. There was a great need for housing in those areas. After that we became Cave Run Area Habitat for Humanity."

(The organization erected several homes in Morgan

Blood drive is slated for Thursday, Feb. 19, at W.L. Christian Church

LEXINGTON, Ky. – Kentuckians are encouraged to join the lifesaving team at Kentucky Blood Center this winter and become blood donors at this upcoming blood drive in your community.

The ultimate prize awaits those who join KBC's team of donors: assurance that local lives will be impacted from their donation. All donations with KBC stay local to support patients at more than 70 hospitals in Kentucky.

All good teams need a uniform, so in addition to the honor of helping a neighbor in need, those who give blood at this drive will receive a "Team Donor" long-sleeve shirt (while supplies last) – a nod to the 2026 Winter Olympics.

The Morgan County Community Blood Drive will be 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19 from 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., in the West Liberty Christian Church Fellowship Hall at 304 Prestonsburg St. in West Liberty.

Although winter conditions are a must for the Olympics, it's an obstacle for the lifesaving team at KBC. Winter weather can lead to drive cancellations and low donor turnout. Intentional, proactive donation from donors at community drives like this one ensures a healthy blood supply for local patients even when inclement weather strikes.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with pa-



Donors will receive this Olympic-themed long sleeve T-shirt while supplies last.

rental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health, show a photo I.D. and meet additional requirements. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule a donation, visit kybloodcenter.org or call 800.775.2522.

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State auditor releases 2024 audit of financial statement for Sheriff Motley

Receives clean report with no instances of non-compliance noted

FRANKFORT, Ky. – State Auditor Allison Ball today released the audit of the 2024 financial statement of Morgan County Sheriff Greg Motley.

State law requires the auditor to annually audit the accounts of each county sheriff.

In compliance with this law, the auditor issues two sheriff's reports each year: One reporting on the audit of the sheriff's tax account, and the other reporting on the audit of the fee account used to operate the office.

Auditing standards require the auditor's letter to communicate whether the financial statement presents fairly the receipts, disbursements, and

excess fees of the Morgan County Sheriff in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The sheriff's financial statement did not follow this format.

However, the sheriff's financial statement is fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting, which is an acceptable reporting methodology.

This reporting methodology is followed for all 120 sheriff audits in Kentucky.

The auditor noted no instances of noncompliance. The auditor also noted no matters involving internal control over financial reporting and its operation that were considered to be material weaknesses.

The sheriff's responsibilities include collecting property taxes, providing law enforce-

ment, and performing services for the county fiscal court and courts of justice.

The sheriff's office is funded through statutory commissions and fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The audit report can be found on the auditor's website at <https://www.auditor.ky.gov/Auditreports/Morgan/2024MorganFES-audit.pdf>

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