

Morgan Co. Retired Teachers Assn. holds annual meeting, elects officers

“Retired but forever a Teacher at Heart” is the current theme for the Morgan County Retired Teachers Association (MCRTA). The group met on July 14 at the UK Morgan County Extension Office, for its annual meeting.

Officers for 2026-2028 are: President – Joanne Blair; Vice President – Shane Markwell; Secretary – Mary Alice Oldfield; Treasurer- Jane Collett.

Special guest speaker was Mrs. Shelia Wilkinson, KRTA Health and Insurance Co-Chair of the state committee. She shared valuable information relating to retired teachers and the many benefits that KRTA does provide. Check out the website for all services.

Mrs. Shane Markwell, a recent retiree, received her Certificate of Appreciation from President Blair for her dedication and service to the teaching profession.

President Blair shared updates and activities for the coming year and term, including a fund-raiser, dessert auction via Facebook, for the scholarship fund.

She recognized past president, Jane Collett for her years of service by presenting her with a personally made “Barn” quilt.

She emphasized that our volunteer hours are important to the association and to keep a record of those. It will make a significant impact to our state ranking.

The next meeting of the association is Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at the Morgan County Public Library. Members are encouraged to attend.



Front row, left to right, Joanne Blair, Devra Kidd, Jane Collett, Sharon Collett; second row, Pam Hornbuckle, Marjorie Ratliff, Deborah Benton Mary Alice Oldfield, Shane Markwell.



LEFT: Shane Markwell, recent retiree, receives certificate of appreciation from President Blair. RIGHT: Sheila Wilkinson. KRTA representative, left, receives appreciation gift from President Blair.



Indicted ...

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grams of methamphetamine; two counts), persistent felony offender (first degree).

7.) Angela Nicole Flannery, 30, of Mize, Ky. – trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; over two grams of methamphetamine; two counts), trafficking in a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; fentanyl), persistent felony offender; second degree).

8.) Charles Adkins, 39, of West Liberty, Ky. – possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; fentanyl).

9.) Austin W. Workman, 27, of Campton, Ky. – Assault (second degree).

10.) Mark Edward Reed, 45, of West Liberty, Ky. – Driving on DUI-suspended license (third offense), persistent felony offender (first degree).

11.) Jackie Allen Keeton, 37, of West Liberty, Ky. – Possession of a controlled substance (first degree; methamphetamine), public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Editor’s Note

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

Arrested ...

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Additionally, the subjects were further discovered to be utilizing fraudulent Social Security numbers and fraudulent U.S. Department of Homeland Security-assigned Social Security numbers.

The subjects were also discovered to be utilizing multiple aliases, and to have multiple arrests and active warrants under fraudulent names.

WLPD Detective Micheal Williams noted the far-reaching impact of these crimes.

“Fraudulent acts related to these investigations not only affected United States citizens,” Williams said. “They also affected foreign nationals going through citizenship processes, and those in the country under work visas. The use of identifications when conducting financial transactions is governed in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, as well as the U.S. Bank Secrecy Act and the U.S. Patriot Act.”

Additional Information

Anyone with information regarding criminal activity is urged to contact West Liberty Police Department at 606-743-4385.

Show ...

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tucky Mountain Saddle horse, Mountain Pleasure and other open Mountain Horse classes.

For additional information, contact Show Manager Langley Franklin at 606-794-0350. The show bill also appears on the Rocky Mountain Horse Association website.

Regular Classes

1. Lead Line (Awards To All - NO ENTRY FEE)
2. Open Mountain Horse On Halter (Any Breed)
3. RMHA Trail Pleasure Mares & Geldings
4. KMSH Open Classic Pleasure
5. Open Mountain Horse Trail Pleasure



Bell at Hazel Green Academy.

Alumni And Friends Of Hazel Green Academy To Meet On HGA Campus For Annual Reunion Aug. 8-9

Alumni and Friends of Hazel Green Academy will once again gather on the HGA campus for their annual reunion on Saturday, August 8, 2026, with the auditorium, Administration Building and Jot-em-Down Store being open.

On Saturday at 7:00 PM, there will be a fish fry on the campus. There will be entertainment provided during this time and lots of memories shared of the school on the hill.

Come and ring the bell once again on the hill. Take a stroll through the Administration Building and see the work that

has been done on the building.

Everyone, please contact your classmates and their family about this gathering.

Friends of the school are also encouraged to attend this event. Come and let us fellowship with one another.

On Sunday, August 9, 2026, at 11:00 AM a memorial service will held be held at the Hazel Green Christian Church with a dinner afterwards.

Contact Roy (Rita) Rogers (606-634-5734) (rrogers@mrtc.com) for more information or if you have any questions.

Fest ...

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fee; 50/50 split of the pot), kids’ Power Wheels race, raffle entry with purchase of admission, fireworks (will begin at 10 p.m.), an outdoor movie (provided by Morgan County Public Library) and free inflatables all night (provided by Sandra Dye of The Six Oh Six LLC), and many more kids’ activities!

Morgan County native Goble Cantrell will be performing live from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Raffle prizes will include the following:

- Case knife (\$60) value from Ace Hardware of Morehead.
- Car wash bucket from Advance Auto of Morehead.
- Care care kit from Advance Auto of West Liberty.
- Day of fishing for two from Bishop’s Paylake located at Ditney Ridge in West Liberty.
- Massage gift card from Bluegrass Bodyworks of Morehead.
- Ariat pocket knife (\$45 value) from the Boot Ranch of Morehead.
- Gift card for \$50 from Cattleman’s Roadhouse of Morehead.
- 24-hour slingshot rental from Cave Run Slingshot of Morehead.
- Four view level or two terrace line tickets to a Cincinnati Reds baseball game from the Cincinnati Reds.
- Four passes to the Cincinnati Zoo (\$128 value) from the Cincinnati Zoo.
- Random fishing tackle from Crash’s Landing of Morehead.
- Two tickets to the Creation Museum (\$120 value) in Hebron, Ky.
- Monetary donation from First Federal Savings and Loan of Morehead.
- Six 3-piece tender meal gift cards from Huey Magoo’s of Morehead.
- Four tickets to Kentucky Kingdom (\$220 value) in Louisville.
- Two boxes of 45 Colt ammo (\$90 value) from Kentucky Pawn and Guns of Morehead.
- Four passes to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory (\$101 value) in Louisville.
- One free pepperoni pizza from Melini’s of Morehead.
- A \$25 gift certficiate from Mr. Gatti’s of Morehead.
- A 1/2 inch ratchet/socket set from O’Reilly’s Auto Parts of Morehead.
- A \$150 gift certificate from the Outlaw Beauty Bar (Callie Perkins) of Morehead.
- Three gift certificates from The Pizza Place of West Liberty.
- A \$25 gift certificate from Pop’s Barbecue of Morehead.
- A \$25 gift certificate from Reno’s of Morehead.
- One free night at Stay on the Edge of Salt Lick.
- A free facial from The Lakehouse (\$60 value) of

Morehead.

- A \$30 gift certificate from Thoroughbred Express Car Wash of Morehead.
- A 52-piece socket set from Wholesale Auto Parts of Morehead.
- Game cards from Xtreme Arcade of Elizabethtown.
- Eighteen holes of golf (x2) from Pleasant Valley Country Club of West Liberty.
- Blue guitar (Squier Bullet by Fender) from Morgan Gun and Pawn of West Liberty.
- A \$100 gift voucher from Cave Run Motorsports of Morehead.
- A \$200 gift voucher from Cave Run Motorsports of Morehead.
- A load of #57 gravel x2 from Hinkle of West Liberty.
- A 55-inch television from Walmart of Morehead.
- A gun cabinet from Tractor Supply of Grayson.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Blackwater, Caney Valley, White Oak, Hwy. 172 and Hwy. 519 fire departments, and the Morgan County Rescue Squad.

Everyone is invited to join us for this special event! Bring your family! We can’t do it without you! Thank you for helping us to continue serving and protecting our community!

For additional information, visit the Morgan County, Ky Emergency Management Facebook page or contact Raven Perry at 606-495-7650.

THANK YOU FOR READING THE LICKING VALLEY COURIER

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS MORGAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT MORGAN COUNTY REGIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICES AND TRAINING CENTER PROJECT

The Morgan County Fiscal Court will be accepting statements of qualifications for the Morgan County Regional Emergency Services and Training Center Project for professional Architectural/Engineering services. Firms interested in applying should visit <https://gwadd.org/rfps-public-input/> or contact Benjamin Birchfield at (606) 780-0090, ext. 2201 or email Benjamin.birchfield@ky.gov for the full Request for Qualifications. Statements of qualifications must be received by 3:30 PM local time by Thursday, August 6th, 2026.

The Morgan County Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject any and all responses, to waive any technicalities, and to negotiate with the respondent who most nearly meets the project requirements. The Morgan County Fiscal Court is not responsible or liable for any costs incurred by the consultants replying to this request. The Morgan County Fiscal Court is an equal opportunity employer and encourages responses from all qualified firms. Kentucky Relay Service for the hearing and speech impaired: 1-800-648-6056.

HOMECOMING

August 2nd is Homecoming at the Lakeview Community Church. We would love to invite you to come and celebrate 27 years of God’s blessing.

The McKinney’s will be the special singers. Pastor Eddie Dennison will bring a message. Several of the congregation will share their stories of Lakeview Church. There will be a wonderful meal that only the great cooks of the Lakeview Church can serve.

A lot of fun and exciting things are being planned for this special service. Let’s all celebrate the thrill of looking back to where Lakeview came from and looking forward to what God wants us to become. We hope to see you Sunday, August 2, at 11 :00 a.m.

The church is located on 581 Cave Run Lake Road, Salt Lick, Kentucky.

