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Morgan students named to Dean’s List at ECU

RICHMOND, Ky., Aug. 11 — Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) has announced the recipients of the Dean’s List, Dean’s Award and President’s Award for the Spring 2026 semester.

Morgan County students named to the Dean’s List were Jenna Briley Evans, and Paris Delissa Jordan.

Morgan County students Emma Grace Landsaw and Jenna Briley Evans were also selected to receive ECU’s President’s Award.

The President’s Award was established to recognize outstanding academic achievement, earned by full-time undergraduate students who attain a 4.0 GPA for the semester.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION MORGAN COUNTY BUSINESSES

If you operate a business in Morgan County, you may be subject to occupational tax. If you currently do not have an occupational tax account number, the application is available on the county’s website (<https://morgan-countyfiscalcourt.us/>). You may also call the Morgan County Judge Executive’s Office at 606.743.3897 for further information or to request an application form..

UK

Cooperative
Extension Service

Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development
Morgan County - RE55392
Deadline: 8/28/2026
BS required
<https://ukjobs.uky.edu/postings/643152>

The University of Kentucky is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from minorities and women.

GATEWAY BOARD MEETING

The Gateway Community Action Agency Bi-Monthly Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at the Clark Energy Building, located at 28 Bible Camp Ln, Frenchburg, KY 40322, Menifee County. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

The public is invited to attend.

The Bi-Monthly Board agenda may be viewed on the Gateway website, under the events tab.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

“The Morgan County Extension District’s most recent audit and adopted budget can be viewed anytime on the Department for Local Government’s Public Portal website. If you would like to view our most recent financial statement, please visit us at our home office located at 1002 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472 during our normal office hours of Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm EDT, closed for lunch, noon – 1 pm EDT. This ad was paid for by Morgan County Extension office dollars.”

[http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/Per KRS 65A.080\(2\)](http://kydlgweb.ky.gov/Per KRS 65A.080(2))

Public
Notice

PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 20th day of August 2026 that Catherine Walters has been appointed as the administrator of the Tommie Oldfield Jr. 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.

Catherine Walters
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Owingsville, KY 40360
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Louisville, KY 40202
C-8-27-26

Sparrow’s Nest

By Sandra Carpenter

SILAS AND BIG BERTHA (FARM TRACTOR)

Come on Bertha, Silas pleaded. Just a little farther, girl. But this time, Bertha wasn't going any farther.

Old Silas had Bertha for a long time. She had always been good to him and had been right there by his side through many a long farmer's day.

She had proudly crawled across the fields, pulled the old hay wagon full of children in the fall, and putt-putted her way to the old country store. She had set out front while Silas visited with the other farmers and listened to more farmer tales than anyone could count.

Bertha had worked those fields year after year. Then, late one evening coming up Grassy Lick she gave a sputter. Silas gave her a little encouragement. Come on, Bertha, you can do it. Just a little farther.

Bertha tried with all her will but had decided it was time to rest. Right there beside the old fence where the crows called home.

Silas crawled down and stood beside her. He knew Bertha well enough to know that this time was different. Her road had finally come to an end. He laid his hand on her faded hood and looked around.

From where Bertha sat, she could see the old barn, the pond, the chicken coop, the farmhouse, and the fields she had traveled more times than Silas could remember. Silas gave her hood one last pat. You picked yourself a mighty fine place to rest ole girl. And that's where Bertha stayed.

At the end of the road she rested. Surrounded by everything she had worked hard for and loved. Every morning when Silas rose out of bed he went to the window to look out at ole Bertha and recall all the good times spent and all the good she had done.

Hope you enjoyed this little story of Silas and Bertha. I'm sure many farmers can recall their time of sitting on the old farm tractor working and providing for their families.

Hopefully one day ole Bertha will be restored and the memories live on.

Blessings on your Journey!

Community Bulletin Board

West Liberty Recovery Meetings Are Listed

The following is listing of West Liberty Recovery meetings:

- **NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS (NA)** – Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., Morgan County ARH Hospital.
- **CELEBRATE RECOVERY (CR)** – Thursdays at 6 p.m., West Liberty Methodist Church.
- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS (AA)** – Fridays at 6 p.m., Index Community Building.

All are welcome! Join us for support, healing and hope.

County tourism cmte. monthly meetings

The Morgan County Tourism Committee will meet at 5 p.m. the last Wednesday of every month at the County Government Building at 450 Prestonsburg St.. The public is invited to attend.

E. Valley Elem. Advisory Council meeting sched.

East Valley Advisory Council will meet every other month at 8:15 a m in the Family Resource Center at East Valley Elementary. Everyone is welcome to attend. The dates are as follows: September 10, November 12, January 14, March 11, and May 13. Dates are subject to change. TF

Airport Board to meet first Tuesday of month

The West Liberty-Morgan County Airport Board meets the first Tuesday of each month upstairs City Hall located at 565 Main St., in West Liberty. TF

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Morgan County Board of Education
Proposed Tax Notification

The Morgan County Board of Education is proposing a general fund tax levy of 62.9 cents +.4 exonerations equaling 63.3 on real property and 63.2 cents + .4 exonerations equaling 63.6 on personal property. This proposal does not raise the tax rate and will remain the same as last year.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 63.3 cents on real property and 63.6 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$2,667,973.94. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 63.3 cents on real property and 63.6 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$2,824.639.20. Of this amount, \$588,309.92 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 62.3 cents+.4 exonerations equaling 62.7 on real property and 62.3 cents +.4 exonerations equaling 62.7 on personal property and is expected to produce \$2,795,204.72.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$156,665.26 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated as follows: instruction, \$156,665.26.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

NOTICE OF MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION PROPERTY SALE BY SEALED BID

The Morgan County Extension District Board is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of a vacant lot located at 110 Court Street, West Liberty, Kentucky. This property was the former site of the Morgan County Extension office that was destroyed in the 2012 tornado located in front of the Morgan County Health Department.

Sealed bids must be received no later than **4:30 p.m. EST on Monday, August 31, 2026**, and should be delivered in person or via US Postal Service and/or courier to:

**MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
1002 PRESTONSBURG ST.
WEST LIBERTY, KY 41472**

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"Property Bid – 110 Court Street"** and include **the bidder's name, address, telephone number, email address and bid amount.** The Extension office is open Monday – Friday, 8am – 4:30 pm EST, closed for lunch from noon – 1:00 pm EST.

Terms and Conditions:

- The property is being sold **AS-IS, WHERE-IS**, with no warranties expressed or implied.
- Full payment is due within 14 days of notification of acceptance.
- The seller reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities in the bidding process.
- The successful bidder is responsible for all costs associated with transfer, removal, transportation, or closing.

THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026 BETWEEN 4 PM – 6 PM EST AT THE 110 COURT STREET LOCATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT SARAH FANNIN, COUNTY EXTENSION DIRECTOR AT (606) 743-3292 OR [SFANNIN@UKY.EDU](mailto:sfannin@uky.edu).

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Morgan Central PTCO meetings scheduled

Morgan Central Elementary School PTCO meetings will be the third Monday of the month at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria. Meetings are open to the public.

East Valley Elem. Site Base meetings slated

East Valley Elementary’s regularly scheduled Site-Base Decision Making meetings will be the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m., in the school’s conference room.

Republican Party mtgs. first Thurs. of month

The Morgan County Republican Party meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the upstairs council room at City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

Morgan Central SBDM Council meetings

Morgan Central Elementary School SBDM meetings will be the third Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Thank you. TF

Wrigley SBDM Council meetings

Wrigley Elementary SBDM Council meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. TF

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 to attend.

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