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Caney Valley News

By Tracey Hatton

Hello again from Caney Valley! "This Little Light of Mine, I am going to let it Shine."

A neighborly hello to Melissa and Jerry Daniels. I had the privilege of working with Melissa while I was at Morgan Central and she was one of the head start teachers at Morgan Central. I have now retired and she is on leave, we have not seen each other as much as we did. She would join us in prayer most mornings.

We have been in church with Melissa and Jerry. They are a wonderful Christian couple that love and serve the Lord. There are times that health issues sometimes can get in the way of plans that people make. Please remember them in prayer. We had a wonderful visit with them recently. It was so nice to share some time with them. I think their little dog enjoyed the visit as well.

Here we are in the first week of September. The ninth month of 2026. Where did summer go? There have been several people asking where did sum-

mer go and wasn't it a hot one. In saying that, the gardens have done their due. Households have enjoyed their harvest.

This garden crop is DONE. This crop will not return! The seed was planted, it was watered, it grew, it produced, it was picked, it was processed, it was eaten and that was the bountiful 2026 supply. When the garden is prepared for the next season, it will have new seeds that will be planted after the ground is prepared.

As a comparison, there are several verses in the Bible that our life is compared to. In the book of James, a vapor, in the book of Isaiah and the book of Psalms compares our lives to grass and wildflowers, in the book of Job, a shadow. We will not live forever on this earth. It will behoove you to be ready to have Jesus in your heart.

In the book of Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

It is like a garden, it was there for a season and now gone. The time of accepting Jesus was at hand, the moment of your visitation had been presented to you at some time or another and undoubtedly you

years old.

Clyde was in his usual seat on the porch when Mr. Cole carried the letter out to him.

Neither said a word. Clyde recognized the handwriting on the letter. Shaking, he unfolded the paper, read the first line, then he stopped.

Tears filled his eyes as he slightly lowered his head. The postmaster asked if everything was alright? Clyde nodded. "He said he was sorry."

For 41 years Clyde had believed his brother had simply walked away and never looked back. But there it was, written in his brother's handwriting.

Virgil had been sorry and had written home to say he was. But they never received the letter. At the bottom of the page was an address. Clyde folded the letter in his pocket. Next morning when Mr. Cole opened the store, Clyde was waiting with a letter of his own to mail out. Two weeks passed, then three, then four weeks. Clyde kept coming back everyday, sitting in the same chair in the same corner of the porch.

One evening while sitting on the store porch, he heard footsteps coming across the old floor boards. Clyde didn't pay any attention. Then the footsteps stopped. Clyde looked up; an elderly man stood a few feet away. Gray hair, stooped shoulders, there was something about him that he recognized. Clyde stood slowly from his chair, the old man's eyes filled with tears; neither could say a word. Forty-one years of hurt, regret, and longing. They grabbed one another and held on as if they could make up for

remember when the Lord was dealing with your heart. When your last breath was drawn and your life has now succumbed to death and you did not make it right with the Lord, your harvest passed, never to be no more.

Your choice has been decided and now your salvation has passed. These words are so important. Your salvation from the Lord is the most important choice and decision that you will ever make. If you think not, you are kidding no one but yourself. I will tell you this: SALVATION IS NO JOKE!

In John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

God loved each one of us that much, that Jesus died for you and for me. Think about your life: a flower, the grass, a vapor, or a harvest, it is here for a little while then GONE. It is time to be serious, it is time to be saved. If Jesus is dealing with your heart, DO NOT TURN HIM AWAY.

Happy spiritual birthday to those who celebrated this past week.

Happy birthday to those who celebrated this past week.

Happy anniversaries to those who celebrated this past week.

Wedding congratulations to Katelyn and Cade Frederick, and Kylee and Zach Walker.

Retirement congratulations to Mrs. Elaine Prater. She was a faithful employee at Mountain Telephone.

Condolences are extended to the family of James Gaylan.

In Remembrance

Berchlene Henry, Jim Sparks, Clara McClees, Ricky Davis, Bro. George Oney, Tommy Vest, Brenda Vest, Lexi Adams, Oedith Wright, Bill Gullett, Rodney O'Neal, Chalmer Gibson, Fairley Smith, Bill Dehart, Barbaratine Perry, Paula Hill, Jean May, Panzie Keeton, Carl Dean Smith, Russell Williams, Caneisha Adkins, Daryl Whitt, Rose Ison, Clyde Keeton, Roger Fannin, Walter Whitaker, Toney Burton, Gordon Stewart, Greg Hamilton, Chuck Woodhouse, Donnie Allen, Barbara Spradlin, Dolores Lansing, Gene Neff, Betty Goodpaster, Bill Phipps, Jeanette Hammons, Gene Harper, Larry Evans, Emerson Williams, Pat May, Dakota Rose jr., Kennedy Turner, Wanda Holbrook, MG Keeton and Wayne Fraley.

Additional Thoughts

Christians, we have a mandate: we all can "DO BETTER SOULS ARE AT STAKE." Let your light shine for the Lord. Let your conversation be seasoned with salt. Be the hands and feet of Jesus. These are not mere words. These are ACTIONS!

Doesn't it make you want to cry? Folks, don't hold unforgiveness in your hearts. It will steal your joy, peace. It's like poison and if you hold it inside of you it can harm your body. You will not have inner peace.

Choose forgiveness. To not forgive is not worth the price you may end up paying; let go and let God come in to heal you. God forgives those who forgive others.

Ask God for forgiveness, seek forgiveness from those you have wronged, forgive those who have wronged you, forgive yourself.

Blessings on your journey!

all the lost years. Two brothers finally reunited. Hearts mended. And a lifetime to catch upon. FORGIVENESS.

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Public Notice

PROBATE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given this 31st day of August 2026 that Sherry Fannin and Lynn Potter have been appointed as the administratrix of the Bazie Dulen 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 later than six (6) months from the date of publication.

Sherry Fannin
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West Liberty, KY 41472

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70 Straight Creek Rd.
West Liberty, KY 41472

Hon. Steve O'Connor
520 Prestonsburg St.
West Liberty, KY 41472

C-9-3-26

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..

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

Notice to Bidders

Bulk Granular De-icing Salt

FY 2026-27

Sealed bids will be received by the Morgan County Fiscal Court at the Morgan County Judge Executive's Office located at 1412 Highway 7, West Liberty, KY 41472 Monday through Friday until September 30, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Bids may be mailed or hand-delivered, or they may be presented in person at the September 30th fiscal court meeting. All bids must be signed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked 'Salt Bid'.

Bids will be opened and read publicly in the Morgan County Fiscal Courtroom, 450 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472 on September 30, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Requirements:

- 150 tons bulk granular de-icing salt (estimated), delivered to the Morgan County Road Dept.
- County guarantees minimum purchase of 80% of estimated total
- Contractor agrees to provide up to 120% of estimated total at bid price
- Morgan County Fiscal Court reserves the right to:
- Utilize additional information contained within any response;
- Waive irregularities in any response; and
- Reject any or all responses.

All bulk salt vendors, including women, minority, and veteran-owned businesses are encouraged to submit a bid.

Morgan County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. Morgan County Fiscal Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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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.

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