

Festival ...

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rising country music artist and former American Idol contestant Layla Spring, on Saturday, Sept. 26.

Don Rigsby has released numerous solo bluegrass albums in addition to his work with J.D. Crowe and the New South, the Lonesome River Band, Longview, Rock County, Midnight Call and Flashback.

Additionally, Rigsby has received multiple International Bluegrass Music Awards, as well as the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music's Song of the Year award for his song "Empty Old Mailbox" in 2001.

Rigsby will be supported by special guest Kevin Denney, a country and bluegrass artist from Monticello, Ky., who has written songs for Craig Morgan, Easton Corbin and Tracy Byrd, and also achieved his own Billboard Top 20 single with "That's Just Jessie" in 2002.

Rigsby's and Denney's music can be found on all streaming platforms.

Layla Spring, a native of Lebanon, Ky., was a finalist on American Idol in 2018, and was voted back onto the show in 2020.

Throughout her career, Spring performed alongside several notable country artists, including Sugarland, LeAnn Rimes, Montgomery Gentry, Colt Ford, Easton Corbin, Exile and Terri Clark.

Spring's single, "Another You" can be found on all streaming platforms.

Event Co-Chair and Music Chair Grant Sorrell said that all musical performances will be atop the parking garage adjacent to Commercial Bank this year.

The following is a complete listing of this year's music schedule:

Friday, Sept. 25
It's Bluegrass Friday!

- 1-1:45 p.m. – Lundie Wright Jamming to the Oldies.
- 2-3 p.m. – Middle Run Grass.
- 3:30-4:30 p.m. – Dreyden Gordon and the Ridge Runners.
- 4:45-5:45 p.m. – Blue Debut.
- 6:15-7:15 p.m. – Silver Dollar Band.
- 7:45-9 p.m. – Don Rigsby and the Fly-By Knights. With very special guest Kevin Denney.

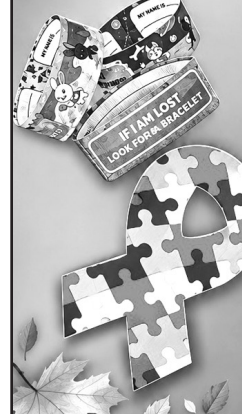
Saturday, Sept. 26
• 9:45-10:15 a.m. – Goble Cantrell.

- 10:30-11:30 a.m. – Ran-



West Liberty Police

- Attention Parents and Guardians -



Dear parents, guardians & visitors ,

At this years annual Sorghum Festival the West Liberty Police Department will be providing free lost and found bracelets for child identification and stickers for autism identification . Our officers and local emergency personnel will have these bracelets and stickers with them during the festival events , just ask for one !

Bracelets and Stickers will also be located at the Festival Committee booth and ambulance locations around the festival tent.

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- Break for parade.
- 2:15-3 p.m. – Justin Lee Harris.
- 3:15-4:15 p.m. – Plum Rotten.
- 4:30-5:30 p.m. – Fletcher Stone.
- 6:30-7:35 p.m. – Long-shot.
- 8-9:30 p.m. – Layla Spring, rising country music artist and American Idol contestant.

Sunday, Sept. 27

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. – Gospel and worship music brought to you by the Morgan County Ministerial Association.

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In other festival news, the Morgan County High School Cougar football team will play the Iroquois High School Raiders in the Sorghum Bowl, which is slated for 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, at Don McKenzie Field on the MCHS campus.

This year's Sorghum Queen, to be selected by popular vote of the MCHS student body, will be crowned at half time. The candidates will be announced in the Courier next week.

The Morgan County Extension Office will be hosting a home lawn/business decoration contest. The deadline to enter was Wednesday, Sept., 16, with judging to take place on Friday, Sept. 18.

For additional information about the law decoration contest, contact the Morgan County Extension

Office at 606-743-3292.

Sorghum Festival Committee Members

Executive Committee – Chairman Walker Crase, Co-Chair Grant Sorrell, Treasurer Ashley Lykins and Secretary Kristi Gullett.

Board Members – Henrietta McKinney, Judy Townsend and Leona Cantrell.

Chair Members – Grant Sorrell (music), Liz Conley (advertising/Facebook), Troy and Sandra Dye (food booths), Ashlee Mason (crafters' booths), Troy Dye (porta-potties), Kristi Gullett (souvenir booth), Danny Townsend (sorghum sales), Helen Lewis (country store), Walker Crase and Dannel McKinney (parade), Kim Lane (food preservation), Lacy May (sorghum growers), Kyle Risner (city representative), Martha Lewis and Mary Standafer, Hannah Lykins (youth member) and Brenley Gullett and Jaxen Sorrell (social media).

Additional Information

For additional information regarding the Sorghum Festival, contact City Hall at 606-743-3330, or visit the Morgan County Sorghum Festival Facebook page or the website <https://www.morgancountysorghumfestival.com>.



Area Ladies Enjoy Birthday Celebration

A birthday gathering was held on Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Morgan County Wellness Center honoring Jerry Nell Bradley, Betty Jo Blanton Kester, Garnett Spencer, Arlene Ison and Shirley Trusty. All of their birthdays occur July through September. Noticeably absent but remembered fondly from this fun group of ladies were Paula Hill and Doris Oldfield (both deceased). Thank you to the Index community Church Women's Group for assisting with side dishes. Thank you to Todd Bailey, Brenda Lyons Adams, and Deanna Hill Barton for providing the chicken and birthday cake. Thank you to those who attended. A wonderful time was had by all.

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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rooms saw an uptick in severe, life-threatening injuries, many of which required blood.

Fall blood drives like this one in your community are important to restock hospital shelves. Because blood cannot be manufactured, the health of the local blood supply relies entirely on the generosity of Kentucky donors.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental 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.

KBC, the largest independent, full-service, non-profit blood center in Kentucky, has been saving local lives since 1968.



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CLASS OF 1961

65TH CLASS REUNION

SORGHUM FESTIVAL FRIDAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

AT 12:00 NOON

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PLEASANT VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

COME ENJOY BJ'S GREAT COOKING

(DUTCH TREAT)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

BINA SUE KERSEY ADKINS @ 606 743-3801



ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Friday, September 18, 2026

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon where you can create a 8" x 8" fall pumpkin embroidery stitched wood sign craft! All supplies and materials are provided.

