

Morgan County Extension Newsletter



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Fannin Chosen for County Extension Director Position, Ag & FCS Agent Positions to be Filled Soon

The University of Ky Cooperative Extension Service and Morgan County Extension District Board have announced the transition of long-time county extension agent Sarah Fannin to the role of Morgan County Extension Director (CED). The position was effective January 15th.

As County Extension Director, Fannin will provide leadership for all aspects of the UK Cooperative Extension Service in the county.

Duties of the Director include:

- overseeing quality extension educational programming,
- supervising Extension educators/agents and staff,
- directing fiscal accountability, &
- ensuring that all youth and adults have access to Extension programs in Morgan County.

UK Extension Human Resources are currently reviewing applications for the vacant positions of Extension Agents for Agriculture & Natural Resources and for Family & Consumer Sciences.

Message from Sarah...

I am honored and excited to embark on this new chapter as the Morgan County Extension Director.

With a decade of experience as a 4-H Agent and nearly 20 years as an Ag Agent, I am eager to continue to serving our community in a different capacity.

My top priority is to enable our Extension agents to focus on education by minimizing administrative tasks, allowing them to better address the challenges and opportunities in Morgan County.

Additionally, I am committed to facilitating the vision set by our leadership and stakeholders.

Together—agents, board members, advisory councils, volunteers, adults, and youth—Extension makes a meaningful impact.

Enjoy the new format of this month's newsletter, and stay tuned for exciting developments ahead!

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First Quilts of Valor National Sew Day Event a Success

The Morgan County Extension Homemakers Club's "Peace by Piece Quilts of Valor" hosted its first sewing day, where participants crafted two quilt blocks—one to keep and one for the Quilts of Valor program. In a short time, this dedicated group has already honored over 70 veterans. The event was especially meaningful, fostering warm fellowship and intergenerational learning as grandparents passed down their quilting skills to younger generations.

Volunteers Spotlight

RIGHT Kim Standafer is honored by County Judge Executive Jim Gazay for her two terms of service as a



District Board Member. She remains actively involved with the Morgan County 4-H Council and continues to support Extension Community programs, always ready to lend a helping hand and advocate for our programs.

BELOW Sharon Lykins and her sister Crickett Cantrell continue the volunteer tradition of their mother and the West Liberty Extension Homemakers Club by providing homemade desserts for the monthly Morgan County Blood Drive.

Without fail, it is these often unseen acts of kindness that contribute greatly to our community and beyond.



AG TAGS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE



**KENTUCKY
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FARM**

BLUEGRASS BEGINNINGS BOUNDLESS FUTURES

Your \$10 Ag Tag Donation Grows Agriculture & Local Leaders
In 2024, Morgan County Farmers donated \$1900 through the Ag Tag Program

450 Prestonburg St. West Liberty, KY 41472



Kentucky Ag Tag

Your Ag Tag grows agriculture & youth in your community. Contributions are divided equally between Kentucky Proud, Kentucky 4-H and Kentucky FFA. Local 4-H Clubs & FFA Chapters receive half of those funds.

Morgan County Clerk
Randy Williams
450 Prestonburg St. West Liberty, KY 41472

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CAIP) GRANT RECEIPTS DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting receipts for the 2024 CAIP program is Monday, March 3, 2025, 4:00pm. All grant work must be completed.

Required receipts and documents must be submitted to the Morgan County Fiscal Court Annex Office (Vanessa Elam, Fiscal Court CAIP Grant Contact), at 1009 HWY 172- located in the same facility as the Morgan County Water District. 606-743-9797

Morgan County Extension Upcoming Events/Programs:

- Feb. 18 – Cooking through the Calendar- Noon / 4-H Sewing Group @ 4pm
- Feb. 19- District Board Meeting @ 5:30pm / Peace by Piece- Sewing
- Feb. 20 – 4-H ACDC Group- Vet office and Farm Store
Healthy Relationships Workshop @ 5pm
- Feb. 22 – Morgan County Homemakers Club International Dinner-
Registration at 4:30
- Feb. 24 – CEC Meeting @ 3:30pm / Healthy Relationships Workshop @ 5pm
- Feb. 25 – Master Logger Program @ 9am / CAIP Educational Class @ 6pm
- Feb. 26 - District Board Meeting @ 5:30pm
- Feb. 27 – Healthy Relationships Workshop @ 5pm
- Feb. 28 – Dollars and Sense at Morgan Central / CAIP/BQCA Trainings @ 9am & 1pm
- March 3- Healthy Relationships Workshop @ 5pm
2024 CAIP Grant receipt submission deadline @ 4pm
- March 4- 4-H Sewing Group @ 4pm
- March 5- 4-H Teen Club @ 4pm / Peace by Piece- Sewing
- March 6- Healthy Relationships Workshop @ 5pm
- March 10-Healthy Relationships Workshop @ 5pm / Beekeepers Meeting @ 6:30
- March 11- Country Cousins @ 7pm / Farmers Market Meeting @ 5pm
- March 13- Healthy Relationships @ 5pm / West Liberty Homemakers @ 7pm
- March 14- Plant Order/payments due @ 4pm
- March 17- Healthy Relationships Workshop @5pm
- March 18- 4-H Sewing Group @4pm
- March 19 – District Board @ 5:30pm / Peace by Piece- Sewing
- March 20- Healthy Relationships Workshop @ 5pm / Grafting Class 5:30pm
- March 26- LRA Skills Day 10am @ Fleming Co. Ext.
- March 28- Plant Disbursement Day
- April 15- Farmers Market Meeting @ 5pm
- April 16- District Board @ 5:30pm
- April 28- CEC @ Noon
- May 2- Deadline to sign up for 4-H Camp (Camp is June 3-6)
- May 13- Farmers Market Meeting @ 5pm
- May 21- District Board Meeting @ 5:30pm
- June 10- Farmers Market Meeting @ 5pm

Please call the Extension Office at 606-743-3292 or email: sfannin@uky.edu or kim.lane@uky.edu if you have any questions and confirm times. You may also call or email to register for events/programs.



2025 Plant Order Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Postal Code: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Quantity	Item	Unit Price	Total
_____ bundles	Strawberries (All Star) (June bearing-larger berry)	\$7 (bundle of 25)	
_____ bundles	Strawberries (Earliglow)(June bearing-smaller, sweeter berry)	\$7 (bundle of 25)	
	Blackberries (Natchez)	\$5 each	
	Blueberries (Duke) (2 varieties needed for pollination)	\$10 each	
	Blueberries (Chandler) (2 varieties needed for pollination)	\$10 each	
	Raspberries (Prelude) - bare root	\$5 each	
	Jewel Black Raspberries	\$5 each	
	Asparagus (Millennium)	\$2 each	
_____ bundles	Onion plants (Candy)	\$6 (bundle of 60)	
	Sub Total:		
	6% Taxes:		
	Total Due:		

Pre-payment is required by Friday, March 14th for all plant orders.

Make check payable to: **MC Ext Misc**

Checks can be mailed to: PO Box 35, West Liberty, KY 41472

or dropped off at the extension office Monday through Friday from 8 to 4:30 (Closed for lunch 12-1)

Payment Information:
 Amount Paid: _____
 Date: _____
 Received by: _____
 Check No.: _____ or Cash: _____

Plants are tentatively expected to ship from the nursery and be ready for pick up on March 28th at the Morgan County Extension Office.



2025 Rootstock Order Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Postal Code: _____
 Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
	Apple M.7 (316") - is a semi-dwarfing tree. It is resistant to fire blight, powdery mildew, and root collar rot.	\$2.00 each	
	Apple M.7 (1/4") - is a semi-dwarfing tree. It is resistant to fire blight, powdery mildew, and root collar rot.	\$2.00 each	
	Apple G202 (J4") - a semi-dwarfing rootstock. It is fire blight and phytophthora resistant, but also has good resistance to woolly apple aphid, a rootstock pest.	\$2.00 each	
	Pear- Semi-dwarfing rootstock for fruiting pear. Very promising for higher density plantings. Resistant to fire blight.	\$2.00 each	
	Sub Total:		
	6% Taxes:		
	Total Due:		

Sales Tax removed if tax exempt form is provided. Tax Exempt Form provided _____ YES _____ NO

Mall or drop off order form & payment to Morgan County Extension Office, 1002 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472 or PO Box 35, West Liberty, KY 41472
Check or Cash only. Checks need to be made out to Morgan County Extension Misc.

Payment Information:
 Amount Paid: _____
 Date: _____
 Received by: _____
 Check No.: _____ or Cash: _____

Rootstock will arrive approximately the first week of March with classes to follow on March 20th @ 5:30pm
Call 743-3292 or email sfannin@uky.edu for more information.



**NEW THIS
YEAR!!**

2025 Fruit Tree Order Form

Cooperative Extension Service

Morgan County
Cooperative
Extension Service
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West Liberty, KY 41472
606-743-3292

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Postal Code: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email: _____

Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Total
	Apple - Crimson Crisp	\$22.00 each	
	Apple - Ruby Rush	\$22.00 each	
	Apple - Mosaic	\$22.00 each	
	Pear - Harrow Sweet	\$22.00 each	
	Pear - Shenandoah	\$22.00 each	
	Pear - Sunrise	\$22.00 each	
Sub Total:			
6% Taxes:			
Total Due:			

Sales Tax removed if tax exempt form is provided. Tax Exempt Form provided _____ YES _____ NO

Mail or drop off order form & payment to
Morgan County Extension Office, 1002 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY 41472
or PO Box 35, West Liberty, KY 41472
Check or Cash only. Checks need to be made out to Morgan County Extension Misc.

Orders need to be made ASAP
as supplies are limited.
Fruit Trees will arrive approximately
the second week of March
Call 743-3292 or e
mail sfannin@wuky.edu
for more information.

Payment Information:
Amount Paid: _____
Date: _____
Received by: _____
Check No.: _____ or Cash: _____

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APPLES
(Purchase 2 different varieties to ensure pollination) (Crimsoncrisp will pollinate Rubyrush and Mosaic. Mosaic and Rubyrush will pollinate Crimsoncrisp.)

Crimsoncrisp
Crimsoncrisp is medium in size with a very attractive crimson red color over 95% of the fruit surface. Crimsoncrisp has a very firm, crisp texture with a tart, complex flavor. The tree is very grower friendly with a spreading habit, fruiting throughout the 2 and 3 year old branches. The Fruit matures in mid-season and will keep in cold storage for 6 months. Crimsoncrisp is a registered trademark of Purdue Research Foundation.

Rubyrush
An exciting new release from the apple breeding program at Rutgers University/New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES). This selection is a goldrush X Enterprise Cross selected for its scab-resistant traits. Rubyrush also exhibits excellent resistance to fire blight and cedar apple rust. The fruit is juicy and aromatic with a desirable crisp texture. The tree is vigorous and should be thinned to avoid biennial bearing.

Mosaic
Mosaic is a new scab-resistant selection out of the CIV Breeding Program in Italy. It can be picked green like granny smith, or if you let it hang, it will turn solid yellow and will hang very late into the season while still maintaining its firmness. It consistently produces high yields, and it stores well, even in regular cold storage. Late-Season harvested have maintained their firmness through March in regular cold storage. Important note: mosaic fruit can develop a strong blush on the sun-exposed side, especially in years with cooler temperatures.

PEARS
(Purchase 2 different varieties to ensure pollination)(Any combination of pears listed will pollinate one another).

Harrow Sweet
A late-season pear developed by the Harrow Research Station in Ontario, Canada, harrow sweet ripens approximately 3 weeks after bartlett. This variety has shown very good resistance to fire blight. The fruit size and appearance are similar to that of bartlett; however, harrow sweet does develop an attractive blush. Trees should be thinned to maintain fruit size and avoid biennial bearing.

Shenandoah
Another release from USDA and OSU, shenandoah harvests approximately 3 weeks after bartlett. Fruit size in large with traditional sub-acid pear flavor. Blight resistance is good and similar to that of seckel. Shenandoah stores very well for up to 5 months without breaking down.

Sunrise
A Disease-resistant pear introduced by USDA-ARS and OSU, sunrise has shown impressive resistance to fire blight. The fruit color is yellow, often finishing with a slight blush and very little russet. Sunrise harvests 2 weeks before bartlett and will store for 2 to 3 months.

Staff Profile Highlights



Sarah Fannin

Sarah Fannin
As **County Extension Director**, Sarah is known for

her commitment to agriculture and leadership/ community development. She looks forward to facilitating personnel growth and building projects at the Extension office.

sfannin@uky.edu



Kim Lane

Kim Lane
As the **County Extension Agent for 4-H Youth Development**, logging many evening/weekend hours, plus miles - Kim is a dedicated advocate for young people and 4-H. Whether guiding public speaking projects or encouraging first-time canoeing at 4-H Camp, Kim inspires youth to step outside their comfort zones and soar.

kim.lane@uky.edu



Angie Ferguson

Angie, our dedicated **Staff Assistant**, expertly oversees the daily operations of the Extension office. With countless responsibilities, she remains a reliable resource, ensuring clients seamlessly access the assistance they need.

angie.ferguson@uky.edu



Valerie Williams

As **Program Assistant**, Valerie plays a vital role in supporting all Extension areas in program delivery. Whether assisting with 4-H school clubs, camp, shooting sports, Farmers Market, or Cooking Thru the Calendar, she ensures smooth and successful Extension activities for all involved.

valerie.williams@uky.edu

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For Nutrition Education Program Assistant
Apply at:
extension.ca.uky.edu/hiring

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Stop by the Morgan County Extension Service to pick up your FREE 2025 Kentucky Grazing Calendar or 2025 Beef Integrated Resource Management Calendar while supplies last!

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June 3, 2025 through June 6, 2025

MORGAN COUNTY 4-H SUMMER CAMP 2025

Cooperative Extension Service

RENTON COUNTY 4-H CAMPING SUPERHERO

Morgan County 4-H Camp is for youth ages 9 through 13, (or 8 and entering 4th grade in the Fall)
 COST IS \$225.00
 Payments can be made through May 20th
 \$50 Non-Refundable DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED to reserve your spot.

Spaces fill on a first-come basis.
 Deadline to apply: May 2, 2025
 Partial Scholarships are available upon request for those with financial concerns.

Camper Orientation will be May 20th, 2025

For more information contact
 kim.lane@uky.edu
 or Call 606-743-3282

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