

# Celebrating National Agriculture Week: Honoring Webster County’s Farming Heritage

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National Agriculture Week is March 16-22nd. Since 1770, farming has been the backbone of rural Kentucky, supporting communities and driving local economies.

Webster County is a rural, agricultural county and I’ve had to honor and privilege to be a part of the agricultural community for the last thirty years and looking forward to many more. Webster County showcases diverse agricultural production. According to the 2022 Census of Agriculture, our county grows corn, soybeans, wheat, and tobacco. We also raise horses, cattle, poultry, sheep, and goats. The Webster County Farmers’ Market offers a variety of fresh KY Proud locally grown produce to patrons each week. This variety supports our economy and helps us adapt to changing consumer demands.

Kentucky has 69,425 farms of all sizes. Webster County contributes significantly. Our state ranks first in equine sales, second in tobacco sales, and third in grass hay production. Kentucky is sixth in the nation for the number of farms, with 12.4

million of our 25 million acres dedicated to farming. National Agriculture Week educates the public about agriculture’s importance. It highlights where our food comes from, and the role farmers play in providing food, fiber, and fuel. It’s a time to celebrate our local farmers, who uphold traditions while embracing modern innovations.

### Did You Know?

Farmers and ranchers receive only 8 cents out of every dollar spent on food. The rest covers costs like wages, production, processing, marketing, transportation, and distribution.

One U.S. farm feeds 166 people annually. By 2050, farmers will need to grow 70% more food to meet the needs of a growing global population.

Kentucky produces and ages 95% of the world’s bourbon, with corn as the main ingredient.

The agriculture industry in Kentucky provides over 250,000 jobs.

Kentucky ranks first in burley, fire-cured, and dark-cured tobacco production, and second in overall tobacco production.

There are over 35,000 horse farms in Kentucky, with over 242,000 horses. Over a million

acres are dedicated to horses. Kentucky’s dairy cows produce about 126 million gallons of milk annually.

As we honor National Agriculture Week, let’s appreciate Webster County’s farmers. Their commitment to sustainable practices and community support keeps agriculture a cornerstone of our rural life. Agriculture touches every aspect of our lives, from fresh produce at the market to cows grazing in the fields. Join us in celebrating National Agriculture Week. Recognize the invaluable role of agriculture in Webster County.

I challenge you to thank a farmer and agriculturalist this week. Let me know how much you appreciate the work they do Together, we can ensure our farming heritage thrives for generations to come.

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## God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

### It’s Always Worth It To Do What’s Right

Q: I had a good job, and learned our company was cheating our clients. Because of my Christian convictions, I confronted my superiors and was promptly fired. I’m working at jobs that barely pay my family’s bills. For more than a year I have searched for a well-paying job in my field with no luck. Was it worth it?

A: Yes, it was absolutely worth it! Granted, doing the right thing is sometimes personally painful. If you hadn’t confronted the leaders in the company, you would have compromised your convictions. By standing up, you gave a strong witness to your employers. Also, you are a powerful example to your wife and children of a good character. Personal integrity is extremely important.

God uses circumstances to bring about His will in our lives. Of course, not all things that happen to us are good, but God uses the bad things that happen to us to bring about good. God’s Word reminds us, “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” (Rom. 8:28). In short, this is saying there is a purpose of God working through the lives of those who follow Him, who give themselves to Him whole-heartedly.

God can use your job loss to position you for your next strategic job opportunity. In the meantime, be at peace in the will of God knowing “. . . that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us” (Rom. 8:18).  
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## Free Hunter Education Day Scheduled

A free Kentucky Hunter Education RANGE DAY course is scheduled for March 30th, 2025 located at Moffit Lake Recreational Area at 378 Moffitt Lake Road in Union County Kentucky from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.

The course, sponsored by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and God’s Backwoods Disciples Ministries, includes live fire and a “hands-on” field course. Students will be examined on how to properly carry and use a firearm while in the field and be required to successfully participate in a live-fire exercise.

The Hunter Education RANGE DAY is for those students who have completed the classroom portion by internet.

A course completion card will be issued to successful students

which is valid in any state, province or territory in North America. Pre- registration is required for all courses and is completed by visiting the Hunter Education page at fw.ky.gov.

Persons born on or after January 1, 1975, shall carry a valid hunter education course completion card while hunting. Kentucky accepts certifications from other states. A bow hunter not in possession of a firearm, may carry a hunter education or a bow hunter education course completion card from any state. Hunter Education certification is in addition to appropriate license and permit requirements. Children must be 9 years old in order to complete the course. Children under age 12, and persons exempt from purchasing a hunting license are

not required to possess a hunter education card while hunting. However, children under age 12 who have not completed hunter education, shall be accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years of age while hunting.

For additional information, please contact 270-213-0161

## Did You Know?

Scores of people insist that exercising with a partner is a great way to remain committed to a fitness regimen, and now research is beginning to support that assertion.

A 2023 study from researchers in Japan published in the Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics found that exercising both alone and with a partner two or more times a week helped to lower risk of cognitive impairment, but the risk was decreased by a more significant margin among those who exercised with others. Authors of the study found that the risk of cognitive impairment decreased by more than 29 percent among individuals who worked out with a partner, which was nearly double the percentage reduction (15 percent) among those who exercised alone.

### -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

ORDINANCE NO. 33.03  
TOURISM BOARD

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DIXON, KENTUCKY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 33.03 AS ADOPTED MARCH 13, 2023 AND ALL AMENDMENTS THERETO.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DIXON, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1: Repealing of Ordinances.**  
This ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 33.03 Tourism Board. This ordinance also repeals amendments to the Tourism Board, Ordinance 33.03.  
This ordinance is being repealed as the City of Dixon wishes to combine the efforts of the Tourism Board with the existing Parks, Playground, and Recreation Board.

**Section 2: Effective Date**  
This ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and after its publication as required by Kentucky Statute.

PUBLICLY read, approved, and adopted this 10th day of March 2025.

First Reading February 10, 2025  
Second Reading March 10, 2025  
Publication March 19, 2025

Mandee N. O’Leary	Aye
Randy Norman	Aye
Robert E. Brown	Aye
Peggy Poole	Aye

TERRY WEBB, Mayor  
City of Dixon

ATTEST:  
BARBARA GOFF, City Clerk

### Hugh “Mike” McCully

Mike McCully died peacefully on March 1, 2025. He was 82 years old. Mike was born on October 8, 1942, in Sebree where he was raised. He was the eldest son of three boys.

He loved his Kentucky home where he was a “real-deal” cowboy and a “jock.” Raised around farm life, Mike loved the land and his family. He played sports, including taking his small-town basketball team, the Sebree Red Devils, to the State Championship in 1960.

Mike served in the Vietnam War from 1966-1968. After that, he began his career with Sherwin Williams which lasted 40 years. He raised his family in Columbus, Indiana, and acquired many friends there.

He was a member of First Christian Church and until very recently volunteered with his wife, Judy at the Love Chapple every Wednesday. As an avid golfer, Otter Creek Golf Course was his second home. Not many people have ever made a hole-in-one in their lifetimes, but Mike made twelve; each documented on a one-dollar bill with the signatures of his buddies playing with him that day. It’s an impressive collection. He also played softball with the over-60 traveling team. His favorite position was shortstop.

Mike was a devoted father and friend to many. He will be greatly missed. Mike is preceded in death by his father and mother, Bill and Mona McCully, and his daughter, Kim McCully. He is survived by his wife, Judy McCully, and family: Cheryl and (Matt) Jenkins and Julie and (Barry) Smiley and their children Alex and Sam, and two great-grandchildren; his daughter Kathy and (Dana) Noteboom, and grandson Carver; his brothers Dennis and (Pam) McCully and Mark and (Ruth) McCully, including their children. He will be missed by his special friends, Paula and Gary Ruddell, and by his golf buddies who will hold his tee time.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home.

He will be inurned at Flat Rock Baptist Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. Paid

### -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

ORDINANCE NO. 33.02  
ORDINANCE RELATING TO PARKS, PLAYGROUND, AND RECREATION BOARD

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission is desirous of amending the existing Ordinance to as described herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Dixon, Kentucky, acting by and through its Commission, as follows:**

**§ 33.02 PARKS, PLAYGROUND, AND RECREATION BOARD.**  
(A) Appointment terms. A Parks, Playground, and Recreation Board is hereby created. The Board shall consist of ~~not less than 5 persons nor more than 9~~, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Commission, ~~as well as a City Commissioner, appointed by the Mayor and approved by the City Commission~~, to serve as follows: the terms of all current members of the Board referenced herein shall hereafter be for staggered expiration terms set by the Commission, and that the members first appointed shall be so appointed that the terms of not more than two members shall expire in the same year. ~~simultaneous two year terms as opposed to the overlapping terms as previously established. Consequently, each term shall expire at the conclusion of Commissioners’ regular terms. The City Commissioner shall function as a liaison between the City Commission and the Board, and shall only vote on matters before the Board when there is a tie. Each member of the Board shall be subject to a determination of whether a person has a criminal record by cross referencing that person’s name and fingerprints with those on file with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Identification Division and/or the Commonwealth of Kentucky or the Kentucky State Police. Any negative report from said agency or agencies will disqualify an individual from service on the Board. The cost of the background check will be borne by the city. Any member of the board may be removed by a majority vote of the members of the City Commission.~~

(B) Compensation. The members shall receive no compensation for the service as Board members.

(C) Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board to review maintenance and equipment of the parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, and the buildings thereon owned by the City, and to approve qualified directors, supervisors, or other officers as it deems proper to carry out the functions. ~~The Board shall organize and facilitate recreational and fundraiser activities for the general public to enjoy, and may participate in beautification efforts with the City.~~

(D) Finances.  
(1) The Board shall be guided by a yearly budget and shall be vested with the power to accept any grant, or devise of real estate or any bequest, grant, or gift of money or any donation, the principal or income of which is to be used for parks, playground, or recreation purposes, with approval of the City Commission. Money received for such purposes shall, unless otherwise provided by the terms of the bequest or grant, be deposited into the city’s General Parks Board account and be withdrawn and paid out as hereinafter provided.

(2) The City Commission may from time to time appropriate money out of the general fund of the city for the purpose of expanding, equipping, maintaining, and operating such parks, playgrounds, or recreation centers and shall be deposited into the account of the Board.

(3) All withdrawals from the Board’s account shall be signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, or the Mayor Pro Tem and City Clerk, solely for expenses incurred in the acquisition, equipping, maintenance, expansion, and the like of such parks, playgrounds, or recreation centers.

(4) The Park Board Chairman or designee shall present to the full City Commission any requests/plans/submissions for any permanent structure changes or improvements to be made to the parks, for approval by the full body of the City Commission.

(5) The Board shall present to the City Commission at its regular meeting in January of each year an itemized statement showing receipts and disbursements during the preceding year. The Board’s budget shall run on the same fiscal year plan as the city, i.e., from July 1 to June 30 annually, in conjunction with the city’s budget regulations.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of Ordinance.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

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