



UNION COUNTY HIGH School FFA members served the meal at dinner hosted by the fair board on Friday night. FFA and county 4-H children spend countless hours supporting the fair, showing livestock and entering exhibits to qualify for state fair competitions.



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4-H NEWS

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Build Global Connections With 4-H Summer Exchange

For over 20 years, Kentucky 4-H has taken part in the States' 4-H International Exchange Program, an educational experience that gives Kentucky families the opportunity to host a 4-Her from a different country. This summer, the program is seeking 40 families to open their Kentucky homes and their hearts as hosts for youth and chaperones from Japan, Taiwan and Korea.

The mission of the States' 4-H program is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship through high-quality 4-H international cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H aged youth. The program focuses on life skill development, including communication, tolerance, respect for others and engaged citizenship.

Visiting students in the States' 4-H four-week summer program are matched with volunteer host families during their stay to ensure a culturally immersive experience. The youth travel in groups and are accompanied by an adult chaperone who stays in the state for the duration of the trip. This year, the exchange students and their chaperones will arrive in Kentucky in July and stay until August.

By serving as hosts, Kentucky families get the chance to experience different cultures and customs and build lifelong international friendships while also representing the United States to other countries and giving an international youth a memorable experience. The Kentucky 4-H Program is focused on positive youth development, providing structured, engaging educational experiences that will help young people thrive as they grow into adults.

Being a host family is an excellent way to give young people that opportunity. Serving as a host for an exchange student also offers an educational opportunity not just for the delegate, but also for the host family and their entire community.

"We want to give our 4-Hers the opportunity to do more, see more, learn more, and experience more than

just watching videos about different cultures," said Chuck Stamper, extension 4-H specialist and Kentucky international exchange coordinator. "Being a host family allows our 4-Hers to share our American culture with youth from around the world while learning about the cultures and lifestyles of youths. It's an awesome opportunity."

States' 4-H accepts applications from interested host families year-round. If you are interested in learning more about the States' 4-H International Exchange Program, contact Stamper at cstamper@uky.edu, or check the States' 4-H International webpage at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>.

4-H Happenings

Jan 21st Master Chef Cooking 4:30 – 6 p.m. (Full)

Jan 23rd TLA (Ohio Co) All Day

Jan 27th UCHS (Healthy Snack during lunches)

Jan 28th Teen Club 4 : 3 0 - 5 : 3 0 p.m.

Follow us on Facebook!

To keep up with all the fun events happening in the Union County 4-H Program follow Union County 4H on Facebook for all the latest news, events and information about 4-H. There you will find interesting articles related to youth/4-H and much more!

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What Do We Fear?

By Van Yandell

John 14: 1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

Not long ago I was jogging on an abandoned logging trail in the woods behind my house. In my peripheral vision, I sensed something unusual beside the trail. My mind was a million miles away, probably preaching a sermon, writing an article or hiking a trail in the Rockies.

About fifteen feet further along, I stopped and turned around to see a diamondback rattler six feet long sunning his fourteen rattlers. A cold chill ran down my spine because I had stepped within two feet of his head.

When he realized my presence, he coiled in about one millionth of a second and was on full alert prepared to strike my leg. His head was bigger than my fist and his eyes were as looking into the eyes of Satan.

When I got back home, wife Margie took one look at my face and immediately asked, "What's wrong?", I'd seen (or experienced) something terrible and she could see it.

I've been told the strike of a diamondback is like being hit with a sledge hammer. And the subsequent days of suffering are as horrible a sickness as anyone could ever experience.

To fear something is based on previous experiences or information we have received. The information may or may not have been true. In the case of the rattle snake, I do not want to find out!

Most of our fears are unfounded but certainly not all of them. If the way we vote or our political ideologies differ from another, should that be a reason to live in fear? Can we not disagree without fear of retribution? The signers of The Declaration of Independence knew they might be signing their own death sentences by openly calling for freedom from Great Britain.

Many live in fear of scammers and identity thieves. Can a government not stop scammers or telemarketers from intimidating and cheating citizens?

The government can't even stop the TV advertisers from broadcasting their messages at a higher volume than regular programing; even though increased volume is illegal. The mute button may be the greatest invention of mankind.

And speaking of advertisers, have you insulted your doctor by asking for a pill you saw advertised? Fear of illness is also at the top of the list of our fears. The state of American's health has become epidemic.

Being apprehensive has become a way

of life. Merchants and sales people only tell us what they want us to know. The goal is to make the sale and "what you don't know can't hurt you" is a lie.

When a lung or heart patient has to step outside to grab a smoke can we question the intellect of this population? Several doctor's office waiting rooms are furnished with over-sized chairs. Can the logical, reasonable person not see what we are doing to our bodies (1 Corinthians 6: 19)?

Perhaps our greatest fear should be of ourselves and specifically our levels of ignorance. Sun Tzu said (a Chinese military general, strategist, philosopher), "If you know the enemy and know yourself you need not fear the results of a hundred battles."

While many of our fears exist in the "what if" category, some are legitimate and have credibility. My encounter with the rattler could have been very bad had it been coiled as I passed by.

Religion has reached a state of extreme polarization and the hatred that exists for Christians, Jews, Muslims and most any other religion has become dangerous and unreasonable (Matthew 24: 9). Violent disagreements have been known to happen even among varying Christian faiths.

We remember a time when we often heard the phrase "God fearing people." Should we fear the one that created us (Genesis 1: 27)? Should we fear the one that loved us so much (John 15: 13) He came to us in the form of the man, Jesus (John 1: 14) and suffered and died for our sins in that we might spend eternity with Him?

The "fear of God" is a feeling of respect, being in awe of Him and knowing what the con-

sequences are when we are not obedient. God is King. We are dependent on His mercy.

What we must fear is His wrath for our disobedience! Just as His chosen people suffered His wrath for their disobedience throughout the Old Testament, the world appears to be suffering His wrath today for the same reason.

What are we to expect in our near future? The Biblical prophecies are loud and clear. The world will continue to deteriorate into a quagmire of crime, hatred, war, pestilences and famine just as Jesus said it would (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21).

Mankind has the ability to change but will we? At this point it doesn't seem likely. With over eight-billion people in the world and many believing they create their own religion and write their own rules, the future appears bleak at best.

Can we return to God? Individually we can write our own futures. The Bible teaches eternal life for the believer (John 3: 16). Can we agree on one thing: eternity is much longer than our lives here on earth!

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UC Retired Teachers to Meet

Union County Retired Teachers Association will meet Tuesday, January 28, at 11:00 a.m. at the Morganfield Christian Church.

Lunch will be provided.

The group will also collect donations for UC Happy Pack.

All members are invited to attend and enjoy fellowship and lunch.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Union County Sheriff's Office is now accepting sealed bids for the purchase of two vehicles. Sealed bids will be accepted until 11:30 a.m. January 29, 2025, and will be opened in the Sheriff's Office at 12:00 p.m. on January 29, 2025. Specifications for the vehicle may be picked up at the office of the Union County Sheriff, 100 W. Main St., Morganfield, KY 42437 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or they can be requested by email to ucsheriff@unioncountky.org or by calling 270-389-1303. The Sheriff's Office reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 1/22c

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE FOLLOWING ESTATE HAVE BEEN PROBATED IN UNION DISTRICT COURT. PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS TO FILE AGAINST SAID ESTATES MUST FILE SAME NOT LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE FIDUCIARY.

Estate of Lyle Joseph Buckman, Jr., 823 4th Street, Uniontown, KY 42461. Executor Cathy Dayberry, 1858 Waverly Road, Uniontown, KY 42461. Date of appointment January 9, 2025.

Estate of Betty Jo Buckman, 30 Congress Drive, Morganfield, KY 42437. Executor Daniel Buckman, 45 Senate Avenue, Morganfield, KY 42437. Date of appointment January 16, 2025.

Estate of Terry Gayle Nunn, 1216 North Washington Street, Sturgis, KY 42459. Executor Ian Gregory Nunn, 933 East Waverly Street, Morganfield, KY 42437. Date of appointment January 16, 2025. Attorney C. Michael Williamson, P.O. Box 5, Morganfield, KY 42437.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC CONCERNING BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Brandon Capps, 225 W Young St., Morganfield has applied to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for the following reasons:

Request the issuance of a conditional use permit to operate a Bait & Tackle Shop as a home occupation in an accessory building at 225 West Young Street in Morganfield in an R-2, Medium Density Residential, zone. This request is made in accordance with Section 207 and 403.3 (M) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

A Board of Adjustment hearing on this proposal will be held at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6, 2025, at the Central Building, 510 S Mart St., Morganfield.

All Parties wishing to be heard are hereby requested to be present.

Morganfield Board of Adjustments
Dwight Jackson, Chairperson
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