

# Union County Agriculture Notes Submitted by Katie Hughes

## April Garden Tips

April is National Garden Month, so celebrate with fun activities for the family! Some ideas may include creating a DIY newspaper pots,

making a living Easter basket filled with seasonal flowers, starting seeds on DIY seed tape, or designing and planting a spring salad bowl garden.

Plant trees in the landscape for Arbor Day. For Kentucky this date is the first Friday in April.

If you live in an apartment, garden in

containers. Plants ideal for container production are labeled as dwarf, compact or miniature varieties.

Build raised bed gardens if you have poor soil or limited space in the backyard. Raised bed gardens provide better soil, improved soil drainage and often less weed pressure.

Incorporate edible plants such as fruits, flowers, herbs and vegetables into the landscape.

Avoid working wet soil since this practice can damage soil structure and promote soil clodding.

Use the rototiller only when incorporating garden soil amendments like lime, fertilizer and organic material. Decreased amounts of rototilling helps soil microbes.

Plant a succession of spinach, peas, lettuce, cabbage, potatoes and kale every 2 weeks to have a continuous supply of vegetables.

Plant other cool season vegetable transplants like broccoli, cauliflower, collards, lettuce, Chinese cabbage, and Swiss chard outdoors in the spring garden on April 1 for western Kentucky.

Set up supports for peonies, delphiniums

and other tall plants

Divide fall blooming perennial flowers in spring when new growth is emerging.

Prune spring flowering trees and shrubs immediately after flowering.

Begin trays of muskmelon, watermelon and squash seeds indoors on April 5th for western Kentucky.

Start seeds outdoors for sweet corn, beets, carrots, mustard, spinach, radishes and lettuce on April 5th for western Kentucky

Be on the lookout for spring garden pests such as cabbageworm, cabbage maggot, squash vine borer, cucumber beetle, seed corn maggot, cutworm, flea beetle and Colorado potato beetle. Contact the local Extension Office for current insect control recommendations in the home garden.

Avoid applying weed and feed products in the home lawn. Even though it seems convenient, fertilizer is not recommended for spring. It is only recommended for fall application.

Celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd by taking a nature walk, recycling items around the home or making a nature craft.

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# More Bad Weather Predicted For Kentucky

By Tom Latek  
Kentucky Today

While there were no injuries reported in Kentucky due to Sunday's storms, the National Weather Service (NWS) says another round of severe weather is expected Wednesday and Thursday with their biggest concern being the possibility of major flooding, to end the week.

Most of Kentucky is under an enhanced risk of severe weather on Wednesday, according to the NWS Louisville office, as severe thunderstorms are forecast to develop west of the Mississippi River in the afternoon, which will push into Kentucky and Indiana during the evening hours, like what we saw on Sunday. The NWS says all severe hazards are in play, though the main threats should be damaging winds and spin-

up tornadoes. Another round of severe weather is also possible of Thursday.

In addition, they say there is increasing potential for a widespread flooding event late this week, as multiple rounds of heavy rainfall are expected Wednesday night through Sunday.

The NWS Paducah office has already issued a flood watch for Wednesday through Sunday in Western Kentucky, as they say historically high forecast rainfall amounts will heighten the risk of flash flooding and flooding, including on major rivers. NWS Louisville has also issued a flood watch for that same period in Central Kentucky.

While six to eight inches of rain is possible between now and next Monday in Central Kentucky, amounts are

forecast to increase as you head to Western Kentucky, where 10-15 inches is possible in Paducah, for example. In Eastern Kentucky, rainfall amounts are currently expected to be significantly less. They also note these numbers could change over the next couple of days, as we get closer to the time of the event.

Flash flooding due to heavy rainfall rates in thunderstorms could lead to widespread river flooding, with moderate flooding possible on the Ohio River, and major flooding on smaller rivers and streams.

The NWS says this is an increasingly significant setup with potential for high impacts and life-threatening flooding spanning the course of several days. There advice is to begin preparing for it now, if you live in a flood zone.

# Morganfield Council Approves Purchases

The Morganfield City Council met for just over an hour Thursday evening, using the time to discuss a number of matters and agreeing to purchase a valve and actuator for the city's water treatment plant. In other water related matters, the council also approved adding a variable speed drive to one of the city's water pumps.

Water department superintendent David Tapp first addressed the council regarding the need to replace a valve and actuator at the city's water plant. According to Tapp, the city replaced two 1986 model accutators about three years ago, but a third actuator went down last summer and employees have been opening and closing the valve by hand, something Tapp says is a safety issue.

Tapp sought quotes for a replacement valve and actuator from T and T Pump at a cost of \$14,172; however, if the city agrees to purchase two of the devices, they will cost about \$11,005.76 each. The superintendent suggested the city buy two, with one being installed now and the second being part of the 25-26 budget. The move saves the city about \$6300. After discussing the issue, the council approved the request to buy two based on the plan Tapp presented.

Later in the meeting, Tapp addressed the council a second time with concerns about the pumps at the river. Tapp told the council that the city has three pumps and two were replaced several years ago; however, those pumps don't have variable speed drives and are pulling sand into them causing the propellers to be eaten away.

The cost to rebuild a pump is about \$50,000, Tapp said adding that last year alone the city spent about \$120,000 on pump repairs. Tapp presented a quote from S. Clark Electric to replace the wiring on one pump and put variable speed controls on it. The cost for the work will total about \$43,900. Tapp said correcting the situation so the pumps continue to operate correctly could be considered an emergency matter because the city will be out of compliance per the division of water without the work being done. When the council asked if other pricing could be sought, Tapp said he had a difficult time getting one quote. On a motion and second, the council declared the matter an emergency for the health and safety of the community and approved the installation of the drive.

During Thursday's meeting, the council reviewed the financials. Approved the bills, reports and minutes and heard from community members.

Becky Edmondson reminded those present that the annual rabies clinic at the animal shelter is scheduled for April 12, and Mayor Greenwell noted that the code enforcement board will meet April 1. An egg hunt with over 7000 eggs is planned for later this month and on April 26 Interact will host a 5K run with donations going to child abuse and autism agencies.

Councilmember Jeremy Collins provided an update on a statue being built to honor the miners who died in the 1989 Pyro Mine explosion. He said the statue will be placed in the city park.

Police Chief Geoffery

Deibler reported that SRO for Morganfield Elementary is retiring in May and that the department is presently vetting a new officer who is moving through the hiring steps.

Kevin Nelson told the council that the motorcycle club he is a member of will hold their annual Miracle Ride on April 4, stopping seven times and praying seven times.

Citizen Bill Rose expressed his concern about children riding scooters on streets and sidewalks noting the dangerous situations some are facing by dis-

regarding stop signs and riding on the walkways. Police officers present at the meeting said they have stopped a number of children and talked with them about not being old enough (by law) to be riding the scooters but officers cannot cite children under 15 to court. The city's other option is to put an ordinance in place governing the use of scooters on city streets and sidewalks.

The meeting adjourned just after 6:00 p.m. with the next council meeting scheduled for April 24.

**-- PUBLIC NOTICE --**

**CITY OF MORGANFIELD  
POSITION OF DESCRIPTION**

**ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN**

The City of Morganfield will be accepting applications for the position of Accounting Technician through April 18, 2025, until 4:00 PM at Morganfield City Hall, 130 E. Main Street, Morganfield, KY 42437. Application and full job description can be picked up at City Hall from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. Mailed applications should be addressed to City of Morganfield, PO Box 420, Morganfield, KY 42437 Attention: Scott Clements.

Experience in processing mail for payments, waiting on customers at a front counter position, answering telephones, recording cash receipts and balancing cash drawer.

Qualifications: All applicants must have completed high school with a diploma or GED equivalent. Read and write the English language. Position requires proficient computer skills in Word, Excel, and experience using billing and accounting software. Possess a valid driver's license.

The City of Morganfield is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 4/9c

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE**  
Pursuant To Application Number 913-5023 RN-6

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Rough Creek Mining, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street Lexington, KY 40513, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining, and refuse disposal operation located 1.5 miles southeast of Dekoven in Union County. The operation will disturb 316.45 surface acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 0.7 miles southeast from KY Route 492's junction with Davis Mine Road and located approximately 0.5 miles northwest of Tradewater River. The operation is located on the Devoken and Sturgis USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle maps.

(3) The surface is owned by Heine Robert Donald Jr. Et Al, Alliance Resource Properties, LLC, and Davis R. Eberly & Margaret R.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's, Madisonville Regional Office, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601. 4/23c

**Union County Animal Control**  
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**Rabies and Microchip Clinic**

**Saturday April 12, 2025**  
**10:00 - 2:00**

**Rabies Vaccine : \$8**  
**Microchip : \$10**  
**Dog Baths**  
**Dog Licensing**  
**Silent Auction**  
**Door Prizes**  
**Kids' Area**  
**Food and Drinks**  
**And more!**

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