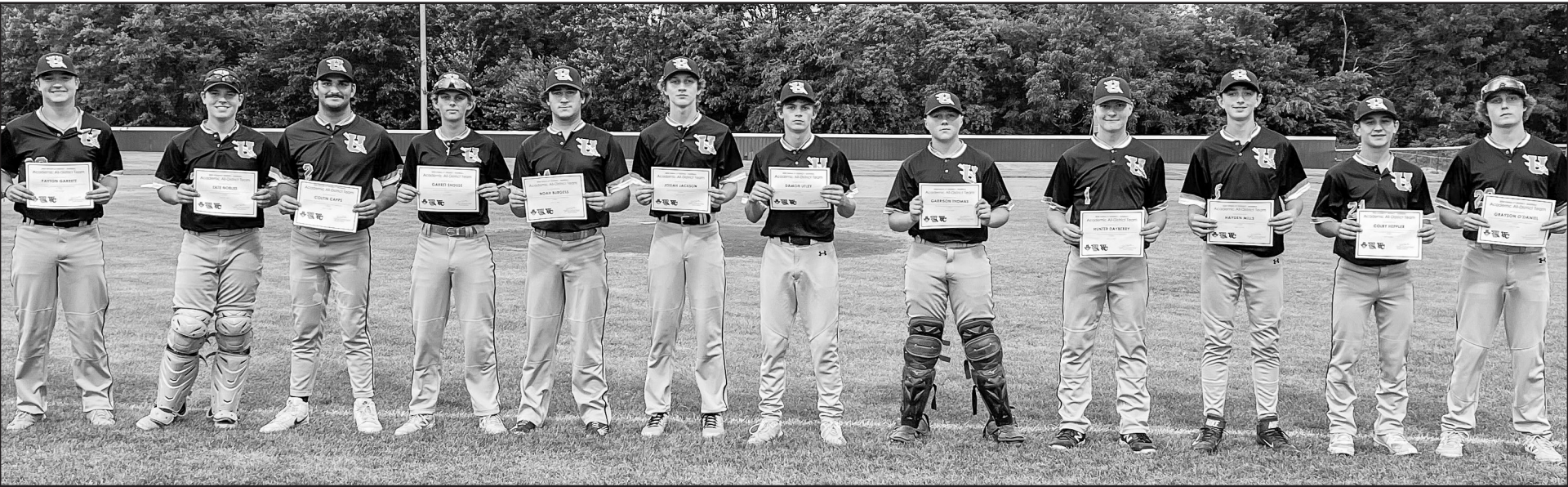




BRAVETTES NAMED TO the Sixth District All-Academic team include Bryleigh Walsh, Sydney Thomas, Peyton Jenkins, Ava Arnett, Brooklyn Tackett, Aspen Davis, Audrey Staley, Miley Mendoza, Miley Mosley, Jaylen Tackett, Ashlynn Hargrove



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By Monty Carter

Heroes

On the heels of Memorial Day let’s consider the heroic. Benaiah was part of King David’s secret service detail known as “the mighty men”. When he fled from Saul, David put Benaiah in charge of “the thirty” (1 Chron. 27:6), an elite group of soldiers known for their extraordinary bravery and valor. His courage and military prowess began before David was named King.

His exploits of bravery are listed in a passage regarding David’s “Mighty Warriors” in 2 Samuel 23:20-23:

“Benaiah son of Jehoiada, a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, performed great exploits. He struck down Moab’s two mightiest warriors. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. And he struck down a huge Egyptian. Although the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian’s hand and killed him with his own spear. Such were the exploits of Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he too was as famous as the three mighty warriors. He was held in greater honor than any of the Thirty, but he was not included among the Three. And David put him in charge of his bodyguard.”

Benaiah was fearless, brave, courageous, and loyal. Imagine facing a lion in a pit on a snowy day! No one in their right mind would do such a thing. I’m with the group running away from the pit. And yet, Benaiah jumped into the pit and killed the lion. Benaiah ran into situations that most of us run from. This is what heroes do. They have something within their DNA and wiring, I call the “cour-

age switch”. Every person has it to a degree. Think of a mother’s innate drive to protect her children. However, Benaiah’s drive was on another level.

As a former police chaplain, I have witnessed this drive in police officers more than once. These men and women run into danger while the rest of us flee. Soldiers, first responders, emergency medical teams in hospitals, astronauts, and explorers all have the drive to disregard their well-being for the sake of others or something greater. What makes a person so brave?

I don’t think accolades and praise are the reason. Not long ago, I read an account of a 2-year-old boy who wandered off in the Arizona wilderness in very rough and wild country. A Great Pyrenees (Buford) dog rescued him, but the toddler had to walk a significant distance alongside him to safety. Both young Bodin and Buford have the “switch” within them. There is no way I would spend the night in rough terrain known for coyotes, snakes, and other predators.

This internal force that propels the brave is deeply connected to a sense of “calling” and faith. Upon his rescue, little Bodin’s father was asked what he thought about it all, and he simply replied, “It’s a story of faith on my side.”

Every disciplined Christ-follower has a sense of purpose, duty,

calling, and responsibility. The Holy Spirit empowers and gifts all of us in different ways (1 Cor. 12:1-11). The Benaiah’s around us have an extraordinary sense of faith and hope. They don’t give up when the odds are against them. They muster forces deep within that enable them to face the challenge before them.

Don’t sell yourself short! Don’t compare yourself to the heroics of someone else. Just be willing to act when God calls. Simply answer “yes,” and God will provide the rest. Your moment could be standing up for someone being bullied, holding the hand of a loved one near the end of life, speaking up when someone has been wronged, or just showing up and being available.

I’m so grateful for the heroes I’ve met on my journey. They are incredible. One of my favorites is a close brother (Airborne Ranger) who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was awarded three Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star for life-saving actions in battle. However, when you praise him, he always responds: “I was just doing what anyone else would do in my situation.”

John 15:13 captures the essence of the greatest hero ever known: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Agape, Monty

Union County 4-H News

Submitted by Anette Buckman

4-H Fair Projects Ignite Curiosity, Cultivate Skills

At the heart of 4-H lies project work, an initiative that empowers 4-Hers to choose a topic of personal interest and passionately delve into it. Projects are available in seven core areas: natural resources, agriculture, communication and expressive arts, family consumer sciences, health and wellness, leadership and sciences engineering and technology. Kentucky 4-H ensures every member finds a project that ignites their curiosity.

Once a 4-Her selects a project, they embark on a journey of skill mastery and personal growth. Throughout the project year, these young individuals acquire specialized knowledge and develop essential life skills such as public speaking, record-keeping and decision-making. These invaluable skills will serve them well in their future endeavors, enabling them to become confident and capable community leaders.

The Kentucky State Fair, Aug. 14-24 is a

significant platform for 4-H members to showcase their completed projects and compete with their peers. This year’s fair will feature a diverse array of 4-H project work, from livestock exhibits in the West Hall to the innovative projects in Cloverville displayed in the South Wing. The fair provides an excellent opportunity for fairgoers to witness these 4-Her’s creativity, dedication and hard work.

All 4-H’ers who have their projects displayed at the county, regional, or state fair are considered winners in their own right. Every 4-H member’s journey is a testament to their growth, resilience and commitment to personal development.

Kentucky 4-H invites the public to attend the Kentucky State Fair to witness the exceptional project work of these talented young individuals.

For more information about 4-H projects and other topics, contact the Union County Cooperative Extension Service.

County Fair The Union County

Fair is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for June 23-28. NOW is the time to start on those 4-H exhibits. Fair Books are available at the Extension Office. Recipes for the 4-H section may be picked up at the Union County Extension Office.

Saturday, June 21st - 4-H/FFA Livestock Show - UC Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m.

Monday, June 23rd - 4-H Exhibit Entry Day - UC Fairgrounds 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Monday, 4-H/FFA Rabbit/Poultry Show – UC Fairgrounds Floral Hall 6 p.m.

Saturday, June 28th - 4-H Country Ham Breakfast and Ham Auction - Union County Fair/Expo 8:00 a.m. Tickets \$15.00

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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 Mark Lichtefeld, 513 Waverly Street, Morganfield, KY 42437. Executor Melissa Greenwell, 31 White Road, Marion, KY 42064. Date of appointment May 15, 2025.

Estate of Ricky Lee Pierson, Union County, KY. Executor Paul Edward Pierson, 24 Pope Street, Henderson, KY 42429. Date of appointment May 23, 2025. Attorney Sandra D. Freeburger, 101 First Street, Henderson, KY 42420.

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