

Morganfield Corn Festival Begins September 25

The 51st annual Morganfield Lions Club Corn Festival gets underway on September 25 with a 5:00 p.m. opening ceremony that will honor longtime Lion and festival supporter Paul Monsour.

Half-pot tickets will go on sale about mid-day Thursday with sales continuing until drawing time on Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday’s events include a 5K run, carnival rides, a kids’ zone with inflatables and the Balloon Guy, a pickle ball tournament and the Miss Teen and Miss Corn Festival pageants.

Friday will be a full day of fun with bingo starting at 9:00 a.m. The carnival rides and Kids’ Zone will open in late afternoon, and Little Miss and Mr Corn Festival will be crowned in an evening pageant. The Miss Pre-teen pageant will follow. Friday events will also feature a talent show and music hosted by Jeremiah Slaton.

Saturday will be packed with exciting events including a morning baby contest, a Tiny Miss and Mr. Pageant, a Play-N-Hooky tractor pull for children, the Cub Scout mobile races, a corn shucking contest and the always popular Corn Festival parade at 2:00 p.m. this year’s grand marshal is Kassie Wesley DePaiva and the Golden Kernel is Sam McLeod.

Following the parade, afternoon music will be brought by Luther and the Breed and in the evening MINX will perform.

The 51st annual coal festival will culminate with fireworks at the city park.

Watch for days and times for all events in next week’s The Sturgis News.

Mealtime Generation Gaps Overcome

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Before I had children, I imagined them growing up the same age, doing the same things, experiencing the same adventures and life events together.

I didn’t imagine there would be generation gaps between the oldest and youngest. Who would have thought that in a span of eight years there would be differences?

With our first child we had mixed feelings of excitement and nervousness of stepping into the unknown. As new parents, my husband and I learned together. Whenever we felt like experts at child rearing, we believed a second child would be a breeze.

My doctor told me if I wanted my children to enjoy each other, have them two years apart. If I wanted to enjoy my children, have them four years apart.

We decided we wanted our children to grow up together, enjoy each other, be that age I imagined they would always be, and our family would be complete while we were still young enough to keep up with them.

By the time children two and three came along within the planned two-year span things were moving along smoothly. We had our three boys’ routines with school, homework and sports perfectly choreographed. They were all close enough in age that we enjoyed the same movies, while in different leagues of baseball the fields were near enough to each other that we could participate in all their games, and rivalry among them was rare.

Then as the next two-year span passed, I realized I really wanted a daughter. When child number four came into the picture she had widened the span between her and the youngest to four years. I never thought that distance would make such a difference.

I truly enjoyed her. Her brothers did too until the newness wore off. Then she wasn’t fun anymore.

Our routines changed. Our freedom of getting up and going had to be weighed with whether or not it was an outing a baby could attend.

As she grew and her interests and activities took us down other paths with dance recitals and gymnastics and eventually girls’ softball and soccer, our schedules really became hectic.

The boys were turning into teenagers and preteens. They also added soccer and basketball, and homework multiplied. When routines changed to going from school, to practice, to homework, games, and bedtime it suddenly became a time when sit-down meals were literally lost in the rush.

Fast food or a meal thrown on the table eaten in a “slam, bam, thank-you ma’am” rush was our new routine.

Eventually the kids grew up, life settled down, and the rush, rush of childhood days became a memory.

One day, while she still lived at home, I realized my daughter was always making an appeal for big sit-down Sunday meals and game nights with her brothers all there. I asked her why she was so adamant about these days and she said she wanted to have some of those meals her brothers always talked about.

The kind when they were little and everybody sat around the table with lots of food, laughter, and talking at once. She said the boys were always talking about those memories.

Disappointedly, she said, “By the time I got big enough to enjoy them we never had any. We ate on the run, or someone was always missing. We very seldom had everybody at the table at the same time.”

I never thought about that gap before. I still imagined my family as being the same age, doing the same things at the same time. They weren’t supposed to grow up at different times. But they did.

Today as a mother of four and her own home our daughter still calls when she gets nostalgic. “Can you fix fried chicken for Sunday dinner and invite the boys to come over? And bring their kids and games?”

Nowadays we try to get everybody together more often. It’s a little more difficult with busy schedules of their own and being separated by so many miles in several different directions.

Our best memory remake happened on our 50th wedding anniversary; everyone was here. Our four children stayed the whole night. They didn’t have their own bedrooms, but there were couches, and extra beds.

The next morning, we celebrated Mass with children, spouses, and grandchildren. We came home to enjoy everyone around the dining room table, TV tables, and card tables, enjoying a big sit-down meal. The day ended with fast action outdoor competitions and board games.

For that weekend our children were all the same age, no sibling rivalry, and no generational gaps.

Best. Day. Ever.

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Just like the 4-H program for older youth, the purpose of the 4-H Cloverbuds is to help young children build life skills so they can grow into competent, caring, and contributing citizens.

Who can join?

Cloverbuds are open to youth ages 5–8.

Through Cloverbuds, children will:

- * Learn more about themselves and the world around them
- * Develop positive attitudes about learning through hands-on activities
- * Build friendships with caring adults and older youth helpers
- * Explore all that 4-H Youth Development has to offer

The primary goal of the Cloverbuds program is to support healthy development—mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally. Early experiences make a lasting difference, and Cloverbuds provides children with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

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First Meeting:

Thursday, September 18th
4:30–5:30 p.m.
Union County Extension Office

PUBLIC NOTICE				
Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Union County.				
RIVER VIEW COAL, LLC	9135015	RN	8	8/27/2025
ROUGH CREEK MINING LLC	9135021	RN	8	8/5/2025
ROUGH CREEK MINING LLC	9135023	RN	6	8/11/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SURPLUS SALE

Union County Public Schools will accept sealed bids on surplus equipment. Sealed bids must be completed using the UCPS bid form and be delivered to the Union County Schools Administrative Office located at 4500 US Hwy 60 W, Morganfield, KY 42437 before 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025. Electronic bids will not be accepted. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2025.

A complete list of available equipment and the UCPS bid form is available on the district website at www.union.kyschools.us under the Bulletin Board section on the home page.

The equipment will be available to view in person by appointment only on Tuesday, September 18, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and Monday, September 22, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Please contact Steven Green at 270-952-3945 to schedule an appointment.

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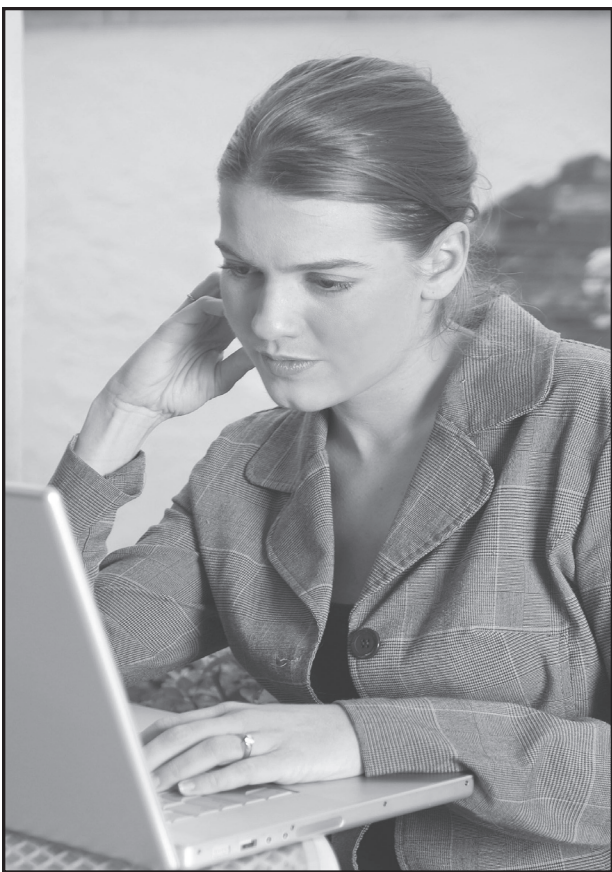
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