

Union County Extension Service 4-H News

Submitted By Annette Buckman

Teaching Civil Discourse

Arguments, finger pointing, derogatory comments and rudeness have become far too common in our culture, particularly when debating sensitive issues. In 4-H, we believe it is important to teach our young people to address potentially controversial issues in a way that is respectful and thoughtful. At the same time, we want 4-H'ers to develop their own views and learn ways to peacefully defend them. This is called civil discourse.

Debates can be a healthy part of youth development, if they are conducted in a productive manner. They allow young people to explore their belief system and learn different opinions on the same topic. Youth can learn to use logic, persuasion, evidence and

argumentation to make a point or defend a position without personally attacking another person.

To teach young people how to engage in civil discourse, first examine your beliefs, political opinions and emotional responses to each. When faced with responding to a controversial topic, do you handle yourself in a way that young people can use as a model? By gaining a better understanding of ourselves, we can help young people explore their unique identity and experiences. Encourage them to reflect on their experiences and beliefs. Writing in a journal is a great way to allow young people to explore and express their opinions in a non-threatening, nonjudgmental manner.

Next, we must encourage youth to build

relationships with others, even with those who have differing opinions and backgrounds. Often, we can learn a lot about another person and better understand their viewpoint, if we share a little about ourselves and backgrounds with each other first. Sharing and building relationships develops a trusting atmosphere where people are more likely to respectfully engage with others.

We must teach young people to be respectful and take responsibility for their actions. This includes respecting others' opinions, even if you disagree, and admitting when you are wrong.

Civil discourse is not easy and takes a lot of intentional practice to maintain and master. More tips on teaching civil discourse to young people are available at Union County office of

the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

4-H Project Days – Fair Projects

Union County 4-H will host Project Days on June 2nd & 3rd! Youth will prepare projects for the 4-H Fair exhibits. Spots are limited and are filling up! Call the Extension Office to sign up: 270-389-1400. Registration Deadline: May 22nd. Union County Fair - June 15-20th - Now is the perfect time to start working on 4-H exhibits. While the Fair Book is not yet available, the 4-H Project Book is ready for pick-up at the Extension Office. Stop by to grab a project and get started! Call 270-389-1400 for more information

4-H Summer Camp June 9-12th

Who can attend:
 * Ages 9-14 (by first day of camp)
 * Age 8 if entering 4th grade
 * Ages 15-17: CIT (Counselor in Training) or Teen Leader
 Spots are limited

and fill up quickly! Call 270-389-1400 for details and registration

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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The University of Kentucky Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment news and communications team provides monthly Extension Exclusives in the categories of Horticulture, Agriculture and Natural Resources, 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences.

Agriculture Notes

Submitted by Katie Hughes

May is National Beef Month, and in Union County, Kentucky, local agriculture partners are celebrating in a big way—with not one, but two community-centered giveaways designed to promote beef, support youth programs, and engage residents across the county.

The Union County Cattlemen's Association, in partnership with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, has launched a month-long Beef Month Giveaway aimed at educating the public while highlighting the importance of the beef industry to the local economy. Throughout the month of May, weekly educational or promotional beef posts will be shared on the Union County Ky Agriculture Extension Facebook page. Community members can earn entries into the giveaway simply by liking and commenting on those posts.

In addition, participants can "beef up" their chances to win by donating canned goods or monetary donations to the organization of their choice: UC FFA, UC 4-H Summer Camp, or UC Happy Pack. Each dollar or canned good donated earns an extra entry, and all canned goods will be given to a local food bank. As an added layer of friendly competition, the organization that collects the most donations will have its representative take a cow patty to the face; UC FFA Jeremy Hill, UC 4-H Annette Buckman, and UC Happy Pack Hon Dainel Heady.

The prize package includes a cooler full of beef-themed items, apparel, gift cards, and promotional items donated by generous local sponsors and businesses who support agriculture in Union County.

At the same time, the Union County Bull Sale and Stone Veterinary Clinic are team-

ing up for a second Beef Month promotion. Their giveaway offers one free Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BSE), a valuable service for cattle producers. Producers can enter by liking and sharing posts from the Bull Sale Facebook page or by participating in the same donation effort supporting local youth programs. The BSE will be performed by Stone Veterinary Clinic, and the winner will have until Feb 2027 to redeem the service.

Both giveaways run throughout the month of May, with winners to be announced on June 3.

These efforts not only celebrate National Beef Month but also

showcase how agriculture organizations in Union County work together to promote education, support youth, assist local families, and strengthen the farming community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BUDGET HEARING REGARDING PROPOSED USE OF COUNTY ROAD AID AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (LGEA) FUNDS.

A Public Hearing will be held by Union County at the Courthouse on May 12, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining citizens' comments regarding the possible use of the County Road Aid (CRA) and Local Government Economic Assistance (LGEA) Funds.

All interested persons in Union County are invited to submit verbal or written comments on possible uses of the CRA and LGEA Funds. Any person(s) who cannot submit written comments or attend the public hearing but wish to submit comments, should call the office of the County Judge/Executive at 270-389-1081 by May 8, 2026, so the arrangements can be made to secure their comments.

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Source: Pulse of America Research Study, February, 2017

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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF STURGIS HAS COMPLETED ITS CAPITAL FUND 5-YEAR ACTION PLAN AND ANNUAL CAPITAL FUND GRANT SUBMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH 24 CFR PART 905. IT IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW MONDAY - THURSDAY FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY 116 EAST OLD PROVIDENCE ROAD, STURGIS, KENTUCKY. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 18, 2026 AT 1:00 P.M. IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ROOM IN ORDER TO ADDRESS COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PLAN AND SUBMISSION.

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 Donna M. Marsh. Executor/Administrator: Tina Duncan, 13 Wagner Court, Sturgis, KY 42459. Date of appointment April 30, 2026.

Estate of Michael Paul Thomas. Executor/Administrator: Greg Oxford, 325 Combs Road, Uniontown, KY 42461. Date of appointment: April 30, 2026.

Estate of Thomas L. Hagan. Executor/Administrator: Jocelyn D. Hagan, 25 Hiram McElroy Drive, Morganfield, KY 42437. Date of appointment April 30, 2026. Attorney: Meghan P. Johnson Law, PLLC, P.O. Box 698, Owensboro, KY 42402.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The Union County Fiscal Court is accepting applications for a seasonal worker at the County Road Department. Responsibilities include, but not limited to mowing and bushhogging.

Applications can be picked up and turned in at the Union County Judge/Executive's Office 100 West Main Street Morganfield, KY 42437 or on the County's website at www.unioncountky.org. Applications will be accepted until May 15, 2026.

The Union County Fiscal Court is an Equal Opportunity Employer: All applicants are considered for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status, or disability.

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