

# Union County Agriculture Notes

Submitted by Katie Hughes

## Local Agricultural Stakeholders Invited to Participate in Upcoming Working Group Meeting

Agricultural producers, landowners,

and community stakeholders are invited to attend an upcoming Local Working Group (LWG) meeting focused on identifying and addressing natural re-

source priorities in the area.

The meeting will be held on June 4 at Hopkins County Extension Office at 25 Mahr Park Drive, Madisonville,

9:00 a.m. thru Noon. Continental Breakfast Provided.

The Local Working Group process provides an opportunity for individuals involved in agriculture and conservation to offer input on local resource concerns and help guide funding and program decisions.

Topics of discussion will include current natural resource challenges, conservation priorities, and opportunities for technical and financial assistance available to producers and landowners.

The meeting is open to the public, and all interested stakeholders are encouraged to attend and share their perspectives.

For more information, please contact debbie.eubank@ky.nacdnet.net or lisa.mullins@kyconservation.com.

## Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

### Whose Glory?

I have a Veteran friend who is highly decorated (2 Purple Hearts), from serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. He is a proud Airborne Ranger. His accomplishments in the military are long and well-documented. He's like the baby brother I never had. On his 8th deployment to the Middle East, he broke his neck, was shot in the head, and in an explosion, all in one day.

And yet, he doesn't brag about his service. I always tell kids who meet him when we are together, that they are meeting a real-life hero. He always shies away when I call him a hero. He humbly says, "I was just doing what any American would do, and I would do it all again." Thankfully, after too many surgeries to count, he is a medal-winning, adaptive-wounded warrior-athlete who has traveled all over the world to compete. He still competes, but he's transitioned to coaching fellow wounded warrior athletes. He lives in Georgia and in his spare time uses his story to help fellow veterans of war cope and heal. If anyone has the right to brag it's him, but he doesn't. He is humble and filled with gratitude.

I was reading John's gospel this week and came across honest words from Jesus toward some ego-driven and self-righteous religious leaders. In John 5, Jesus heals an invalid at the pool of Bethesda in Jerusalem. The man had been an invalid for 38 years! Jesus asks him if he wants to be healed. Then Jesus says to him, "take up your bed and walk." And he did! But it was the Sabbath, a holy day, and the Jewish leaders were offended that Jesus "worked" (healed) on that day. They reasoned

he broke the Law of Moses. Talk about missing the point! They were so concerned about adherence to Jewish Law that they missed the miraculous glory of God standing right in front of them. Think about the times in your life you've been so focused on religious purity that you've missed the grace of God. I've done that and regret it deeply.

Beginning with verse 19, Jesus teaches them about His authority given by God. It is masterful, and in today's terms he takes the Jewish leaders "to school". In verse 42, Jesus boldly tells them that they do not have the love of God within them. But it was verse 44 that caught my eye:

"How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?" (John 5:44 ESV)

You see, the religious leaders heaped glory upon themselves because of their adherence and faithfulness to the Laws of Moses. They crowned themselves in self-achievement, and sought the best seats in worship and meetings. They were proud and arrogant. They loved to judge others. As an old preacher used to say, "They were puffed up with themselves." Jesus flips the basis for their accusations using their own logic:

"Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?" (John 5:45-47)

Pride is a horrible master. I think it is among the chief of sins because it infiltrates the soul, leading to oth-

er sins. When we think better of ourselves than others, we open the floodgate of arrogance, hubris, judgment, self-righteousness, and hypocrisy. Jesus exposed them and their evil intentions. They didn't like Jesus because He challenged their authority. He spoke truth to earthly power. Jesus is accusing them of standing in God's spotlight, but God's glory is greater than any person or thing:

"I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols." (Isaiah 42:8 ESV)

"Glory-stealers" abound today. These are the people who desperately need to feed their ego. Every moment of their life is consumed with pride. They have little compassion for others and prefer to spend their time only with people who elevate their status. However, deep inside, they are among the most insecure and fragile people. Self-glory is intoxicating and dangerous.

Christ-followers are admonished and commissioned to recognize the authority of God's glory. This extends to Jesus. Submission to God's glory and grace is an act of humility. It recognizes that you and I just aren't "all that". Humility is a character trait of God's people. Putting others ahead of ourselves, seeking the best for them, encouraging, and helping them, moves the spotlight away from ourselves and onto God. The old catechism is right; our chief aim should be to "glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Simply put: Don't be a glory thief, be a glory-giver to God.

Humbly Yours,  
Monty

## County Students Named To President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Spring 2026 President's List. The spring terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

County students are:  
Tamara Jackson of Uniontown  
Tanetta Pollard of Morganfield

## Morganfield Council Approves Loan Resolution

The Morganfield City Council met in a short special called meeting at 5 PM on Thursday, May 21. The council approved a loan resolution in the amount of \$1,660,000 thousand from the USDA to complete Phase 3 of the sewer separation project.

The total cost of the project is projected to be \$4,961,061. The council approved the loan resolution unanimously with all six council members, Mayor Randy Greenwell and City Administrator Scott Clements in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10

## Memorial Day Programs Set

Griggs-Alvey American Legion Post 48 and Hite-Crooks Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5488 will be conducting joint Memorial Day programs Monday, May 25.

The first program will be at the gravesite of Bernard French in the St. Agnes Cemetery at 10:00 AM; the second will recognize Tommy Hagan at the Camp Breckinridge Museum and Arts Center at 11:30 AM.

## 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 Calvin Decker, Jr. Executor/Administrator: Cynthia Caldwell, 135 North Chapman Road, Morganfield, KY 42437. Date of appointment May 7, 2026.

Estate of Judith W. Smith. Executor/Administrator: Benjamin Smith, 661 East Paces Ferry Road, Atlanta, GA 30305. Date of appointment May 14, 2026. Attorney: Jessica Larew, K. T. Williams, Law, PLLC, 324-A North Elm Street, P.O. Box 561, Henderson, KY 42419.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID UNIONTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HVAC ROOFTOP UNIT REPLACEMENT AND HVAC SINGLE UNIT REPLACEMENT

The Contractor shall provide a lump sum bid for the following: The Contractor shall disconnect and remove the existing rooftop unit and dispose of in a proper manner. All existing ductwork connections shall be protected for reuse. Disconnect power and protect for reuse. Disconnect natural gas piping and protect for reuse.

The Contractor shall furnish and install a nominal 7.5T Packaged Rooftop Unit. The unit shall be DX cooling; natural gas heat, 160.0 MBH input, 80% AFUE, aluminum steel heat exchanger; 208V/3ph power connection; downflow; constant volume unit; 1/2" thick insulation at unit casing; provide with modulating outside air damper; air side economizer with dry-bulb control; barometric relief damper; hail guard for condenser coils; phase loss protection; two stage heating and two stage cooling operation; 7-day programmable thermostat; one (1) year parts and labor warranty; ten (10) year heat exchanger warranty; five (5) year compressor. Acceptable manufacturers include Carrier; Daikin; and Trane.

Contractor shall include crane rental or other approved means for removal of existing rooftop unit and installation of the new unit.

Install unit where the previous unit was removed. Install adapter curb as required. Flash and seal roof penetrations.

Install new thermostat where existing thermostat was previously located.

The Contractor shall connect power to new unit. Reuse existing power source. Install new LFMC from disconnect to unit. Existing unit has a MCA of 45.0 amps and an MOCP of 70 amps.

The lump bid proposal shall be broken down to reflect labor, material, and mark-up. Provide equipment submittal with the bid.

### UNIT PURCHASE

Provide a unit cost per system for nominal 2.5T split system with DX Condensing Unit (CU) and interior vertical upflow air handling unit. Air Handling Unit (AHU) and condensing unit shall be cooling only. Heat is provided via separate, duct mounted hot water coil. AHU and CU shall be 208/230V / 1ph. Provide system with electronic or thermal expansion valve; terminal strip for controls connection; single stage scroll compressor; direct drive evaporator and condenser fan; one (1) year parts and labor warranty; five (5) year compressor warranty. Units shall be delivered to the Owner's Maintenance Shop at 4500 US-60, Morganfield, KY 42437. The per system cost will determine the exact quantity of units the Owner can purchase with available funds. The bid shall include an equipment submittal.

Sealed bids will be received at 2:00 PM CST, Thursday, May 28, 2026, in the Board Room at the Union County Board of Education, 4500 US Highway 60 W, Morganfield, Kentucky, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. 5/20c

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### UNION COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION FOR BIDS - HVAC EQUIPMENT MORGANFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND STURGIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Owner needs bids on HVAC equipment to be purchased for the Owner to self-perform the maintenance replacement at two elementary schools.

Provide a unit cost per system for nominal 2.5T split system with DX Condensing Unit (CU) and interior vertical upflow air handling unit. Air Handling Unit (AHU) and condensing unit shall be cooling only. Heat is provided via separate, duct mounted hot water coil. AHU and CU shall be 208/230V / 1ph. Provide system with electronic or thermal expansion valve; terminal strip for controls connection; single stage scroll compressor; direct drive evaporator and condenser fan; one (1) year parts and labor warranty; five (5) year compressor warranty. Units shall be delivered to the Owner's Maintenance Shop at 4500 US-60, Morganfield, KY 42437. The per system cost will determine the exact quantity of units the Owner can purchase with available funds. The bid shall include an equipment submittal.

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# Henry & Henry MONUMENTS

We accept appointments for one-on-one consultation.

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602 US 62 East Eddyville, Ky. (270) 388-1818

