



MASON TATE, RIGHT, recently received a scholarship check from American Legion Post 48 Commander Jeffery Hart. Mason will attend Murray State University this fall where he will pursue a degree in elementary education. He is the son of Brandon Tate and Caren Gentry.



BRYNLEE HILL IS shown being presented an American Legion Post 48 scholarship check by Commander Jeffery Hart. Ms. Hill will be attending Madisonville Community College to pursue a degree in Radiologic Sciences and is the daughter of Kristie and Alea Wilson.

Ways To Help Grow Local Businesses

A community is comprised of various resources that coalesce to make it unique. Businesses are important components of that formula, and successful enterprises increase the chances a community will thrive. According to the business development experts at WSB, businesses help support and diversify a community property tax base, provide goods and services for existing and future residents, and contribute to a strong, local economy. There's much to gain from a thriving local business sector, and communities can help them thrive and grow in various ways.

- Prioritize shopping at local businesses. Before making purchases online or at big-box retailers, shoppers can explore the offerings closer to home.

Local businesses often have high-quality items that cannot be found elsewhere.

- Choose local restaurants. When searching for places to enjoy a meal, community members can select local restaurants instead of chains. They also can purchase gift cards to local restaurants when gifting others.
- Encourage and support small business partnerships. According to research by Faire, an online wholesale marketplace, a majority of retailers are focused on establishing partnerships with other local businesses to set them apart from larger competitors. Shared loyalty programs, co-hosted events and joint promotions are popular ways that businesses can benefit from partnerships. Community chambers of com-

merce can promote such efforts and residents can support them by patronizing these companies.

- Influence local sourcing. While patronizing local businesses, consumers can suggest options to influence businesses' own purchasing decisions and encourage them to prioritize local suppliers and products.
- Be informed about local policies. Community members should advocate for policies that are favorable to local businesses and entrepreneurs. This can create a diverse and robust local economy.

The relationship between community members and local businesses is symbiotic. Each provides benefits to the other and the relationship can be nurtured to grow a strong local business community.

Agriculture Notes

Submitted by Katie Hughes

County Agricultural Incentives Program (CAIP): Applications will run from July 20 and due no later than August 17, 2026 to the Union County Conservation District. CAIP provides Kentucky agricultural producers cost-share assistance on practices that increase net farm income and opportunities to try new/innovative technologies or systems that improve farm efficiency and productivity. Eligible Investment Areas are: Agricultural Diversification, AgTech and Leadership Development, Large Animal-Small Animal, Farm Infrastructure, Fencing and On-Farm Water, Forage and Grain Improvement, Innovative Ag. Systems, On-Farm Energy, Poultry and Other Fowl, and Value Added and Marketing. For more information contact Union Co Conservation District 270-389-2393 or the Union Co Extension Office 270-389-1400

Help Your Garden Weather a Heatwave: Water your plants early to beat the heat of the day and prevent water loss to evaporation, mow your lawns to at least a 3in height. Longer grass blades help hold soil moisture. Use a shade cloth to help protect plants that are wilting under the direct sunlight.

Water Wisely: Water efficiently targeting 1-1.5in per week for lawns. Clay soil needs less water than sandy soil. Always mulch with 3in. Use a rain gauge and be aware of local watering advisories.

Indictments Returned Against Four Persons By Union County Grand Jury

Union County Grand Jury convened on August 4, with indictments returned against four individuals. The Honorable Judge Daniel Hedy presided.

In the case of Brayden French, the defendant was indicted on multiple charges including alcohol intoxication in a public place first and second offense, a violation; unlawful imprisonment, first degree, a Class D felony; wanton endangerment, a Class D felony, three counts and assault fourth degree no visible injury. French allegedly unlawfully restrained the victim by detaining her in her car, exposing them to the risk of physical injury. He is

also accused of striking a driving of a vehicle while driving creating the risk of physical harm.

John Harris saw four indictments returned against him. Harris is charged with trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, amended to second degree, less than two gms methamphetamine, enhanceable, a Class D felony; trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces second offense, a Class A misdemeanor; trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, less than ten dose units drug unspecified; and drug paraphernalia-buy/possess, a Class A misdemeanor.

Two indictments were re-

turned against John Henry Johnson. Johnson is charged with enhanced possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, methamphetamine, a Class C felony and possession of marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

A single indictment was returned against Brian D. Omer who is accused of theft by unlawful taking \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000, a Class C felony. Omer allegedly stole approximately \$23,831.37 from ARK Lodge Cemetery Association Board over a three-year period, using the funds for personal expenses.

UCB Announces Board Leadership Updates

United Community Bank (UCB) announced recent Board leadership changes that reflect the Bank's ongoing commitment to strong local leadership and strategic growth.

Effective April 14, CEO Gwen Paris concluded her service on the Board of Directors in accordance with governance guidelines and continues to lead the organization as Chief Executive Officer. The Bank also welcomed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Jim Peak to the Board, bringing more than 40 years of banking experience and CPA credentials.

In July, UCB added two directors with deep Union County roots. Gregg Steward, a Murray State University agriculture graduate, has spent 36 years in farming and follows a family legacy at UCB. His father, Eddie Steward, was a founding member of the Bank and served on its Board for 17 years. Gregg brings extensive agricultural and business experience to the Board.

Jimmy Baird joined the Board as owner and president of Little Kentucky Smokehouse and Jim David Meats. Baird brings decades of experience in agriculture, manufacturing, entrepreneurship, and business leadership through his many

successful entities.

"Gregg and Jimmy represent the values, work ethic, and entrepreneurial spirit that have helped shape our communities. Along with Jim Peak's financial expertise, they will provide valuable insight as we continue to grow United Community Bank," said Board Chair Kim Humphrey.

These updates come during a milestone period for UCB as the Bank celebrates its 25th anniversary, completes the acquisition of Sonata Bank in Sebree, and continues delivering financial solutions that keep customers and communities United with You.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Uniontown will be accepting bids for the resurfacing of some city streets. Contractors must be certified by the commonwealth for the duration of contract.

Bids will be accepted August 12th through August 21st, 2026 at Uniontown City Hall during normal business hours, Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bids will be opened on Monday, August 24th @ 6:00 p.m.

A full list and description of streets to be resurfaced is available by contacting City Hall @ 270-822-4277 or emailing ladonna.tapp@unioncountky.gov.

City has the right to reject any and all bids. 8/19c

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 pf Hildegarde T. Wesley. Executor/Administrator Sara Wesley Mills, 11608 Little Lane, Anchorage, KY 40223. Date of appointment August 6, 2026. Attorney Brucie Moore, Moore Law, 110 South Court Street, P.O. Box 210, Morganfield, KY 42437.

Estate of Ida L. Omer. Executor/Administrator Gary R. Lovell, 440 West Young Street, Morganfield, KY 42437. Date of appointment July 30, 2026.

Estate of Velda Maxine Ames Templeton. Executor/Administrator Deena Aline Holt, 755 Thornhill Road, Madisonville, KY 42431. Date of appointment July 24 2026. Attorney Chesley W. "Lee" Riddle, III, Riddle Legal Group, 220 North Main Street, Madisonville, KY 42431.

Estate of David Glenn Rakestraw. Executor/Administrator Shelly Adelman, 5610 Heckel Road, Louisville, KY 40214. Date of appointment July 24, 2026. Attorney Stephen M. Arnett, Arnett Law Office, P.O. Box 416, Morganfield, KY 42437.