



Morganfield Corn Festival

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sored by Jen’s General Store, and the Miss Teen Corn Festival Pageant and Miss Corn Festival Pageant, both sponsored by Old National Bank.

Friday activities begin at 8:00 a.m. with the Lions Club food booth and trailer and half-pot ticket sales. The morning will feature the Breckinridge Legacy Foundation Golf Scramble at the Breckinridge Golf Course and BINGO sponsored by Old National Bank.

The carnival opens at 4:30 p.m., followed by Kids Zone activities at Morganfield Homestead Park. Pageant events include the Little Mr. & Miss Corn Festival Pageant, sponsored by United Community Bank, and the Miss Pre-Teen Festival Pageant, sponsored by Old National Bank.

Friday evening entertainment will feature a special DJ along with music by Jeremiah Slaton the Coal Corner Stage beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday is packed with activities beginning at 8:00 a.m. The morning schedule includes CrossFit at Kemper Parking Lot, the Baby Contest sponsored by United Community Bank, the Corn Shucking & Popcorn Eating Contest sponsored by H&R Agri-Power, the Tiny Mr. & Miss Pageant sponsored by United Community Bank, Play-n-Hooky Tractor Pull, Cub Scout Cubmobile races, and more.

Live music begins at 11:00 a.m. with At The Alter at Coal Corner, while Kids Zone activities continue at Morganfield Homestead Park.

At 2:00 p.m., Morganfield will celebrate the 52nd Annual Corn Festival Parade, sponsored by T-Rex Electric and Edward Jones (Beau Blemker), with Veterans serving as Grand Marshals.

Saturday afternoon and evening will continue with music by Soul n The Pocket, the Corn Bowl hosted by Little League Football, the Half Pot and additional prize drawing, and the festival’s main event entertainment, U-Turn, at Coal Corner beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Morganfield Lions Club invites residents from Morganfield and surrounding communities to come together for three days of family, fun, fellowship, and hometown tradition.

“Small Town America is about celebrating the people, traditions, businesses, organizations, and volunteers that make communities like Morganfield special,” said Brittany French, chair of the Corn Festival. “We could not host this event without the support of the local businesses, volunteers and Lions Club members.”

For complete information and registration forms, visit www.morganfieldcornfestival.com.

A NEW DISTINGUISHED Young Woman was named on Saturday. Mallory Hendrickson, second from right, won the title. Runners-up from left to right include Leila Simpson, third runner-up, Mattie Lovell, first runner-up, Hendrickson, and Cate Clements, second runner-up.

Nope . . . Not Adulting Today

By Becky Greenwell
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Have you ever had one of those days when you just wanted to hang it all up? Days when you couldn’t take it anymore?

Me, too.
When I was a kid, I couldn’t wait until I grew up. There would be no one telling me what to do. Nobody was going to boss me around. I dreamed of doing what I wanted, whenever I wanted.

Then that day became reality. What was I thinking?

As my children got older and started their own wishing: “I can’t wait until I have kids of my own to boss!”

“Yes, that was my dream, too. Now clean your room, empty the dishwasher, and mow the yard.”

That was pretty cool, too.

As they got older, I preached more, “With more freedom comes more responsibility.”

The older they got the bigger the chores became and their choices became more important.

The more responsible adult I became, the less freedom I had, and I realized childhood hadn’t been so bad. Someone else made my choices and were the responsible ones.

After my children

flew the nest and became the decision-making responsible adults they wished to be, I realized my adult life didn’t get any easier.

I still had decisions to make, responsibilities to contend with, and less freedom to do what I wanted to do when I wanted to do it. I still had to be a responsible adult.

I knew I couldn’t go back in time and relive the child’s life, so the next best thing was retirement. My new dream.

Retirement would be great. There would be no more running to sports games and practices, no more PTO meetings or fund raisers, and definitely no more early mornings and exhausting nights.

With this freedom I could go where I wanted, when I wanted, and do what I wanted. I would be sleeping late, choosing my own activities, and making my own decisions.

Surprisingly, retirement brought grandkids’ sports events, overnight babysitting, and various school events. There were no more fundraisers to push; instead, I became an open checkbook for purchasing the stuff I tried to push years ago.

My decisions are not choices, but a con-

stant yes. Yes, I will be at that game. Yes, I will buy popcorn, candies, mums, and garbage bags. Yes, I will be there those days and nights to take care of everything a responsible grandmother does.

I will commit 100 percent to any organization or project that I choose.

Then whenever I feel like I have been stretched to my limit I will make a choice and say, “Nope, not adulting today!”

If I have to, I will run away and hide, shut the door and not let anyone know where I am.

For one whole week that is exactly what I did. My husband, the mayor, had several days of training and wanted me to go with him. My first reaction was no, because I had too much adult stuff to do.

Then my child-like reaction became, Yay! A vacation. There would be days of no phones, no laundry, no dishes, no cleaning, and no adult responsibilities.

I felt bad for neglecting my birds, but I left God in charge of feeding them. My yard and flowers would probably wither and die, but there is a time to be born and a time to die. Fall is their natural time to wither and die.

I chose the road to

not adulting. We arrived in Covington, Ky., and I made myself comfortable in my new home away from home.

I emptied the suitcase, laid out my favorite comfy pajamas and slippers, that I planned to wear all day, every day. I put my phone on silent, stacked my magazines and books, spread out my iPad, TV control, snacks, and drinks on the extra bed. I was prepared for doing nothing.

I informed the front desk I didn’t need housekeeping but I would need extra coffee. They obliged.

On my first morning of not adulting, my husband left me sleeping. When I woke up it was four hours later than I have ever slept as an adult. I was in double digit time and did not feel one ounce of guilt.

I got up to double lock the door and hang the “Do Not Disturb” sign. Quiet and privacy was my goal.

Taking my first sip of morning coffee, I smiled with satisfaction on my choice not to be an adult. As I hung the placard on the door handle, I read the words: “Dreaming Big Dreams – Do Not Disturb.”

Nope, today I was living my Big Dream.

NOTICE OF HEARING

UNION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Union County Board of Education is proposing a general fund Tax Levy of 69.7 cents on real property and 69.7 cents on Personal Property.

The General Fund tax levied in fiscal year 2026 was 69.6 cents on real property and 69.6 cents on personal property and produced revenue of \$7,334,331.67. The proposed General Fund tax rate of 69.7 cents on real property and 69.7 cents on personal property is expected to produce \$7,810,312.42. Of this amount \$2,408,496.63 is from new and personal property. The compensating tax for 2027 is 69.3 cents on real property and 69.7 cents on personal property and is expected to produce \$7,779,232.21.

The proposed rate is expected to generate more revenue than received in the preceding year. The general areas to which revenue of \$475,981 above 2026 revenue is to be allocated as follows: Cost of collections \$7,140, building fund \$6,000 and \$462,841 to instruction and student support services.

This information is published pursuant to KRS 160.470 and Section 73 of House Bill 757. The proposed tax rate is not subject to recall under KRS 132.017.

The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.

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-- PUBLIC NOTICE --

CITY OF STURGIS, KENTUCKY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to K.R.S. 132.027, the City of Sturgis, Kentucky will hold a **Public Hearing** on **September 17, 2026 at 5:00 p.m., local time**, at the **City Council Chambers, 15 W 6th Street, Sturgis, Kentucky**, to hear comments from the public regarding a proposed 2026 real property tax rate of \$0.550 per \$100 assessed valuation and a proposed 2026 personal property tax rate of \$0.6529 per \$100 assessed valuation.

As required by law, this includes the following information:

Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Valuation		
Preceding Year's Tax Rate & Revenue Generated	\$0.524 (Real)	Revenue \$ 211,919
	0.6567 (Personal)	\$ 17,064
Proposed 4% for 2026 & Expected Revenue	\$0.550 (Real)	Anticipated Revenue \$ 214,541
	0.6529 (Personal)	\$ 17,961
2026 Compensating Tax Rate & Expected Revenue	\$0.529 (Real)	\$ 211,919
	0.6209 (Personal)	\$ 17,079

All revenues received in excess of last year’s revenue will be allocated to all general government expenditures. The Kentucky General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and the information contained herein.

Sandra Germane
City Clerk, Sturgis, Kentucky