What You Know Is Priceless

By Van Yandell

In my younger days, one of my target shooting friends was the chief engineer in a manufacturing plant. A statement he made stuck in my mind forever! "I get paid for what I know, not for what I do."

His expertise and creative abilities made strides for the manufacturing of products thus increasing productivity. The corporation he worked for greatly benefitted from his knowledge.

Credited to Francis Bacon, we hear the statement "knowledge is power." Knowledge also creates jobs, which provides livelihoods for millions in the world.

When we think of the great engineers, scientists, philosophers, artists, architects and designers throughout history, and in the world today, we must realize that their knowledge is priceless. They have made contributions to humanity in ways many take for granted but they have changed our way of life. The list is long and covers a long period of time. One such person was Leonardo da Vinci, born in Anchiano, Italy, April 15, 1452. That sounds like many years ago but in the span of time, it was just yesterday.

Da Vinci's contributions to the world were mostly ignored until the last 100 years. Known as the "Renaissance Man," his concepts of the helicopter, parachute and armored vehicles set the stage for later developments.

Da Vinci's art lives on today in museums as in the Louvre in Paris and the Sistine chapel in the Vatican. His inventive prowess was far beyond his time. He foretold of the use of solar power, the car and the gun. His recorded ideas of water power (hydrodynamics), anatomy, astronomy, and optics provided a foundation for future inventors.

Until only 500 years ago, people in the eastern hemisphere believed the world was flat and the sun and stars revolved around this stationary in space earth. Christopher Columbus saw the world as a sphere and endeavored to find India by a route across the Atlantic Ocean.

Had the people only read the scriptures they would have known as God knew this planet floats in space, hanging on nothing (Job 26: 7). They would have known the earth was round in shape and not a flat, motionless object (Isaiah 40: 22).

The efforts of Columbus found a new world we now know as North and South America. Ferdinand Magellan later (1520's) found the Pacific Ocean and a route around the southern tip of South America to India and the Spice islands.

Combining knowledge with persistence, determination and action, the world is today a place not realized in the span of time since creation. Many men contributed to the world we live in and many times their efforts go unnoticed and unappreciated.

From the invention of the wheel and discovery of fire, mankind has progressed to the computer chip and artificial intelligence. The question now may be, "Are these inventions good or bad?"

Isaiah 5: 20 "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

While the question is within the mind of the beholder/thinker, we continue to observe both good and bad things coming from the great inventions. War munitions have become much more destructive with the inventions of explosives, rockets and long range calibers and optics.

Of course the invention of the atomic bomb is debatable as to whether it is a deterrent or a dooms day device waiting for one extremist in power to press the button.

Technology is seen by some as having gone too far and artificial intelligence is seen by movie makers and others as machines taking over the world. Films characterizing robots in power over humans are predicting the future. Could this happen? Only God and the future will know.

Hollywood has been seeing the future since Buck Rogers and The Terminator. Futuristic movies have become reality. Self-driving cars and pandemics that were once fantasy and fiction are now reality.

Good or bad, right or wrong, mankind has set precedence for discovery and invention. Progress is normally seen as good and to reach a stalemate will not be tolerated by the intellectual.

The Bible teaches the concepts of eternity and eternal life for the believer. By the information presented in the scriptures that no human could possibly have known when the Bible was written, it appears these are truth and fact.

In such a case, Christians possess a knowledge that can change eternity for millions of people. Jesus' last words before ascending were to tell everyone about Him.

Acts 1: 8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The "uttermost part of the earth" may be on the other side of the planet or it may be within one's own home. That difficult to convince person in "the uttermost" may even be a brother or neighbor.

In such a case, you may possess the knowledge to change a life. You may be that Christian that has the knowledge to influence someone into an eternal belief.

Many in today's world are denying the Christian belief because it interferes with their lifestyle. Is a lifestyle, habit or mental illness worth eternal separation from our Creator?

This makes it imperative for the believer to be aggressive in promoting the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Bible proves itself from within itself. What you know is priceless!

The Bible teaches there is only one eternal salvation. That is by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) that Christ Jesus was crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (Romans 4: 25), resurrected (Matthew 28: 6) and ascended alive into Heaven (Acts 1: 9).

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Union County 4-H News

Submitted by Annette Buckman

Kentucky All In For Ag Education Week

Kentucky All in for Ag Education Week is an opportunity to recognize the importance of agricultural education and the many ways agriculture impacts our daily lives. Across Kentucky, schools, families, community organizations and agricultural groups are working together to help young people understand where their food, fiber and natural resources come from while developing valuable skills for the future.

Agriculture is an important part of Kentucky's heritage and economy, but agricultural education goes far beyond farming. It provides young people with opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering, mathematics, natural resources, nutrition, leadership and career development.

Through the Union County Cooperative Extension Service and the 4-H Youth Development Program, local youth have numerous opportunities to learn about agriculture through hands-on experiences.

Union County 4-H offers a variety of agriculture-related programs, including the Livestock Club, Homesteading Club, Country Ham Project, and agriculture-focused school enrichment activities. These programs allow youth to learn by doing while developing responsibility, communication, teamwork and problem-solving skills.

The Livestock Club provides youth with opportunities to learn about livestock production, animal care and agriculture careers.

The Country Ham Project is another popular agricultural opportunity for Union County youth. Participation in the project has continued to grow, with 24 youth signed up for the 2026 project. Youth learn about the history of country ham production, food preservation, food safety and Kentucky's agricultural heritage.

The Homesteading Club introduces youth to practical skills connected to agriculture and self-sufficiency. Participants have explored topics such as gardening, cheese making, soap making and basic sewing.

Agricultural education also takes place through school enrichment programs. Union County 4-H works with local schools to provide hands-on lessons that introduce students to agriculture, science and healthy living. Activities such as seed investigations, gardening, STEM challenges and lessons about food and nutrition help students make connections between what they learn in the classroom and the world around them.

One of the most important aspects of agricultural education is helping youth understand the people and processes behind the food they eat. When young people plant a seed, care for an animal, prepare food or learn how a product moves from the farm to the consumer, they gain a greater appreciation for agriculture and the people who make it possible.

Agricultural education also helps prepare young people for future careers. Kentucky agriculture requires individuals with skills in technology, business, communications, science, engineering, marketing and many other areas. Providing these experiences at an early age can help youth discover interests and career possibilities they may not have considered.

Kentucky All In for Ag Education Week reminds us that agricultural education is not limited to the farm. It is about connecting young people with agriculture, developing life skills and helping prepare the next generation of Kentucky leaders.

The Union County Cooperative Extension Service is proud to be part of these efforts and encourages families to take time this week to learn more about agriculture and the many opportunities available to Kentucky youth.

For more information about agricultural education opportunities through Union County 4-H, contact the Union County Cooperative Extension Service.

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!

-- PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC CONCERNING WAVERLY BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS HEARING

Notice is hereby given that Brandy Tucker, 1086 Hitesville Rd., Waverly has applied to the Board of Zoning Adjustments for the following reason:

Request the issuance of a conditional use permit to place a prefabricated single-family residence while inhabiting an existing camper as a temporary residence through construction on her property at 121 Blessed Martin Road in Waverly in an R-1, Low Density Residential, zone.

This request is made in accordance with Section 207 and 402.2(L) of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance.

A Board of Adjustments hearing on this proposal will be held at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 1, 2026, at the Waverly City Hall.

All parties wishing to be heard are hereby requested to be present.

Cheyenne Householder, Chairperson
9/23c

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8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

All Proceeds Go To Support Union County Youth

Kiwanis Memorial Building
721 N. Monroe Street
Sturgis, KY

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNION CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO. 24-CI-00012

AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC — PLAINTIFF
vs.
JOHN W. COLLINS — DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the 14TF DAY OF JULY, 2026, I will on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 97 State Route 270 West, Sturgis, Union County, Kentucky 42459
PVA No. / Map No.: 39-11

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 4.125% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 11th day of August, 2026.

Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner
9/23c

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 26-CI-00156

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION — PLAINTIFF
vs.
DUSTIN L. TRENT, Sr. and BRITTANY A. TRENT — DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered by the Union Circuit Court on the Judgement Date, I will on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**, at the hour of **10:00 A.M.** or as soon thereafter as may be possible at the Courthouse door in the City of Morganfield, Union County, Kentucky, proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder the following described real property located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:

Property Address: 1655 TP Luckett Road, Morganfield, Union County, KY 42437
PVA No. / Map No.: 63-10A-20

The current year's property taxes will be paid by the purchaser of the property.

Purchaser may pay cash or said property will be sold upon payment of 10% deposit, with the balance upon credit of 30 days, the purchaser shall execute a good and sufficient bond with approved surety thereon for the purchase price, the bond to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date thereof, until paid, and to have the force and effect of a judgment, but a lien shall be retained on said property to further secure the payment of the purchase price. At his option, the purchaser may pay cash or pay the bond with accrued interest at any time before its maturity. Said sale to be made free and clear of any and all liens, claims, rights, title, and interest of any and all parties to this action. The purchaser will be prepared to promptly comply with these terms or the said property will immediately be offered again for sale.

GIVEN under my hand this the 17th day of August, 2026.

Stephen M. Arnett, Master Commissioner
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