



UNION COUNTY FARMERS and others across the Tri-State area have been busy the past few weeks bringing in the fall harvest. These photos show a crew near the Union-Webster county line as they began the harvest in a field of corn. Motorists are reminded to be aware that large farm equipment will be using area roadways to move from field to field.

Sometimes Getting Older Isn’t Better

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The older we get the better...

The better what?

The better we feel?

The better we are with patience? The better we are in emergencies? Better in wisdom?

That random thought brought me back to an adventure when I was a young grandmother. A grandmother with several young grandchildren.

That particular week I found out the older I got the tireder I was. Is that a word? More tired? Whether it is or isn’t I meant I was really, really tired. Tireder than I was the week before.

Retirement is supposed to be fun and relaxing.

We had done quite a bit of traveling over the previous few months. Not relaxing travel, but business travel, moving family travel, and lots of doctor visits travel.

Although we managed to squeeze a week of Florida vacation time in, which was relaxing.

The previous week our Navy son’s employer, Uniform Color, was awarded The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom

Award. This award is the highest recognition given by the US Government to employers for their support of their employees who serve in the National Guard and Reserve.

Our son nominated his company for this award for their support while he served in Iraq the year before. The award was being presented to them in Washington, DC, and he and his wife couldn’t miss the opportunity to be a part of the ceremonies, so we were called in at the last minute to babysit.

With so many other commitments that we couldn’t cancel we agreed to babysit their children at our house. The kids got a week off from school and it became a vacation for them. They also enjoyed spending time with their cousins who they rarely saw before moving back to Kentucky.

We met them in Louisville to pick up four kids and one dog.

Then the week began.

With all our appointments and working out schedules I found out rather quickly I was out of the routine of having four kids and a dog.

Actually, there were

more than four kids at times because the other grandchildren came over as well and camped out on the living room floor with them.

Two of them still had to go to school so my mornings started early just like they did years ago when it was an everyday normal for me. Now it was an effort to get back into the swing of things.

The back yard was full of kids, neighborhood kids, a dog, and neighborhood dogs.

There was a constant need for food and drink. The back door became a swinging door and every time it opened several flies came in and the dog ran out.

The escaping dog caused all the kids to take off to catch him. If he wanted to be outdoors, he had to be hooked to the chain out back.

If he stayed inside, he stood at the back door barking at kids, the other dogs, and all the squirrels around. It was a madhouse.

Our daughter said she would make a trade with us over the weekend. She would trade my two little girls, ages four and seven, for her 21-month-old, and she attend her son’s soccer

games. Two for one sounded like a pretty good deal. Fewer kids equaled less work.

All in all, it was a pretty good deal. Then the other two cousins came over and one night turned into a 2 a.m. awakening with one of them getting sick all over the bathroom floor. Then there were clothes and rugs to wash and the floor to be mopped.

Finally, I had just settled down again when the baby’s crying woke me up and I was up with him for a little while. Not long after that the alarm buzzed and my day began.

Sunday afternoon it was time for a return trip to meet the parents and return four kids and a dog.

They all slept during the three-hour drive, and I even grabbed 40 winks myself.

At the end of the day, I was ready for the couch, or a hot soaking bath, or a soft pillow. I chose all three.

After a week with kids and a dog I surmised that the older I get I need one grand-

child at a time or a few for a shorter amount of time.

It wasn’t long before I received a text message from my son to discover I also need to get some of that memory enhancing supplement. We forgot the dog’s food and his bowls, and then I found two pairs of kids’ shoes I must send back.

What can I say, at least I got all the kids and the dog back to them. After that I was planning to sleep for a week.

Now with more grandchildren and more years under my belt I can confirm, getting older absolutely makes you tired; or as my mama would say, “tarder.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WAVERLY, KENTUCKY, ESTABLISHING TAX RATE ON TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR THE YEAR 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WAVERLY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That for the purpose and use of the General Fund of the City of Waverly, Kentucky, for the year 2026 there is hereby levied and appropriated for the General Fund a tax of \$0.118 for real property, \$0.1985 for tangible personal property, and 21.20 for motor vehicle and watercraft, on each \$100.00 (One Hundred Dollars) worth of taxable property within the city limits of the CITY OF WAVERLY, Kentucky as of the assessment date of January 1, 2026, as equalized by the City Board of Supervisors for the year 2026.

All other ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are, to such extent, hereby repealed.

Given first reading by the City Council of the CITY OF WAVERLY on this the 1st day of September, 2026.

Given second reading and duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the CITY OF WAVERLY, Kentucky, on this the 8th day of September, 2026.

ATTEST:
MADISON TURNER
City Clerk - Treasurer

FIRST READING: September 1, 2026

SECOND READING: September 8 2026

CITY OF WAVERLY
Cris Payne, Mayor

COUNTY TAXPAYER NOTICE

The 2023 Union County unmined coal bills will be due and payable beginning October 1, 2026. The unmined coal tax bills will be mailed on September 30, 2026. Bills will be mailed directly to each taxpayer. It will be the taxpayer’s responsibility to forward to any paying agent. When mailing your payment, please include your copy of the tax bill or put the tax bill number on your check. If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The following will be the collection dates for 2023 unmined coal taxes.

- 2% Discount October 1, 2026 through November 1, 2026
- Face Amount November 2, 2026 through December 31, 2026
- 5% Penalty January 1, 2027 through January 31, 2027
- 21% Penalty February 1, 2027 and thereafter

IMPORTANT NOTICE...

All delinquent oil tax bills will be transferred to the County Clerk’s Office at the close of business on April 15, 2027. In addition to the penalties and fees that are applied by the Sheriff’s Office, all payments made in the County Clerk’s Office are subject to a 20% County Attorney’s fee and a 10% County Clerk’s fee and interest at 1% per month. The delinquency is also subject to being sold to a third party in the fall of 2027.

COUNTY TAXPAYER NOTICE

The 2026 Union County property tax bills will be due and payable beginning October 1, 2026. Property tax bills will be mailed on September 30. County tax bills will be mailed directly to each taxpayer. It will be the taxpayer’s responsibility to forward to any mortgage company or paying agent. When mailing your payment, please include your copy of the property tax bill or put the tax bill number on your check. If you wish a paid receipt returned to you, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. The following will be the 2026 collection dates:

- 2% Discount October 1, 2026 thru November 1, 2026
- Face Amount November 2, 2026 thru December 31, 2026
- 5% Penalty January 1, 2027 thru January 31, 2027
- 10% Penalty + 10% Sheriff’s Add-On February 1, 2027 thru April 15, 2027

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