

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

4-H NEWS

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Celebrating National 4-H Week
October 4–10, 2026

National 4-H Week is a time to celebrate the positive impact 4-H has on young people and communities. Union County 4-H is proud to provide youth with opportunities to learn, lead, serve, and discover their interests through hands-on experiences. Union County 4-H offers something for everyone, including MasterChef Cooking Club, Livestock Club, Homesteading Club, Shooting Sports, Horse Club, Horse Camp, Country Ham, Science & Technology, Teen Leadership, camping, Project Days, and County Fair projects and entries. A new Sewing Club is also coming soon, giving young people an opportunity to learn basic sewing skills and explore their creativity.

Over the past two program years, Union County 4-H has reached more than 3,700 youth contacts through clubs, school enrichment, special-interest programs, camps, and other activities.

Is your child ready to discover their spark? We invite youth ages 5–18 to become part of Union County 4-H. Enrollment is open! Contact the Union County Cooperative Extension Service to learn more about clubs, projects, and upcoming activities.

We are thankful for our 4-H members, families, volunteers, schools, and community partners who make these opportunities possible.

Happy National 4-H Week! Come grow with us in 4-H!

Ready to Join 4-H?

Enrollment is open for Union County 4-H! Youth ages 5–18 can join by completing their 4-H enrollment profile online. To learn more about how to enroll in Union County

4-H, contact the Union County Cooperative Extension Office at 270-389-1400.

Come discover your spark and grow with Union County 4-H!

4-H Happenings

- Oct 4-10 National 4-H Week
- Oct 5-9 Fall Break
- Oct 12 Project Club 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 19 Cloverbuds 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- Oct 20 Homesteading Club 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
- Oct 21 Sewing Club Interest Mtg 4:30 p.m.
- Oct 22 TLA (Webster Co) ALL Day
- Oct 22 - 24 Area Teen Retreat West KY 4-H Camp
- Oct 27 Cooking Club 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

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!

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of economic or social status and will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, national origin, creed, religion, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expressions, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, age, veteran status, or physical or mental disability.

Between You and Me x 2

By Monty Carter

In All Things....

Something happened two weeks ago on Saturday in the college football game between Texas and Tennessee that I believe points to a disturbing trend. A star defensive player for Texas had a sack on the Vols QB early in the game. While the QB was down, the Texas player stood over him and pretended to use the bathroom on top of him. The defensive player then acted incredulous when the officials threw a flag for “unsportsmanlike conduct.” The Texas coach momentarily benched the player and then let him return to the game. In his post-game apology, the player said, “All glory to God...” (for God’s forgiveness) before offering a weak apology for his actions. His on-field behavior did not bring glory to God. Keep in mind the stadium was filled with families and young children. I’m sure many parents had to explain something on the way home they’d never expected to have to do following a CFB game.

ment and let the young man reflect on behavior that embarrassed his team, coaches, and the university. Character still means something to a lot of coaches. I get that college sports are different than the days when Keith Jackson was on the call for ABC, and a Bear stalked the sidelines. However, what is the limit of incivility and crude behavior? When I was a senior in high school my Dad took me to an FCA leadership breakfast. Hall of Fame NFL head coach, Tom Landry was the speaker. Coach Landry spoke about discipline and character regarding his faith in Jesus Christ. He made an impression on me. He noted that those blessed with leadership and athletic ability had a responsibility. Sports are big business. College athletics brings in billions of dollars annually. Many star college players now make more than some professional athletes, and even some of their assistant coaches. Our country is enamored with star athletes, actors, and billionaires. But is that a license to behave any way you want even if it crosses the line of decency? Giving glory to God is more than a scripture verse scribbled on your helmet, or thanking Him for a big victory when the lights and cameras are on. It’s

about humility, obedience, serving, and compassion. The Apostle Paul wrote about bringing glory to God in his first letter to the Corinthians. He tied it to humility and conscience: “So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” (1 Cor. 10:31) Ironically, Paul begins the next chapter by challenging them to be “imitators” of Christ. For the life of me, I cannot imagine Jesus standing over someone and pretending to use the bathroom. If anything, it’s time to raise the bar of character not lower it. The late Marine Commandant, General Robert Barrow was fond of reminding his sons and young Marines: “In all things be a gentleman.” Then he would pause and say with emphasis, “ALL THINGS!” I think the Apostle Paul would’ve given the old warrior a hearty, “Amen!” On the same Saturday, a defensive star for South Carolina threw punches and mouthed off to his coaches. The head coach pulled him out and suspended him indefinitely. By the way, the SC coach is fighting for his job. And yet, he put character and principles above a win! Character matters, for all of us. Agape, Monty

DeathsAnd Funerals

Christine Bain

Christine Smith Bain, 89, of Morganfield, formerly of Corinth, Mississippi, died at her home on Thursday, October 1. She was born May 12, 1937 to the late Kelsey and Ruby Smithin Alcorn, Mississippi. She lived there until 2017 before moving to Morganfield to be near her daughter.

She grew up in church and loved the Lord. She was a hard worker who served as a factory worker, caretaker for the sick, clerk at New Life Christian Supply and was co-owner of Outlet Farm Equipment Company. She enjoyed cleaning and working in her yard. She especially enjoyed cooking for family and friends. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Milton Bain; four brothers and their wives; a sister and her husband; her mother-in-law and father-in-law; and several brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Bain Jackson and husband, Dwight of Morganfield; two grandsons; four great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law and their husbands; and her caregivers. Funeral service was held on Monday, October 5 at Memorial Funeral Home in Corinth. Dwight Jackson officiated. Matt Jackson delivered the eulogy. Burial was at Magnolia Gardens in Corinth.

Did You Know?

Small farms are the lifeblood of rural communities. According to the Farm Bureau, 97 percent of American farms are owned by families. Small family farms make up the majority of farms nationwide and operate a higher share of acres altogether than any other farm size. It’s important to note that the distinction “family farm” does not necessarily always mean a small-scale operation. Ten percent of farms owned by families generate more than \$350,000 in annual revenue. Despite this, small-scale farms are mired in a long-term decline, according to recent U.S. Department of Agriculture reports. Driven by economic pressures, government policies generally are favoring large operations, consolidation and tighter competition.

Cathy Strehle

Cathy Strehle, age 77 passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at her home. She was born January 9, 1949 to the late James D. and Ruby Cusic in Morganfield. Cathy was a school bus driver for Henderson County School System.

She enjoyed spending time at the Senior Center, reading, planting flowers, gardening, and feeding the birds and squirrels. Cathy especially loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Larry Strehle; her brothers, Donnie and David Cusic; her sister, Beverly Duncan

Survivors include her daughter, Marty Ferguson of Morganfield; her son, Greg Strehle of Indianapolis, Indiana; her sister, Jeanne Knight and husband, Phil of Rochester, New York; three brothers-in-law, Jerry Duncan, Bruce (Julie) Strehle, and Kenny Strehle; three sisters-in-law, Mary Ann (Cathie) Strehle, Joan (Eddie) Williams, and Elaine (Steve) Gold; four grandchildren, Sara Jewell Ferguson, Macy Barker, Gabe Strehle, and Amelia Strehle; and one great grandchild, Waylon Barker.

A private family service will be held at a later date. The family would like to give a special thank you to St. Anthony’s Hospice for their special care.

Memorial contributions can be made to UC Cause for Paws, PO Box 60, Morganfield, KY 42437. Paid

Camo Church Service

Planned For Deer Hunters

Young and old deer hunters are invited to a camo church service on Sunday, October 11, at Woodland Baptist Church in Morganfield. A free breakfast will be served at 10:00 a.m. followed by worship service at 11:00 a.m. The guest worship leader is Michael Mason from Scott City, MO with Pastor Gary Gambill of Mountain City, TN as the guest speaker. Woodland Baptist Church is located at 208 Woodland Church Road, Morganfield. All are welcome to join in this event.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that River View Coal, LLC, 1146 Monarch Street STE:350, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, has applied for Phase I II and III bond release on increment No. 2 and 4 and an administrative release of increment No. 3 of permit 913-0014, which was last issued on September 16th, 2026. The application covers an area of approximately 14.0 surface acres. The permit area is near the intersection of State Route 1180 and State Route 359. The bonds now in effect for the mentioned increments are surety bonds in the amount of \$225,000. 100% of the original bonds receiving release in the amount of \$225,000 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, regrading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and a report for the area has been submitted to the cabinet in accordance with 405 KAR 16:200, Section 8 or 405 KAR 18:200, Section 8. revegetation has been established in accordance with the approved reclamation plan and the standards for success of revegetation, successful completion of all surface and reclamation operations in accordance with the approved reclamation plan such that the land is capable of supporting the post mining land use of cropland approved pursuant to 405 KAR 16:210 or 405 KAR 18:220; compliance with requirements of KRS Chapter 350, 405 KAR Chapters 7 through 24, and 405 KAR 10:020 and release of 14.0 acres. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 by Friday November 20th, 2026. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 1st, 2026 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement’s Madisonville Regional Office, State Office Building, Third Floor, 625 Hospital Drive, Madisonville, KY 42431. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by Friday November 20th, 2026. 10/21c

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