

From Paradise Removed

By Van Yandell

Genesis 3: 24 “So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

Genesis chapter three is known as “The Fall of Man” Biblical account of mankind’s fall from the grace of God. The blessings God gave to Adam and Eve were to experience a paradise and live without encumbrance forever.

Genesis 3: 3 “But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.” Many interpret “lest ye die” as meaning that before Eve partook of the forbidden fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, she and Adam were created eternal.

Thus, with the fall of man, Eve determined a future in which we would exist. Would they have reproduced had the serpent and the fruit not happened? That question is of course, up for grabs and opinions flourish.

Genesis provides us with a lot of information. But it leaves me with a few questions for which there are no definite answers. We often confuse opinions with facts.

How long had Adam lived before God made Eve from his rib? How long did they live in Eden before the serpent showed up? Why does Genesis 1: 27 indicate God created man by His spoken word (verse

3) and then Genesis 2: 7 says He made Adam from a material; the dust of the earth?

Handed down generational information teaches these things all happened in a few twenty-four hour days, but read word for word, that is likely not the case. Similar non-Biblical sustained information promote that Adam was the first and only man God created; but was he? The easy answer is sometimes wrong!

The word day in Hebrew is “yom” which can be a twenty-four day, a generation or an indefinite period of time. Some astronomers claim the universe is 13.7 billion years old which is also nonsense. Perhaps we should admit, we do not know!

Nonetheless, Adam and Eve were removed from the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3: 23 “Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground (dust) from whence he was taken.”

To be removed from “my paradise” is not just disturbing; it is terrifying! But that fear could also be rationalized by understanding.

America, to many, is a paradise. To live here is to have opportunities many in our world do not have. We have freedoms few have. Many of those freedoms we take for granted but when (if) we realize millions in our world do not have those freedoms, an awakening is experienced.

The freedoms of

speech, the press, religion and assembly are a few many assume are basic human rights had everywhere by everyone; not so!

This paradise allows us to work, earn, develop an expertise, save for our future and provide for our families. To capitalize is to use one’s ingenuity, inventiveness, creativity, intelligence and imagination to earn capital to spend and invest in our futures. The American dream must not die!

To capitalize however, can be a two-edged sword. If it leads to greed, selfishness and love of money, it can be dangerous and destroy humanity.

America is also a beautiful land with which we are blessed. The first verse of “America the Beautiful” says volumes. “O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.”

Can this paradise be lost forever? Are the ideals of our founding fathers being circumvented and disintegrated by those not understanding how precious this paradise really is?

What is your vision of paradise? Is it witnessing a beautiful sunset or sunrise on a beach along one of America’s many miles of coastline? Is it a mountain trail or walk in the woods? For some their paradise is sitting on the porch listening to

the rain.

Jesus said to the believing thief on the cross (Luke 23: 43) “Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.”

Not all of the world’s religions teach an afterlife. The Bible teaches we are spiritual beings, becoming indwelt with God’s spirit the moment we believe that Jesus Christ was crucified for the remission of sin and resurrected. Many choose not to believe. What if they are wrong?

Emblazoned above the gate to hell in Dante Alighieri’s Inferno are the words, “Abandon all hope, ye who enter here”

From paradise, Adam and Eve were removed, but from the place Dante is referring, there is no removal and it certainly is no paradise..

From John Milton’s “Paradise Lost,” the first verse reads “Of Mans First Disobedience, and the Fruit, Of that Forbidden Tree, whose mortal taste Brought Death into the World, and all our woe, With loss of Eden, till one greater Man, Restore us, and regain the blissful Seat.”

The one and only one “Greater Man that restores and regains that blissful seat” was and is Christ Jesus. He is past, present and future tense (John 1: 1-3). He is alive, ascended into Heaven to be until He returns to take up His church (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18).

The true believer-followers of Jesus will never be removed from paradise. No man

can take you from Him (John 10: 29).

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CROPLAND RENT REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Morganfield is accepting sealed bids at City Hall, 130 E. Main Street, Morganfield, Kentucky, until 3:00 PM, Tuesday the 17th of November 2026, for the use of approximately 350 acres of City owned farmland. The bid should be marked “Farm Lease” on the outside of the sealed envelope. The bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

The term of the lease will be three (3) years, with option to extend the lease if the City chooses. The successful bidder will be required to pay one-half (1/2) the rent before March 31, or prior to planting, whichever is sooner, with remaining one-half (1/2) of rent due before October 30, in each year of lease. Specifications can be picked up at Morganfield City Hall, 130 E. Main Street, Morganfield, Kentucky.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in the bidding process.

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ELECTION NOTICE

MAIL-IN EXCUSED
ABSENTEE

BALLOT
PROCESSING

Union County Clerk’s Office
100 W. Main Street
Morganfield, KY

The Union County Board of
Elections will meet at:

3:00 P.M. on October 30
and
8:00 A.M. on Election Day
(November 3)

in the County Clerk’s Office to process
excused mail-in absentee ballots
returned for the November General
Election. Results, however, will
not be available until after 6:00 P.M.

Remember: ALL Mail-In Ballots MUST
Be Received By Election Day

Garrick Thompson
Union County Clerk

Plans Underway For County’s Veterans Day Program

The American Legion Post# 48 will conduct their annual Veterans Day program at the Breckenridge Museum on November 11, 2026, at 11:00 am.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this program.

The Veterans Day program will include the dedication of new

bricks installed on the Walk of Honor. As of September, 257 bricks have been installed and the program continues to grow.

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, commemorates the temporary cessation of hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany on Novem-

ber 11, 1918, and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles later that year, bringing an end to World War I. In 1938, the USA declared Armistice Day a federal holiday. At this year’s Veterans Day program in Union County refreshments will be provided. Please join American Legion members in cel-

ebating veterans and the 250th anniversary of this great nation.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 26-CI-00058

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC
v.
DAWSON MATHEW THOMAS YATES
EMELY JUNE YATES

PLAINTIFF
DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

Pursuant to a Judgment and Order of Sale and to satisfy the judgment of the Plaintiff in the above styled action, the Commissioner will offer for sale on or about the hour of **10:10 a.m., Tuesday November 10, 2026**, at public auction to the highest bidder at the **Union County Courthouse, 107 South Morgan Street, (First Floor) Morganfield, Kentucky, 42437**, the following described property:

Property Address: 126 Offutt Street, Morganfield, KY 42437
Tax ID No.: M3-30-05

The following described real property, improvements and appurtenances, located in Union County, Kentucky, to-wit:

*Lot No. 31 in Offutt's Addition to Morganfield, Kentucky, and bounded as follows:
Fronting 50 feet on the South side of Offutt, and running back 140 feet to an alley. See plat of Offutt's Addition recorded in Deed Book 73 at Page 51 in the Union County Court Clerk's Office.*

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence

Being the same property conveyed from Jon Schermerhorn, by and through his Attorney-in-fact, Jona Moore, and his wife, Debra Schermerhorn, by and through her Attorney-in-fact, Jona Moore to Emely June Yates and Dawson Mathew Thomas Yates, wife and husband, in fee simple, as joint tenants with right of survivorship by virtue of a deed dated November 11, 2024 and recorded November 18, 2024 at Deed Book D405, Page 441 of the Union County, Kentucky real estate records.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY CONVEYED HEREIN WAS PROVIDED TO THE DRAFTSMAN BY THE PLAINTIFF AND THE DRAFTSMAN DOES NOT CERTIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE SAME NOR ANY EXISTING EASEMENTS

Terms: The following terms are in effect unless otherwise mentioned above:
At the time of sale, the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days. If the purchase price is not paid in full, the successful bidder shall execute a bond at the time of sale with sufficient surety to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. The bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6.87500% per annum from the date of sale until paid. In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff then in lieu of the deposit, the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the Judgment amount. To the extent applicable, the property will be sold subject to the statutory right of redemption. **The purchaser shall be responsible for ad valorem taxes for the year 2026 and subsequent years.** No written bids are allowed and any announcements made at the sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein. The Master Commissioner does not warrant title. The Master Commissioner only conveys pursuant to the Judgment and Order of Sale. The successful bidder has 10 days after the sale to examine title and file exceptions.

Dated this the ____day of _____, 2026

REBECCA J. JOHNSON
SPECIAL MASTER COMMISSIONER
217 WEST BELLVILLE STREET
PO. BOX 415
MARION, KENTUCKY 42064
270-965-2222

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNION CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 24-CI-00203

FIFTH THIRD BANK N.A.
v.
BRIAN D. LEE
BRIAN D. LEE AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID EDWARD LEE
CHRISTI LEE
SHERRIE LEE
UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF BRIAN D. LEE
UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF CHRISTI LEE
UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, SPOUSE OF SHERRIE LEE
MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC

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Lying and being in Union County, Kentucky and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stake in the North side of an Alley running between the said Lot and the Lot now occupied by James M. Davis as a homestead; thence with the West line of the Alley running 200 feet to a stake in the line of another Alley that runs back of this Lot; thence to the right and with said Alley 50 feet to a stake; thence at right angles to the right and running 200 feet to a stake in the line on Morton Street; thence with Morton Street, 50 feet to the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to David E. Lee and Mary B. Lee, husband and wife, by Deed executed on July 29, 1987 and August 10, 1987, and recorded on August 18, 1987 in Deed Book 254, Page 356, in the Office of the Clerk of Union County, Kentucky.

Being the same property further conveyed by Mary Beth Lee Rhodes aka Mary B. Lee and Clyde Rhodes, wife and husband, to David Edward Lee, single, by Deed dated May 9, 1991, and recorded on May 10, 1991, in Deed Book 266, Page 505, in the Office of the Clerk of Union County, Kentucky.

David E. Lee aka David Edward Lee died on November 16, 2023, as evidenced by Union County Probate Court, Case 24-P-0048. Pursuant to his Will recorded on May 13, 2024 in Will Book 13, Page 268, in the Office of the Clerk of Union County, Kentucky, all right, title and interest in the above-described property was devised and conveyed equally to his children and heirs, Brian D. Lee, Christi Lee and Sherrie Simpson aka Sherrie Lee.

Parcel Number: MI-22-05
Property address: 302 W Morton St, Morganfield, KY 42437

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