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Union County Homemakers Marilyn Holt, Charlotte Gibson, Linda Stevens and Becky Greenwell attend the Taste of Union County

Family & Consumer Sciences

In an effort to increase membership, the Union County Homemakers sponsored their fourth annual "Taste of Union County," on Saturday, November 14th, at the Union County Extension Office.

Union County's three clubs sponsored tables and prepared tastings for the public. Local businesses also had tables, including Cakes by Annette, Verlies Restaurant, Meacham's Ham House, Creative Touch Florist and White Buck Winery. A cook book was available, as well as educational information on holiday budgeting and food safety. The theme was "Holiday Brunch Made Easy."

The public was asked to bring socks to donate to a local charity, Happy Feet, which furnishes shoes to low income students in our school system. Approximately 100 pairs of socks and \$14 cash were donated .

Priority Program Efforts

- The Union County Bull Sale demonstrated the success after the 5th bull sold at the sale had generated \$1,000,000 in economic activity for Union County in its' 12 years.
- About 40 farmers and rescue personal attended the six (6) hour training. People were made aware through lectures and demonstrations as how quickly a person can be consumed by moving grain inside grain bins.
- 24 expectant mothers ranging in age from 17- 40, with guests, attended the World's Greatest Baby Shower. Over 75 attendees took advantage of the 12 exhibitor booths.
- 65 participants attended a Heart Health Lunch & Learn program at the Union County Cooperative Extension Service. 99% were willing and motivated to take better care of their heart.
- 23 youth participated in 4-H Camp at West Kentucky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs. Youth participate in a variety of activities that include archery, horseback riding, high ropes course/zip line, fishing, canoeing, swimming, riflery, arts and crafts and much, much more.

Results from the 2015 event were: 20 Homemakers helped with the event, one mailbox member changed status to rejoin Morganfield Young Homemaker Club, and one new member joined Morganfield Young Homemaker Club. A 4-H member volunteered to help out and five volunteers from local businesses joined us for event.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Over 90% of all agricultural sales in Union County are cash grain sales. The Union County Agriculture Advancement Council has concluded that yield is the most important aspect to grain production and profitability. The County Extension Council and the Ag Advancement Councils realized the strong teaching and learning opportunities from yield contests in the county, state, and national yield contests.

Union County farmers are very competitive and annually participate heavily in yield contests. Everyone wants to know what seed, fertilizer, chemicals, and other inputs were used to produce winning yields, as well as, how and when the inputs were used and on what soil types.

Union County, as usual, had the largest number of entries in yellow corn, white corn, soybeans, and wheat, bringing home two (2) major traveling trophies and winning six (6) other major awards. Union County had the largest number of awards. Union County, also, had the largest number attending the Kentucky Commodity Conference Awards Banquet.

The white corn traveling trophy came to Union County for the third (3rd) year in a row and the wheat traveling trophy came to Union County for the first (1st) time.

“ Bill McCloskey said we had generated more money (over \$1,000,000 in bull sales) with less investment than any other county in the State.

Good buyers and good bull producers are what it takes to make a good sale.”

- Adam O’Nan, Bull Sale Manager -

4-H & Youth Development

4-H is all about creating opportunities for youth, especially at the Union County Fair! The heat of summer 2016 did not keep youth from participating in 4-H county fair events. The Union County 4-H program had thirty-three (33) 4-H members submit fair entries, compete in livestock shows, and engage in the Country Ham Project at the local county fair.

Much talent was exhibited in the areas of art, horticulture, crops, livestock, photography, food, and communication with over fifty (50) entries submitted, multiple livestock shown, and numerous hams and speeches judged.

Also occurring on the Saturday morning of fair week, the Union County 4-H Country Ham Project Club hosted its 14th Annual Country Ham Breakfast where over 200 tickets were sold and \$3,000 was raised to help offset the cost of the State Fair Competition trip. The Union County 4-H Country Ham Project club continues to be one of the largest programs with consistently over 20 youth participating since the year of 2002.

Furthermore, Union County also did exceptional at the State Fair specifically in the crops division. Union County brought home class champion placings in the divisions of timothy hay, yellow ear corn, white ear corn, and soybeans.



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