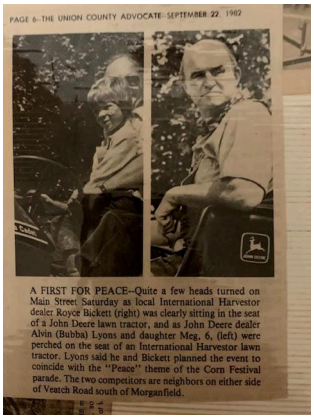
2026 Golden Kernel Award Winner

Alvin “Bub” Lyon

Co-Founder French and Lyon John Deere, Long Time Supporter of the Morganfield Lions Club and the Corn Festival.

PHOTOS

		
Meg with Alvin at 1982 Corn Festival	Alvin with Business Partner Bernard French	Mark with Alvin leaving for work
		
Alvin in the Field with classic John Deere Tractor	Alvin with a buddy after joining the	Mom, Mark and Alvin

BIO

French and Lyon was started on March 1, 1963 and sold to Hutson's Inc. on January 1, 2000. The company was founded by Alvin and brother-in-law Bernard French with the strong support of his mother Mary Jo Lyon and sister Peggy French, who was Bernard's wife who passed away. Their support is the reason the business was started. Alvin and Bernard were equal partners.

French and Lyon had a great reputation as one of the largest dealers by volume in the United States. Bub was a supporter of the Corn Festival and the FFA for many years. The Corn Festival was "like Christmas" for him. A picture that appeared in the Union County Advocate in 1984 of him and his daughter Meg, shows his devotion to the Corn Festival.

Bub had three children, Mary Catherine, now deceased, Meg has five children and Mark who also has 5 children and 11 grandchildren. Bub is alive and doing well at the age of 95 and looks forward to riding in the parade. He loves Morganfield and Union County and takes great pride in being from here. He graduated from St Vincent in 1950, a member of one of the first basketball teams of the school. He left for the Air Force to serve in Korea as a mechanic. He met and married Mary in 1965 and they were married for 52 years. He loves Mark's wife like his own daughter. He has supported Union County athletics and treasures his friendship with Miss Pansy French for the last 9 years.

His support for the county has been given, often anonymously, when it was needed such as for lights on the baseball field or grass seed for the football field.

Congratulations to Bub Lyon for his long time support of the Corn Festival!