

Farm Bureau News

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The Fayette County Farm Bureau Board of Directors at the Annual Legislative Appreciation Dinner. The event was held on September 28, 2015 at the Hilary J. Boone Center. The purpose of this event is to advocate the importance of agriculture to public officials while sharing the Farm Bureau vision, priorities, and build working relationships between agriculturists and government officials.

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American Farm Bureau Convention



Millard Family enjoying their favorite Disney Character, Mickey Mouse at AFB Convention.

The American Farm Bureau (AFB) Convention was held January 8-13 in Orlando, FL. Fayette County Farm Bureau was well represented, with six board members in attendance. Fayette County Farm Bureau Vice President, Sean Millard reported policy and legislative issues that were brought up at the AFB convention. In addition, they attended workshops covering agricultural trade and

the impact of trade agreements, significance through dynamic leadership, and how an environmentalist changes his mind on GMO's. Stacy Vincent watched the discussion meet rounds, went to several workshops and brought back many ideas from IDEAg to be used as possible agriculture in the classroom activities for the UK AgEd Program, Locust Trace, and of course local Farm Bureau.

Special guests and speakers included Barbara Corcoran, Secretary of Agriculture, Tom Vilsack, Sabrina Hill, and Bob Stallman.



Director, Stacy Vincent and scholarship recipient, Lauren Guilfoil checking in equipment for the auction.

Food Check-Out Week (February 14-20, 2016)

Fayette County Farm Bureau celebrated Food Check out week by donating \$500 to the Backpack Program through God's Pantry to help hungry children have food to eat on the weekends. Most do not realize the hunger some students face on the weekends when they do not have

the school cafeteria food. This program allows students that may go without to eat healthy, filling food when they are away from school. The significance of Food Check Out Week is to show how affordable our food supply is here in the U.S. On average American's spend just 10% of

their disposable income for food. That means that the average 4 person family will earn enough money to pay for their entire food supply for 1 year in seven weeks of working. In comparison it takes 100 days to work to earn enough income to pay your taxes.



Early morning bidder card check-in crew at auction.

Farm Equipment Consignment Auction

Our 2016 Equipment Consignment Auction held Saturday, March 12, 2016, was our best ever. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers, board members, Farm Bureau staff, the Kentucky Horse Park, and all who participated. It was only because of their efforts we raised enough funds to sustain our scholarship program for Fayette County Youth.

This year's auction was our 33rd; the largest attended event in our history, and the largest sale of its kind in Kentucky! The auction attracted over buyers and sellers from all over Kentucky, as well as other states. There were over 1,464 pieces of equipment consigned



and over 1,900 bidders.

All proceeds from this sale go toward funding scholarships for Fayette County High School students. Every year, deserving Fayette County High School seniors are awarded a 4-year \$20,000 scholarship which would equate to \$5,000 per year toward a 4-year undergraduate degree. In addition, this auction allows us to offer a \$2,500 Vo-Tech scholarship or the equivalent of \$1,250 per year to a student pursuing a 2-year Vo-Tech degree. Please see page 5 to learn more about this year's scholarship winners.



Our 2016 Equipment Auction was our best ever! Well over \$119,000 in scholarship money was raised.

Youth Development

Leadership development is the chief goal of Kentucky Farm Bureau's Young Farmer programs. Fayette County Farm Bureau is quick to support and cultivate the next generation of agriculturalists. Two examples of this are the Outstanding Youth Contest and the Variety Show Contest. This year we had 24 students participate in the Fayette County Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth

Contest. Each contestant was interviewed by a committee and presented a two minute speech. A female and male winner went on to compete at districts.

This year's winners were Shawndulynn James (left) and Callaway Stivers(right).



The Fayette County Variety show act of the group "Bring Back Einstein" won 2nd place in the district contest. The group went on and represented Fayette County Farm Bureau very well during the Variety Show at State Convention.



Shawndulynn James giving her speech at the District 5 contest in Anderson County.

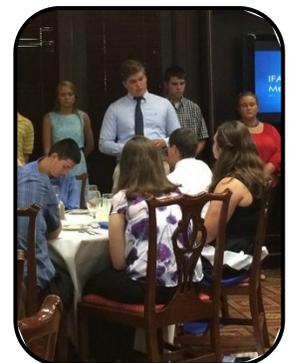


This Christmas we learned the meaning, "Only by giving are you able to receive more than you already have." Fayette County Farm Bureau Women's Committee adopted a family in need for their 2015 Christmas. Upon delivery of the goods, one of the daughters said, "I wouldn't say we are a needy family. We are so blessed with what we do have."

Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders



Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) is a unique five-day summer leadership conference that exposes students to college life and explores different fields of study for careers in agriculture. IFAL allows high school juniors to choose between separate conferences at two of Kentucky's premier universities. This year Fayette County Farm Bureau sponsored a student to attend IFAL at UK. Pictured above (from left to right) is Nancy Cox, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment at UK, Emery Poore, and Todd Bright, Kentucky Farm Bureau Director



Emery Poore is the 2015 IFAL participant from Fayette County Farm Bureau. This is Emery presenting during their presentation.



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Misconceptions of Life Insurance

It is that dreaded sales pitch.....who do you have your life insured with? We agents know that you don't want to be SOLD life insurance. And, we agents know that you do not want to BUY life insurance. So, why do we agents keep asking? Because when you realize that you need life insurance, it is usually too late to buy it.

Most people think they are 'covered' because they have insurance through their employer. As I often mention to my clients, this is usually not enough coverage for you to be 'covered.' Usually, an Employer offers 2-3 times your income, when most financial experts recommend 8-10 times your income. Also, many times, when you leave your employer, you are not able to take your coverage with you. So, we recommend taking the employer sponsored life insurance as a supplement to the plan that you purchase outside of your employment.

Another misconception is that only the breadwinner in the house needs coverage. As a working Mother, this one really hits home. Many times, people do not adequately put a price on what the stay at home partner does for the family. From laundry, grocery, and a taxi service for the kids, where would the income come from to replace this very necessary role in a families' life if not for life insurance. In addition, when you lose a spouse, many times this income would enable you to take some time to spend as a family, without worrying about these necessary details.

In this world of \$4 cups of coffee, \$75 monthly cell phone bills, and \$10 admittance to the movie theatre, the excuse I most hear is "Life insurance isn't in my budget." Folks, life insurance should always be in your budget. At the time of your death, life insurance

and the agent that would bring your check to your loved ones, does more good than frozen casseroles and "We are so sorry" ever would. Life insurance gives your loved ones the peace of mind of college education for your children, house payments wiped away, and a cushion of freedom during the most difficult time you will experience. Rates depend on your age and your health, but there are different options of plans, often times starting for less than \$1 a day for a healthy male or female!

No one wants Life Insurance. Most everyone needs life insurance. Do what you should for your loved ones, and call your agent today.



Board Members take a tour of Kentucky Farm Bureau President, Mark Haney's farm. Haney's Appledale Farm is family owned farm that has been passed down through five generations



Executive Director, Carrie McIntosh at Boot, Scoot, and Boogie 5K for UK Agriculture Education.



Fayette County at Legislative Drive-In
From left to right: Fayette County Executive Director Carrie McIntosh, State Senator Damon Thayer, Fayette County Past President Jane Elam, and Robert Elam

2016 Scholarship Recipient, Keriann Ferguson

Keriann Ferguson is the daughter of Gene & Heather Ferguson of Lexington. She is a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar high school. She was captain of both the Dunbar varsity volleyball and swim teams. She participated in the National Honors Society, Beta Club, Senior Execu-

tive Board, and Dunbar's track team. Keriann has been very community service, including a mission trip to Guatemala, God's Pantry, Cardinal Hill Hospital and serving as a tutor at Morton Middle School. In the fall Keriann plans to attend the University of Kentucky where she will

pursue a degree in Middle School Education with the dream of becoming a teacher.



2016 Scholarship Recipient, Connor Krolak



Connor Krolak, the son of Steven and Jennifer Krolak, is a senior in MSTC at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. As a high school student, he has already been actively engaged in scientific research, including holding a lab position at ECM Biosciences as well as completing a 360 Capstone Research Project at the University of Kentucky over with Multiple Sclerosis. Connor currently works as a tutor in the Eye

Level Learning Center, tutoring children in a classroom setting. Connor held various leadership positions at Dunbar including Dunbar Cultural Society, the Robotics team, and the French National Honor Society, as well as participating in the community through the Leadership Lexington Youth Program and the Hugh O' Brian Youth Leadership Program. Connor has received numerous academic honors, includ-

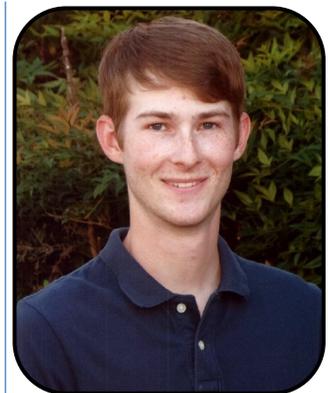
ing First Team Academic All-State Recognition and AP medallions for physics, MSTC pre-calculus, world history and French. Connor will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall, and plans to major in Biomedical Engineering, hoping to apply what he learns to the development of prosthetics to create something revolutionary.

2016 Scholarship Recipient, Ryan Power

Ryan Power is the son of Greg and Beth Maldinger-Power of Lexington. Ryan is a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar high school. And Locust Trace Agriscience Center. Ryan is a very accomplished horseman. He spends his spare time working on a horse farm and training horses for USEA eventing competi-

tions. Ryan is also a member of Locust Trace FFA. He is a member of the Ag Mechanics team that placed second in the region. He was a member of the small engines team that competed and took first place in the Bluegrass Region and third place at the state competition. He is also a part of the welding team at

Locust Trace. He plans to attend the University of Kentucky in the fall and study biosystems engineering. With his degree he plans to pursue a career with an agricultural equipment manufacturer designing and building farm equipment.





Director Cody Rakes competing in the KFB Discussion Meet at State Convention.



Executive Director, Carrie McIntosh, participating in the KFB LEAD Program. She is one of thirty selected participants for this two year leadership program.



Prosperous Place Agency Manager, Kristin Clark, educating Berea High School students about the dangers of texting and driving.



Bob James and local farmers at 2015 Fayette County Farm Field Day at David Demarcus Farm.

Fayette County Farm Bureau Spelling Bee

We would like to give a big Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winner Ashley Devore, homeschooled 6th grader. She won the Fayette County Farm Bureau Spelling Bee, went on to the state Ford Motor Company Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee competition in Louisville on March 5, 2016.

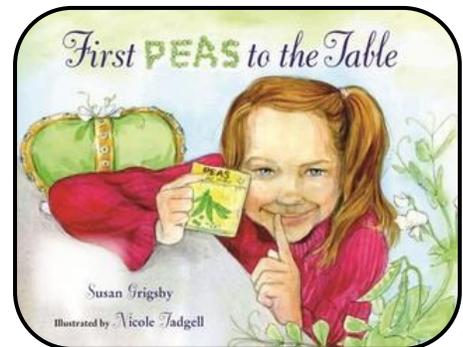
In order to be a contender at the state bee, Ashley won 1st place at our county-wide spelling bee, held at the Fayette County Extension Office on February 4, 2016. She competed against 65 other youth in grades four through eight from public, private, parochial and home schools across the county.



Above (from left to right) Ashley Devore, 1st Place homeschooled 6th grader, 2nd place Brennan Eddy 5th grader from Meadowthorpe Elementary, and 3rd Place Clay Gregory, 5th Grader from Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School.

Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

The Women's Committee sponsored books to 15 local elementary schools in Lexington, Kentucky. The books are a wonderful way to introduce students to school gardens, scientific method, and a bit of United States history. They will be used as a compliment to the farm to school program



Fayette County Farm Bureau Gardening Grants

Fayette County Farm Bureau is pleased to offer an opportunity for local educators to apply for a reimbursement grant geared toward school gardens that promote healthy eating in connection with agricultural education. Applicants must be educators in Fayette County. Receiving \$300 each, this year's winners of are Ashland Ele-

mentary, Cardinal Valley Elementary and Lexington Traditional Magnet School. March 15th was their first official Spring Workday.

The Farm Bureau gives this opportunity to excite children about gardening, encourage gardening as a way of life, for better health,

exercise and nutrition. In addition, it exposes the next generation of agriculturists, their teachers and parents to agriculture, and allows educational fun outdoors!

2016 Young Farmer Futures Seminar



Scholarship Recipient and Young Farmer Chairman, Danielle Milbern, attended the Young Farmer Futures Seminar in Chicago, Illinois, March 17-19. Danielle was sponsored by Fayette County Farm Bureau and had the opportunity to broaden her knowledge of futures markets and learn how to effectively utilize their farming operations.

Fayette County Local Discounts

As a member of Fayette County Farm Bureau, you have access to many discounts, services, and programs. We invite you to take advantage of all your Farm Bureau membership has to offer. The following businesses offer local discounts to Farm Bureau members:

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Women's Committee ladies attending the 2015 KFB Roadside Market Tour to Finger Lakes, NY.



Larry Swetnam attended the 2015 Beef Tour and traveled to Canada and Montana.



At the April board meeting we heard from Russ Hensley a LFUCG Councilmember about Broadband Service in Rural Fayette County.

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LEXINGTON RODEO



Are you interested in a night of bull riding, bareback riding, and barrel racing? The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) is the largest and oldest rodeo-sanctioning body in the world and will be partnering with The Rotary Club of Lexington to make the Lexington Rodeo. Fayette County Farm Bureau is proud to be the sponsor of the mutton busting event. The rodeo will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park Alltech Arena June 17 & 18. For a chance to win **free tickets** call Fayette County Farm Bureau Federation using the information above by June 3. To purchase tickets go to LexingtonRodeo.org, and use the **Promo code: FB**. By using the FB promo code part of your ticket purchase will support the Fayette County Farm Bureau Education Foundation scholarships.



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