

Farm Bureau News

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Farm Equipment Consignment Auction

Our 2014 Equipment Consignment Auction held Saturday, March 22, 2014, 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 31st the largest attended event in our history, and the largest sale of its kind in Kentucky! The auction attracted buyers and sellers from all over Kentucky, as well as other states. There were over 1,800 pieces of equipment consigned and over 1,900 bid-



Our 2014 Equipment Auction was our best ever! Well over \$110,000 in scholarship money was raised.

ders. Go ahead and mark your calendars to attend the 32nd

annual Fayette County Farm Bureau Farm Equipment Auction to be held on March 21, 2015.

All proceeds from this sale go towards 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.

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- * Sherwin-Williams Paint
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- * Eye Glasses

... and much, much, more!
See your agent for details or go to www.kyfb.com under "Member Benefits".

American Farm Bureau Convention

The AFB Convention was held January 13-16 in Nashville, TN. The American Farm Bureau (AFB) Convention was held January 12-15 in San Antonio, TX. Fayette County Farm Bureau was well represented, with more than ten board members in attendance. In total, Kentucky had the second largest delegation (behind Texas). State Director, Scott Travis reported at FCFB's January meeting the policy and legis-

lative issues that were brought up at the AFB convention. Farm Bureau legislative session policy topics were hemp language (getting it removed from controlled substance status), water quality (farmers are urged to have a water quality plan) and dairy policy (all milk sold for human consumption must be pasteurized). Mr. Travis stated that

79% of the 288 billion dollars allocated to the Farm Bill goes toward nutrition. Fayette County Farm Bureau hosted a booth to display our State Winning County Idea of Excellence for our

Please join in welcoming a new agent to the Prosperous Place office, Jacob Ellis.



Young Farmer Leadership Conference Lexington, KY January 24-25, 2014

Leadership development is the chief goal of Kentucky Farm Bureau's Young Farmer programs. Focused on adults ages 18-35, programs introduce participants to the business side of Farm Bureau; at the same time, they offer family-oriented social events for their

enjoyment. At this year's program there were many useful breakout groups to attend. There were workshops on Identity Theft, Grain and Cattle Markets, Farm Succession, Basics of Effective Social Media, KSP: Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and others.

There was even a class to keep the kids entertained and safe while the parents were busy elsewhere. Fayette County's participants this year were sponsored students from UK College of Agriculture. There was something for everyone!



A weekend long conference, filled with educational workshops, motivational speakers and tours of several local places of interest.

Congressional Tour

The week of February 23 - 27, 2014, was Kentucky's week to travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with the Kentucky congressional delegation. Fayette County Farm Bureau was represented by a Director and Women's Committee member. Delegates were Patrick Rob-

inson and Vicki Watkins. Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul and Representative Andy Barr along with all state district representatives met with Kentucky Farm Bureau members at the congressional breakfast. At the breakfast they each addressed KFB 2014

national priorities which included fiscal policy, national farm policy, taxes, environment, health care and farm labor. Farm Bureau's mission is to be the voice of agriculture - those who in attendance played a vital role in relaying concerns about the future of agriculture.



Fayette County member Vicki Watkins meets with Senator Mitch McConnell.

Celebrating National Ag Day

Fayette County Farm Bureau Members celebrated National Agriculture Day on March 25, 2014. In cooperation with 98.1 FM The Bull and 630 AM WLAP, we were able to do a radio campaign about National Ag Day. The radio campaign ran the entire week of March 25. The theme of the commercial was "Have you eaten today?"

Thank a farmer."

In addition, we also began placing Farm Facts each Friday on our Facebook

Page. Make sure to "like" us on Facebook at Fayette County (Kentucky) Farm Bureau to

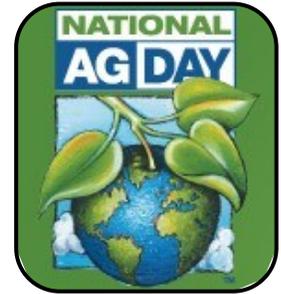


Fayette County (Kentucky) Farm Bureau

Posted by Megan Harper
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Bees are the only insects that produce food eaten by man. It takes 12 bees and 2,000 flowers to make a tablespoon of honey. Wow... talk about **#FarmFactFriday**

see our weekly #FarmFactFriday, new local discounts, and latest news about agriculture.



Ag Day - celebrating the needs satisfied solely by agriculture!

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 two students to attend IFAL at UK. Pictured above (from left to right) is Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau, Aaron Clark, David Maples III, and Dr. Larry Grabau, Associate Dean for Instruction in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment at UK.

Food Check-Out Week

Farmers and rancher members of many local Farm Bureaus reached out to consumers in their communities during Food Check-Out Week (Feb. 17-23 2013). Farm Bureau members offered tips on how consumers can stretch their grocery

dollars with healthy, nutritious food.

According to Kentucky Farm Bureau's Marketbasket Survey data, the average retail food price of 40 basic grocery items in Kentucky has increased less than \$45 over the last 20 years.

This year, in honor of Food Check-Out Week, the FCFB Board made a monetary donation to God's Pantry's "Backpack" program, which provides needy school children with healthy meals for the weekend.



The new Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, Nancy Cox, spoke at our February Board of Directors meeting. She shared that "1 in 9 jobs in Fayette County are tied to Agriculture".



Congratulations to Tiffany Cornett, Bates Creek Office's new agency manager.

Our Insurance Offices:

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Hamburg Road Agency
1795 Alysheba Way #4101
Ph: 859-543-0043

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1096 Duval St. #150
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Ph: 859-253-1626



Congratulations to J.P. Gentry, new agent in the Bates Creek Office.

Agent Spotlight - Tiffany Cornett

Fayette County Farm Bureau is pleased to congratulate and welcome Tiffany Wilson Cornett in her new position as Agency Manager in Lexington, KY, at the Bates Creek Agency. Tiffany began her career with Kentucky Farm Bureau in her hometown of Mt. Sterling, KY, in 2006. During the past 7 years as an Agent, she has displayed a high level of commitment to meeting the needs of our Farm Bureau members.

"I certainly miss all of my old clients and office staff in Mt. Sterling, but everyone has been so nice and encouraging in my new position. I can't say enough wonderful things about the members I have met so far, and the office staff at Bates Creek is top notch. I'm looking forward to deepening my roots in the area and building new member relationships!"

Tiffany is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.S. in Integrated Strategic Communication and a minor in Business. She is a member of NAIFA, KFB President's Club (a program recognizing Agents for their character and leadership) and has been recognized as a Kentucky Colonel. If you have not had a chance to meet Tiffany, feel free to call or stop by the Bates Creek office on Duval Street.

Our Insurance Services - Long Term Care Insurance

Kentucky Farm Bureau is the #1 property and casualty insurer for people across the beautiful Commonwealth of Kentucky. With local agents, our members enjoy an unmatched level of dedication and service. KFB's rates are affordable and our local claims service is quick and efficient. Fayette County has 6 offices to serve you. Of-

ices are listed to the left of this page.

We would like to make you aware of our Long Term Care Insurance.

When injury or illness requires long term nursing facility care or home care, the cost can really add up. Depending on the type of policy selected, Southern

Farm Bureau Life's Long Term Care insurance policies can provide you with protection against the cost of care at home, in a nursing or assisted living facility, or even in an adult day care or hospice care facility.

Your Kentucky Farm Bureau Agent will gladly provide you with coverage details.

New Agent Spotlight - J.P. Gentry

J.P. Gentry has been appointed as an agent with Kentucky Farm Bureau (KFB) Insurance at the Fayette County Farm Bureau - Bates Creek Agency.

Gentry, who earned a degree in management and marketing from Georgetown College where he was also a member of the golf team,

joins Fayette County Farm Bureau after working for Whitaker Bank.

In his new position, Gentry will call on the residents of Fayette County to offer a wide variety of insurance coverage through Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance. He will work with Agency Manager, Tiffany Cornett

and the staff at the Fayette County Farm Bureau located at 1096 Duval Street, Lexington, KY, 40515. He can be reached by phone at (859) 273-1825.

2014 Scholarship recipient, Coleman Stivers

Coleman Stivers is one of the recipients of the 2013 Fayette County Farm Bureau Scholarship. He was awarded \$20,000 to attend the college of his choice toward obtaining an undergraduate degree. Coleman, the son of Jeff and Melanie Stivers, is a senior at Locust Trace Agriscience Farm and Lafayette High School. His “farmers market to your door” business, *Stivers Brothers Homegrown Produce and Honey*, has expanded to being a member of the Bluegrass Farmers Market, where he serves on the

Board. Coleman has participated in many special activities and events: he is an alumnus of the Governors Scholars Program, and attended an arts magnet school (SCAPA) with an emphasis on piano studies. While he was there he was a member of a state winning speech team and acted in productions at the Lexington Opera House. Kentucky Farm Bureau selected Coleman as the state winner in the Outstanding Youth Contest in 2012 and he traveled to on the Washington Congressional Tour. With the sponsorship

of Fayette County Farm Bureau, Coleman also attended the Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders in 2013. Coleman has been active with FFA, serving as the president of his local chapter and winning state level FFA contests in Farmers Market, Agri-Entrepreneurship, the Entrepreneurship Video Contest, and 2nd place in Prepared Public Speaking. Coleman will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall to study Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.



Coleman Stivers, a Senior at Locust Trace Agriscience Farm, plans to pursue a career in Agricultural Engineering.

2014 Scholarship Recipient, Ashley Hardee

Ashley Hardee was awarded a \$10,000 4-year scholarship. Ashley is the daughter of Tony and Linda Hardee, and is a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. Ashley is an avid traveler and has traveled with her family to all 48 contiguous United States. She is active in her church youth group, local 4-H, and school's Beta Club. Ashley is a member of the Cardinal Hill Rehabilitation Hospital's Teen Board, and she also participates in the academic in-

ternship program at her school. This program has allowed Ashley to intern at Blue Grass Airport, UK Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Beaumont Middle School Special Education, University Health Pharmacy, Downtown Lexington Corporation, EEO Associates, and UK General Pediatrics. Ashley regularly volunteers with the Down Syndrome Association of Central Kentucky's 0-5 year-old playgroup and acts as a paid caregiver for Ava, a beautiful eight-year-

old with Down Syndrome. Ashley has been inspired by her younger brother, Carson, who has a genetic condition called hypogammaglobulinemia, to pursue a career as a pediatrician. She plans to attend Xavier University in the fall as a St. Francis Xavier Scholar and will major in Chemistry.



Ashley Hardee, a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, will pursue a career as a pediatrician.



Julia Radhakrishnan, Fayette County Spelling Bee Winner.

Fayette County Farm Bureau Spelling Bee

We would like to give a big Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winner Julia Radhakrishnan, 8th grader from The Sphinx Academy. Julia 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 15, 2014.

In order to be a contender at the state bee, Julia won 1st

place at our county-wide spelling bee, held at the Fayette County Extension Office on February 13, 2014. She competed against 53 other youth in grades four through eight from public, private, parochial and home schools across the county.

The Spelling Bee is recognized state-wide, sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau & the Kentucky Derby Festival.

Second place was awarded to Caleb Hamyln, a 7th grader from Lexington Traditional Magnet School. Third place was awarded to Gus Carlson, an 8th grader from Winburn Middle School.

Naturally, you may want to know the winning word of the spelling bee. This year the word that separated Ms. Julia from the rest was **acquiesce**.



Farm Bureau in the classroom

Serena and Brennan Gilkison, Fayette County Farm Bureau board members, constructed and donated a whimsical "Book Barn" to Victory Heights Montessori school in Clark County in observance of National Ag Day.

Brennan is shown reading a book he donated for the book barn that is titled, *HOW DID THAT GET IN MY LUNCH?*



Cardinal Valley Elementary awarded Garden Grant

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. This

year's winner of the \$300 reimbursement grant was Cardinal Valley Elementary. March 15th was their first official Spring Workday. The pictures on the left show the community gardens. 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!



Gardens thanks to the Garden Grant at Cardinal Valley Elementary School.

2014 Young Farmer Futures Seminar



Two students from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment attended the Young Farmer Futures Seminar in Chicago, Illinois, March 13-15. These students were sponsored by Fayette County Farm Bureau and had the opportunity to visit several locations including Chicago Board of Trade, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, and Fair Oaks Farm.

Featured Member Benefit - GM Discount

Eligible members of Kentucky Farm Bureau can now receive a \$500 discount on each qualifying new Chevrolet, GMC or Buick vehicle they purchase or lease. This Farm Bureau member exclusive is offered for vehicles purchased or leased at participating dealerships through

Farm Bureau's—GM PRIVATE OFFER. To qualify for the offer, individuals must have been a Farm Bureau member in good standing for at least 60 days immediately prior to the delivery of the vehicle(s) selected. This applies to both new and existing members.

Members simply go to www.fbverify.com/gm, enter their 10 character membership number and zip code, and print off a certificate to take to the dealership. For additional information or help with membership verification, please call 859-253-0374.



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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:

Tony's Automotive Repair

Dog Resort

ARTFX Photography

Covey's Auto

AIC Roofing and Construction

Weddings By Michelle

Ms. Holly's Barber Shop

Take A New Approach Health & Wellness

Jeff's Car Wash

Norwalk Furniture & Design

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Fayette County Board of Directors takes part in advocating about agriculture in the Fayette County Christmas Parade.



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LFUCG Mayoral & Council-At-Large Candidate

You are cordially Invited to the LFUCG Mayoral and Council-At-Large Candidate Forum moderated by Lewis G. Paisley. The Forum will be held Thursday, September 4th at 6 PM at the Kentucky Theatre. A special thanks to the following sponsors: Fayette Alliance, Fayette County Farm Bureau, Fayette County Neighborhood Council, The Kentucky Theatre, and Portofino or Wayne and Susan Masterman.

