

Farm Bureau News

Fayette County Farm Bureau Federation



Members meet with Congressman Andy Barr in Washington D.C.

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Members, Billy Van Pelt, Sherry and Maner Ferguson (and grandkids Gabi and Bryce) were truly the "Voice of Agriculture" during their visit with Congressman Andy Barr at the 2015 Congressional Tour in Washington, D.C. 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 2015 national priorities which included fiscal policy, national farm policy, taxes, environment, health care and farm labor. Those in attendance played a vital role in relaying concerns about the future of agriculture.

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At the American Farm Bureau Federation convention in San Diego, Temple Grandin receives an award for her contributions to agriculture from Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman.

American Farm Bureau Convention

The American Farm Bureau (AFB) Convention was held January 11-14 in San Diego, CA. Fayette County Farm Bureau was well represented, with more than ten board members in attendance. State Director, Joe Paul Mattingly reported at FCFB's January meeting the policy and legislative 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. Mattingly stated that 79% of the 288 billion dollars allocated to the Farm Bill goes toward nutrition.



Young Farmer Leadership Conference Lexington, KY January 23-24, 2015

A weekend long conference, filled with educational workshops, motivational speakers and tours of several local places of interest. Leadership development is the chief goal of Kentucky Farm Bureau's Young Farmer programs. Focused on adults ages 18-35, programs intro-

duce 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 Mar-

kets, Farm Succession, Basics of Effective Social Media, and KSP: Commercial Vehicle Enforcement and others. Fayette County's participants this year were sponsored students from UK. College of Agriculture. There was something for everyone!

Farm Equipment Consignment Auction

Our 2015 Equipment Consignment Auction held Saturday, March 21, 2015, 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 32nd; 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 1,600 pieces of equipment consigned and over 1,900 bidders. Mark your calendars to

attend the 33rd annual Fayette County Farm Bureau Farm Equipment Auction to be held on March 12, 2016.

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.



Our 2015 Equipment Auction was our best ever! Well over \$110,000 in scholarship money was raised.



Celebrating National Ag Day

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. Since last National Ag Day, we have done weekly Farm Facts on Friday on our Facebook Page. Like us on Facebook to see our weekly farm

facts. This year Fayette County Farm Bureau Members celebrated National Agriculture Day on March 18, 2015. 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 16. There were various ads to

assist in educating the public about Fayette County Agriculture and shortening the disconnect between the farmer and the consumer. In celebration of National Ag Week we also donated "Apple Orchard Riddle" to the Ronald McDonald House.



In May, FCFB Women's Committee donated food items and toiletries off of the "Wish List."

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 (February 15-21, 2015)

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 them 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,

Americans 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.



Emery Poore is the 2015 IFAL participant from Fayette County Farm Bureau. He will be attending IFAL at the University of Kentucky Campus this summer.



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Our Insurance Services– Life Insurance

KY Farm Bureau is the #1 property and casualty provider in the state; we are well known for our home, auto, and farm policies, but we also offer competitive rates on a number of term and whole life insurance products. Most families see the importance of insuring their automobiles, home, or personal items, but fewer than 50% of Americans have private life insurance to cover themselves. Many employers

offer life insurance for their employees, but these plans usually don't stay in force if you change companies or retire. Roughly 70% of consumers state cost as the primary reason for their lack of life insurance but the cost is often much lower than people's expectation. A 35 year old male can get a \$250,000 term policy for as low as \$17.03 per month. Our term portfolio has a 10 year, 20 year, and 30 year option and

our whole life portfolio has a standard whole life, single pay, 20 pay, and 30 pay option. Each option has its own benefit and your local agent can work with you to determine the amount of coverage and the type of policy that fits you and your family's needs best.



Featured Member Benefit - KY State Parks

If you are looking for some summer fun, but don't want to travel too far, look no further. Clear your calendar, pack your swim suits, and head to Great Wolf Lodge! Just imagine... a colossal indoor water park, 100 game arcade, and fantastic restaurants- all under one roof! The adventure is all

yours... after all, you deserve a little fun after all your hard work!! Great Wolf Lodge offers Kentucky Farm Bureau members a 15% discount off of our best available room rates! Save 15% at our Mason, Ohio Lodge when booking using code

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To receive the discount when making your reservation, all you need to do is go to www.greatwolf.com select the Mason, Ohio Lodge, and enter the code KENT402B into the field just below the calendar on the dates of stay, or call our reservation line at 1.800.913.WOLF. Adventure awaits... we hope your family can create new traditions at Great Wolf Lodge very soon!!



Board Members take a tour of Keeneland for the September Board Meeting during the infamous Keeneland Sales.



Family enjoying Follow the Food Farm Tour at Clark Farms.



Women's Committee join together for a Recipe Swap.

2015 Scholarship Recipient, Rachel Hart

Rachel Hart is one of the recipients of the 2015 Fayette County Farm Bureau Scholarship. She was awarded \$20,000 to attend the college of her choice toward obtaining an undergraduate degree. Rachel is the daughter of Kerry and Judy Hart, and is a senior in the Liberal Arts Academy

at Henry Clay High School. She is very active in Fayette County 4-H, Girl Scouts, and volunteering. Rachel recently received her Girl Scout Gold Award for her project "52 Cupcakes for Good" as well as her 4-H Gold Award. Rachel serves as Teen Chair for the Kentucky 4-H Fashion Leader-

ship Board and Club President for Fayette County 4-H Dog Club. In her free time, Rachel enjoys sewing and competing with her dog in agility. Rachel will be attending the University of Kentucky in the fall, and pursuing a degree in Agricultural Economics.



2015 Scholarship Recipient, Aaron Clark

Aaron Clark is one of the recipients of the 2015 Fayette County Farm Bureau Scholarship. He was awarded \$10,000 to attend the college of his choice toward obtaining an undergraduate degree. Aaron Clark is the son of Todd and Kristin Clark. He is a

Senior at Henry Clay High School. Aaron enjoys playing baseball, anytime, any weather, on any field. A power hitter as well as a first baseman, Aaron will be playing at St. Catharine's College in Springfield, Kentucky. His other interests include helping on the fam-

ily farm, from gathering eggs to baling hay during the summer. After graduation from St. Catharine's College, Aaron hopes to continue the growth and production on the farm, and become the 2nd generation farmer of Clark Family Farms.



2015 Scholarship Recipient, David Ehlert

David Ehlert is one of the recipients of the 2015 Fayette County Farm Bureau Scholarship. He was awarded \$10,000 to attend the college of his choice toward obtaining an undergraduate degree. David is the son of Jeff and Kristy Ehlert. He is a senior at Locust Trace Agriscience

Center with plans to attend the University of Kentucky in the fall majoring in Forestry. David enjoys working with the FFA Chapter at Locust Trace and working at Camp Burnamwood. He is currently serving as FFA Bluegrass Region Secretary and Chapter President. In

addition, he is a section leader in the Dunbar Choir while being varsity captain of the Dunbar Lacrosse team. Upon graduation he wants to work in a Kentucky Forest as a Park Ranger and attend seminary to become a Youth Pastor.



2015 Scholarship Recipient, Brett Barton

Brett Barton is the recipient of the 2015 Fayette County Farm Bureau Scholarship. He was awarded \$2,500 to attend the Vocational/Technical College of his choice toward obtaining an associates degree. Brett Barton is the son of Richard and Lisa Barton and a

Senior at Lexington Catholic High School. He plans to attend BCTC for two years and then transfer to the University of Kentucky and major in Agricultural Economics. Brett works at Barton Farms and at Barton Bros Hay and Straw Management. In High

School, Brett was most involved with the Lexington Catholic Service Club. Brett was also a member of the Lexington Catholic Lacrosse Team and Football team. After college graduation, his lifelong ambition is to take over the family farm.





Above (from left to right) Max Bograt, 1st Place 8th grader from Windburn Middle School and Ashley DeVore, 5th Grader homeschool student.

Fayette County Farm Bureau Spelling Bee

We would like to give a big “Congratulations!” to our Spelling Bee Winner Max Bograt, 8th grader from Winburn Middle School. He won the Fayette County Farm Bureau Spelling Bee, and went on to the state Ford Motor Company Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee competition in Louisville on March 21, 2015.

In order to be a contender at

the state bee, Max won 1st place at our county-wide spelling bee, held at the Fayette County Extension Office on March 3, 2015. He 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 Ashley DeVore, a 5th grade homeschool student. Third place was awarded to Elena Andrews, a 7th grader from Winburn Middle School. We had fifty-eight students compete from public, private, and parochial schools alike.

Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

Board members Brennan and Serena Gilkison hosted a two day event for over 400 third grade students on their farm for an 4-H Ag Day. Students visited different stations where they spent time learning about farm life, farm animals, crops, where their food comes from, and general agriculture knowledge. There is no doubt, students walked away with a greater understanding of the dedication behind the food that fills their plates.



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

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

winner are Ashland Elementary, Cardinal Valley Elementary and Lexington Traditional Magnet School. 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, and 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!

2015 Young Farmer Futures Seminar



Four students from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment attended the Young Farmer Futures Seminar in Chicago, Illinois, on March 17-20. 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

Todd Clark and Nick Carter prove that team Work makes the dream work!

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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| Tony's Automotive Repair | Dry Art Blow Dry Bar and Salon | Sleep Outfitters | proach Health & Wellness |
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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 19 & 20. For a chance to win **free tickets** call or e-mail Fayette County Farm Bureau Federation using the information above by June 5. To purchase tickets go to LexingtonRodeo.org and use the Promo code: FFA. By using the FFA promo code, part of your ticket purchase will support your local FFA Chapter Locust Trace.



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