

Farm Bureau News

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- * Great Wolf Lodge
- * Kentucky State Park Lodges
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... and much, much, more!

Field To Table

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We would like to extend a huge "Thank You" to all of those that attended the first Annual Field to Table Dinner on September 9th. The event was held at Walnut Lawn Farm. A four course family style meal was served and created by culinary talents of The Sage Rabbit and Sullivan University. Each dish celebrated the hard work and unique products from the Clark Family Farm, Teal Tractor CSA, Rolling Blue Farm, Elmwood Stock Farm, Boone Ridge Farm, Gilkison Farm, Rosemont Bakehouse, and Bellaire Blooms. A portion of (\$35 tax-deductible donation) each ticket was donated to Bluegrass Double Dollar Program. This program directly benefits Kentucky farmers and improves our community's health by making local produce more affordable for food-insecure families in Lexington. Participants enjoyed a delicious meal, live music, and great conversation at the heart of a 6th.



Save the date:

2017 Field to Table dinner:
August 19th, 2017 at Grimes Mill Winery.

98th Annual American Farm Bureau Convention



Fayette County at AFBF Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

The American Farm Bureau (AFB) Convention was held January 6-11 in Phoenix, Arizona. Fayette County Farm Bureau was well represented, with 18 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 Peyton and Archie Manning.



Farm Equipment Auction at the end of Check-in.

Food Check-Out Week (February 19-25, 2017)

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. The week shows the number of days it takes to earn enough money for food for the year. In comparison, it takes 100 days to work to earn enough income to pay your taxes.



Executive Director, Carrie McIntosh and President, Sean Millard talking about auction on Lex 18.

Farm Equipment Consignment Auction

Our 2017 Equipment Consignment Auction held Saturday, March 11, 2017, 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 that we raised enough funds to sustain our scholarship program for Fayette County Youth.

This year's auction was our 34th. The sale is 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 1,554 pieces of equipment consigned and over 1,700 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 up to \$10,000 Vo-Tech scholarship to a student pursuing a 2-year Vo-Tech degree. Please see page 5 to learn more about this year's scholarship winners.

Again, thank you for another great auction and we look forward to seeing you in 2018.



Our 2017 Equipment Auction was our best ever! Well over \$115,000 in scholarship money was raised.



Outstanding Youth Contest

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, 23 students participated in the Fayette County Farm Bureau Outstanding Youth Contest. Each contestant was interviewed for five minutes by a committee and presented a two minute speech. A female and male winner went on to compete at



districts. This year's Fayette County winners that went on to the District contest were Mollie Hurst (left) and Logan Cheek (right). Mollie won the district contest and went on to compete at the state contest at the Kentucky Farm Bureau State Convention in December.



Federation Assistant, Megan Harper, and District 5 Outstanding Youth Contestant, Mollie Hurst, at State Convention.



We would like to give a huge thank you to the folks at Wildcat Mattress for their help with the Women's Committee Christmas Project. We were able to donate 3 queen sets, 3 metal frames, 3 sheet sets, and 3 mattress protectors to the Lexington Rescue Mission. Wildcat Mattress was super to work with and provided a large discount toward the cause. We sincerely hope this donation will be able to benefit three families in need 2016 Holiday Season.

Fayette County Farm Bureau Spelling Bee

We would like to give a big Congratulations to our Spelling Bee Winner Ashley Devore, home-schooled 7th 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 11, 2017.

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 6, 2017. She competed against 71 other youth in grades four through eight from public, private, parochial and home schools across the county.



Left to right: Ashley Devore, 1st Place home-schooled 7th grader, 2nd place Sadie Bograd 8th grader from, Winburn Middle School, and 3rd Place Meredith Adkins, 4th Grader from Athens-Chilesburg Elementary.

Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom

The Women's Committee sponsored the donation of Kentucky Farm Bureau Book of the Year, "The Most Wonderful Dream" books to local elementary schools in Lexington, Kentucky. "The Most Wonderful Dream" was written by Mitchell Tolle and published by Kentucky Farm Bureau. The book is designed to talk about agriculture facts and the nobility of farming as a profession. At right is Mitchell Tolle reading the book at Millcreek Elementary.



Local Spelling Bee Winner, Ashley Devore, placed 2nd in the State Wide Kentucky Derby Festival Sponsored By Ford Motor Company.



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



- From Our Insurance Services - Please Drive Distraction Free

You may have seen KFB's new advertising campaign targeting the epidemic of distracted driving. You may not like the ads, they seem too harsh for KFB, too confusing or even too distracting. The intention is to get you and your loved ones talking about distracted driving, specifically texting and driving. Even though we all consider ourselves to be safe behind the wheel, the epidemic is real. And this is not just happening at midnight on a Friday or Saturday, you may find yourself dodging a situation

in the middle of the day. Here are just a few statistics that we are urging you to share with your family, friends and co-workers:

2015 was the largest U.S. fatality increase in 50 years, according to National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Sending a text takes your eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds. At 55 mph, that's like driving the length of a football field blindfolded.

In Kentucky alone, distracted

driving was noted as a factor in 43% of crashes — 58,000 collisions in 2015. That same year, driver distraction contributed to 182 fatalities in the Bluegrass State, according to Kentucky Office of Highway Safety.

According to the American Psychological Association, the skills of a driver using a cellphone are actually more impaired than someone who has had too much to drink.

Please join us and take a pledge in driving distraction free.



Pictured Above: Tonight the Women's Committee members and friends went to Buds Gun Range to learn handgun safety and procedures and to practice shooting.



Pictured Above: Fayette County recognized as a top county award for each district, Highest Consecutive Gain Award, and a Pacesetter Award for Category 3. Fayette County Farm Bureau won the Safety Challenge Award at State Convention. Woman's Program received a Gold Star Award

Pictured Right: Fayette County Farm Bureau at the Christmas Parade. Locust Trace FFA Students joined us to hand out candy.



UK Plant Pathologist, Dr. Paul Vincelli for coming to speak at a board meeting. He did a fantastic job discussing the science and history of Genetically Engineered Crops and answering questions.



Fayette County Delegation at Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer Winter Leadership Conference.

Ag Day

Part of our mission is education and the bettering of the community. With that in mind on October 11, 2016 we held an Agriculture Day at Locust Trace AgriScience Center. Fayette County Farm Bureau and Locust Trace partnered to bring over 200 8th grader students to rotate

between stations and learn about agriculture and the limitless opportunities out at Locust Trace. Locust Trace is at a one of a kind facility and with equally elite opportunities for students to have such extensive first hand experiences. Locust Trace Alumni and UK Football Starter,, Lan-

don Young, joined for the day to share about his experiences. The public was welcome to take a tour of the facilities and visit vendors. Matt Jones did a live broadcast from the auditorium.



Professional Development Workshop

Federation Assistant, Megan Harper, conducted a workshop focused on Professional Development for students at Locust Trace AgriScience Center. Students were encouraged to participate in the local Outstanding Youth Contest. The contest has a five minute interview portion and a two minute speech related

to agriculture. This year's winners are featured on page 2. Students practiced their handshakes as they entered the auditorium. Many commented they had never been taught the proper way to professionally shake hands. Megan covered the basics of interview attire, resumes, and interview questions. Students participated in a relay race with professional

attire, business casual, and casual scenarios. She discussed scholarships. At the end she answered questions about particular interview situations and appropriate attire. Several questions involved the students in the Vet Tech program in the school and the appropriate dress for interviews and the field.



March 21, 2017- National Agriculture Day



Young Farmers Committee hired a Digital Truck to play Fayette County agriculture facts and a commercial from American Farm Bureau Federation President, Zippy Duvall. The truck was driven around downtown and heavy traffic area of Lexington.

Teaching Agriculture in Schools



Director, Dr. Bill Witt, teaching Kindergarten-3rd Graders out at Veterans Park Elementary School. Most popular questions from the kiddos were: Why is it so big? Why is it green? Why are the tires

Farm Field Day



Local farmers at 2016 Fayette County East End Farm Field Day.

Scholarship Recipients from Report

Over the past 21 years we have given away over \$760,000 dollars in scholarships. We caught up with our 20 years of past scholarship recipients this year to see where they were now. Twenty of the twenty-seven are married or engaged. 80.77% of them went on to continued education either in the form of specialized training, Master's, or Ph.D. Beyond that, 10/26 have obtained a doctorate degree. What's more exciting is to see where they are now geographically. To the right you can see the graph of where some are located. Even so, 61.53% of them are back in Central Kentucky. We look forward to seeing what the 2017 scholarship recipients are in 20 years from now.



2017 Scholarship Recipient, Allison Shell

Allison Shell is the daughter of Joey Shell and Tami Martin from Lexington. Allison is a graduate of Locust Trace Agriscience Center and Lafayette high school. She plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University

in the fall and major in agribusiness Management with a minor in Horticulture. She served as FFA Chapter Secretary and was a part of the National Honors Society. Allison has a passion for horses and has

also found a new love of plants and horticulture. Allison's goal is to advocate for agriculture and help educate the community about how essential agriculture is on our daily lives.



2017 Scholarship Recipient, Anne Waits



Anne Waits is the daughter of Robert and Julie Waits of Lexington. She is a graduate of Lafayette high school. Anne plans to attend Samord University in the fall and major in Communication Disorders with a minor in Psychology. Anne served as vice-President of operations for

the Lafayette Choir, Co Leader for the KY All State Baptist Choir and Vice President of the Outdoor's Club. Anne has been very active in her church, Calvary Baptist Church, 4-H and other youth organizations. In her spare time she enjoys helping her dad on their beef cattle farm.

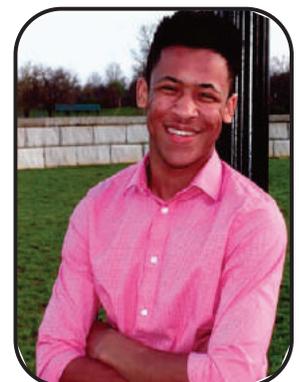
Anne's goal is to graduate college and obtain her masters degree in communication therapy and speech pathology, eventually going on to pursue her doctorate.

2017 Scholarship Recipient, Ellis Brown

Ellis Brown is the son of James and Bridget Brown. Ellis is a senior at Bryan Station High School in the Spanish Immersion Program, he is fluent in Spanish. He has set and maintained high academic standards throughout his high school career. Ellis is an integral member of

the Bryan Station High School Boys' Lacrosse Team, obtaining All-Star honors. He is also an avid member of the jazz, symphonic, and marching bands. In addition to his academic and extracurricular pursuits, Ellis believes strongly in the benefits of community service, lending

his time and skills to various charitable organizations. Ellis will attend Asbury University in the fall to pursue a degree in media communications. It is his hope that work in the communications field would aid in putting the spotlight on community issues that are not routinely discussed.



2017 Scholarship Recipient, Katharine Carling



Katharine “Meriwether” Carling is the daughter of Scott and Victoria Carling of Lexington. She is a graduate of Henry Clay high school. Meriwether plans to attend the University of Georgia and major in Biology with a minor in Business. She has served as the President of Go Green Club, Captain of

the varsity soccer team, treasurer of the National Honor Society, as well as a leader of the dance committee for Henry Clay Dance Blue and she is a member of the Beta Club. Meriwether has been a member and coach of the Girls on the Run Board, captain of the Commonwealth Soccer club, volunteer at UK

Hospital and many more activities. Meriwether has extensive experience with horses and plans to become a Veterinarian.

2017 Scholarship Recipient, Andrew Barton

Andrew Barton is one of the recipients of the 2017 Fayette County Farm Bureau Scholarship. He was awarded \$10,000 to attend the college of his choice toward obtaining an undergraduate degree. Andrew James Barton is a graduate of Lexington Catholic High School 2017. Andrew was born and raised in Fayette County, Kentucky to parents Richard and Lisa Barton. He

has an older brother Brett who works full time on the family farm. Andrew has worked on the family farm since age five. He and Brett have raised a tobacco crop for the past five years. Andrew plans to attend the University of Northwestern Ohio in the fall of 2017. After completion of his diesel/agricultural degree, Andrew plans to open a shop on the family farm. Andrew’s love for

agriculture was influenced by his Papa Jimmy. Andrew’s appreciation for life is a gift from Papa Dicks. He has been blessed with awesome role models and plans to continue the tradition.



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 \$800 total, this year’s winners are Julius Marks Elementary, Cardinal Valley Elementary and Meadowthorpe Elementary. 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! Two of the gardens were already existing and one was a new garden.



In 2016 Fayette County Farm Bureau sponsored the Lexington Cancer Walk. Donation went to support cancer research and those battling various types of this terrible disease.



Temporary mural in the lobby of Junior Achievement in the Bluegrass’s Biztown. We are happy to be partners with Fayette Alliance in this endeavor.



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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 16 & 17. For a chance to win **free tickets** call or email Fayette County Farm Bureau Federation using the information above by **June 12th**.



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