



## Kentucky 4-H Foundation

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## 4-H Centennial Celebration

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board of Directors hosted a celebration of Kentucky 4-H on October 3 at Fasig-Tipton in Lexington, home of the historic Thoroughbred Auctions.

The charge was to celebrate 100 years of Kentucky 4-H Making the Best Better. The milestone event will go down in history as a truly remarkable evening, complete with talented 4-Hers performing, a live and silent auction with a great variety of items, and a fine meal.

Throughout 2009, Kentucky 4-H has been celebrating its 100th anniversary with county and statewide events. While 4-H has its roots on the farm, today's 4-H involves kids from the farm to the cities, even our

military bases. Kentucky 4-H began with the Fayette County corn club, in 1909, but today reaches into all 120 counties and is 229,000 members strong with nearly one of every four youth in Kentucky participating.

Besides being the annual fund raiser for the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and Kentucky 4-H, the evening showcased the shining stars of its organization - promising youth, leadership development, teamwork, and a top-notch evening.

"I couldn't be happier with how it all came together," noted Keith Rogers, Executive Director. "A special thank you to those attending, our table sponsors and



*4-Hers Timothy and Katherine Baker from Perry County performing "You'll never leave Harlan alive" during the program.*

the 4-Hers who helped make the closing event of the year long centennial celebration a memorable and successful evening."

Foundation Chairman Paul Hall said, "Fasig-Tipton proved to be the ideal location. During the celebration, our guest enjoyed the reception and silent auction in the famed equine walking ring and the program from the historic sales arena. It was an unforgettable evening in one of the Thoroughbred industry's most pres-

**K**entucky 4-H finished 2009 with much to celebrate.

For the sixth straight year the number of Kentucky's youth involved in 4-H grew, impacting 235,657 as of the end our program year on August 31st. That is 28.32 percent of the youth in Kentucky. For a state our size in population, we have the largest percentage of youth involved in 4-H making us #1 in market share.

We enjoyed a record number of exhibits at the Kentucky State Fair.

Our 4-H Camp Improvement Campaign ramped up with design work on the "cabin of tomorrow" and cabin renovations. Next summer, campers and leaders will enjoy new beds and mattresses at every camp and in every cabin, while other projects are underway.

Teen programs such as the Teen Conference experienced the highest

attendance in more than 10 years, while the 4-H Summit at Jabez was near capacity.

4-H is still leading the way in bringing new ideas and programs to our youth.

The Science, Engineering, and Technology Program (SET), a relatively new 4-H program has as its mission addressing our nation's critical shortage of scientists and engineers by preparing one million young people to excel in science, engineering, and technology by 2013.

Kentucky is one of the top three states in the nation in enrollment of SET. We believe by fostering passion in science today, we can shape educational and career decisions in the future.

Over the past seven years the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University has been conducting a landmark study on the effect of 4-H. The re-

sults of the study to date provide strong evidence that when the strengths of youth are aligned with the resources for healthy development in families, schools, and communities, youth thrive.

Let me share a few of the findings on the effects of 4-H participation:

- 4-H youth were 25% higher on the contribution measure and 41% lower on the risk/problem behavior measure than youth who participated in other out-of-school-time activities.
- 4-H participants had better grades, were more behaviorally and emotionally engaged with school, and were more likely to see themselves going to college
- 4-H youth appear to have higher levels of the developmental assets that the study has found most important in promoting positive-youth-development.
- From grades 5 through 9, 4-H youth are more



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civically active and make more community and civic contributions than youth in other out-of-school-time activities.

This study reinforces what many of us have believed for years. That's why 4-H alumni and supporters alike have stepped forward to help us increase the financial support for 4-H, even in a very difficult economy.

I hope you will help us make 2010 another record year for Kentucky 4-H by volunteering and supporting 4-H. Thank you in advance for helping to Make the Best Better in 2010.

## Alumni Flashback

Do you have a great story or photos about your experiences in 4-H that you would like to share with others. If so submit them to Keith Rogers at [KeithL.Roger@uky.edu](mailto:KeithL.Roger@uky.edu) for a new newsletter section called the Alumni Flashback. For photos please be sure to include a dates and names.

## Centennial Celebration *cont...*

tigious locations. But besides all of this, I was very impressed with the caliber of performers. The words “star quality” kept going through my mind as I saw the 4-Hers perform their speeches, demonstrations and entertain the crowd.”

The 4-Hers participating included: Jessica

Adkins, Fayette County, Katherine & Timothy Baker, Perry County, Rachel Collins and Melissa Caldwell, Bell County, Mary Kutter, Washington County, Caroline Snell, Bourbon County, Delaney Wireman, Johnson County, Chelsea Whittle, Anderson County, and Eric Vanzant, Woodford County.

While organizing the event, the Foundation’s Board wanted to make an evening that was affordable, interesting, fun, and unique, while raising funds to support the program. “The goals for the big event were reached and we’re extremely grateful to all those supporting this celebration,” Rogers said.

## KY 4-H Donors July 1 2009 - December 31, 2009

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*Timothy Baker from Perry County doing a demonstration of juggling.*

## Celebrating 100 Years of Kentucky 4-H!



*Eric Vanzant of Woodford County doing his demonstration entitled “The case of Un-mistakable Identity” about animal ID.*



*Caroline Snell from Bourbon County delivering her speech “Making Dreams Reality”.*



*State 4-H Officers, Fayette County 4-H Agent Jennifer Boykin and State Teen Council members enjoy a good time.*

*Celebration photos courtesy of State Teen Council member Aubrey Carman.*



*State 4-H Secretary Courtney Crume of Nelson County displaying one of the live auction items during the live auction.*



*State 4-H Officers: Anna Carman, president; Quaid Adams, Vice president; Derek Operle, Treasurer; Courtney Crume, Secretary.*

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## Donor Spotlight

# KY State Fair Board

What would 4-H be without a state fair?

Today, 4-H is much more than cows and pigs and so is our Kentucky State Fair. This is thanks to the leadership of the Kentucky State Fair Board, our donor spotlight.

For 105 years the Kentucky State Fair has brought together Kentuckians for fun, entertainment, competition and celebration. Today, the 11-day State Fair enjoys attendance of more than 500,000, is American's largest indoor fair, and contributes over \$16.8 million annually to the economic impact of the Commonwealth.

What you may not know is that the Kentucky State Fair Board and its staff, led by President & CEO Harold Workman, produces not only the



*4-Hers working on a sewing project at the fair.*

Kentucky State Fair, but manages the Kentucky Exposition Center, the Kentucky International Convention Center and soon the new Louisville Arena. They produce, in addition to the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show and the North American International Livestock Exposition.

The Kentucky State Fair hosts 4-H members in many different ways from projects in Cloverville to livestock events, judging events, bicycle rodeo, quiz bowls, and much more. "4-H and its members are an important part of the Kentucky State Fair," says Workman. "We are honored to support such an outstanding organization dedicated to developing tomorrow's leaders."

4-H activities are centered around Cloverville, the exhibit area for 4-H entries from photography to needlework and much more. Cloverville host not only exhibits, but entertainment, contests and even the 4-H Foundation's annual donor breakfast. "We would be unable to do any of this, without the tremendous



*Dean Scott Smith and Paul Hall presented Harold Workman with a framed 4-H Camp Print for support from the State Fair Board.*

support of Harold and the Fair Board" says Keith Rogers, executive director of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "Kentucky State Fair Board members are active participants in making sure 4-H members have an enjoyable and successful experience at the State Fair".

The Kentucky State Fair Board provides funding for premiums to 4-Hers' along with financial support to various 4-H programs held during the fair like land judging, poultry & dairy judging. For 30 years the Kentucky State Fair Board has produced the Kentucky State Fair Sale of Champions where the winning steers, hogs, lambs and goats exhibited by 4-H and FFA members during the fair are auctioned. During the 2009 State Fair, the annual sale brought in \$126,500 and since the beginning more than \$1.85 million has been raised through the

# Dr. Christine Riley

**D**r. Christine Riley was an active member of 4-H growing up in rural Breathitt County. She remembers fondly the speech and demonstration contests that challenged her to become a confident public speaker.

“4-H was very important to me growing up in rural eastern Kentucky, especially during junior high and high school,” said Riley. “I had the opportunity to meet kids from across the state at the Kentucky State Fair and other events.”

Riley believes that her 4-H leadership experience and the skills she gained in her speech and demonstration competitions helped her to be a more outgoing individual.

“My experiences in 4-H helped to develop skills, such as confidence in public speaking that were invaluable as I pursued

my career path,” said Riley.

The path Riley chooses was in the medical field, diagnostic radiology. Today, she is a member of a group called Central Kentucky Radiology, and works with hospitals throughout the state.

“I was nominated to the board over ten years ago by my good friend Kay Holbrook an agent in Wolfe County,” explained Riley. “I am now the longest serving member of the Board.”

Riley admits there have been a lot of changes in the board during her tenure, from a name change to hiring an Executive Director.

“The biggest and most positive thing we have done is to have a director,” said Riley. “Keith has been very good in the job. He has displayed a lot of leadership in that

*Dr. Riley is the longest serving member of the 4-H Foundation Board.*



position and really helped us to focus, which has allowed us to take the organization to another level.”

Riley says she hopes to see the organization continue to grow by getting more alumni involved across the state at whatever level they can be active to help provide for today’s 4-H programs.

“Being on the foundation board has given me to opportunity to see today’s 4-H in action at events like the Centennial Celebration,” said Riley. “What these kids are doing out there is amazing, and I’m proud to be a part of an organization that is helping to continue this wonderful 4-H tradition.”

## **KY State Fair cont...**

auction to support 4-H and FFA members and the organizations.

The Kentucky State Fair Board is a tremendous supporter of Kentucky 4-H. For its outstanding

support, the Kentucky 4-H Foundation salutes and says thank you to the Kentucky State Fair Board for Making the Best Better for Kentucky 4-H.



*The tree in the heart of Cloverville.*

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# A Review of 2009

**H**appy New Year! As president of the Kentucky 4-H program, it is my pleasure to bring you up to date on our teen and pre-teen programs in this great Commonwealth.

A quick review of 2009. In September the State Teen Council conducted our first of four meetings for this program year. October brought the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference. This event was planned by the Kentucky state officers, 4-H teen members and youth from Tennessee and Florida. State Teen Council held our second meeting in November.

Issues Conference celebrated its 20th anniversary in November. This program has been instrumental in reaching

many non 4-H youth. A one-of-a-kind program, Issues allows teens to solve problems pertaining to their lives, develop leadership, and work in partnership with other youth and adults. This year, 4-H was able to offer grants to the Issues Conference delegates on an application basis, thanks to the support of the 4-H Foundation. Kentucky youth will be able to take what they learned and implement change in their own counties.

Finally, in December, the University of Kentucky supported UK LEAD, a one day program held at UK designed to develop leadership in Kentucky youth. This program is for 4-H and FFA members.

Now for 2010, January is a quiet month as we

prepare for February and March. The State Teen Council will be attending its third meeting of the year in early February. To gain understanding of other 4-H programs, our Council has invited youth from the Tennessee Teen Council to attend our meeting. In exchange, Kentucky youth will be attending the Tennessee meeting in late February.

March brings fun in Jabez. The Teen Council will be leading two sessions of 4-H Summit. Four years running, these two sessions are already maxed out. Middle school students throughout Kentucky come to Jabez for three days and two nights of team-building and learning. Over four hundred middle school students, agents, and Teen-Council members will be



*Anna Carman serves as the Kentucky 4-H State President*

attending this year. This conference bridges the gap from school clubs to teen leadership and other teen programming.

4-H programs will continue throughout the spring and summer in many more conferences and activities. Maybe later I will have a chance to tell you a little about them. Meanwhile, on behalf of Kentucky 4-H and our youth, Happy 2010!

## Supporting KY 4-H Programs!

**O**ver 235,000 Kentucky youth learn about what 4-H stands for and how important the four H's (Head, Heart, Hands and Health) are for youth to develop leadership, citizenship, and life skills. Your help is needed to continue this long stand-

ing tradition. Your donation today to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation will help continue delivering these superior educational programs.

You may designate your contribution to an area that most interests you or leave unrestricted to be

used in the area of greatest need.

To learn more please contact Keith L. Rogers, Executive Director of the Foundation at 859-257-5961 ext 250 or KeithL.Rogers@uky.edu.

You may also make a donation on line by visiting the Foundation's website at



[www.kentucky4h.org/foundation](http://www.kentucky4h.org/foundation) or mailing your donation to 212 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40546.

## Program Spotlight **4-H Horse Program**

**B**eginning with this issue, we will spotlight a Kentucky 4-H program. In this issue we highlight a project that is currently in need of new donors and additional funds.

The Kentucky 4-H Horse program has long been one of the most popular projects in Kentucky 4-H. Over 5,000 Kentucky 4-Hers are enrolled in the Horse program, making it the largest agricultural project in Kentucky 4-H and one of the highest enrolled animal projects in the nation. You would expect nothing less in the Horse Capital of the World.

Some of the many objectives of the 4-H Horse program include: developing leadership, initiative, self-reliance, sportsmanship, experiencing the pride and responsibility of owning a horse, enhancing horsemanship skills and knowledge, gain knowledge of basic safety of themselves, animals and others, promoting the greater love of animals and humane attitude toward them.

Opportunities in the 4-H Horse program include: District and State Horse

Shows, horsemanship camps, State Special Events competition, public speaking, demonstrations, horse bowl, hippology, and horse judging. Through these events, 4-Hers learn life skills, responsibility, teamwork, organization, communication skills, and much more.

Unfortunately, all of this could be in jeopardy.

Last year the 4-H Foundation and 4-H Horse program leaders were informed that funding from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, which they have come to rely on and has been provided for more than 10 years, would not be forthcoming.

The budget problems faced by the Commonwealth of Kentucky are well known, the recession has hit hard and now includes the Kentucky 4-H Horse program. The loss of the this annual \$50,000 grant will have tremendous negative effects on the 2010 District Shows, State Horse Show and many other aspects of the Horse program if this revenue cannot be replaced.

Horse program leaders and the 4-H Foundation



*Drill Team during Kentucky State 4-H Horse Show.*

are working to identify and solicit donors from the private sector to continue the program at the same level our 4-Hers have come to expect. Replacing \$50,000 in the difficult economy and providing for it annually is a challenge. Nevertheless, a challenge worth accepting.

From small donations to major gifts, 4-H is counting on the Horse Capital of the World to help raise the funds needed to continue this outstanding program. Your support not only assures the continuance of a quality 4-H Horse Program, but also provides a wise investment in Kentucky's youth.

If you are interested in becoming a donor, please contact Keith L. Rogers at: KeithL.Rogers@uky.edu or 859-257-5961 ext 250. Thank you in advance for helping to make the 2010 4-H Horse program happen.

## Upcoming Events

February 12 – 13  
KY Volunteer Forum at Hyatt Regency in Lexington

February 13  
KY 4-H Foundation, Board of Director's meeting in Lexington

June 14 – 17  
KY 4-H Teen Conference on UK Campus in Lexington

July 3 – 10  
KY State 4-H Horse Show at KY Exposition Center in Louisville

July 10  
State 4-H Communications Day on UK Campus in Lexington

August 19-29  
Kentucky State Fair at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville



*Lisa Paulsen (McLean County), Desirae Peacock (Davies County) and Chelsea Salyers (McLean County)*

# *The Kentucky 4-H Foundation thanks each of the donors who gave from July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009.*

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