



Kentucky 4-H Foundation

We're Off to SRTLC!

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In October, the 7th annual Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference (SRTLC) was held for four days at the Clyde York 4-H Center in Crossville, TN. This conference is an opportunity for 4-H members from across the south to come together for education and development in the areas of leadership and civic engagement.

This year, Kentucky was pleased to send their largest delegation to date with 51 youth and adults. This is a great conference because it allows the participants to learn more about the 4-H programs in other states so that they can bring back ideas and inspiration to improve 4-H programs locally. They also gain a greater appreciation for their own 4-H programs. This year's group got to participate in a number of high quality workshops, conducted a



The Kentucky 4-H delegation attending the 2012 Southern Region 4-H Teen Leadership Conference.

service project for youth whose parents are in the military and were entertained and inspired by nationally recognized speakers.

Mark Mains, Extension Specialist, credits this year's larger than normal attendance to the support of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "When traveling out of state, transportation is our biggest obstacle. This year, Foundation funds were able to support hiring a bus and a van to take a large group of youth to TN," says Mains. "This allowed many youth to attend who wouldn't be

able to otherwise."

"This was our donor's undesignated contributions at work" said Keith L. Rogers, Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation, "the Foundation was able to provide \$1,000 from our Annual Fund, plus earnings from the Teen Leadership Development Endowment."

On behalf of those attending, thank you to our many Annual Fund donors for helping to provide the opportunity for this diverse and enthusiastic group of 4-H'ers to take part in the SRTLC.

Executive Director

Keith L. Rogers

December can be very busy for everyone. The hustle and bustle of the holidays adds to your daily load, not to mention my waistline. It's easy to forget things, put-it-off to tomorrow or next week, but PLEASE don't forget to make your year-end gift to 4-H.

Since the Foundation launched this newsletter two years ago, we have used it to tell the Foundation's story, the need for private support, and to recognize our donors without whom we could not claim success. As you have read our newsletters, I hope you have seen how important it is to secure the future of Kentucky 4-H through the support of 4-H alumni.

I've never made a direct solicitation of support from this Executive Director's column before,

although I may have hinted around at it a time or two. But, let me be clear today. I am asking YOU to make a donation to the 4-H Foundation and support Kentucky 4-H.

Are you an annual donor to the 4-H Foundation? Sure, a donation every two or three years is helpful, but 4-H programs continue annually. Do you want us to tell 4-H'ers, our donors think we should only do that event once every two or three years? We have added hundreds of donors to our roles in recent years and thank you to each of you who made supporting Kentucky 4-H an annual priority. But we need more of our donors to step-up with that annual commitment to support 4-H.

NOW is the time and here's a list of 4-H programs you can support.



Thank you for Making the Best Better for Kentucky 4-H.

You may designate your contribution to one that interests you the most, one you may have fond memories of, or leave it unrestricted to be used in the area of greatest need.

Making a gift is easy, you may use the envelope included with this newsletter, on-line at our website www.kentucky4h.org/foundation or contact me at KeithL.Rogers@uky.edu or 270-735-6130. Either way thank you in advance for your support of Kentucky 4-H and for helping to Make the Best Better!

4-H Programs YOU can support!

- KY 4-H Teen Conference
- 4-H Issues Conference
- KY 4-H Summit
- ATV Safety
- Food and Nutrition Programs
- Dairy Program
- Dog Project
- Horse Program
- Horticulture Program
- Engineering Events
- Land Judging
- Livestock Judging
- Forestry Program
- Meats Judging
- Poultry Judging
- Entrepreneurship, Financial Management & Professions
- National 4-H Conference
- National 4-H Congress Achievement Program
- SET (Science, Engineering & Technology)
- Shooting Sports Events
- Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference
- Youth Communications
- State Teen Council
- Goodman Teen Leadership Grants
- Capitol Experience
- KY State Fair
- College Scholarships
- Student Exchange Programs

Other accounts that help us maintain a strong 4-H program!

- 4-H Camp Maintenance
- 4-H Camp Improvements
- Club Resources
- General 4-H Marketing

- Annual Fund
- In-Service Training
- KY Volunteer Forum
- Leadership Development

- Program/Staff Development
- State 4-H Advisory Group
- Southern Region Volunteer Forum
- West KY 4-H Camp Horse Facility



KY 4-H Leadership Circle Investors

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation launched the Kentucky 4-H Leadership Circle in January to recognize donors for substantial unrestricted donations.

We are honored to recognize the inaugural group of “Investors” for 2011. The Leadership Circle is designed to recognize those who make a \$1,000 or more annual unrestricted gift to the Foundation in a calendar year. These unrestricted gifts are vitally important because they provide the base to grow overall financial support for Kentucky 4-H and help the Foundation meet the needs of programs that do not have a designated sponsors.

On behalf of the Foundation and 4-H’ers across Kentucky, we say thank you to our 13 Investors in 2011.

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America

A financial services cooperative serving 93,000 farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee, headquartered in Louisville.

Joseph (Jake) L. Fink IV

Financial Advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. in Lexington. Jake is the 4-H Foundation’s financial advisor for endowments and long-term investments.

H & R Agri-Power

Six farm equipment dealerships

throughout western Kentucky and southern Illinois. They are a Case IH dealer offering a full line of farm, lawn and garden equipment.

Paul & Jill Hall

Paul is the former Chairman of the 4-H Foundation and owner of Paul Hall and Associates a Nationwide Insurance agency in Mt. Orab, OH. Paul was State 4-H President in 1976-77. Jill was State 4-H Secretary in 1978-79.

Jefferson County 4-H Council

The County 4-H Council in Kentucky’s largest county, they support the 4-H program in the Louisville metro area for more than 7,000 4-H’ers.

Limestone Farm Lawn Worksite

Is a John Deere dealership with five stores in north central Kentucky. Delivering “Rock Solid Values” with a strong commitment to the community.

Owensboro Grain Company

Produces edible oils and soy products, and operates an alternative-fuels plant, which produces biodiesel fuel from soybean oil. The company’s products are sold throughout the world.

Publishers Printing Company

Is a fifth-generation family owned company dedicated to providing exceptional commercial printing services to businesses and organizations nationwide.

Keith & Holly Rogers

Keith is Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation and was State 4-H President in 1977-78. Holly is former Hardin County 4-H’er and business owner.

Sutherland Foundation, Inc.

Established as a private foundation by Laura Lee Brown, Steve Wilson and family. Steve was State 4-H Vice President in 1966-67.

Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives

24 local, consumer-owned electric distribution utilities and two generation-transmission utilities providing electric service to members in 117 of Kentucky’s 120 counties.

David Wallace

Is an attorney and partner in Wallace Boggs, PLLC in Ft. Mitchell and the new Chairman of the 4-H Foundation. David was State 4-H Vice President in 1980-81.

Ellen & Robert Wynkoop

Ellen (Ford) was Jefferson Area Representative to the State 4-H Teen Council in 1982-84. Ellen is with Lenmar Consulting, they live in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

To add your name to the Kentucky 4-H Leadership Circle in 2012, contact Keith L. Rogers at 270-735-6130 or via email at KeithL.Rogers@uky.edu.



Visit the Foundation at www.kentucky4h.org/foundation

Welcome New Members

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board of Directors welcomed two new members and elected officers at its August meeting during the Kentucky State Fair. New board members are:

Pamela R. Larson is a District Sales Coordinator for AFLAC. Pam and her husband Dave live in Lexington. She is no stranger to 4-H, serving as State 4-H Vice President in 1978-79 and on the committee for the KY 4-H Homecoming this past June. About 4-H, she said "4-H and the skills I learned through serving as a state 4-H officer laid the foundation for my success in business and in life. I am very proud to have the chance now to give back to 4-H."



Patrick R. Johnston is the Director of Risk Management for Lexington-



Fayette Urban County Government. Patrick and his wife Marie have two children, both at UK, and live in Lexington. Also a product of 4-H, Patrick said, "4-H programs hold a special place in my heart because this is where I first became exposed to leadership skills and positions. When I reflect on my career, I always give credit to 4-H." During college, Patrick worked at the Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp serving two years as Camp Manager.

We welcome Pam and Patrick to the Foundation Board and look forward to benefiting from their leadership in growing support for Kentucky 4-H.

The Foundation Board also elected a new chairman and three new officers. 2011/2012 officers are:

Chairman
David Wallace, attorney and partner with Wallace Boggs, PLLC in Ft. Mitchell. Originally from Caldwell County, David was State 4-H Vice President in 1980-81.

First Vice Chairman
Bill Wilson, retired executive with KET and now Associate Vice President of Development and Major Gifts at Kentucky State University.

Second Vice Chairman
David S. Beck, Executive Vice President of Kentucky Farm Bureau in Louisville. David grew up as a 4-H member in Lyon County and is a recognized leader throughout Kentucky agriculture.

Secretary
Marianne Smith Edge, President of MSE & Associates, LLC in Owensboro and Senior Vice President, Nutrition and Food Safety at the International Food Information Council and the International Council's Foundation in Washington D.C..

Treasurer
Joey Spalding, Vice President for Springfield State Bank in Springfield. Joey is very active in his community with a variety of organizations and served as State 4-H Vice President in 1988-89.

4-H Foundation Board

Chairman
David Wallace

1st Vice Chairperson
Bill Wilson

2nd Vice Chairperson
David S. Beck

Treasurer
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Immediate Past Chair
Paul E. Hall

Mike Bach

Jenny Cocanougher

Dr. Jay Hellman

Dr. Jimmy Henning

Marci Hicks

Dr. Charlene Jacobs

Romanza Johnson

Patrick Johnston

Pam R. Larson

Melanie W. Kelley

Dr. Christine Noble
Riley, MD

Lynn Stidham

James Westerfield

Greg Wood

I pledge My HEAD to clearer thinking, My HEART to greater loyalty,
My HANDS to larger service, and My HEALTH to better living,
For My club, My community, My country, And My world.



Donor Spotlight

Farm Credit Services of Mid-America

If you look into the history of Kentucky 4-H you will only find a handful of long-time, annual donors. Our donor records go back to 1998, and there you will find Farm Credit Services of Mid-America.

FCS of Mid-America is a \$17 billion financial services cooperative serving almost 93,000 farmers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Tennessee. Owned by its customers, FCS of Mid-America is governed by an 18-member board of directors. As a cooperative, their customers own stock in the association and have a say in how it is run. Headquartered in Louisville it's the largest ag lender in the National Farm Credit System, customizing loan packages and services to fit farming operations of all sizes, or the property owner who dreams of building a home in a rural setting. FCS of Mid-America is committed to helping rural America with their financing.

FCS of Mid-America is an innovative philanthropic leader in supporting agricultural programs and educational efforts, especially for youth and young farmers throughout their four state area. For Kentucky 4-H, FCS of Mid-America has been a long-time supporter of the Land Judging and Dairy programs, along with leadership development.



Executive Director Keith Rogers presents Lake Cumberland 4-H Camp Print to Farm Credit Services of Mid-America for its outstanding support of 4-H. Left to right: David Bates, FCS Board Member, Keith Rogers, Aaron Miller, FCS Regional Vice President, and FCS Financial Services Officers, Ashley Hazelwood, Ginger Perry, and Mike Buckman.

Five years ago, FCS of Mid-America began funding four college scholarships for Kentucky 4-H'ers through the 4-H Foundation. Over the past three years, FCS of Mid-America has significantly increased its financial support and the 4-H programs it's involved with.

In 2009, FCS of Mid-America became the sole sponsor for Kentucky 4-H'ers participation in the National 4-H Conference held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, MD, just a couple miles from our nation's capital. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders and Extension staff from across the United States. Deemed "the Secretary's Conference", this experience upholds a tradition dating back to 1927 and is the Secretary of Agriculture's

premier youth development opportunity.

That same year, FCS of Mid-America increased its support for the Kentucky 4-H Livestock Judging Program. With its long history in Kentucky, this program provides youth with opportunities to learn about livestock and develop life skills, while exposing them to a wide variety of careers in agriculture. Through this support, over 300 youth participate annually in the state contest, the premier livestock judging event offered in the Commonwealth. Their financial support also helps with the Top 12 Week, State Skillathon Contest and travel expenses for the 4-H All Star Livestock Judging Team.

This year, FCS of Mid-America was one of the first "Investors" in the new Kentucky 4-H Leadership Circle. While continuing their support for Land Judging and Dairy programs, they have also supported the Forestry Program this year and have been the sponsor of the "Leadership Award" presented at the Kentucky 4-H Volunteer Forum for several years.

For its outstanding and long-term support, the Kentucky 4-H Foundation salutes and says thank you to Farm Credit Services of Mid-America. Thank you for helping to MAKE THE BEST BETTER for Kentucky 4-H!



Farm Credit Services
OF MID-AMERICA



Greg Wood

Throughout the last few months the Kentucky State 4-H Officers have been hard at work promoting the name of Kentucky 4-H in our own personal counties and other counties across the state. We all have had the opportunities to speak at various events and activities recently and look forward to representing Kentucky 4-H at many events in the future.

In October the Officers were given the honor of attending the Southern Regional Teen Leadership Conference where we presented a workshop on the workings of the Kentucky 4-H Program to representatives from other states in the southern region.

The first weekend in December the State Officers traveled to Murray, Kentucky where we participated in the in the Christmas Parade, attended a breakfast with the Calloway County Rotary Club, paid a visit to a sixty year 4-H volunteer, and got to relax and spend time with many 4-Hers while doing Community Service.

On the State Teen Council front, our November meeting was held at Lake Cumberland 4-H Leadership Center and took place November 4th, 5th, and 6th. At this meeting the theme for the 2012 Kentucky 4-H State Teen Conference was selected and plans for said conference started to be put into place. I personally am very excited about this upcoming conference and so far it is looking like it will turn out to be the best one that I have had the pleasure to be involved with.

The upcoming months are looking to be full with a ton of district retreats, banquets, meetings, conferences, and of course the Kentucky Volunteer Forum in February. We are excited to be serving Kentucky 4-H and look forward to meeting and working with everyone across the state in the coming months.

The 4-H State Teen Council would like to thank KY Farm Bureau for their sponsorship!



2012 State 4-H Officers Greg Wood, President from Calloway County, Trevor Adams, Vice President from Letcher County, Kelsey Knight, Secretary from Pendleton County and Jacob Lindsey, Treasurer from Ohio County.



Kentucky 4-H Secretary Kelsey Knight presents a framed J. M. Feltner 4-H Camp print to Kentucky Farm Bureau for outstanding support of 4-H and sponsorship of the State 4-H Officers and State Teen Council. Receiving the print on left, David S. Beck, Executive Vice President and center, Mark Haney, President of Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Upcoming Events

February 3 – 5
State 4-H Teen Council
Lake Cumberland
4-H Center in Jabez

February 9 – 11
2012 Kentucky Volunteer
Forum
Lexington Convention
Center & Hyatt in
Lexington

February 11
4-H Foundation Board
Hyatt in Lexington

February 18
State 4-H Livestock
Skillathon
in Madisonville

March 1-3 (Session 1)
March 15-17 (Session 2)
4-H Summit
Lake Cumberland
4-H Center in Jabez

March 24-29
National 4-H Conference
National 4-H Center
Chevy Chase, MD

Board Spotlight

David Wallace

David Wallace was born into 4-H, so it is no wonder that this Northern Kentucky attorney is now taking on the role of Chairman of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation.

“My mother and father were both very active members of 4-H when they were of the age,” explained Wallace. “They continued to be involved as adults, and encouraged me and my brother to be involved. I was born into 4-H, there is no doubt about it.”

Growing up in this 4-H family on their farm in Caldwell County, David learned early in life the importance of hard work. He was involved in many 4-H activities including speech, demonstrations, record books, talent shows, camp, National Conference and National Congress, but it was his experiences serving on the State Teen Council and the lessons he learned in the livestock judging project that really stand out from his 4-H experience.

“I did livestock judging from 9 years old until I was 17 when I was on KY gold team in 1978,” said David. “Livestock judging taught me how to analyze situations in a very structured analytical manner, it taught me how to think on my feet quickly, and it taught me how to speak in a public setting in an almost ad lib situation. These are all skills I use in my business, as an attorney, every day.”

As a member of the State 4-H Teen Council and State Vice President in 1980-81, David says he gained

leadership skills and a sense of responsibility that he still draws upon to this day.

“You know what I really took away from 4-H State Teen Council though was the friendships,” said David.

“People that were on state teen council still are some of my closest friends, more so than some of the people I went to high school with.”

David also admits that it was the competition in the 4-H projects that was a great learning experience for him.

“4-H taught me how to compete, but more importantly how to be a good loser and a gracious winner,” said David. “In reality we live in a competitive environment and that is one of the things 4-H does a good job of teaching kids, how to be competitive. Hopefully though most kids learn as I did it isn’t about just winning the competitions, but the friendships you make along the way.”

It was his friendships and experiences in 4-H that led David to continue his involvement in the program as an adult. After receiving his degree in Ag Economics from UK, David went on to law school and then settled in Northern Kentucky to practice. He has been an active volunteer through the years in the 4-H programs in Boone County, even serving as the coach for the Boone County Livestock team for 18 years. David joined the Foundation Board in November 2007, and from the beginning has been actively involved in the fundraising and activities of



David Wallace the new 4-H Foundation Chairman is an attorney in Fort Mitchell, Kentucky at the firm Wallace Boggs, PLLC.

the board. He was serving as chairman of the camp improvement committee when they received funding from the legislature for the camp improvements. He has also served as Vice Chairman on the board for the last couple of years.

While David believes in the traditional 4-H programs like livestock judging and speech, he is also excited to see the newer programs, such as the science, engineering, and technology program and the country ham program, grow across the state.

“I came on the board because I believe that the foundation is an extremely integral part of the Kentucky 4-H program and can become even a more valuable tool for the Kentucky 4-H program,” said David. “The Foundation is not here to implement programs, the foundation is here to support programs, we are the cheerleaders and the fundraisers for those programs.”





Kentucky 4-H Foundation

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Scenes from the 2011 Kentucky State Fair



4-Hers of all ages come together to work and compete at the 2011 Kentucky State Fair!




Kentucky 4-H Foundation



Visit the Kentucky 4-H Foundation online at www.kentucky4h.org/foundation.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization dedicated to the financial support of the 4-H program and its members.