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Kentucky 4-H Youth Dairy Program Excels

The Kentucky 4-H Youth Dairy Program in Kentucky is excelling across the nation as students are learning about the dairy industry in the learn-by-doing atmosphere 4-H provides.

The Dairy Program consists of Dairy Jeopardy, formally known as the dairy quiz bowl, where youth learn facts about all aspects of the dairy industry; through dairy judging youth learn to rank animals based on what the ideal dairy animal should look like and give oral reasons to defend their placings; and dairy showing is where the youth learn to take care of their animal and the responsibility that goes along with caring for that animal. "We also try to teach some of the science behind dairy farming with programs like Dare to Dairy that is held each fall and the track we teach during teen conference," said Larissa Tucker, Senior Extension Associate, University of Kentucky.

Kentucky 4-H Dairy has a strong, successful dairy judging program. Kentucky has won four national dairy judging championships with three of those being coached by Dr. George Heersche, Jr., Extension Dairyman, University of Kentucky. The 2014 Kentucky 4-H Dairy Judging Team participated in the Pennsylvania All-American Contest and placed second overall in the contest. The highlight of the contest was winning the first place team in oral reasons award and being presented the Harry F. Roth Rotating Trophy. The four person team consisted of Jacob Barnett, Daniel Cooper, Tyler Nichols and Rachel Sibert. All four members placed in the top twenty individually for oral reasons.

Currently Senior Dairy Judging Workshops are being held to pick the team members for the 2015 Kentucky 4-H Dairy Judging



4-Her, Taylor Graves of Boyle County, won Supreme Showman at the Tollsboro District Dairy Show.

team. The team will compete this fall at the National 4-H Contest and the Pennsylvania All-American. The 2015 Dairy Judging Team will be announced at the end of August.

4-Hers who are involved in the 4-H Dairy Program are taught how to work with animals, responsibility and respect. The program gives them the ability to think on their feet and verbalize their thoughts in a concise manner. "Even though the dairy industry itself is growing smaller in Kentucky, we still have a lot to offer youth interested in agriculture even if they do not come from a farm background," said Larissa Tucker.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation, along with several sponsors, are proud supporters of the 4-H Youth Dairy Program. Each year the Foundation awards the Dairy Program with \$1,500 for travel expenses from the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund Endowment. Additional sponsors of the 4-H Youth Dairy Program include: Farm Credit Mid-America, Oliver & Virginia Payne 4-H Dairy Endowment, Kentucky Jersey Cattle

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4-Her's learning to milk a dairy cow at "Dare to Dairy"; a conference coming up on October 24, 2015.

Club, Elanco, Kentucky Dairy Development Council, Louisville Area Jersey Cattle Club, and the Kentucky State Fair Board. The Foundation extends its sincere thanks to these sponsors for their support in providing for an outstanding Kentucky 4-H Dairy Program.



CLOVERVILLE WILL OFFER MORE “WOW”



The Welcome Center serves as both display space and information center for visitors to Cloverville.

Cloverville has been the face of 4-H at the Kentucky State Fair for nearly 40 years. Last year, 4-H supporters and VIP's joined the 4-H Foundation for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the all new Kentucky 4-H Cloverville. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation has added even more “WOW” factors to the exhibit this year and ready to present them at the 2015 Kentucky State Fair.

Make plans to visit Cloverville this year from August 20-30, 2015 at the Kentucky State Fair to see the new additions. You will enter Cloverville through two main entrances that have been revamped with a new covered porch. As you look around, signage throughout Cloverville has been improved with new 3-D raised, lettering. Walking through the exhibit you will see new display cases and shelving for 4-H exhibits. For all the financial contributors, the Big Donor Clover is completely new.



The General Store sponsored by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperative's.

The Cloverville tradition could not continue without the sponsors of this project. Two new sponsors will join us this year including Jerry D. Westerfield, M.D., 4-H State President 1960-1961, sponsoring the library, and the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund is sponsoring City Hall. We also want to say thank you to our first four major sponsors being: Kentucky Farm Bureau sponsor of the Marketplace, Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperative's sponsor of the General Store, Limestone Farm Lawn Worksite sponsor of the Farm, Lawn & Garden, and the Kentucky 4-H Program sponsor of the Cloverville Stage.

“The 4-H Foundation would like to say thank you to these dedicated sponsors who have helped to bring this project to provision,” said Keith Rogers, Executive Director, Kentucky 4-H Foundation. “We are excited to present the new additions to Cloverville to the 4-H family this year.”

Cloverville hosts over 6,000 4-H projects from across the state each year. In order to exhibit a 4-H project in Cloverville, 4-H'ers must first compete in their county and be selected as the grand champion in the class. These grand champions advance to the Kentucky State Fair and are exhibited in Cloverville where they are judged on the Danish System.

The Foundation's fund development efforts will continue as two major sponsorships are still available and individual donations are welcome. Join hundreds of other 4-H supporters and honor your memories of 4-H through supporting Cloverville at the Kentucky State Fair.

Mark your calendars to visit Cloverville August 20-30, 2015!

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I have written many times in this column about 4-H alumni and the important role they need to play in supporting today's Kentucky 4-H. Kentucky has been on the leading edge in recent years in reconnecting alumni with 4-H, from the National 4-H Alumni Pilot to our 4-H Homecoming.

In May we introduced a new monthly feature the 4-H Alumni Spotlight. This is our opportunity to highlight and honor the Kentucky 4-H Alumni that are making a lasting impact on Kentucky 4-H, in their communities, across the Commonwealth or around the world.

I encourage you to join us every third Friday of the month to see who's in the 4-H Alumni Spotlight. The Alumni Spotlight appears on our website and is promoted through our social media channels, so like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter and you will be reminded each month. If you missed the first three or at any time in the future and want to go back to see Spotlights, they will be available through our website.

The first 4-H alumni to be featured was State Senator Ernie Harris, who represents the 26th district in the State Senate and served as State 4-H President in 1965-66. In June it was Brent Hutchinson State 4-H Vice President in 1993-94 and currently the Executive Director of the Hindman Settlement School in Knott County, KY. Last month, we put the Spotlight on retired Judge, Chappell Wilson from Trigg County who served as State 4-H President in 1957-58. This month the Spotlight will be on Kelsey Knight who is currently living in Ghanna, Africa working with AgriCorps, a Pendleton County 4-H alumnus who served as State 4-H Secretary in 2011-12.

So mark your calendars for the third Friday of the month and join us to see who will be in the Kentucky 4-H Alumni Spotlight. It might be someone you know!

Keith L. Rogers, *Executive Director*

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE 4-H PRESIDENT

Hello Kentucky 4-H supporters, I am Calvin Andries from Franklin County and I am honored to be serving as your 2015-2016 4-H State President. I am glad to say that this year we have an officer team with a wide range of 4-H experience. I would like to introduce this year's officer team and myself, along with sharing some of our goals for the upcoming year.

As I have mentioned, I am Calvin Andries from Franklin County in District 4. I got started in 4-H with the shooting sports program. 4-H has taught me to learn from my experiences so I can grow to become a better leader, community member, and individual. This year I will be majoring in Wildlife Management at Eastern Kentucky University.

Our Vice President is MacKenzie Jones who is also from Franklin County in District 4. Her main focus in 4-H is the livestock program. 4-H gave her the opportunity to explore her passion while instilling confidence within her so she could become an individual and a leader. MacKenzie will be majoring in Pre-Veterinary Medicine at Murray State University this year.

Amelia Iliohan from Hopkins County in District 7 is our Secretary. While in 4-H, she has always loved volunteering and helping younger 4-H members. 4-H has given Amelia the opportunity to step outside of her comfort zone, and let her gain friends and experiences that will last a life time. She will be a freshmen at the University of Kentucky majoring in Community and Leadership Development.

Lastly our Treasurer, Kiernan Comer, is from Montgomery County in District 1. Kiernan's favorite project in 4-H is the culinary challenge. Kiernan enjoyed getting to learn new things through 4-H that school did not offer. He will also be attending the University of Kentucky where he will major in Biology.

We are excited to be able to pull from our different experiences this year as we work together to help grow Kentucky 4-H. Over this next year, we hope to build a strong relationship with the other state boards, visit at least 60 counties to learn more about their programs and meet as many 4-H members that we can. Finally, we plan to create a State Officer Newsletter to be sent out every month to highlight officer activities, state boards, and upcoming state events. We are eager to start our year as your State 4-H Officer Team, and are excited to help make this a great year for Kentucky 4-H. Calvin Andries, *State 4-H President*



2015-16 4-H State Officers, left to right, Calvin Andries, President, MacKenzie Jones, Vice-President, Amelia Iliohan, Secretary, and Kiernan Comer, Treasurer.

TSC PAPER CLOVER - THE SPRING RESULTS ARE HERE!

The Spring TSC Paper Clover Promotion results are in. The grand total raised in Kentucky during the April 22-May 3 campaign was \$31,760. We topped the spring campaign of 2014 by \$1,033.

The TSC Paper Clover campaign is a national in-store fundraiser benefiting state and local 4-H programming where a TSC store is located. Nationwide the grand total raised during this promotion was \$913,553. The spring promotion was the eleventh campaign with TSC in the past six years and all together we have raised \$220,056.73 in Kentucky.



Members of the Harlan County 4-H Club.

Congratulations to the top ten TSC stores and county's including: 1st Place – Pike County, 2nd Place – Montgomery County, 3rd Place – Harrison County, 4th Place – Scott County, 5th Place – Laurel County, 6th Place – Jessamine County, 7th Place – Grant County, 8th Place – Oldham County, 9th Place – Boyle County, and 10th Place – Harlan County.

4-H benefits from all donations received with 70% of the funds going back to the local and state 4-H communities where the donations were received. The remaining 30% goes to the National 4-H Council to support the Paper Clover Campaign.

Thank you to all who helped to make this campaign a great success. Mark your calendar for the Fall TSC Paper Clover campaign on October 7-18!



Pike County placed 1st in the TSC Spring Paper Clover Promotion raising \$1,831.

Susie Tanner, Board Member



Susie Tanner was an active 4-H member in Spencer County from 1988-1992 and now serves 4-Her's as a volunteer. Susie has been serving as a Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board Member since 2014.

As a board member, Susie said "I would like to see the Foundation continue to grow corporate and individual donor support in order to advance, expand and enhance opportunities for Kentucky's youth involved in 4-H programming each year."

Susie is the Director of Special Programs for Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation. In her position, she coordinates and directs the organization's efforts with the KFB Education Foundation, scholarship program, and the two-year Leadership Enhancement for Agricultural Development (LEAD) program for young adults. Susie comes to the board having a long interest in youth development and leadership programs. "I became involved with the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, because I wanted to continue to support youth development for future generations," said Susie.

Susie got her start in the Spencer County 4-H from the encouragement of her parents and older sister. Susie's sister and

mother were active in the Spencer County 4-H Club. "My sister was very involved in demonstrations and public speaking. I grew up tagging along to all her events," said Susie. "My mother was also a 4-H volunteer and involved in various ways with our county 4-H activities." Susie participated in demonstrations, foods at the county fair and was a part of a variety act and also served her County 4-H Club as reporter and secretary.

Susie said, "I would encourage today's youth to get involved in 4-H and explore the programs available to them." Kentucky 4-H has a variety of programs available for 4-Her's of all interests ranging from performing arts to science and technology to developing public speaking skills. The different programs allow students the ability to explore their interest and future career interests in a "learn by doing" atmosphere. Susie credits 4-H for her public speaking skills, which have been valuable in her role at KFB.

Susie has maintained her involvement in Kentucky 4-H because of the impact her mentors had on her by developing and honing her communication and organizational skills. These skills have been important in her professional career. Susie would urge other professionals to become involved with the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "I would encourage others to become involved with the Kentucky 4-H Foundation to ensure that a future generation of youth leaders has access to programming and experiences to enrich their young lives," said Susie. By investing in the lives of young Kentucky 4-Her's we are able "to make the best better!"

Susie and her husband, Dr. Brad Tanner, reside in Central Kentucky with their two sons. They own a small farm and look



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forward to their sons being involved in 4-H.

Susie's involvement in Kentucky extends far beyond her involvement with the 4-H Foundation Board. She also serves on the Kentucky Agricultural Leadership (KALP) Advisory Board, University of Kentucky Plaid Project Advisory Board, and Kentucky Family Career and Community Leaders of America Advisory Board. She also volunteers at Lexington Christian Academy and Southland Christian Church in Lexington, KY.

"Countless individuals invested in me at a very young age," said Susie. "It's only fitting that I invest in future generations of youth through service and involvement with the Kentucky 4-H Foundation."

OUR MISSION

Lead fund development for the Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program and advance support by alumni and other stakeholders to ensure 4-H remains a vital center of excellence in the Commonwealth.

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GENERAL 4-H NEWS

Ribbon Cutting at Feltner 4-H Camp



Ribbon cutting at Feltner 4-H Camp.

On May 14th members of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation, alumni, members and friends gathered to host a ribbon cutting of the new cabin and storm shelter complex at Feltner 4-H Camp. The project was launched three years ago and today Kentucky 4-Her's are enjoying this new addition to the campground.

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation received the initial donation to begin this new addition to Feltner 4-H Camp from Farm Credit Mid-America. "Farm Credit Mid-America is very proud to sponsor this project. This is an opportunity for us to invest in the youth of Eastern Kentucky" said Michael Smith, Regional Vice President, Farm Credit Mid-America. "We as an organization hope that this donation leaves a lasting legacy for the youth of this state. Congratulations to the Feltner Camp on a wonderful new facility." Altogether, 67 donors contributed over \$280,000 to the project, these included the County programs that camp

at Feltner, along with individuals and businesses. The University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture, Food and Environment funded the balance of the complex. The new complex can house a total of 48 campers with a bathroom in the middle. The storm shelter in the basement of the cabin also doubles as a classroom.

J.M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp covers 182 acres of scenic foothills near the Daniel Boone National Forest and the Levi Jackson State Park. The camp serves 32 counties and can accommodate 294 campers and counselors per session in its cabins. Camp facilities include a heated dining hall, the 5-plex multipurpose building, the shelter house, nature building, country store for souvenirs and snacks and a swimming pool with waterslide. A 1 ½ acre lake provides opportunities for fishing, canoeing, paddle boating, and pond studies in nature class. The camp offers facilities for archery, riflery, hiking, volleyball, basketball, football, tennis and a low ropes and high ropes challenge course.



New cabin and storm shelter complex at Feltner 4-H camp.

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