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Agriculture Commissioner, Ryan Quarles presenting the 'AgTag' donation to State 4-H Officers

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KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION DISTRIBUTES MONEY STATEWIDE

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is pleased to announce its acceptance of funds raised through the statewide 2016 'Ag Tag' campaign. Since 2009, the AgTag program has raised funds that are split equally between FFA, 4-H, and Kentucky Proud by asking Kentucky motorists who buy or renew farm vehicle license plates (or "ag tags") to make a voluntary donation of up to \$10 to the Ag Tag Fund.

"Donations to the Ag Tag fund help Kentucky 4-H carry out their missions of helping our youth become the citizens and leaders of tomorrow," Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles said. "Half of the 4-H funds are used statewide, and half go back to the counties where the tags were purchased to fund local projects."

When you donate to the Ag Tag fund, you're investing in Kentucky's future. This year, voluntary donations totaled \$552,712.84, an

increase of \$12,355.69, or 2.3 percent, over fiscal 2015. The Foundation's third of these funds equals \$184,237. The Foundation is excited to disburse these funds equally between the counties from which the funds originated and the Foundation itself. County 4-H councils will use the 'Ag Tag' funds for local programming, paying for leadership and citizenship opportunities, and funding 4-H camp scholarships. The Foundation uses its portion to support statewide programs such as engineering events, the Issues Conference, the Performing Arts Troupe, and the 4-H Summit.

"AgTag is an excellent opportunity for the agriculture community to support Kentucky's youth," said Benjamin Carr, Director of Advancement for the Kentucky 4-H Foundation. "The entire 4-H family thanks Commissioner Quarles and all the farmers who made the voluntary donation. These funds help us to provide life-enriching

opportunities for the more nearly 280,000 Kentucky 4-H members so they can develop leadership and citizenship, and learn important life skills."

Though this is a large amount, the potential for this program is much greater considering only 29% of those who purchased farm plates made a donation. This year, Warren County sold the greatest number of farm plate, which generated \$26,590 for the Ag Tag Program. The 4-H Foundation congratulates the top 5 counties in total donations for 2016.

Top 5 Counties for Total Donations

- Warren - \$26,590
- Hardin - \$21,180
- Daviess - \$20,120
- Logan - \$18,280
- Fayette - \$15,130

STATE FAIR

The Kentucky State Fair and Cloverville was another great success for 4-H members across the Commonwealth. This year, Cloverville contained over 6,000 exhibits which displayed the vast array of talent Kentucky 4-H'ers possess. From animals and livestock to robotics and leather work, Kentucky 4-H'ers demonstrated their best, making their counties and Commonwealth proud.

New to the Cloverville experience Director of Advancement, Ben Carr had this to say "Looking at all the talent in Cloverville one cannot help but be excited for the future of Kentucky. Whether it was smoked ham or jewelry making, 4-H'ers are always looking for ways to improve and make their best better."

Additionally, the Foundation held its annual Appreciation Breakfast on in attendance were many of the Foundation's key supporters. The breakfast also allowed for the Foundation to recognize key contributors to 4-H which included 4-H Youth Development Director, Dr. Charlene Jacobs, Former Foundation Board Chair, David Wallace, and Former Foundation Board Member, Paul Hall.



4-Her's photography project on display in Cloverville

The 4-H Foundation extends a big thank you to all the donors that helped to make the new Cloverville a reality. A special thank you to our six major sponsors including: Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperative's sponsor of the General Store, Kentucky Farm Bureau sponsor of the Marketplace, Limestone Farm Lawn Worksite sponsor of the Farm, Lawn & Garden store, Jerry D. Westerfield, M.D. sponsoring the library, the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund sponsor of City Hall, and Kentucky 4-H Program sponsor of the Cloverville Stage.



4-H Members, volunteers and staff enjoying the State Fair



Camp day at the State Fair is an annual tradition of Kentucky 4-H's Cloverville festivities. During this year's annual camp day, 4-H camp staff entertained and educated youth and community members on the exciting opportunities its four residential camping programs have to offer. Throughout the day, camp staff provided youth and visitors a small glimpse into what summer 4-H camp is about, including traditional camp dances, songs, activities, and stories from youth that participated from all across Kentucky!



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Kentucky 4-H Foundation wins the Grand Champion Lamb at the 2016 Sale of Champions!

FOUNDATION NEWS

Foundation Hires New Director of Advancement



Benjamin Carr, Director of Advancement

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation welcomes Benjamin Carr as the Director of Advancement. This position is new to the foundation and will primarily focus on securing funds and support for Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program. Benjamin is originally from Montgomery County and has a B.A. in Architecture at Judson University,

just outside of Chicago. It was during college that Ben first experienced the impact mentoring and out of school programs could have on at-risk youth. Through these programs he witnessed the light bulbs begin to turn on in the minds of these young people as they began to recognize and reach their full potential. From that moment, his passion for youth and community development sparked, igniting a need to look beyond volunteering for ways to create systemic change in the lives of youth. To this end, he has spent six years working as a non-profit development professional for various organizations in the Chicagoland area.

Before taking the role with the Foundation, he was the Associate Director of Development & Corporate Partnerships at HandsOn Suburban Chicago. In this role, he oversaw the organizational development through marketing, fundraising and managing corporate events. Serving as the organization's first full-time development employee, he implemented an annual

development plan. He also has worked as the Community Relations & Marketing Manager at Boys & Girls Club of Lake County, where he managed all club marketing initiatives and supported organizational development including two annual fundraisers, multiple grants, annual giving campaigns, and donor communications/relations.

Outside of work, Benjamin enjoys cooking, watching and playing basketball, and spending time his wife and two sons. He is excited to join the Kentucky 4-H Foundation team and views his role not only as an excellent fit for his skills but more importantly—as an exciting opportunity to contribute to an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of Kentucky youth. He looks forward to getting reacquainted with the Kentucky and traveling the state getting to know the many friends of the Foundation.

Join us as we welcome Benjamin into the Kentucky 4-H Family!

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE 4-H PRESIDENT



Haley Anderson, State 4-H President

Hello Kentucky 4-H friends, alumni, and supporters - it is an honor to be writing to you as this year's State 4-H President. I am happy to report that your 2016 -2017 State 4-H Officers have been hard at work traveling the Commonwealth to support and promote Kentucky 4-H. This year, I am joined by my fellow officers; JD Noe, State 4-H Vice President from Lincoln County; Rebecca Hayes, State 4-H Secretary from Scott County; and Paloma Falcon, State 4-H

Treasurer from Grayson County. Each of us is excited and eager to spend the rest of the year representing Kentucky 4-H!

As an officer team, we have many goals we hope to achieve over the course of the year. One of our main goals will be to make over 60 combined county visits and impacting every county in the state. During these county visits, we have had the privilege of speaking at award banquets, leading leadership workshops for county and district officers sharing the invaluable skills we have learned through 4-H.

Our second main goal is to increase the connections between the State Leadership Boards and partner with other state's programs to better our own. We believe that by gaining new perspective and communicating with our peers, we grow and enhance Kentucky 4-H. And while we have a lot to learn, we are equally as excited to share our knowledge and stories about amazing things going on in Kentucky 4-H!

I would like to close by saying Kentucky 4-H would not be to the point of effectiveness as

it is today without the never ending support from the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and its partners. By supporting the Foundation, contributors are impacting nearly 280,000 youth every year, equipping them to become outstanding leaders of the future. On behalf of the officer team, thank you for committing to changing the lives of young people in Kentucky. We hope to do our best this year, so we can end our officer term knowing we contributed to making the best aspects of Kentucky 4-H better!



L to R: Haley Anderson, State 4-H President, JD Noe, State 4-H Vice President, Rebecca Hayes, State 4-H Secretary, Paloma Falcon, State 4-H Treasurer

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD CLOVER



Dr. Mark Mains, Director for 4-H Youth Development

How did you get your start? I got my start in Kentucky 4-H at the age of nine by joining the "Captain Clovers" 4-H Club in Kenton County, KY. Little did I know at the time but this would start decades of 4-H involvement that helped me develop valuable life skills, achieve academic success, and prepared

me for my future career. The value of the 4-H program for me came, not just from the activities and events, but the example provided by the staff, volunteers, leaders, and parents who cared about the 4-H youth. The 4-H program helps youth and adults develop important skills such as leadership, decision-making, communication, team-work, and a service-minded attitude.

4-H members truly see this support as they move from the county to district and state. The Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council (STC) has been joined by numerous other boards these last few years. We now have youth in the Performing Arts Troupe (PAT); Science, Engineering, and Technology Board (SET); Fashion Leadership Board (FLB); and Shooting Sports Teen Ambassador Board (TAB). Starting next year, we will welcome our newest board in the area of Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR). This opportunity for state level leadership has increased our older 4-H member's passion for the organization.

All of these accomplishments, impacts, and successes are due to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and the generosity of our donors. Financial support of the boards, activities, and conferences allows youth an opportunity to participate in programs regardless of their monetary situation. For this, the Kentucky 4-H program and I give our heartfelt thanks.

MY PLEDGE



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.


**NATIONAL
4-H WEEK**
OCTOBER 2-8, 2016

On Thursday, October 6, 2016, the Foundation, along with the Kentucky 4-H program, celebrated National 4-H Week with a special visit to the Governor's office. State Officers were present when Governor Bevin signed a proclamation designating October 2-8, 2016 as 4-H Week in Kentucky.

Throughout the week, we celebrated 4-H youth, employees, and volunteers who make an impact on their communities and step up to the challenges of a complex, changing world. In his proclamation, Governor Bevin sought to recognize and thank the thousands of members, volunteer leaders, and staff who have made Kentucky 4-H successful for over 100 years.

**Thank you, Governor Bevin, for your
friendship to Kentucky 4-H!**



HOMEcoming 2017

PRIDE NEVER GOES OUT OF STYLE.

Are you Kentucky 4-H grown?

If so, we would love for you to attend the Foundation's
Annual Kentucky 4-H Homecoming on:

Saturday, June 10, 2017



For more information visit www.ky4hfoundation.com
or call Benjamin Carr at 859.618.9701



Halie Sawyers sings during a Performing Arts Troupe performance.

PERFORMING ARTS TROUPE HIGH NOTE OF TEEN'S 4-H EXPERIENCE

Music has been Halie Sawyers' passion since she first started belting out tunes as a child. But it was not until she joined the Kentucky 4-H Performing Arts Troupe and Leadership Board that the Todd County native learned how her passion could transform her into a leader and guide her to a future career path.

“Becoming a member of the troupe was one of the best decisions I have ever made, it has helped me grow as a leader, a musician and a person.”

Sawyers was a high school freshman when Lee Ann McCuiston, Todd County 4-H agent with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, encouraged her to try out for the troupe in 2012.

“When Halie entered the Todd County 4-H Variety Show as a 9-year-old, she stole the show with her big voice and amazing stage presence. She won every year she entered,” McCuiston said. “When the 4-H Performing Arts Troupe was created, I knew I had to get her on the board.”

That was the first year for the Performing Arts

Troupe and Leadership Board, which formed due to the popularity of the Talent Track at 4-H Teen Conference. The first troupe had six members. Sawyers was the only freshman. Kentucky 4-H'ers in grades eight through eleven can apply and audition to become a member of the statewide troupe. Those selected perform at a variety of 4-H and other UK Cooperative Extension events. They also attend a music camp, advise the state 4-H staff on performing arts projects, teach younger 4-H'ers about the arts during 4-H Summit and learn about careers in the arts.

During the next four years, Sawyers involvement with 4-H and her community grew. Not only was she traveling with the troupe, but she also attended 4-H Issues and Teen conferences as a participant. She became the host of the Todd County 4-H Variety Show and began seeking out service opportunities to serve and better her community. “I've always been interested in leadership, but being part of the troupe gave me the confidence, skills, and resources I needed to become a leader in an area I'm passionate about, so I can help others discover their passion for it,” she said.

In May, Sawyers graduated as the valedictorian of Todd County High School, and in June, she ended her time with the troupe. “People often talk about performers having ‘it,’ Halie Sawyers has ‘it,’ and she is going to use her talent to make the world a better place,” said Jennifer Tackett, 4-H Youth Development Specialist, and Troupe Director.

While her stint in the troupe has come to a close, she credits the troupe with helping her find her next adventure. Sawyers had always wanted to use her musical talents to impact children, particularly those with special needs. After meeting with professional musical therapists on a troupe field trip, she knew how she could combine her passions into a career. She will begin pursuing a degree in musical therapy this fall.

To learn more about the Performing Arts Troupe or book them for a performance contact Jennifer Tackett at 859.323.7180 or email jennifer.tackett@uky.edu

(Original story by Katie Pratt)

Jacqueline Rogers



Jacqueline Rodgers (front right) along with her late husband Charles Rodgers (back right) at the 1964 National Demonstration Agent's Association meeting in Washington D.C.

Jacqueline S. Rogers, formerly a Caldwell County 4-H member, was the 2016 September Alumni Spotlight. She had a long extension career and retired as a Family and Consumer Science agent for Hardin County. She now loves spending time with her children and volunteering at the Hardin County History Museum. She still has an interest in clothing and loves the cultural art of the quilt patterns.

She first got her start in 4-H in the clothing project and remembers the pride from making her first apron. Jacqueline taught the youth of her county the importance of sewing. She fondly remembers the summer that she had nine girls involved with her junior leadership project in sewing. She showed the young girls how to use a feed sack as a repurposed material for a dress. 4-H helped to instill in her the skill of creativity and hard work.

She attended National 4-H Congress in Chicago on her clothing record book in the late 1940's. Looking back, Jacqueline recalled the biggest issue at the conference was if the United States should admit Alaska and Hawaii to the union. Just as the United States changed and grown, so has 4-H. When thinking of the ways the 4-H program has changed, Jacqueline reflected, "I find the clothing has much easier styles and patterns," which is due to her extension background and experience helping the youth with sewing projects for generations, I am sure. One of her biggest accomplishments was when she won a sewing machine at the State

Fair for her tailored suit.

Through her involvement with 4-H and the clothing program, she went on to major in Home Economics at the University of Kentucky. She then went on to be the FCS agent in Hardin County. She recalls warmhearted memories of when she was an agent and Hardin County 4-H'ers would stop by her home. "They would always pop by our

house. I love hearing stories now from their recollections when they come out and go hunting or get help on a sewing project."

Jacqueline is most proud of her children's involvement with 4-H and their success in life due to the foundation that 4-H laid for them. She enjoyed attending the 4-H Homecoming this past year to reminisce about 4-H. She is also proud to help support youth to have opportunities to be involved with 4-H across the commonwealth. "4-H means a future for a lot of young people. With 4-H and motivation, it can take youth places and help develop them into the people they are today." 4-H has a bright future with a supporter like Jacqueline behind us.

If you know any outstanding 4-H alumni members and want to have his or her story shared, be sure to nominate them for our Alumni Spotlight. You can nominate them by sending a brief email highlighting his or her involvement and contributions to Kentucky 4-H, as well as his or her contact information to Director of Advancement, Benjamin Carr at ben.carr@uky.edu



Jacqueline pictured with her late husband, Charles and their two children Keith Rogers and Lori North.



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Black Friday. Cyber Monday. #GivingTuesday.

This year the Foundation will launch its year-end 'Make The Best Better' campaign on November 29th, also known as #GivingTuesday. A global day of giving celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #GivingTuesday provides a rallying point for the charitable community.

Kicking off on #GivingTuesday and lasting through December 31st, the Make The Best Better campaign will seek to harness your passion for the Clover to bring positive growth opportunities to 280,000+ youth across the Commonwealth. When you contribute to the campaign the possibilities to make the best youth development programs in the state better are endless:

- + Provide scholarships for 4-H'ers to experience life-changing opportunities they might not otherwise have like camp, State Teen Council, and state or national conferences
- + Allow 4-H'ers to discover hidden talents by participating in state of the art Science, Engineering and Technology programs
- + Build 4-H'ers self-confidence by giving youth access to special groups like the Performing Arts Troupe

SAVE THE DATE:



#GIVINGTUESDAY

This #GivingTuesday join the Foundation in our efforts to **Make the Best Better** by:

- 1) Making a contribution to the Kentucky 4-H Foundation by visiting www.kentucky4Hfoundation.com OR sending a check payable to **KY 4-H Foundation at 212 Scovell Hall, Lexington, KY 40506**
- 2) Sharing your 4-H story with friends on social media and '**Liking**' and '**Sharing**' the Foundation's posts on Facebook and Instagram.

Your support gives 4-H the ability to reach **more youth, more often, with greater impact**; ensuring the best youth in the country get better every day!

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