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2014 Kentucky 4-H Homecoming

Homecomings are about memories, friendships and recognizing the importance of an organization or a time in one's life. The Kentucky 4-H Homecoming is a wonderful occasion to reunite with fellow 4-H'ers, volunteers, mentors, and friends from across the years, share some laughs and support Kentucky 4-H.

This year's Homecoming will offer a special treat. The Foundation is pleased to announce that Dr. Carl Hurley, motivational humorist and entertainer who has earned the title of "America's Funniest Professor" will be the keynote speaker. Many will recognize Dr. Hurley's name from his appearances on television and radio, some will recognize him as the banquet speaker at Kentucky 4-H Week in the 1980's.



Dr. Carl Hurley, "America's Funniest Professor" will be the Keynote Speaker for the 2014 Kentucky 4-H Homecoming.

Carl Hurley, drawing from his roots in the tradition of such other American humorists as Andy Griffith and Garrison Keillor,

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delights audiences with his reflections on life as viewed by a native of Appalachia with a singular sense of the absurd. Part of a family of natural-born storytellers from the hills of Laurel County, Kentucky, Hurley combines his innate skills as a yarn-spinner with the expressiveness of a great comic actor. With an impish giggle on his lips and a benign twinkle in his eye, Hurley spreads an infectious form of fun that is often outrageous yet always good-natured and clean.

"We are delighted to reconnect Dr. Hurley to Kentucky 4-H and to take our Homecoming program to the next level," said Pam Rowsey Larson, 4-H Homecoming Chairwoman. "Homecoming is becoming a great 4-H tradition, giving 4-H friends, alumni, and supporters the opportunity to reflect back on the memories, people, and experiences they enjoyed in 4-H."

4-H Homecoming is open to everyone and because it's the people in attendance and the memories shared that help to make Homecoming fun, it's time to make your plans to join in NOW! Think about it, a great occasion to connect with friends while helping to assure a bright future for the organization that helped you become who

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you are today. It does not get any better than that!

The 4th Annual Kentucky 4-H Homecoming is Saturday, June 7, at 6:00 PM at the University of Kentucky's E. S. Good Barn in Lexington. Activities include a reception, dinner (sponsored by the Kentucky Cattlemen Association), program, 4-H memorabilia, historic slide show and lots of photos. Tickets are \$40 per person, please RSVP by May 23. Additional information and reservations can be made on the Foundation website at www.kentucky4hfoundation.org or call the Foundation at 859-257-7178. Make your reservations NOW and join your friends on June 7.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



For nearly 40 years, Cloverville has been the face of Kentucky 4-H and grand tradition of the Kentucky State Fair. Even though

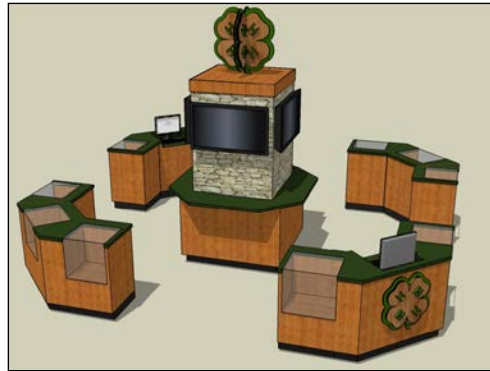
it has gone through some facelifts, the main structure has not been upgraded since it first appeared in the 1970's. After many years of setting up, taking down, and moving the exhibit, Cloverville is simply worn-out and needs to be replaced.

Hopefully you are aware the 4-H Foundation, along with the 4-H Program has underway a campaign to replace the aging Cloverville. We continue to pursue our fund raising efforts which include eight major sponsor opportunities. And with the help of County 4-H Councils and 4-H Agents we kicked off the *Every County for Cloverville* campaign in March. Nevertheless, even with our success in both of these efforts, additional donations are needed.



The main entrance to Cloverville.

Nothing else in Kentucky 4-H affects or benefits the 4-H program and its members as does Cloverville. It annually hosts 6,000 4-H member exhibits from across the Commonwealth in a village like setting where 4-H'ers display their skills and compete for ribbons and awards. We say it's the face of Kentucky 4-H, because each year hundreds of thousand fair goers explore this famous exhibit to see first-hand the positive youth development Kentucky 4-H provides.



The Welcome Center in Cloverville.

The 4-H Foundation firmly believes in the future of our 4-H'ers and Kentucky 4-H, that's why we are making this project our number one priority in 2014. The new Cloverville will make its debut at the 2014 State Fair, the Foundation has stepped forward and purchased the new display and it's under construction. This is no small undertaking, the projects budget is over \$300,000.

Here's where you come in, I am asking 4-H friends, alumni, and supporters to make this a special project in your heart and reach deep in your pocket for a special donation to support a new Cloverville. All donors of \$100 or more by June 15th will be recognized on a large 4-H Clover that will be displayed at the south entrance of Cloverville. If you wish, you can also designate your donation to count towards your county's *Every County for Cloverville* total so both you and your county will receive credit and appear on the 4-H Donor Clover.

You can make your donation with the enclosed envelope by writing "Cloverville" on the specific program line, also indicate your county if you wish. To make an on-line donation or learn more about the new Cloverville please visit www.kentucky4hfoundation.org. The new Cloverville will bring endless possibilities to our 4-H members, the 4-H program, and the State Fair. As a donor, we look forward to inviting you to participate in the Cloverville Grand Opening at the 2014 Kentucky State Fair.

Keith L. Rogers, *Executive Director*



The Cloverville Stage.

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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Keith Rogers, Executive Director
Tony Burnett, Administrative Assistant



It is certainly an honor to represent, serve and support the great faculty, staff and students of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. As a new dean appointed in January 2014, I have had opportunities to work in a new way with the college's loyal stakeholders and friends in all walks of life. We celebrated the 150th anniversary of the creation of land-grant universities in 2012, and we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Extension this year, 2014. Creation of the land-grant university system is one of the most successful and enduring examples of federal legislation, creating a partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture that blends national priorities with priorities specific to each state. Our college has an integrated, robust system that blends education,

research and extension with programs that make a difference to every Kentuckian, every day. And one of the most successful features of this system is that we invest resources in our youth. These resources are two-fold, with both university resources and the invaluable contributions of volunteers. Kentucky has over 16,000 volunteers who make our program the envy of the nation. This program is supported further by a network of distinguished leaders who give their time to the 4-H Foundation to ensure a bright future for 4-H.

An article in the Economist Magazine in September 2013 (Lexington, *Farming as rocket science: Why American agriculture is different from the European variety* [The Economist, September 7, 2013]) said a lot. The author attributed the United States' enviable productivity in agriculture to the fact that we invest in our youth through 4-H. He particularly noted that we employ technology in 4-H programs, but we all know that we have a variety of programs that meet all interests to support the home and community in addition to the farm business.

To close with a personal note, I was a proud 4-H'er many years ago in South Carolina. The best thing about 4-H for me was that it was different from school. I was a shy child who made good grades in school but didn't have any kind of experience doing my own project and presentation. From my first photography project to some later cooking and animal projects, I learned to rely on myself in a new way and began to chip away at that shyness. The experience also placed me in a different community of friends than I had at school, and my volunteer leader put in countless hours helping us succeed. Fast-forward to today, and I wish I could thank my leader, Mrs. Neckerman, again for helping me discover my potential. Instead I have the opportunity to thank the thousands of volunteers and supporters in Kentucky for their support for one of the top 4-H programs in the nation. I look forward to the future we reach together.

Nancy Cox, *Dean, UK College of Agriculture, Food & Environment*



Kentucky 4-H leadership from left to right, Dr. Charlene Jacobs, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development, Cody Phillips, State 4-H Treasurer; Rachel Droege, State 4-H Secretary; Dr. Nancy Cox, Dean UK College of Agriculture, Food & Environment; Allie Click, State 4-H Vice President; Paige Hart, State 4-H President; and Dr. Jimmy Henning, Director Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

4-H FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board of Directors welcomes new members and officers. Elected to officer positions recently are Pam R. Larson, as First Vice Chairwoman and Gil Cowles, as Secretary. Six new Board members have joined the Foundation, they are:



Dennis Cannon, Vice President, Public Relations and Strategic Initiatives with the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives. In the early 1990's, Dennis served as State 4-H Vice President and President, and is originally from Christian County.



Harland Hatter, is a Deputy Executive Director with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. An attorney, Harland also has served as General Counsel to the Kentucky State Senate and is a State 4-H Teen Council alumnus.



Susan Turner, is the 4-H Agent in Monroe County and is the President of Kentucky Association of Extension 4-H Agents. Susan represents 4-H Agents on the Board and brings a tremendous amount of experience in 4-H programming.



Paige Hart, State 4-H President was elected to serve a two year term as a youth representative on the Board. Paige is attending the University of Louisville and is from Caldwell County.



Gil Cowles, the Board's new Secretary from Bowling Green was an 4-H'er from 1971 to 1980.



Susie Tanner, is Director, Special Programs for the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation where she coordinates strategic planning, leadership development initiatives and scholarships. Both Susie and her husband Brad are 4-H alumnus.

Michelle Brock, is with AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals and represents Extension District 2 on the Foundation Board. A former State 4-H Secretary in 1985-86, Michelle is active in her community and County 4-H Council. (Photo not available)



Pam R. Larson, newly elected First Vice Chairwoman is a District Sales Coordinator with AFLAC and past State 4-H Vice President 1978-79.



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Feltner 4-H Camp Cabin / Storm Shelter Update

Construction of the new cabin / storm shelter project at the J. M. Feltner Memorial 4-H Camp near London is coming along as you can see in these photos. Part 1 of the project will be completed before the summer camping program begins, that being the storm shelter and class rooms. Plans are in place to finish part 2 of the project later this summer. A ribbon cutting and grand opening is planned for this fall.



Front view of the new cabin under construction at the Feltner 4-H Camp.



Rear view of the new cabin, shows the entrance to the storm shelter and class rooms.

4-H'ers Turn State Capitol Green

Hundreds of Kentucky 4-H'ers participated in the 4-H: A Capitol Experience on March 19th in Frankfort. The program is sponsored by Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives. Photos courtesy of Steve Patton, UK Ag Communications.



4-H members gather in the Capitol rotunda to hear from Kentucky government leaders.



State 4-H President Paige Hart and State 4-H Treasurer Cody Phillips receive the Senate 4-H Resolution from Senator's Paul Hornback and Ernie Harris on the floor of the Senate Chamber.



Representative and House Agriculture & Small Business Committee Chairman Tom McKee visits with the 4-H delegation from Pendleton County in his office.



Representative Kim King gives up her chair for State 4-H President Paige Hart.

A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE 4-H PRESIDENT

Hello Kentucky 4-H! I cannot believe that a year has almost come and gone since I was elected State 4-H President. This year has been an absolute whirlwind journey. I had always dreamt of becoming a 4-H State Officer since I attended Teen Summit, almost seven years ago. I was ecstatic and speechless- which doesn't happen often- last June when I stepped out on stage as they announced me as the next President. I had no idea how much I would grow this year, only that I would love every minute of it!

My theme this year has been the lessons you learn throughout your 4-H journey. I began my journey by incorporating this theme into my speech at Teen Conference and it stuck. I have used it at every event I have spoken at to highlight the lifelong skills and opportunities that youth receive when they participate in 4-H.

This year has been full of opportunities. I loved working with the State Teen Council

this year as we planned Teen Summit and Teen Conference, along with making an impact on teen programming. I made wonderful memories promoting 4-H at the Farm Bureau State Convention and with the Ag Tag program. I have also been to countless counties to speak at a banquet, judge a communications contest, or just showcase what opportunities 4-H has to offer. It was my team's goal to visit all 120 county programs to see why 4-H'ers loved their program. Our next stop on the journey is traveling to Washington, D.C. for the 100th annual signing of the Smith-Lever Act that created cooperative extension before we give up our jackets in June.

I have learned so much this year and grown professionally and personally. I have become a better speaker, honed my leadership skills, and found a new level of appreciation for 4-H.

This year would not have been the same without my team. I have grown to work excellently with them, as well as love their charismatic personalities. I am thankful I have had my team to share in the countless laughs and numerous memories we have made along the way.

This year truly was a dream come true for me. I have made memories that will last a lifetime and have met more amazing 4-H'ers than I can count. Thank you to all the 4-H'ers agents, volunteers, state staff and especially my officer team for making this year unforgettable.

Paige Hart, *State 4-H President*



The 2013-14 Kentucky 4-H State Teen Council during their first meeting at the Kentucky Leadership Center.



The 2013-14 State 4-H Officer Team.



4-H State Teen Council and Officers are sponsored by Kentucky Farm Bureau.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 23: To Do List: Make your 4-H Homecoming Reservations!

June 2: Roy Strange Memorial 4-H Golf Scramble Tournament (Jefferson County)

June 7: Kentucky 4-H Homecoming (Lexington)

June 9 - 12: Kentucky 4-H Teen Conference (Lexington)

June 17: State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest (Lexington)

June 17-18: State 4-H Livestock Judging (Muhlenberg County)

July 12: State 4-H Communications Day (Lexington)

August 14 - 24: Kentucky State Fair (Louisville)



Kentucky 4-H is supported by many individuals, businesses, and organizations; their support is essential to providing an outstanding 4-H program. The Kentucky 4-H Foundation Leadership Circle was established in 2011 to recognize donors for substantial, unrestricted donations.

Members of the Leadership Circle are known as "Investors," and each Investor receives special recognition throughout the year. These Investors help provide the crucial unrestricted resources needed to grow overall support for Kentucky 4-H, expand opportunities for 4-H members, and ensure 4-H remains a vital center of excellence in the Commonwealth.

You can become an Investor in one of two ways. First, you may become an Investor by making an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more to the Foundation's Annual Fund. Second, one can become a Lifetime Investor with a one-time \$10,000 donation to the Leadership Circle Endowment. Individuals, couples, families, businesses, and organizations can be a Leadership Circle Investor.

We are proud to recognize and thank our Lifetime and 2014 Leadership Circle Investors.

Lifetime Leadership Circle Investors

- Melanie W. & Steve Kelley
- Dr. Jerry D. Westerfield M.D.

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(* indicates they have been an Investor since the beginning of the program in 2011)

- Dennis Cannon *
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- Farm Credit Mid-America *



- Jake Fink *
- Paul & Jill Hall *
- Dr. Jimmy & Faye Henning
- H & R Agri-Power *



- Dr. Charlene Jacobs
- Jefferson County 4-H Council *
- Kentucky Association of Extension 4-H Agents (KAE4-HA)
- Kentucky Department of Agriculture – James R. Comer, Commissioner*



- Kentucky Nutrition Service



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- David Wallace *



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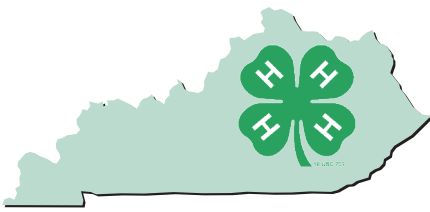


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FOUNDATION NEWS

4-H Foundation Announces Agriculture Mini-Grant Program

The Kentucky 4-H Foundation announced last fall a new mini-grant program for county and club level agricultural projects and activities. These grants are available for, but not limited to: pilot and existing programs, new innovative projects, purchase of curriculum, educational tools/equipment and volunteer training.

This is a great opportunity to expand and improve county and club programs and involve more 4-H'ers in exciting agricultural projects," said Keith L. Rogers, Executive Director of the 4-H Foundation. "We are pleased to introduce this new program and look forward to providing this new funding source for local programming in the future, thanks to the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund Endowment."

The funding for the new program comes from the endowment proceeds of the

KADFE, funded by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board. The Foundation would like to thank the KADB and staff for its support and working with us to establish this program.

For the first year of the grant program the Foundation awarded \$24,909.85 to 29 projects in 27 counties, the winners and the project titles are:

Adair - Youth Gardening and Farmers Market Project; **Bath** - Bath County Livestock Revitalization; **Breathitt** - AgriBot: Making the Connection Between Robotics Technology and Agriculture, Creating Positive Surrounding through Agriculture; **Butler** - HAL (History, Agriculture, and Leadership); **Caldwell** - Farm, Food & Fitness Day Camp; **Campbell** - 4-H/ FFA Livestock Club Portable Scales; **Christian** - Bridging the Gap of Minorities in Agriculture Today, Tomorrow, and in the Future; **Green** - Outdoors 4-H Club; **Harrison** - Pasture to Grill;

4-H Meats Science Evaluation, Preparation, and Safety; **Hart** - 4-H Recycled Horticulture Project; **Jackson** - Come Grow With Us; **Jackson** - 4-H National Land Judging Competition; **Jefferson** - 4-H Country Ham Project; **Kenton** - 4-H Bucket Garden Project; **Knox** - Farm to School; **Laurel** - Appalachia and Agriculture Day Camp; **Leslie** - Hydroponics in the Classroom; **Livingston** - Apiary Outdoor Lab; **Mason** - Mason County Livestock; **Menifee** - Youth Farm Field Day; **Nelson** - Outriders Hippology Training; **Ohio** - 4-H Community Garden; **Pendleton** - 4-H Environmental Camp; **Powell** - Country Ham House; **Robertson** - Livestock Skillathon Extravaganza; **Todd** - Agriculture Awareness Event; **Warren** - 4-H Members Experience Technology of Working Farms; **Washington** - 4-H Country Ham House



The Kentucky 4-H Foundation is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the financial support of the 4-H program and its members. The Foundation is a partner of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service – 4-H Youth Development, University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Educational programs of the UK Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.