



KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION

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KENTUCKY STATE FAIR : CLOVERVILLE

August is always a busy time for Kentucky 4-H, but also one of our favorite times of the year.

At the State Fair, Cloverville opened its doors for the first time in the new 'AgLand' exhibit in South Wing A. Along with the move came some new editions to Cloverville. What visitors

most likely noticed first were the new graphic panels along the outside of walls. These were generously donated by Kentucky Pork Producers. Once inside Cloverville, one could not help but notice the new lamp posts which guided them down the new "Pathways to Growing True Leaders" flooring both of which

were donated by David & Roberta Wallace of Kenton County, Kentucky. These updates really made Cloverville stand out in AgLand and helped to bring in people unfamiliar with Kentucky's largest youth development program.



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ANNUAL APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The State Fair also included the Kentucky 4-H Foundation's Annual Donor appreciation breakfast. With over 150 guest in attendance this was the largest breakfast yet! During the

breakfast the Foundation unveiled the new Kentucky 4-H Family Hall of Fame. This award will be presented annually to families who have made generational impact on Kentucky 4-H.

The inaugural inductees were the Goodman Family (Dennis, Carol, Kimberly, Kristi, and Kerri) and the Wallace Family (Jimmy, Bettie Sue, David, and Steve).



State Officers greeting guests, including Commissioner Ryan Quarles



Paul Hall and Keith Rogers presenting the Wallace and Goodman families with the Family Hall of Fame Award



Emerald Award Winner Logan Mattingly thanking donors for their support.

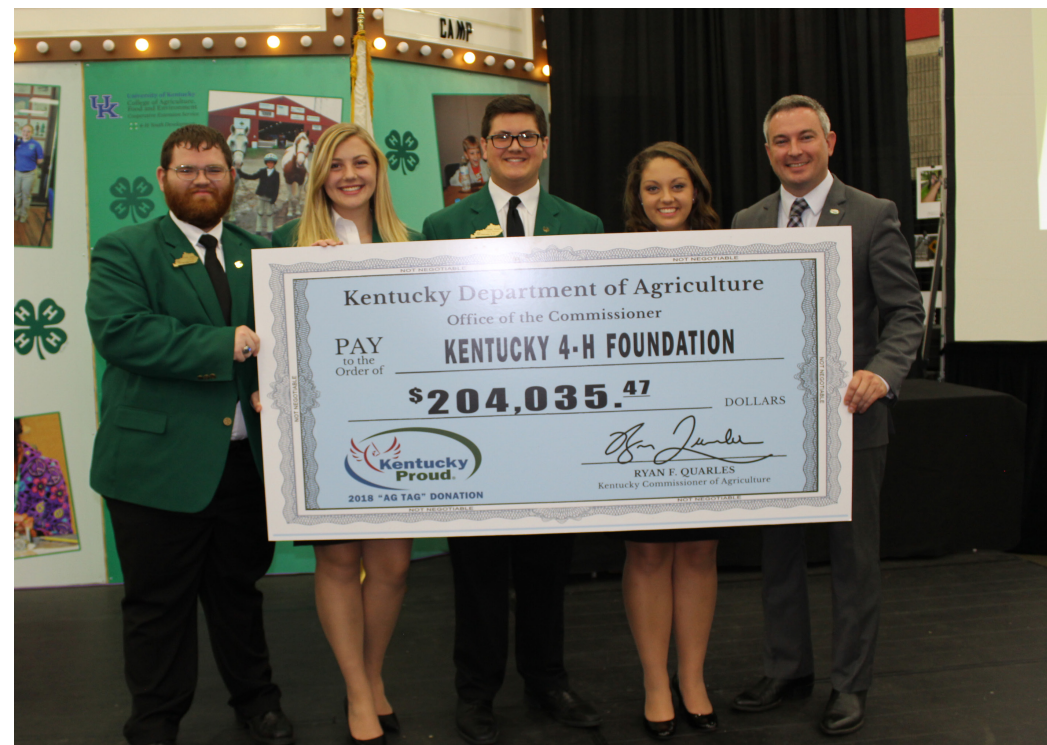


Dr. Nancy Cox, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment

'AG TAG' CHECK PRESENTATION

The Appreciation Breakfast program included the new state officer team accepting the 2018 'AgTag' check for just over \$204,000 from Commissioner of Agriculture, Ryan Quarles. Thank you to everyone who made the \$10 donation when purchasing their 2018 farm tag. A special thank you to the County Clerk's offices who promote this program that funds life changing programs across the Commonwealth.

Dylan Gentry, State Treasurer, Delaney Simpson, State Secretary, Walter Steely, Vice Presidents, Jonna Woodson, President, and Commissioner Ryan Quarles



Chris Caddell



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Chris Caddell is a life-long Northern Kentuckian. He is the son of Arnold & Beverly Caddell and older brother to Chad Caddell.

Chris met his wife to be, Eleni Inembolidou, in 1983 while attending Scott High School in Taylor Mill, Ky. Eleni was a foreign exchange student from Athens, Greece that Chris immediately fell for. Chris was a member of

the varsity tennis team and was a member of the marching, concert and jazz bands.

Chris' career in the marketplace began with the Sysco Corporation. He then spent 5 years in the automotive industry owning and operating a car dealership and has now been employed by Heritage Bank since 1996. Chris began his banking career on the retail side of the business and after moving up through the company ranks was appointed Board Chairman in August 2016, succeeding his father, Arnold Caddell, the founder of the bank.

Heritage Bank has grown substantially since its launch as a denovo bank in 1990 with an initial investment of \$4.2 million. Today the bank has assets in excess of \$840 million, has enjoyed double digit growth the past two years and has expanded into the Ohio market with a location in Mason and a future location in Montgomery slated to open early 2019. Heritage Bank is staunchly committed to remaining an independently owned and operated community bank in an era of rapid mergers & acquisitions.

Chris' philosophy regarding the bank, its

customers, employees and shareholders mirrors his philosophy about life in general: Value and love people as a lifestyle placing their needs above his own. These are not just words to live by, but are action oriented as well manifested in serving others.

Chris' commitment to serving others has now taken root at Heritage Bank in the form of quarterly serving opportunities at non-profits throughout the area as well as the recent addition of a chaplaincy team to serve employees and directors on a third party, anonymous basis. Chris is never content and will continue to seek and engage new ways to serve others within the banks' structure.

Chris currently serves as a board member for Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Tennis For Charity, the charitable arm of the Western Southern Open USTA professional tennis tournament held annually in Mason, Ohio.

The opportunity to serve the Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board is in direct harmony with Chris' life goal of serving people and improving lives for generations to come.

Ryan Dale Bivens



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Ryan Dale Bivens grew up in Spencer County where he was involved 4-H. After graduating from UK in may 2001 he moved to LaRue County where he along with his wife Misty, own and operate Fresh Start Farms. They have two sons, Cyrus(10) who is actively involved in 4-H and Avery(7) that is a Cloverbud. The first-generation farmer oversees the day to day management and operations on over 7,500 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat annually.

They have won numerous awards and recognition, such as the 2011 Progressive Farmer Magazine "America's Best Young Farmer", 2013 American Farm Bureau Achievement Award & 2015 Outstanding Young Farmer Award from OFA. The Ky

Soybean Association presented him the 2018 Distinguished service to Agriculture award and the LaRue County Chamber of Commerce just recently named him the 2018 Business Person of the Year. Ryan currently serves as Chairman of the Ky Soybean Promotion Board, a board member on the Hardin Coop Southern States Board, a director on the LaRue County Farm Bureau Board and serves on the Ky State Fair Board where he is very committed to the youth and agriculture.

"My involvement in 4-H made me the person I am today, and I hope I can help to make a difference in some kid's life, the same way volunteers influenced me growing up!"

KENTUCKY 4-H FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT:

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



Tomma Blackburn

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Tomma comes to the 4-H Foundation Board as a Director of Retail Operations for Farm Credit Mid-America. Tomma leads a team of support specialists in the East Kentucky region. Farm Credit Mid-America is a \$22 billion company serving the territory of Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and Indiana. Farm Credit's mission is serving the future of rural communities and agriculture. Tomma has a

passion for agriculture, instilled from a young age. She grew up on a small family farm in Eastern Kentucky. 4-H can be accredited for instilling in her the drive to succeed and focus on leadership. Tomma graduated from Morehead State University with a bachelor's degree in business. She currently resides in Lexington, with her two children Kylie and Wesley.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

OCTOBER 3th - 14th:

TSC Paper Clover Campaign

OCTOBER 7th - 13th:

National 4-H Week

NOVEMBER 5th:

Grow True Leaders - Year End Campaign Kick-Off

NOVEMBER 27th:

#GIVINGTUESDAY

APRIL 27th:

Emerald Gala

Melanie Kelley



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Melanie W. Kelley belongs to a three-generation 4-H family, as her mother was a 4-Her, she and her husband were in 4-H, and their two children, Katie and Kristopher, were very active in 4-H. When their granddaughter, Sara, is old enough to join 4-H that will be four generations. Melanie is quite proud of this tradition.

Growing up in a farming family in Ballard County, Melanie especially enjoyed the horse, foods, and beef 4-H projects, as well as the communications program.

The life skills Melanie developed in 4-H remained with her as she settled in Carlisle County with her husband, Steve, and started a career in law and local government.

Melanie is an attorney in Bardwell, KY. She has served as Carlisle County Trial Commissioner and County Attorney, and is presently the Carlisle County Master Commissioner. Her Juris Doctor degree was received from the University of Kentucky College of Law and

her undergraduate degree from Murray State University. As Kelley Farms, Steve and Melanie own 2,550 acres and personally farm 1,275 acres, producing soybeans, corn, wheat, and solar produced electricity.

Believing 4-H is the most worthwhile youth development organization that exists, Melanie makes it her primary choice for volunteerism. She has been a 4-H leader and volunteer for 30 years. Melanie first joined the KY 4-H Foundation Board in 2008 as the 7th district delegate. She termed out in 2017 but was voted to rejoin the board, this year, as a delegate-at-large. Melanie also serves on the KY Extension Advisory Council, KY 4-H Volunteer Advisory Council, and KY 4-H Horse Advisory Council, as well as county and area councils and committees. Her commitment to 4-H led to Melanie being inducted into the KY 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame three times with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2008, the I.C.E. Award in 2010, and the Conrad Feltner Memorial Award-Adult in 2012.

The Emerald Gala

APRIL 27, 2019
HERMITAGE FARM

Ticket & Sponsorship Information Available at:
www.ky4hfoundation.org/gala-2019

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A MESSAGE FROM THE STATE 4-H PRESIDENT



Jonna Woodson, State 4-H President

Hello, Kentucky 4-H supporters! My name is Jonna Woodson, the 2018-2019 Kentucky 4-H President. This year, my team and I have the privilege of serving all 280,000 4-Hers in this great Commonwealth. Vice President Walter Steely, Secretary Delaney Simpson, and Treasurer Dylan Gentry and I have had the time of our lives the past three months.

The experience thus far has been indescribable. In the early part of our term, we all came together with our state advisors to cohesively construct our goals as an officer team. This year, we aim to make a connection to middle school 4-Hers to encourage commitment to our organization- therefore increasing retention rates with that particular

age group.

We also hope to increase Kentucky 4-Hers knowledge of the vast opportunities offered to them through our seven core content areas- family and consumer sciences, science, engineering, and technology, agriculture, health, communications, leadership, and natural resources. My team and I wholeheartedly believe that any activity a 4-H'er can participate in these areas somehow overlaps with another. The beauty of grasping hold of opportunities within one area continually develops their skills within another, and we understand that is critical in further developing Kentucky youth.

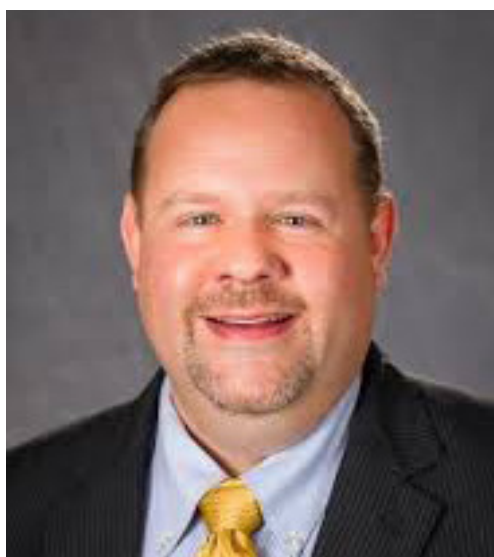
Finally, my team and I hope to encourage district/area involvement. Involvement at the district/area level is a vital building block to a 4-Hers development- it is more responsibility from a county level, and prepares them for giving back to Kentucky 4-H at the state level if they choose to pursue such task. In carrying out these goals, myself and my fellow officers have presented our informational PowerPoint of Kentucky 4-H at the Southern Region Teen Leadership Conference in Crossville, Tennessee. Through this experience, we not only showcased to Kentucky 4-Hers what they can be involved in within their own state, but we showcased Kentucky 4-H to multiple states across the southern region of our

country. By doing so, we hope that attendees from other states learned something from us, and are able to take that back to their own county/parish to implement. Along with implementations of our goals this year, myself and my fellow officers also held a very successful first State Teen Council meeting of the year this September. With new council members and returning council members, we are certain Kentucky 4-H will be served to the best of it's ability with this council.

My team and I are so thankful to be able to do something we have all dreamed of for a long time- serving Kentucky 4-H. Without the support of the Kentucky 4-H Foundation and it's donors, we would be unable to perform the tasks required and adequately serve in such a renowned and revered role. Thank you once again to those who support my team and I, and we look forward to the rest of our term as the 2018-2019 Kentucky 4-H State Officer Team.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD CLOVER



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

Hello Kentucky 4-H! Have you ever taken a trip without a clear destination in mind? While the journey can be fun, it's hard to get everyone to the same place at the same time without a "map" to show the way. For businesses, this "map" is often structured in the form of a strategic plan. I'm excited to share the "Kentucky 4-H Strategic Plan: Our Road map to Success" with our supporters. This plan has created a common destination for our 4-H staff that allows us to all move in the same direction but take a path that helps best meet the needs of their county. You can view it Online at: <https://4-h.ca.uky.edu/content/kentucky-4-h-strategic-plan>.

As we create a program centered on the initiatives outlined in our strategic plan, we want to accomplish our vision of making Kentucky 4-H a premier youth development organization where youth discover their

potential to make a positive impact in their lives and communities. To help us achieve this vision, we are focusing on five initiatives. These are the 1) Power of Youth; 2) Access, Equity, & Opportunity; 3) Extraordinary Opportunities to Learn; 4) Exceptional People, Innovative Practices; and 5) Effective Organizational Systems.

The work that Kentucky 4-H is doing and plans on doing will create a multitude of youth development experiences for the young people in our state. We would not be able to accomplish these goals without the support of our Kentucky 4-H Foundation and our donors. Through their generous support, we are able to provide high quality programs to ALL youth in Kentucky. On behalf of the 240,000 4-H members in Kentucky,

THANK YOU!

ALUMNI TAILGATE

On Saturday, September 15th, the Foundation hosted its first ever Kentucky 4-H Friends & Alumni Tail Gate event. The event coincided with 4-H Day at the Murray State vs. UK Football Game.

In the 3rd quarter, Family Hall of Fame Inductee David Wallace was introduced on field along with the State Officers and representatives from State Boards.

In total Kentucky 4-H brought nearly 200 youth,

volunteers, and parents to the game. The tail gate was a huge success and we hope to see you there next year!

