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## State Winners at KFB Annual Meeting



Mark Haney, KFB President, left, and David S. Beck, KFB Executive Vice President, right, presented the 2014 Distinguished Service to Farm Bureau Award to Bill Waggener, center with wife Peggy.



Zack and Tiffany Ison placed third in the Outstanding Young Farm Family at the 2014 KFB Annual Meeting. Pictured left to right is Tanner, Zack, Zane, Tiffany, and Ashlynn Ison. Photo courtesy of The Harrodsburg Herald/April Ellis.



Betty Farris, State Women's Chair, left, presented the Gold Star Award for the Women's Committee to Joni Horn, Women's Chair.



Young Farmer Co-Chairs for MCFB Zack Ison, center left, and Jamie DeHart, center right, accepted the Gold Star Award of Excellence from KFB President Mark Haney, left, and KFB Executive Vice President David S. Beck, right.

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### KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU MISSION STATEMENT

*Farm Bureau is a voluntary organization of farm families and their allies dedicated to serving as the voice of agriculture by identifying problems, developing solutions, and taking actions which will improve net farm income, achieve better economic opportunities, and enhance the quality of life for all.*

# COMMUNITY AG NEWS



**Congratulations** to the Mercer County Extension Office for paying off their \$1.3 million mortgage in December — 20 years early! The Extension Office building was built in 2006 with a projected payoff year of 2034.

**FORT HARROD BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN are having a trail-riding safety class on Jan. 31 at the Extension Office. Registration is from 9-10 a.m. and the class ends at 4 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for youths**



## Harrodsburg FSA Service Center

### News and Bits



The Farm Service Agency is offering an area-wide workshop for anyone interested in the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC)/Price Loss Coverage (PLC) which is a new program authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. There are major changes in the program, so farmers are encouraged to attend the meeting which will be held on January 23 at the Boyle County Extension Office located on 99 Corporate Drive in Danville. The workshop will begin at 1:00 p.m. University of Kentucky will have Todd Davis on hand to explain UK Extension online tools using different scenarios and Dana McKinney, CED, from the Harrodsburg Service Center will also be there to answer questions and discuss program provisions. For more information, call 859-224-7637 or 859-734-4326.



## Mercer County Conservation District Programs to Assist the Community

The **Art & Writing Contest for 2014** has been judged for all schools in Burgin and Mercer County. The Conservation District will honor all winners at an awards banquet at Lions Park Community Center on Tuesday night, April 7.

The Conservation District will conduct its **annual spring tree seedling giveaway** mid-March for all Mercer County landowners. The tree seedlings will include bald cypress, cherry bark oak, white oak, pin oak, redbud, yellow poplar, and white pine. The 4,000 seedlings on hand are one to two years old and will be bagged in small groups. Planting instructions will be provided. Call 734-6889 ext. 3. In addition, don't forget to get your **Tree Rebate Certificate**. Each landowner can receive 50% of the cost of a tree (with \$50 cap). **For more information, call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 734-6889 or visit mercerccd.org.**



## Food Check-Out Week

Food Check-Out Week is a national campaign led by the American Farm Bureau commemorating America's healthy, nutritious, abundant, and affordable food supply. Mercer County Farm Bureau will hold events to help heighten awareness of these aspects of our food supply and help bring thanks and recognition to the farmers.

Americans currently spend, on average, just over 10 percent of their disposable, personal income for food — THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD. Applying that statistic to the calendar year means the average household will have earned enough disposable income to pay for its annual food supply in about 7 weeks. In recognition of this, Kentucky Farm Bureau is celebrating February 15-21, 2015 as Food Check-Out Week.

Make your house number more visible in case of emergencies with a reflective mailbox post sign for only \$20!



Contact any firefighter of the Cornishville Fire Dept. or District Chief Richard Tingle at his number: 859-366-5532.

## FREE LOANER EQUIPMENT (with small deposit)

GPS (measures acreage) • Tobacco Moisture Tester • Camera • Dremel Electric Engraver



## Mercer County Farm Bureau *Local Membership Discount Program*

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation has partnered with several local businesses to offer significant discounts to our members. Please give the merchant your member number on your membership card in order to take advantage of the valuable discounts listed at [kyfb.com/mercer](http://kyfb.com/mercer).

**Farm Bureau – it pays to be a member!**

### State Winners at KFB Annual Meeting, *cont. from pg. 1*



Megan DeHart, center, received a plaque commemorating MCFB's 2014 5th District Safety Challenge Award from Dan Smaldone, KFB Director of Public Relations, left, and David S. Beck, KFB Executive Vice President, right.



MCFB was recognized for outstanding membership and program achievement. Jamie DeHart, MCFB President, center, accepted the award on behalf of MCFB from Executive Vice President of KFB Insurance Companies Brad Smith, left, and KFB Executive Vice President David S. Beck, right.



Nominated by MCFB, Dr. Garry Lacefield, center left with wife Cheryl, received the Farm Public Relations Award during the 2014 KFB Annual Meeting. Pictured with Todd Bright, KFB Communication Division Director, left, and David S. Beck, KFB Executive Vice President, right.



MCFB Vice President Zack Ison, center, was recognized as a graduate from the KFB LEAD Program for 2013-2014 from KFB President Mark Haney, left, and KFB Executive Vice President David S. Beck, right.



Beth Kelly was awarded the County Farm Bureau Information Award for 2014. It is in recognition of excellence in member communications, outreach, media relations, and Farm Bureau promotion. Award was presented by Todd Bright, KFB Communication Division Director.

#### 2014 Young Farmers Chili Supper

Participants raised money for the Harrodsburg Herald Love Tree on November 22 at the Mercer County Extension Office. There were over 120 people in attendance raising \$2,148 to assist five families with seven children in need. Thanks to everyone for contributing to this effort!



Alyssa Baker presented her exhibit in the 2014 Science in Agriculture program and received an award of recognition.



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*We appreciate the service last year of all the officers, especially Jamie DeHart as president.*

# College Scholarships Available due February 28, 2015

## \$1,000 Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Scholarship

For several years, Mercer County Farm Bureau has awarded \$1,000 to a selected Mercer County senior each year to help pay for their college. Applications are available from high school counselors at MCSHS and Burgin and at the local Farm Bureau office. One application makes a student possibly eligible for the county scholarship as well as over 30 state-wide Kentucky Farm Bureau scholarships for high school seniors.

**Eligibility requirements include:**

1. Membership in Mercer Co. Farm Bureau
2. A Minimum 3.5 GPA or 23 ACT Score
3. Graduating High School Senior

Applicants are not required to be active in agriculture or farming. Winners are selected by Kentucky Farm Bureau in Louisville.



## \$1,000 Mercer County Farm Bureau YOUNG FARMER Scholarship

This will be the fourth year for the Mercer County Farm Bureau Young Farmer Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to be awarded to a Mercer County student who is pursuing a college degree in Agriculture. Applicants are required to be a graduating high school senior from a member household and hold a minimum GPA of 2.5. This scholarship requires a separate application from the Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Scholarship.

The application is available from the high school counselors or at the Mercer County Farm Bureau office on Morris Drive. Contact Beth or Leon at Farm Bureau for more details, or email Beth at Beth.Kelly@kyfb.com for a copy of either of these scholarship applications.

**Some Important Dates to Remember . . .**

- Young Farmers Leadership Conference is Jan. 23-24.
- Fort Harrod Back Country Horsemen Happy Trails from A to Z Trail-Riding Safety is Jan. 31.
- KFB Food Checkout Week is Feb. 15-21.
- KY Ag Literacy Week is Mar. 15-21
- College Scholarship Apps are due Feb. 28.
- KFB State Women's Leadership Conference is Mar. 27-28.

