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Hamilton and Pinkston Win College Scholarships

Emily Hamilton

Emily Hamilton, daughter of Tracy and Doris Hamilton of Harrodsburg and recent graduate of Mercer County Senior High School, and Ben Pinkston, son of Lee Todd and Aimee Pinkston of Salvisa and recent graduate of Mercer County Senior High School, are the recipients of $1,000 college scholarships from Mercer County Farm Bureau. These awards are two of the 327 college scholarships worth a total of $489,000 that the Mercer County Farm Bureau, the Kentucky Farm Bureau Education Foundation, and numerous other individual county Farm Bureau organizations awarded this year to deserving students from across the state. These students plan to attend the University of Kentucky this fall. Emily is pursuing a Bachelor of Animal Science degree, and Ben is majoring in Agriculture Economics.

Ben Pinkston

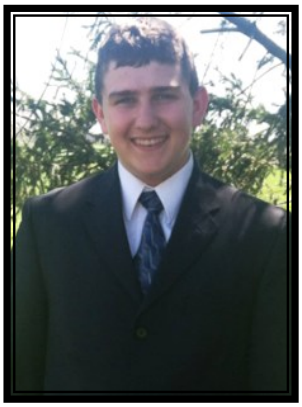
Mercer County's IFAL Attendees

Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation President and 5th District Young Farmer Cochair Zack Ison and 5th District Young Farmer Cochair Tiffany Ison spoke at the University of Kentucky IFAL Conference. Mercer County Farm Bureau is proud to have had four of the state's 92 high school juniors to attend Kentucky Farm Bureau's 31st annual Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders (IFAL) Conference held at University of Kentucky and Murray State University for five days in June. The conference highlighted a variety of careers in agriculture while exposing the students to a preview of college life. Participants were nominated by their county Farm Bureau board of directors with the assistance of school personnel and youth group advisors. IFAL students are among the top in their class and plan to further their education at the post-secondary level with an interest in pursuing a career in agriculture.

Tyler Bottoms
IFAL at UK

Chase Cocanougher
IFAL at MSU

Chase Edwards
IFAL at UK



Aubrey Jones
IFAL at MSU

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

MERCER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT on 227 Morris Drive has three Haybuster No-Till Seed Drills for rent. The Truax drill will plant native warm-season grasses. The drills rent for $6 per acre or a minimum of $60 plus a $30 delivery fee. The District also has one Broyhill 200-gallon sprayer with power takeoff for use **free of charge** with a $30 delivery fee. This sprayer is for **2,4-D spray** only which controls thistles and broadleaf weeds. The GrassWorks Weed Wiper rents for $75.00 per day. Use ONLY Roundup/glyphosate herbicide with Dawn washing liquid. The District has a 2-row John Deere corn planter that rents for $70 the first day, $50 additional days, plus a $30 delivery fee. Contact Equipment Manager Johnnie Bailey at 859-613-6889 for scheduling of this equipment. Remember the TREE REBATE CERTIFICATE where the District continues to give Mercer Co. landowners up to $50 if trees are purchased from Reynolds Nursery or Gardenscapes. **For more information, call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 734-6889 or visit mercercd.org.**

News and Bits from FSA

United States Department of Agriculture
Farm Service Agency

- County Committee election this year will take place in local administrative area one. Nominees for eligible candidates will be accepted until August 1, 2016.
- Crop acreage reports are currently being taken. A complete crop report is a requirement for producers who intend to enroll in Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) or think that they may apply for a Commodity Loan. Final reporting date for burley, corn, soybeans, and all other row crops except small grains is July 15, 2016. Reports filed after the deadline will be charged for measurement services.
- Enrollment in the ARC and PLC programs for 2016 will end 8/1/16.

For more information, contact the Harrodsburg FSA Service Center located at 225 Morris Drive or call 859-734-4326 or 1-888-758-6777.

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE
UK UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY College of Agriculture

Mercer County Extension Office Upcoming Events

Summer Open House, Thursday, August 4, 2016, 6:00–8:00 p.m. Complimentary Dinner & Giveaways Provided! Please RSVP to 734-4378. Come and learn about all the services and programs we offer.

Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Federation is a sponsor of Mercer Co. Fair livestock shows. Following is a list of dates you can enjoy our youth participating in these events: Dairy Show, 7/23; Sheep Show, 7/27; Swine and Goat Shows, 7/30; & Beef Show, 8/1.

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Congratulations to
BENJAMIN PINKSTON
KY FFA PRESIDENT
2016–2017

Congratulations to
HALEY ANDERSON
KY 4-H PRESIDENT
2016–2017

YOUTH INVESTMENT

The 10th annual Mercer County Investment in Youth Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2016, at the Mercer County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall. The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation board of directors is making plans to have buyers at the auction to bid on behalf of the organization. The board has set aside $3,000 in this year's budget for the sale and for the hams.

Youth participating in the sale this year will be selling 2 steers, 7 hogs, 1 goat, 1 sheep, and country hams (hams will be sold later). Each participant is allowed to sell only 1 project and has a strict set of requirements that must be met prior to the sale in order to qualify their animal or ham.

Anyone interested in being a buyer at the sale or a donation sponsor can call the Extension Office at 734-4378.

FREE LOANER EQUIPMENT
(with small deposit)
GPS (measures acreage) • Tobacco Moisture Tester • Camera • Dremel Electric Engraver

Annual Meeting and Youth Contests

The Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting will be held Monday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. at Mercer County Extension Office, 1007 Lexington Road. Highlights will include Outstanding Youth Contest, Variety Contest, Outstanding Young Farmer Award, officer and board member elections, resolutions, and many door prizes.

This year's meal will be a banquet buffet for $5. **All member families are invited to attend**, but **please RSVP by September 6** by calling the office at 734-4341.

Applications are now being accepted for the youth contests. The winner in each contest receives $100. All participants will receive a cash award. The Outstanding Youth Contest includes a judge's interview and a 2-minute speech on agriculture or Farm Bureau. This contest is open to ages 15 to 18. The Variety/Talent Contest is open to ages 6 to 18. A wide array of talents can be showcased. A third contest involving the display of Agriculture Science Exhibits is open to students in grades 4 to 8. Cash prizes will be awarded. Any student interested in participating should call Beth at 734-4341 or stop by the office on Morris Drive for an application. The deadline is September 6.

Hay Moisture Can Be a Burning Issue

Hay baled at a moisture level that's too high will heat excessively. Small square bales should be baled at 20% moisture or less and large, round bales at 18% moisture or less. Hay temperatures below 120°F is normal and safe, and between 120°F and 140°F is considered a caution zone at which the hay should be closely monitored for 2 to 3 weeks. If the temperature goes above 160°F, fire is likely.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Depredation Sub-Permit Application Program

Kentucky Farm Bureau has received a limited statewide depredation permit that allows for a limited number of black vulture "takes" where black vultures are depredating livestock. Interested livestock producers may request a sub-permit application by emailing Joe Cain at joe.cain@kyfb.com or calling 502-495-7738 . You can also stop by the local office and pick up an application.

Any livestock producers experiencing severe depredation from black vultures is encouraged to apply for an individual migratory bird depredation permit from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Producers can not apply for both a KFB permit and a separate individual permit.

Kentucky Farm Bureau Credit Monitoring Service

As a KFB member, you & your family automatically receive identity theft recovery services. KFB is offering a credit monitoring service for $50 for an individual & $80 for a family yearly. You will be notified by an email within 24 hours of any changes to your TransUnion credit report. To sign up, go to kfyb.com/idtheft.

At Mercer County Fairgrounds

Market Days

Tues. 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Some Other Member Benefits

- **KFB members can get $500 GM Bonus Cash toward a purchase or lease of most Buick, Chevrolet, & GMC vehicles.**
- **Travel for less with rental car discounts at Avis and Enterprise and get discounted accommodations at Wyndham and Choice Hotels, Great Wolf Lodge, and Kentucky State Park lodges!**
- **Receive a $300 per unit discount on all Polaris Utility and Sport Vehicles as well as all GEM Electric Vehicles and $200 per unit discount on all All-Terrain Vehicles.**
- **Check out the many other state & local discounts available to you as a member at kyfb.com/mercer!**

Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation is selling t-shirts to raise money for the Young Farmer Scholarship. For $10, adult and children sizes are available. Purchase yours today from Beth or any CSR!

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PAY YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES WITH MEMBERSHIP EASYPAY®

Enroll simply by visiting the local office or register online at kyfb.com/easypay. When your 2017 Membership is due, it will be deducted from your bank account via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). No check to write, no stamps to buy, no envelope to mail.

Mercer County Agriculture Field Day is set for September 8 at Eddie and Tonya Horn's farm at 4:30 p.m. with a rain date of September 15.

Cost-Share Available for Farmers—*COMING SOON!*

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications are now available for Mercer County's CAIP to assist farmers in making important on-farm investments.

Application Period: Late July–Early August
(Watch newspaper and radio for advertising.)

Application Availability:
Mercer County Conservation District
227 Morris Drive, Harrodsburg
Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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KENTUCKY AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

For More Information: Contact John Overing, 734-6889 x107, john.overing@ky.nacdnet.net.

All applications are scored and funded based on the scoring criteria set by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board.

CARNIVAL CORRAL AT THE 11TH ANNUAL FORT HARROD BEEF FESTIVAL

Mercer County Farm Bureau, Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office & Mercer County Cattlemen's Assoc. cosponsored the Carnival Corral at the 11th Annual Fort Harrod Beef Festival held June 10–11, 2016. There were many hands-on activities where children could learn about agriculture.

Some Important Dates to Remember . . .

- **July 21, 2016** KFB 5th District Policy Development Mtg., Mt. Washington
- **Aug. 25, 2016** KFB Day at the KY State Fair
- **Aug. 30, 2016** Youth Investment Sale, Mercer Co. Fairgrounds, 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 6, 2016** Youth Contest Application Deadline
- **Sept. 12, 2016** MCFB Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- **Sept. 8, 2016** Field Day at Eddie & Tonya Horn's farm, 4:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 20, 2016** Young Farmer Fall Fling at Devine's Corn Maze (rain date 9/22)