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Arnold and Nolan Win College Scholarships



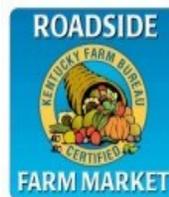
Austin James Arnold

Austin Arnold, son of Mike and Marjorie Arnold of Harrodsburg and recent graduate of Mercer County Senior High School, and Ashley Nolan, daughter of Frank and Laura Nolan of Harrodsburg 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 over 300 college scholarships worth a total of almost \$500,000 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. Austin plans to attend the University of Kentucky this fall to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering, and Ashley plans to attend Morehead State University to pursue a degree in Agriculture.



Ashley Nichole Nolan

Mercer County Farm Bureau Federation board member Geraldine Brown passed away May 5, 2018. She was a retired farmer & homemaker. Mrs. Brown farmed full-time with her husband Doug for almost 50 years. She enjoyed spending time with her kids, grandkids & great-grandkids. She enjoyed attending Southland Christian Church. Mrs. Brown was a kind, caring lady and she will be missed by so many. Rest In Peace.



KFB celebrates its 23rd year of offering the Certified Roadside Farm Market Program! This program was established in July 1996 as a way to help farmers market their fruits and vegetables directly to consumers. Mercer County is home to one of the 50 plus certified farm markets in this program across the Commonwealth. Mercer County's member is Devine's Farm & Corn Maze. The list of all of the 2018 Certified Roadside Farm Markets across the state is available online at kyfb.com/roadside.

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 with a \$30 delivery fee. Use **ONLY Roundup/glyphosate** herbicide with Dawn dishwashing liquid. The District has a 2-row John Deere corn planter that rents for \$70 the 1st day, \$50 additional days, plus a \$30 delivery fee. The Wheatheart post driver rents for \$200 per day, or \$275 per weekend including delivery. Contact Equipment Mgr. 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 @ 734-6889.**

News and Bits from FSA



- County Committee election this year will take place in local administrative area Two, Nominating petition for eligible candidates will be accepted until August 1, 2018.
- Crop acreage reports are currently being taken. A complete crop report is a requirement for producers who intend to enroll in ARCPLC (corn program) 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 16, 2018. If you have not already filed your report, please call to make an appointment or to be placed on the register.
- Enrollment in the ARC-CO and PLC programs for 2018 will end 8/1/18. Keep up with the FSA news by email & text. To subscribe to text alerts, text KYMercer to 372-669(FSANow). Subscribe to electronic news bulletins at www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe. **For more information, contact the Harrodsburg FSA Service Center located at 225 Morris Drive or call 859-734-4326 or 1-888-758-6777.**



Mercer County Extension Office Upcoming Events

1007 Lexington Road
Harrodsburg, KY
Phone 859-734-4378
mercerc.ca.uky.edu/

Summer Open House, Thursday, August 9, 2018, 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, 7/21; Sheep Show, 7/25; Swine, Rabbit and Goat Shows, 7/28; and Beef Show, 7/30. ****FREE SOIL SAMPLE TESTING****

Some Other Member Benefits

- Free Identity Theft Restoration services paid for by your membership dollars!
- 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!
- \$500 Bonus Cash towards the purchase or lease of an eligible new 2017/2018/2019 Ford Vehicle. Visit fordspecialoffer.com/farmbureau/ky
- Check out the many other state & local discounts available to you as a member at kyfb.com/mercerc/

YOUTH INVESTMENT



The 12th annual Mercer County Investment in Youth Sale is scheduled for Tuesday, August 28, 2018, 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.

Youth participating in the sale this year will be selling 4 hogs, 1 goat 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 Mercer County Cooperative 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 10, at 6:00 p.m. at the 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 5 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 5.

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.



The grassroots effort is at work, with MCFB developing county, state, and federal annual policy resolutions to be offered to KY Farm Bureau Federation for vote and adoption at their annual state meeting November 28-December 1, 2018

Mercer Co. Farm Bureau Young Farmer's Fall Fling

The Fall Fling will be held on Sunday, 9/23, at Devine's Corn Maze. There will be food, games, hay rides to pick a free pumpkin, & door prizes. This event is open to all young farm families in the community



**At Mercer County
Fairgrounds**

MARKET DAYS
Wed. 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 - 1:00 p.m.

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.

Need an easy way to measure acres in a field? Mercer County Farm Bureau has a handheld GPS that can measure acres with the click of a button. Members can borrow it FREE of charge.



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Enroll simply by visiting the local office or register online at kyfb.com/easypay. When your 2019 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 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!



Cost-Share Available for Farmers—COMING SOON!

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM (CAIP)

Applications will be 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.

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 12TH 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 13th Annual Fort Harrod Beef Festival held June 8-9, 2018. There were many hands-on activities where children could learn about agriculture.

- Some Important Dates to Remember . . .**
- ♦ **July 19, 2018** KFB 5th District Policy Development Mtg., Harrodsburg
 - ♦ **Aug. 23, 2018** KFB Day at the KY State Fair
 - ♦ **Aug. 28, 2018** Youth Investment Sale, Mercer Co. Fairgrounds, 6 :00p.m.
 - ♦ **Sept. 5, 2018** Youth Contest Application Deadline
 - ♦ **Sept. 10, 2018** MCFB Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office
 - ♦ **September 2018** Field Day
 . Location & Date TBD
 - ♦ **Sept. 23, 2018** Young Farmer Fall Fling, Devine's Corn Maze.

