During one of our weeks, we had over 375 campers – I had an adult leader come to me and tell me about a 9 year old camper. She found her on the last day sitting by herself and pouting. When she asked her what was wrong, she said she didn’t want to go home. After they talked for a few minutes, the little girl said that she didn’t want to go home because at camp, “I’m not invisible”. Someone during that week simply loved her and it made an impact. How she could not feel “invisible” in the midst of a large camp group with all the activities? I shared this story with my staff… simply,… job well done… The work we do “behind the scenes” made it worth it for that one girl…. And the thousands like her. Gotta love Camp!"

Shane Browning, 4-H Camp Director, West Kentucky.

Our challenge as youth development professionals is to offer opportunities for youth to be “visible”, encouraged, and included within a safe learning environment. I want to thank Shane for reminding us of the impact 4-H makes on our youth in Kentucky!

Program Evaluation Data
As you complete educational programs throughout the year, be sure to use the common evaluation templates and enter the results in KERS. The best time to enter the data in the KERS 4-H Common Evaluation Measures Report is right after you collect them. The common evaluation templates are located in the Resource Guide under “Program Planning and Evaluation Tools.” Last program year, only 13 counties entered evaluation data in the KERS 4-H Common Evaluation Report. I want to encourage you to use the evaluation templates, report the results to help Kentucky 4-H provide data on the impact 4-H is making in the state.

Charlene Jacobs, Assistant Director for 4-H Youth Development

PERSONNEL: 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENT POSITIONS
We welcome the following new agents to our ranks:

- **Alaysia Radford, Fayette County** - Alaysia is serving as an Agent at Large in Fayette County. She grew up in Trigg County and recently completed a BS degree in Family Science at the University of Kentucky. During college, she was very active in several student organizations, including MANRRS, and was involved in numerous community service projects. She worked in the Family Science Department on campus and during the summer of 2014 served as an intern in Christian County.

- **James Cecil, Jr., Clinton County** - After several years as a social service clinician, evaluating, counseling, and referring mental health and substance abuse offenders, James Cecil is happy to be engaged in positive youth development through 4-H. Having grown up in Clinton County, he has been very actively involved in the county as a member of the school board, the Albany Fire Department, a variety of local health coalitions, 4-H, his church and as a coach for sports leagues. He completed a BS in Corrections and Juvenile Services at EKU and a Master’s degree in Human Services and Counseling from Lindsey Wilson College.

Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAM INFORMATION

**YDI Session 1 a Success!**
19 4-H Agents from across the State gathered for two days last week as the inaugural class of the KY 4-H Youth Development Institute. This session focused on the foundations of youth development and included guest presenters Dr. Walt Bower, from the UK Human Development Institute and Miriam Silman, from the UK Center on Trauma and Children. Participants are looking forward to the next session, which will be held in December. The class is currently developing their proposals for their capstone projects.
Charles E. Stamper, Extension Special Projects Coordinator

4-H Issues Conference One Month Away!
The 2015 4-H Issues Conference is one month away! The planning team is preparing an engaging program for the conference being held November 19-22 at the Lake Cumberland 4-H Center. Hopefully, agents have been promoting this awesome experience to 4-H members. Deadline for online registrations is October 16, so make sure to get everyone attending registered!

Charles E. Stamper, Extension Special Projects Coordinator

Looking for Pilot Counties for the 2015 Hour of Code
What is the Hour of Code? A one-hour activity. Students of all ages can choose from a variety of self-guided tutorials, for kindergarten and up. Tutorials work on any modern browser, tablet, smartphone, or even with no computer at all. Code.org’s own tutorials feature Disney’s Frozen, Scrat from Ice Age, Angry Birds, and Plants vs. Zombies. The Hour of Code is held during Computer Science Education Week, December 7-13, 2015 as a spark to keep learning computer science. Once students see what they create right before their eyes, they’re empowered to keep going. No experience needed from 4-H members. A global movement with more than 100 million learners in 180 countries. Anyone, anywhere can organize an Hour of Code event. Tutorials are available in 40 languages.
We will be piloting The 2015 Hour of Code this year. We are looking for 4-H Agents who would be interested in coordinating HoC events in your county. We will be offering a webinar in October for 4-H Agents who are interested in being a pilot county this year. Be looking for an email about The Hour of Code this week!

Charles E. Stamper, Extension Special Projects Coordinator

2015 Livestock & Horse Volunteer Certification Workshops
- November 20 & 21, 2015
  
  Location: Barren River State Resort Park, Lucas, KY 42156
  
  Registration due by October 30 (in hand – State 4-H Office)

- December 4 & 5, 2015
  
  Location: General Butler State Resort Park, Carrollton, KY 41008
  
  Registration due by November 13 (in hand – State 4-H Office)

Tanya C. Dvorak, Extension Specialist, Program and Staff Development

New 2015-2016 Teen Shooting Sports Ambassador Board
- From District 2, please congratulate Cody Reed, Laurel Co.
- From District 3, please congratulate Patrick Rood, Spencer Co.
- From District 7, please congratulate Aaron Ellegood, Carlisle Co and Maylee Frye, Trigg Co.

The new Board will begin their year with the required training on October 9 – 11 during the Coach Certification Workshop in Jabez, KY. As they complete their training, they will be in touch with their District’s agents to provide contact information. They will make themselves available for presentations and attendance at county events/activities to promote the 4-H Shooting Sports program.

Donna Fox, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development

Teens and Money—Social Networking Assistance
Did you know that a Kentucky Extension specialist hosts a blog on finances and consumerism directed at teens? That’s right. “Allowanceless: What Do You Mean I Don’t Get an Allowance Anymore?” was started for 4 big reasons—1) to get the skinny on up-to-date, legit consumer and financial information through blog posts; 2) To open up the comments section to TEEN opinions; 3) to give teens the chance to be hands-on and active with the information we write about; and 4) To help teens educate themselves and take better control of their finances. The blog is available at http://allowanceless.blogspot.com/. You may adapt this or any other of our blog entries for media use or provide links; however, I would appreciate feedback. We archive all past posts by topic, such as App
Pick of the Week, Consumption Tips, Social Networking, Video Posts, and Website Pick of the Week. Please visit our blog to learn more!
The current blog topic: Are You Familiar with Live Self-Streaming Smartphone Apps? Your 4-Hers are probably using them!
*Robert H. Flashman, Extension Specialist-Family Sciences*

**Special Awards to Youth in Consumer Education Projects**
For a number of years, the Kentucky Attorney General’s office and the Consumer Protection Division have co-sponsored special awards for the Consumer Education posters entered in Kentucky State Fair. Congratulations to the youth receiving the awards and the agents who included consumer education in the 2015 county 4-H program.

- Grand Champion: Stephanie Snyder, Jessamine County--$100
- Reserve Grand Champion: Dylan Mahorney, Kenton County 1--$50
- Sarah Steely, Webster County--$25
- Katelyn Gardner, Kenton County 1--$25
- Jared Feitl, Boone--$25

*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

**Henry County Culinary Team Heads to National 4-H Food Challenge**
Congratulations to Emily Bratton, Kellyn Smith and Kendyll Smith who represented Kentucky in the National 4-H Food Challenge on September 29 in Dallas, TX. The team placed 5th in the competition. They were given a challenge to create a dish using 8 to 10 secret ingredients and then made a formal presentation before judges. The team participated in educational workshops and tours on Sunday and Monday before the competition. Coach Shannon Bratton, Tina Smith and Extension agent Cathy Toole accompanied the team.

*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

**Kentucky 4-H Core Curriculum Catalog (revised 8-14-15)**
Several changes have been made to the Kentucky Core Curriculum Catalog (8-14-2015) that you’ll want to note as you plan to get this program year underway. The revised catalog is located in the Resource Guide under “Curriculum,” or “Core Curriculum,” then “Core Curriculum Catalog.”

*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*

**Monthly Lync Sessions for Interested Agents:**
Each month, a one hour Lync/Skype session is hosted by state staff or experienced agents on up-coming events, projects or general 4-H topics. A few days before the session, every agent will receive a message which includes the link to join the session. For the first year of employment, newer agents are required to participate. Recordings of past sessions are available in the Resource Guide under “N”—“New Agent”, then “Additional Resources for Newer Agents.” *Red lettering indicates a change in date or time.*

- **November 2, 2015** (Monday) 9:30am ET/8:30am CT—Topic: What EVERY 4-H Agent needs to know about the 4-H Horse Program with Fernanda Camargo and Amy Lawyer; If you have a horse program in your county, there is some information that you just need to know...even if you have highly engaged and on-top-of-everything horse volunteers.
- **December 7, 2015** (Monday) 3:00pm ET/2:00pm CT; Topic: What EVERY 4-H Agent needs to know about the 4-H Animal Science Program with Steve Austin; If you have a livestock program in your county, there is some information that you just need to know...even if you have highly engaged and on-top-of-everything livestock volunteers. (This was announced earlier as a morning session; be sure to update your schedule.)
- **Beginning in February, Lync sessions will typically be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30am ET/8:30am CT.**

*Martha Welch, Extension Specialist for 4-H Youth Development*
The Dirt on Soil: Soils Education In-Service (4-H Edu Programming SET and NR)
Do you fall asleep at the first mention of the word soil? Do you think of soil as just a pile of boring old dirt? This in-service will provide you with the perfect opportunity to dig deeper and learn exciting ways to incorporate soils education into your county programming (e.g., clubs, environmental camp, summer camp, cloverbuds, school programs, etc.). Hands-on activities and resources will prove that soil is alive and is the foundation for life on earth. Registration fee: TBA. Register via KERS.

- March 16 – Princeton UKREC
- March 22 - Franklin CES Office
- March 23 – Quicksand RCARS

Ashley Osborne, Extension Associate, Environment and Natural Resources

Over the River and Through the Cave: Project WET and Project Underground Educator Certification
Join us for a two-day in-service that will train and certify participants on nationally recognized environmental education curricula Project WET and Project Underground. Project WET’s focus is on water resources and awareness, while Project Underground provides information and activities on caves, karst, and underground systems. During the in-service participants will engage in hands-on activities while canoeing the Green River, one of the world’s most biologically diverse river systems, and investigating a cave ecosystem in Taylor County. Each participant will receive one copy of both WET and Underground curriculum guides. Registration fee is $50 per person and includes dinner on day one, lunch on day two, and WET and Underground guides. Lodging is not provided - participants are responsible for arranging and paying for their lodging during the training. Register via KERS. May 3-4 - Clay Hill Memorial Forest, Campbellsville, KY

Ashley Osborne, Extension Associate, Environment and Natural Resources

Rolling Down the River with Project WET
Join us for a one-day in-service as we unveil the new Kentucky Project WET Supplement. The supplement will provide background information and resources on Kentucky’s waters, including the health and use of those waters throughout the Commonwealth. During the in-service participants will engage in hands-on activities while aboard Kentucky State University’s Kentucky River Thorobred, an aquatic research vessel that is used to educate others on the history and ecology of the Kentucky River. Each participant will be certified in Project WET and the Kentucky Project WET Supplement, and will receive one copy of the WET curricula and Kentucky Supplement. Lunch will be provided. Registration fee is $30 per participant. Register via KERS. (This in-service is provided by UK, KSU, and KY Division of Water.) May 19 - Riverview Park, 404 Wilkenson Blvd, Frankfort, KY

Ashley Osborne, Extension Associate, Environment and Natural Resources

Upcoming In-Services for 2015-16
The list of in-services for 2015-16 is nearing completion. Most of the in-services that will be held outside of the Series are in the online catalog. In-services to be held during the Series of In-Services will soon be complete. An announcement will be made by email. Consider the following list incomplete at this time. Be sure to pre-register for in-services that are of interest to you or youth in your county. (Many sessions welcome volunteers. Agents need to pre-register volunteers directly through the session’s contact.)

Here’s a quick list of sessions specifically planned for 4-H agents but refer to the catalog in KERS for additional sessions targeted to all Extension agents. (4-H agents are not limited to the sessions below.)

- **4-H Biotechnology & Forensic Camps for Youth**: Oct. 1, Fayette, CES office
- **4-H Visual Arts**: Oct. 20, Hardin CES office; Oct. 22, Scott CES office
- **Put It Up!: Food Preservation for Youth**: Nov. 4, Laurel CES office; Nov. 10, Boyle CES office, Nov. 18, Clark CES office, March 2, Webster CES office
- **Staffing the County Program with Volunteers**: Nov. 10, Hardin CES office
- **Client Protection**: Nov. 10, Hardin CES office
• **4-H Needlework: Embroidery**: Nov. 17, UK Research & Education Center, Princeton; Nov. 19, Morgan CES office

• **Series of In-Services**: Dec 1-3, Hyatt Regency, Downtown, Lexington. Below is a partial list of sessions planned for the Series.
  o WeConnect—Teaching Culture, Diversity and Globalism to Youth (2)
  o Video Production by KET (1)
  o Do You Backchannel? (1)
  o 4-H Sewing Project for Agents who Do NOT Sew (2)
  o Inspiring Healthy Teens
  o Truth and Consequences: The Choice Is Yours (2)
  o Help! I Need Money for My STEM Program! (1 or 2)
  o Cockroaches in the Classroom (2)
  o Dance Fit
  o Volunteer Kentucky! Bringing Extension to the Forefront of Community Volunteer Leadership Development (2)
  o 4-H Online
  o Shooting Sports: The Agent’s Role
  o Visual Arts (1) a shorter, less hands-on version of the training to be held on Oct. 20 & 22

• **Annual 4-H Camp Update**: Jan. 19 via Lync; Jan. 27 via Lync

• **Camp Basics for New Agents with 4-H Camp Responsibilities**: Feb. 4, Central KY, location TBA

• **If this, Then that: Social Media and Cross-referencing Facebook and Twitter**: Feb. 18 via Lync

• **4-H Electric Excitement—Skills for the Future**: Feb. 23, Clark CES office; Feb. 24, Hopkins CES office

• **Basic Training for New Agents with 4-H Responsibilities**: March 1-2, Culton Suite, Good Barn, campus

• **The Dirt on Soil: Soils Education In-Service**: March 16, UK Research & Education Center, Princeton; March 22, Franklin CES office; March 23, Robinson Center (RCARS), Jackson, KY

• **Teen Cuisine**: March 29, Greenup CES office; March 31, Laurel CES office; April 6, Webster CES office

• **4-H Aerospace Adventures—the Next Frontier**: May 3, Gorham Hall, Good Barn, campus; May 4, UK Research & Education Center, Princeton

• **Setting the Standard in 4-H Science Education**: May 12 Clark CES office

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