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CONGRATULATIONS to the 2014 Kentucky Young Farmer Association Member of the Year, **Thomas D. Tucker**, of the Warren County Chapter in the Barren River Region. Tom has been very active in YFA and has participated in contests on the local, regional and state levels. He is also active in various community and agricultural organizations. Tom's YFA Chapter Advisor is Mike Bullock. Pictured here is Roby Foree, Communications Specialist with Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, Tom's parents Dale and Peggy Tucker, with Honorary Degree Plaques, Jennifer and Tom Tucker and sons Harrison and Zachery.

This year's contest is sponsored by Farm Credit Services, Wayne Supply Caterpillar Challenger, and the Kentucky Touchstone Energy Cooperatives.

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President's Letter

Hello Fellow KY YFA Members,

I hope that my first letter finds everyone in good health and spirits as we begin a new growing season. I would also like to thank Lance Lockhart and the Butler Co. Chapter for being the host chapter of the convention. I hope that you all had a good time in Bowling Green, as my family did.

I would also like to encourage everyone to make plans to attend Summer Tour this July 18th and 19th in Washington Co. I know that the new members and the Osbourne family have worked hard to make this tour a successful tour and to showcase their county's attractions.

The state board is still trying to increase the state's membership. As most of you know, the state board will be attending multiple FFA functions throughout the summer to get our name and mission to young people across the state. Like I said at the convention, we must all work together to increase our membership so that we can make our association the high standard for other organizations across the state.

I would like to close reminding everyone to have a safe planting season and see you all in July. If you have any questions or comments about the association, contact me or any state board member.

Thanks,

Curtis Weatherford



METZGER'S MEMO

Kentucky Young Farmers Top 700 in Membership!!!!

Young Farmers and Friends—Spring is finally here.

I'm sure everyone is glad to see some warm weather for a change. This has been one of the toughest winters I can remember. Planting is getting a strong start everywhere and we wish all of you a safe and productive cropping season.

Special Thanks goes to the Butler County Chapter and to their new YFA Chapter Advisor Lance Lockhart. They all did an excellent job planning a great convention. This was our first convention at the Knicely Convention Center and it was a very nice place to convene. The facility fit our group very nicely. Special Thanks goes to President Jeff Burr for working so closely with the Butler County Folks. Jeff and the other members of the State Officer Team worked very hard to make the convention a huge success.

Special Thanks goes to our Sponsors for their generous and continuing support. Your support make it possible to provide a great leadership and recognition experience for a great group of Kentucky's finest Young Farmers.

Again this year the KY YFA will participate with the American Income Life Insurance Company. Last year they presented a child identification program for all the members' participation. This year, along with Child Identification, they are presenting a program on controlling internet access on home computers. I'm sure several of you will be interested in that program as well. Three different KY Young Farmer families received benefit claims from American Income Life Company during the past year.

A Very Special Thanks to Bob Osbourne for his untiring efforts to see the Washington County & Marion County YFA Chapter survive. Bart Mattingly, Washington County High School Agriculture, also helped Bob with some contacts and by providing a place for the young farmers to meet and get organized. Our membership was at 700 members when we received the Washington County roster containing the names and dues for 42 young farmer members. We wish them continued success as they begin to take an active part in our organization.

The Washington County Chapter will serve as host for our 2014 Summer Tour. We will meet at the Springfield Inn in Springfield. So mark July 18th & 19th on your calendar. Plan now to come and see the Agriculture and sights of Washington County.

Important Notice - *The Summer Tour will provide an opportunity for those folks that volunteered at the State Convention to help with the National Institute to find out exactly what their responsibilities will include during the National Institute. Additional volunteers are needed. If you haven't volunteered, there is still plenty of time to do so and your help is still greatly needed. Contact Peggy Tipton (cell # 502-321-3971) or Joe Thompson (cell: 270-302-8549) if you can help with the National Institute.*

We have a young and energetic Officer Team this year. Check to see who is featured in this issue and get to know them better. They are all very anxious to serve you.

*Bruce Metzger
YFA State Advisor*

Highlights from the State Convention in Bowling Green

by Kyle Trowbridge, State Reporter

The Warren County Chapter of the Kentucky Young Farmer Association hosted the State Convention in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The Convention began with officer elections on Thursday night. The Speech contest was held on Friday morning, and the Farm Management and Ag Mechanics tests were held in the afternoon. After that, everyone was free to enjoy the many sights of Bowling Green. Participants were given discount coupons to different stores in town and a discount to go to the different museums in town, like the Corvette Museum where the classic corvettes lay at the bottom of a giant sink hole! On Saturday morning and Saturday night, we had awards banquets where we had several different speakers, including Warren Beeler from KY Ag Commissioner Comer's Office speaking about the current issues going on in the world of agriculture. The grand finale of the event was awarding the Kentucky Young Farmer Member of the Year Award to Mr. Tom Tucker. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Tom on this outstanding



2014 STATE CONTEST WINNERS

Contest	Chapter	Region	Contest	Chapter	Region
Farm Management			Dark Fire Cured		
1 Mark Thomas	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	1 Kent Parm	Graves County	Purchase
2 Brian Fischer	Daviess County	Green River	2 Shea Lowe	Calloway County	Purchase
3 Alan Hubble	Cumberland	Cumberland Lake	3 Darren Toan	Marshall County	Purchase
4 Steven Brown	Rockcastle County	Cumberland			
Ag Mechanics			Diversified Farming		
1 Casey Chittenden	Livingston County	Pennyryle	1 Jeff Burr	Franklin Simpson	Barren River
2 Alan Hubble	Cumberland	Cumberland Lake	2 Matt Crain	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail
3 Brian Fischer	Daviess County	Green River	Diversified Livestock Large		
Alfalfa Hay Production			1 Shannon Ferrell	Harrison County	Bluegrass
1 Mark Thomas	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	Beef Production		
Alfalfa Mixed Hay			1 Matt Adams	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail
1 Matt Adams	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	2 Randy Wade	Harrison County	Bluegrass
Mixed Hay Non Alfalfa			3 Casey Chittenden	Livingston Co	Pennyryle
1 Mark Thomas	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	Beef Feeder Production		
2 Casey Chittenden	Livingston County	Pennyryle	1 Carl Ray Waits	Jessamine Co	Bluegrass
3 Larry Neal	Marshall County	Purchase	2 Nathan Brame	Christian County	Pennyryle
Straw			3 Hank Layton	Barren County	Barren River
1 A. J. Johnson	Christian County	Pennyryle	Dairy Production		
2 Phillip Rogers	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	1 Nathaniel Weaver	Lincoln Trail	Bluegrass
Yellow Corn			Swine Farrow to Finish		
1 J.P. Amburgy	Fulton County	Pennyryle	1 Brian Thompson	Daviess County	Green River
2 Dustin Hagan	Daviess County	Green River	Ag Mechanics Proficiency		
3 Kevin Arnold	Harrison County	Bluegrass	1 Andrew Bell	Larue County	Lincoln Trail
White Corn			2 Nathaniel Taylor	Cntl Cumberland	Lake Cumberland
1 Phillip Rogers	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	Soil and Water Conservation		
2 Greg Workman	Calloway County	Purchase	1 Larry Davis	Livingston Co	Pennyryle
3 Casey Chittenden	Livingston County	Pennyryle	2 Gary Smith	Daviess County	Green River
Wheat			Rural Leadership		
1 Brian Thompson	Daviess County	Green River	1 Andrew Alford	Warren County	Barren River
2 Mark Thomas	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	2 Shea Lowe	Calloway County	Purchase
3 Casey Chittenden	Livingston County	Pennyryle	3 Ashley Johnson	Christian County	Pennyryle
Soybeans- Bottomland			Chapter Contest		
1 Jesse Horn	Daviess County	Green River	1 Hardin County		Lincoln Trail
Soybeans- Double Crop			2 Central Cumberland		Lake Cumberland
1 Will Edwards	Marshall County	Purchase	CRAFT CONTESTS		
2 A.J. Johnson	Christian County	Pennyryle	Stitched Items		
3 Brian Fischer	Daviess County	Green River	1 McKayla Phillips		Decorative Shirts
Soybeans- Upland			2 Phillip McGlone		1 Deana Tomes
1 Zach Winkler	Daviess County	Green River	3 Ginger Hafer		2 Lois Adams
2 David Fisk	Marshall County	Purchase	Baked Goods		3 Aiden Brogli
3 Grant Hildabrand	Warren County	Barren River	1 McKayla Phillips		Scrap Booking
Roundup Ready Bottomland			2 Peggy Jo Tipton		1 Jennifer Arnold
1 Joe Thompson	Daviess County	Green River	3 Rebecca Crain		2 Mike Meyer
2 Phillip Rogers	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	Farm Photo		3 Shelly Meyer
3 Shane Wells	Butler County	Barren River	1 Mark Thomas		Jams
Roundup Ready Double Crop			2 Joe Brogli		1 Jennifer Chittenden
1 Casey Chittenden	Livingston County	Pennyryle	3 Mike Meyer		Floral
2 Brian Thompson	Daviess County	Green River	Family Photo		1 Jennifer Arnold
3 Matt Crain	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	1 Terry Arnold		1st Overall Crafts
Roundup Ready upland			2 Joe Brogli		McKayla Phillips
1 Mitch Jackson	Calloway County	Purchase	3 Mike Meyer		
2 Chuck Fleming	Franklin Simpson	Barren River	Wreaths		
3 Jesse Horn	Daviess County	Green River	1 Jennifer Chittenden		
Burley Tobacco			2 Carrie Brogli		
1 Kevin Farrell	Harrison County	Bluegrass	3 Susan Burdine		
2 Nicholas Hardesty	Hardin County	Lincoln Trail	Holiday Item		
3 Kent Parm	Graves County	Purchase	1 Tammy Stevenson		
Dark Air Cured Tobacco			2 McKayla Phillips		
1 Kent Parm	Graves County	Purchase	3 Shannon Ferrell		





OFFICER SPOTLIGHT

Representing the Kentucky River Region

Steven Brown lives in Rockcastle County in the Bee Lick community. He and his father farm 1085 acres of corn and beans, and under the advice of his father and his YFA chapter advisor, Roy Reynolds, he has become a staple in his community. He is now serving on the State YFA Board as the Kentucky River Regional Vice President. He graduated from Rockcastle County High School in 2010 where he was the president of his local FFA chapter his senior year. He is also an active member of the Providence Church of Christ where he attends regularly.



2014 NYFEA Institute

December 10 – 13, 2014

Louisville, Kentucky

Schedule/Registration



HOTEL: MARRIOTT Louisville Downtown, 280 West Jefferson Street, Louisville, KY 40202. Reservations: Call 1-800-266-9432 and designate your attendance with NYFEA. Room rates are \$106/night, plus tax. Deadline for hotel reservations is November 17, 2014. Hotel Parking Rates are \$14.00 per day for overnight attendees.

SCHEDULE:

Wednesday—Dec. 10

1:00 p.m. NYFEA Delegate Meeting

Thursday—Dec. 11

Breakfast at hotel

WEST TOURS to Bowling Green

Corvette Museum

Corvette Plant

Bale Tobacco Warehouse

Triple Oaks Farm

Kentucky Proud Trade Show and Kentucky Farm Safety Program

Lunch at Triple Oaks Farm sponsored by Pioneer

Churchill Downs Museum

Evening dinner at Churchill Downs Millionaires Row

Friday—Dec. 12

Breakfast at hotel

EAST TOURS to Lexington

Big Ass Fans

WinStar Farm Thoroughbred Stallions/Three Chimneys Farm

University of Kentucky Beef Farm

Four Roses Distillery

Lunch at and sponsored by Big Ass Fans

Return to Louisville —Dinner/4th Street Live Activities on your own

Saturday—Dec. 13

NYFEA Institute Activities

7:00am NYFEA Delegate meeting

8:00am Ag Decision Makers College featuring insight on KY agriculture and previews of future institutes

10:00am YALE program featuring Ag Communication Award

11:30am Salute to Louisville lunch

1:30pm Conclusion of Ag Communication Award

2:00pm Ag Leaders Club seminar

4:30pm NYFEA and KY Reception and Auction

5:00pm Evening Activities – Banquet and a presentation of the John Deere Ag Communication Award

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If a computer is not available, Mail Registration Form and Registration Fees (payable to NYFEA) to:
NYFEA, P.O. Box 20326, Montgomery, AL 36120

Early Bird Registration Deadline: October 15, 2014 (Late Registration add \$25 to cost)

Name(s): _____ YF State: _____ Area: _____ Chapter: _____
 Address: _____ City, State and Zip: _____
 Email Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

(Registration will be confirmed via email)

NYFEA Attendance to all events: \$275 each	# _____ @ \$275 =	_____
NYFEA Daily Rate is \$100 each day Thursday	# _____ @ \$100 =	_____
NYFEA Daily Rate is \$100 each day Friday	# _____ @ \$100 =	_____
NYFEA Daily Rate is \$100 each day Saturday	# _____ @ \$100 =	_____
NYFEA Student Rate is \$239 all events	# _____ @ \$239 =	_____
(Students must attend AG Decision Makers College & YALE on Saturday)		
Child Registration (age 5 and under) - FREE	# _____ FREE	_____
Child Registration (age 6-10) - \$50	# _____ @ \$50 =	_____
Child Registration (age 11-16) - \$130	# _____ @ \$130 =	_____

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