



*Kentucky Association of  
County Agricultural Agents*

# Awards Program

SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2020 ♦ NOON ET  
VIA ZOOM

# Agenda

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WELCOME.....CAROL HINTON, KACAA PRESIDENT

INVOCATION.....RICKY ARNETT

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.....CAROL HINTON, KACAA PRESIDENT

RECOGNITION OF SPONSORS.....RICKY ARNETT, PHILANTHROPY

GREETINGS.....EXTENSION ADMINISTRATION

COMMUNICATION AWARDS.....VICKI SHADRICK

AA & DSA AWARDS.....CHRISTIN HERBST

SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE.....JAY HETTMANSPERGER

STAFF ASSISTANT AWARD.....PAT HARDESTY & KARA BACK

OUTSTANDING SPECIALIST AWARD.....MATT ADAMS

SERVICE TO AGRICULTURE AWARD.....DANIEL CARPENTER

LIFE MEMBERS MEMORIAL READING.....GLEN ROBERTS

CLOSING REMARKS.....CAROL HINTON

# S p o n s o r s

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Wright Implement  
Pulaski Co. Farm Bureau  
Taylor Co. Farm Bureau  
Grayson Co. Cattlemen  
Burley Coop  
KY Farm Bureau Federation  
KY Farm Bureau Insurance  
Green Co. Farm Bureau  
Larue Co. Farm Bureau  
Russell Co. Farm Bureau  
Larue Co. Beef Producers  
KY Poultry Federation  
Breckinridge Co. Farm Bureau  
Breckinridge Co. Conservation District  
Wayne Co. Farm Bureau

# Communication Awards

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*Audio Recording*

**KRISTIN G. HILDABRAND**

*Computer Generated Presentation*

**ALEXIS SHEFFIELD**

*Personal Column*

**ERIC BAKER**

*Feature Story*

**ERIC BAKER**

*Newsletter, Individual*

**ALEXIS SHEFFIELD**

*Newsletter, Team*

**ANDREA STITH**

# Communication Awards

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*Video Presentation*

**JOANNA COLES**

*Publication*

**AMANDA SEARS**

*Web Site*

**JOANNA COLES**

*Learning Module*

**ADAM HUBER & JASON PHILLIPS**

*Published Photo*

**SAMANTHA ANDERSON**

*Program Promotional Package*

**KEVIN LYONS**

# DSA Recipients

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*Caldwell ANR*

## **SHANE BOGLE**

Shane has spent the last 18 years in a highly diverse agriculture county implementing consistent programming in many commodity areas. Constant dialog with local leaders helps place program emphasis that most recently has focused on forages, equine, small farm basics and beef production. Shane was recognized for his leadership and timber management programming during and after the devastating ice storm of 2009.

*Knott ANR*

## **CHAD CONWAY**

Chad began his career with UK CES in 2001 as a 4-H Youth Development Agent. His current position as the Knott County ANR Agent began in 2010. Many of his accomplishments involve expanding and creating local food sources in the region. He is involved with the producers in the EKY Beef IRM program and has been active with KACAA serving as state committee chair of the 4-H/Youth and currently serves as Sustainable Agriculture Chair.

# A A R e c i p i e n t s

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*Elliott ANR*

## **KEITH CENTER**

Since 2015, Keith Center, Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent in Elliott County, has developed a diversity of programs in horticulture, forestry, beef production, forages, and youth agriculture. Active as a KACAA member, he won the 2018 Excellence in 4-H Programming award and placed 2nd in the Applied Research Poster Presentation in 2016 and 2018. It is Keith's goal to educate and engage local producers and the youth of the community through research-based resources.

*Calloway ANR*

## **MATTHEW CHADWICK**

Matt Chadwick has worked diligently to increase the quality and quantity of programs available in all program areas in Calloway County. In six years, he has developed six broad-scale program series including Master Gardeners, Small Farms Education, Educational Farmers Market Programming, Tobacco Workers Safety, and Cattlemen's Education. In addition, he serves as County Facilitator, has covered vacancies for every position in the office, and led the board in purchasing and renovating a new Extension campus.

# Search for Excellence in Crop Production

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## *Applicants*

MATTHEW CAMPBELL

Mason County Ag and Natural Resource Agent

PHILIP R. KONOPKA

Lewis County Ag and Natural Resource Agent

APRIL WILHOIT

Fleming County Ag and Natural Resource Agent

SAMANTHA WOERNER

Robertson County Ag and Natural Resource Agent

DAVID APPELMAN

Bracken County Ag and Natural Resource Agent

L.M. FAWNS

Mason County Horticulture

## *Industrial Hemp Series*

Industrial hemp has been a hot topic for Kentucky growers over the last year since it was removed from the controlled substance list and deemed as legal to grow in 2014. Years ago tobacco was the major crop for the Buffalo Trace Counties (Mason, Lewis, Fleming, Robertson, and Bracken) farmers. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA-NASS), from 2014 to 2018 there was a decrease of 49% total acreage of tobacco harvested in the Buffalo Trace Counties. Due to the decline in the tobacco market, farmers have desperately looked for new crop opportunities to help increase their income. Industrial hemp production peaked many area farmer's interests as a possible option to replace the void of tobacco production. Centuries ago hemp was Kentucky's most grown crop but in today's world, there are still many questions unanswered. The Buffalo Trace Agriculture and Natural Resource, and Horticulture agents partnered together to offer a series of field days and workshops to educate on hemp production.



# Search for Excellence in 4-H Programming

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## *Applicants*

DEE HEIMGARTNER

Crittenden County Ag and Natural Resource Agent

LESLEA BARNES

Crittenden County 4-H and Youth Development Agent

JANEEN TRAMBLE

Crittenden County Family and Consumer Sciences Agent

## *Crittenden County Window Sill Garden*

The Crittenden County Windowsill gardening program is in its fourth year. Through the collaboration of the Crittenden County Extension Service ANR, 4-H and FCS agents, students have been receiving education about better nutrition, how to make healthier food choices, and lessons in how seeds sprout and grow. They planted their own seeds to begin a Window Sill Garden in their classroom. The idea got started 4 years ago when one of the teachers contacted our extension office because she wanted hands on enrichment education to teach kids how seeds sprout and grow and then provide hands on learning by actually planting a salad garden in their classroom window sill. Over the last 4 years, students have planted leaf lettuce, beets, radishes, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers and carrots in recycled containers. The second grade teachers were delighted that not only were kids able to learn about plants, but they were also able to apply math skills by measuring the plants growth each day. After the seeds had time to grown in to plants and the lettuce was harvestable, we held a salad tasting for all of the students so they could taste what they had been growing. We threw a big Garden Party where many youth tried salad and many other healthy vegetables for the first time. Students get excited and more eager to try new things when they have been growing them in their classroom. Over the past 4 years, we have grown from one second grade classroom participating the first year to incorporating the entire second grade. We now reach over 200+ students annually trying healthy vegetables and better understanding how plants grow through this project. Youth better understand that it's easy to grow a garden and that you do not need a lot of space and can in fact, use recycled containers. This program has been a great success for CCES and something that the teachers look forward to each year. It has made a powerful impact in the healthy choices our students make.

# Staff Assistant Award

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## *Taylor County*

### **CAROLYN MORRIS**

Carolyn Morris started her career at the Taylor Co. Extension Office on June 18th, 1981. Throughout the years she has been a shining light showcasing the service of cooperative extension. Regardless of the program area, Carolyn is a team player in the success of each educational event.

She has worked with three ANR/HORT Agents; Jim Perkins, Pat Hardesty, and Kara Back. Three FCS Agents; Jane Ann Taliferro Howerton, Becky Nash Rowe, and Audrey Myers. Four 4-H/Youth Development Agents; Wayne Baxter, Tyrone Gentry, Misty Wilmoth, and Amanda Sublett.

In addition to her career at the Taylor County Extension Office Carolyn:

- Is a Member of Chi Epsilon Sigma since 2000.
- Served as Lake Cumberland Director of Chi Epsilon Sigma for several years.
- Served as Vice President of Chi Epsilon Sigma from 2002-2003.
- Served as President of Chi Epsilon Sigma from 2003-2005.
- Currently Treasurer of Taylor County Cattlemen's Association.
- Currently Webmaster for the Campbellsville Emmaus.
- Served as President of the Taylor County Homemakers 2013-2015.
- Member of the Muldraugh Hill Baptist Church.
- Married for 39 years to Steve Morris. Two Children - Aimee and Shane; Two Grandchildren - Hadlee and Harper.

Carolyn strives for excellence, and it is evident she consistently reaches it within the quality of her work. The professionalism she exhibits is astounding. Thank you for your dedication and service to Cooperative Extension.

# Outstanding Specialist Award

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## **CHAD LEE**

Dr. Chad Lee is an Extension Professor for Grain Crops at the University of Kentucky and recently served as the Director of the new Grain and Forage Center of Excellence. Dr. Lee was raised on a small grain and hog farm in Southern Ohio and earned a B.S. in Agriculture from Berea College, an M.S. in Agronomy from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and a Ph.D. in Crop and Soil Sciences from Michigan State University. Dr. Lee's duties include leading an applied research program to support Extension activities, oversight of the Kentucky corn hybrid performance tests and Kentucky Extension Corn Yield Contest, and providing statewide leadership for the development and delivery of information for the production and management of Kentucky's grain crops which include corn, soybean, and small grains. Dr. Lee also works cooperatively with the various state commodity organizations. His support and interaction with County Agricultural Extension Agents has been unparalleled and his commitment to providing real world, timely research, information and recommendations has helped him to become one of the leading Extension Grain Crops Specialists in the nation.

# Service to Agriculture Award

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## DALE DOBSON

Dale W. Dobson grew up a grain, hog, dairy and tobacco farmer just outside of Hodgenville in Toniaeville, KY. In 1989, he became a volunteer firefighter to help his community. After an on-farm injury within the family, Dale started noticing other farm related deaths, accidents and injuries and realized something needed to be done about it. He created the first farm safety program on his farm in 1994. It continued to grow each year and eventually became a state-wide program. Dale started working for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in 1998. He still farms today in LaRue County with grain and beef cattle and serves as a firefighter and EMT. He is married with two kids and five grandkids. He has a passion for safety and enjoys traveling the country. He is constantly looking for new ways to deliver farm safety information to his audiences which include farmers, firefighters, school children, state, and local leaders. He's even taught movie producers on the topic and his work helped influence the safety techniques shown in the movie Silo, Edge of the Real World. Over the past 30 years Dale has been an integral part in lowering farm accidents, deaths, and injuries in the state and he encourages all to make safety a top priority. Ask him how he's doing and he'll tell you, "Life is good."

# The County Agent

Throughout the day the people call  
The person they think should know it all;  
My tree is getting yellow now,  
My lawn is turning brown somehow  
My bush is losing all its leaves.  
My garden is dying! Someone grieves.

They bring the bugs they find at home;  
They cart in soil from sand to loam  
And spiders, crickets, worms and weevils.  
They want to know if their bites are evil.  
They bring the limbs of ailing trees;  
They ask advice on killing bees  
And how to rid their barn of bats.  
They want a trap for critters and cats.

They question when to plant their beans  
And when to harvest their turnip greens.  
they bring in sickly-looking shoots  
And unknown weeds pulled up by roots.  
they ask them to stop by their house  
To trap a skunk or kill a mouse,  
Get rid of pesky hornet's nests,  
Identify a garden pest.

They seek to know how much to water  
And when to send their pig to slaughter.  
From eight to late the Agent hears  
Complaints and questions, dreams, and fears;  
He/She does their best to help them all,  
Extending knowledge with each call.  
On their advice, folks can depend;  
The county agent is their friend!

-Grace Jessen