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# College Scholarships

## **\$1,000 Charlie Ison Scholarship**

For several years, Mercer County Farm Bureau has awarded \$1,000 to a selected Mercer County senior each year to help pay for their college or trade school. Applications are **ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE AT** <https://www.kyfb.com/federation/programs/youth-development/scholarships/>

One application makes a student possibly eligible for the Charlie Ison Scholarship as well as over 30 statewide Kentucky Farm Bureau scholarships for high school seniors.

Applicants are not required to be active in agriculture or farming. Winners are selected by Kentucky Farm Bureau in Louisville.

## **\$1,000 Bill Waggener YOUNG FARMER Scholarship**

This will be the 11th year for the Bill Waggener Young Farmer Scholarship. This scholarship is designed to be awarded to a Mercer County student who is pursuing a college degree in Agriculture. Applicants are required to be a graduating high school senior from a member household and hold a minimum GPA of 2.5. This scholarship requires a separate application from the Charlie Ison Scholarship.

The application is available from the high school counselors. It is also available on the Mercer County Farm Bureau website or at both Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance offices in Harrodsburg. Contact Beth Kelly at 859-734-4341 for an application also.

### 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, develop solutions, promote economic success, and enhance the quality of life for all.*

# HELPFUL INFORMATION

## Mercer County Conservation District Programs to Assist the Community



The conservation district will have its annual spring tree seedling giveaway approximately March 25 for all Mercer County landowners. In addition, don't forget to get your Tree Rebate Certificate. Each landowner can receive 50% of the cost of a tree (with \$75 cap). Trees must be purchased from Reynolds Nursery or Garden Scapes. For more information call Linda at the local Conservation Office at 859-734-4326 ext. 3. The Mercer Co. Conservation District, along with the Mercer Co. Extension Service, pays 100 % of the cost for soil testing. Call Johnnie Bailey, Equipment Manager, at 859-613-6889 for equipment rental. Equipment includes 4-Haybuster No-till drills, 1-Truax No -till drill, 1 - Grass Works Weed Wiper, 1 - Wheatheart Post Driver, 1- John Deere Corn Planter, 1-200 gal Round-up sprayer, 1-300 gal 2-4D sprayer. There is a continuous State Cost-share sign-up. Applications are normally cut-off Sept. 30 of each year. Landowners can receive up to \$20,000.00 at a 75% cost-share rate for practices completed. For more information call Linda at 859-734-4326 Ext. 3.

## Planning a Vacation? Check Out These Farm Bureau Member Discounts

Save 15% on the best available room rates at **Great Wolf Lodge** in Mason, Ohio. Visit [my.kyfb.com](http://my.kyfb.com).

**GET 10% off** the regular rate for lodge or cottage accommodations at Kentucky State Parks. Show Farm Bureau membership card at time of registration. Visit [parks.ky.gov](http://parks.ky.gov).

Participating **Choice Hotels** give KFB members 20% off. KFB members will receive up to 20% off the best available rate at participating **Wyndham Hotels**. Visit [my.kyfb.com](http://my.kyfb.com).

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Budget Rental Car and Avis Rent-A-Car give KFB members special discounted rates. Visit [my.kyfb.com](http://my.kyfb.com).

KFB Members save at Biltmore in the mountains of Asheville, NC. Go to [biltmore.com/farmbureau](http://biltmore.com/farmbureau). Promo code: farm.

## Winter Safety Tips

- Remove the garden hose from the outside water faucets and insulate
- Know where your main water shut off-valve is located along with your water meter and insulate your water meter
- Turn hot and cold water taps to a trickle during extreme cold temperatures
- Have your gas furnace or stove inspected by a licensed professional yearly



## CONTROLLED BURN WORKSHOP



**WHEN**  
**FEB 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2023**  
**8:30am - 5pm (local time)**

### LOCATION

**MERCER COUNTY COOPERTIVE EXTENSION**  
**1007 Lexington Rd,**  
**Harrodsburg, KY 40330**

**FEATURING • Controlled Burn Terminology • Implementation • Fire Behavior Factors • Controlled Burn Planning**

[WWW.KYFIRE.ORG](http://WWW.KYFIRE.ORG)

### REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/Aq7rG8BDLo5dKGmi6>

### CONTINUING ED CREDITS MASTER NATURALIST

### \$75 REGISTRATION FEE

- Lunch is included
- Scholarships available for landowners within the Mercer/Washington County Focus Conservation Project
- Attendance capped at 30

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### PRESCRIBED FIRE



**BENEFITING**  
**Private Landowners**  
**Contractors**  
**Volunteer Fire Departments**

## Did You Know That Farm Bureau Has A Bank ?

Ask Beth Kelly or any CSR about the Farm Bureau Bank, which offers loans for vehicles, motorcycles, boats, recreation, equipment, mortgage, sport vehicles along with certificates of deposits, rewards MasterCard & much, much more. Flexible Financing with low competitive rates as low as 5.99 APR\* for vehicle loans. For more information log onto [farmbureaubank.com](http://farmbureaubank.com).





# Harrodsburg Herald Love Tree Shopping

Board members, UK Ag Extension agent Linda McClanahan, and insurance agents Libby Stocker, Jim Owens, and Beth Owens Wall, raised money for the Harrodsburg Herald Love Tree with a Silent Auction at our annual meeting in August. We were able to raise over \$2,000 to assist two families with eight children in need.







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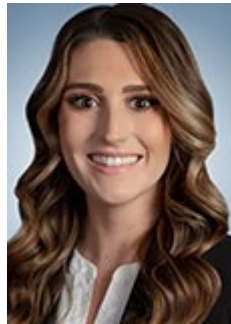
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## If you ate today, THANK A FARMER!

Two Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance offices to serve your needs in Mercer County. Agency Manager Libby Stocker is located at 838 N. College Street (phone# 859-734-4341) and Agency Manager Jim Owens and Agent Beth Owens-Wall are located at 691 S. College St. (phone# 859-734-3455).



L-R: Libby Stocker, Jim Owens  
and Beth Owens-Wall



### **Some Important Dates to Remember . . .**

- Mercer Co. Cattlemen's Educational Meeting, Jan. 23
- KFB Young Farmer Leadership Conference, Jan. 27-28
- Ag Expo, January 25 in Owensboro
- National Farm Machinery Show Feb. 15-18
- College Scholarship Applications due Feb. 28
- Kentucky Farm Bureau Beef Expo March 2-5
- KFB State Women's Leadership Conference, March 9-11
- KY Ag Literacy Week, March 19-25



Mercer County Farm Bureau Office