

Lucas Barnes of Irvine is among inaugural Bright KY Class of 2019

Leadership Kentucky, currently celebrating its 35th anniversary, and is proud to announce the members of the inaugural BRIGHT Kentucky Class of 2019, which includes Lucas Barnes of Irvine.

BRIGHT Kentucky will engage bright, entrepreneurial minds from all sectors and regions to offer non-partisan, ethical leadership training, expanded networks, and mentors designed especially for residents of the 54 Kentucky counties of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

Lucas Taylor Barnes serves as Emergency Planner/Deputy Grants & Project Manager and Deputy Emergency Management Director with Estill County EMA/CSEPP. Barnes has served in various roles with this agency since October of 2012. Barnes holds a Master of Public Administration (Concentration in Emergency Management) degree from Jacksonville State University and a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Criminal Justice degree from Eastern Kentucky University.

Barnes also serves as an adjunct faculty member in Eastern Kentucky University's Homeland Security Program located within the College of Justice and Safety. Barnes is an Assistant Scoutmaster with Boy Scout Troop 89 and an active member of Calvary Baptist Church.

"I am thrilled to see so many young professionals investing in Eastern Kentucky and eager to participate in this program," stated BRIGHT Program Coordinator, Karen Butcher. "These individuals are some of the brightest in their communities and the Appalachian Region of Kentucky is sure to thrive because of their commitment."

BRIGHT Kentucky is made up of five three-day sessions where the major focal point is to help participants fully understand the local economic context and to build robust skill sets in communication, collaboration, consensus building, visioning, and community engagement. The program, which runs July through November,

will take participants across Eastern Kentucky: Natural Bridge Region in July, Big Sandy Region and Cumberland Region in September, the Daniel Boone Region in October, and the Gateway Region in November. The program start date is July 29.

This year's class includes 50 participants from 29 different ARC counties representing a variety of public and private sectors. Leadership Kentucky also congratulates the following members from this area:

- Jerrod Childers - Powell County - Whitaker Bank
- Lindsay Hale - Clark County - Clark County Public Schools
- Julie Hendrix - Wolfe County - Hazard Community and Technical College System
- Tyler Johnson - Madison County - Fahe

The program is made possible by a \$500,000 ARC grant and private funding from the Whitaker Foundation, SOAR, and others.



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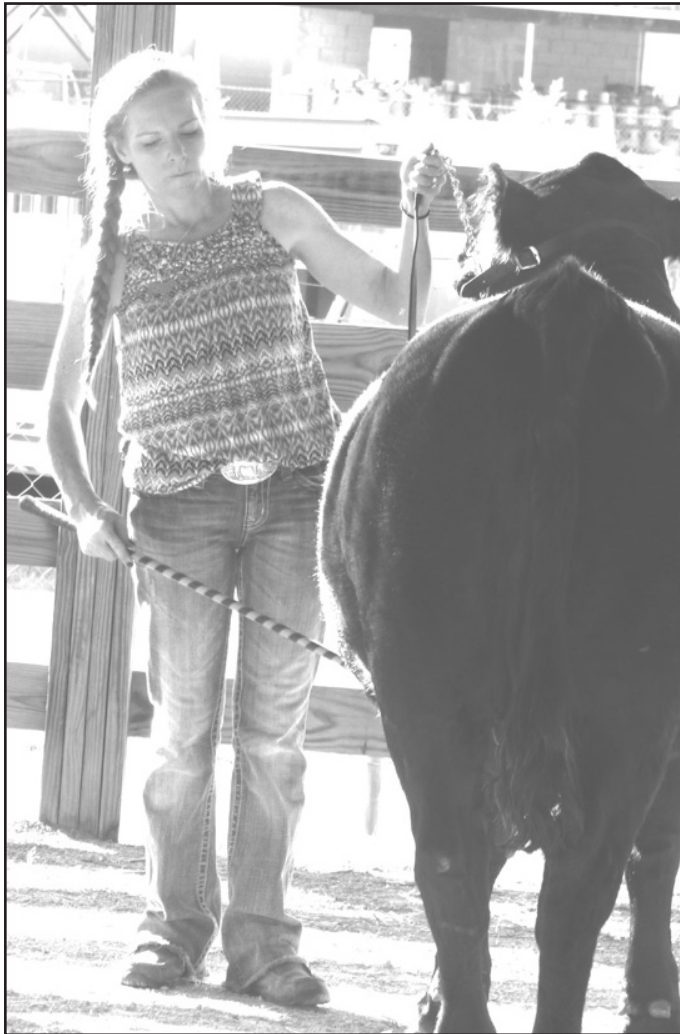
Estill Beef Show had a good turnout of Exhibitors and Spectators



Micah Lynch shows her Salers heifer in the Senior FFA showmanship class at the Estill County Fair Beef Show. We had a good evening and a good crowd of spectators for the last event of the fair. (Eric Baker photo)



Jameson Darbyshire (left) with Micah Lynch, Hayden Brown (right), and Tucker Martin (center behind the Hereford cow) showed their animals in the Estill County Novice Showmanship class at the beef show. All received a blue ribbon and Susan B. Anthony coin. (Photo courtesy of Estill Extension Agent Eric Baker)



Amanda Gibson exhibits in the Estill Beef Show
Photo courtesy of Phyllis Alcorn



Logan Gibson (right) and Micah Lynch (center) compete with their heifers at the Estill County Fair Beef Show Saturday evening. (Photo courtesy of Estill Extension Agent Eric Baker)



Estill County Fair Beef Show exhibitor Logan Gibson
Photo courtesy of Phyllis Alcorn



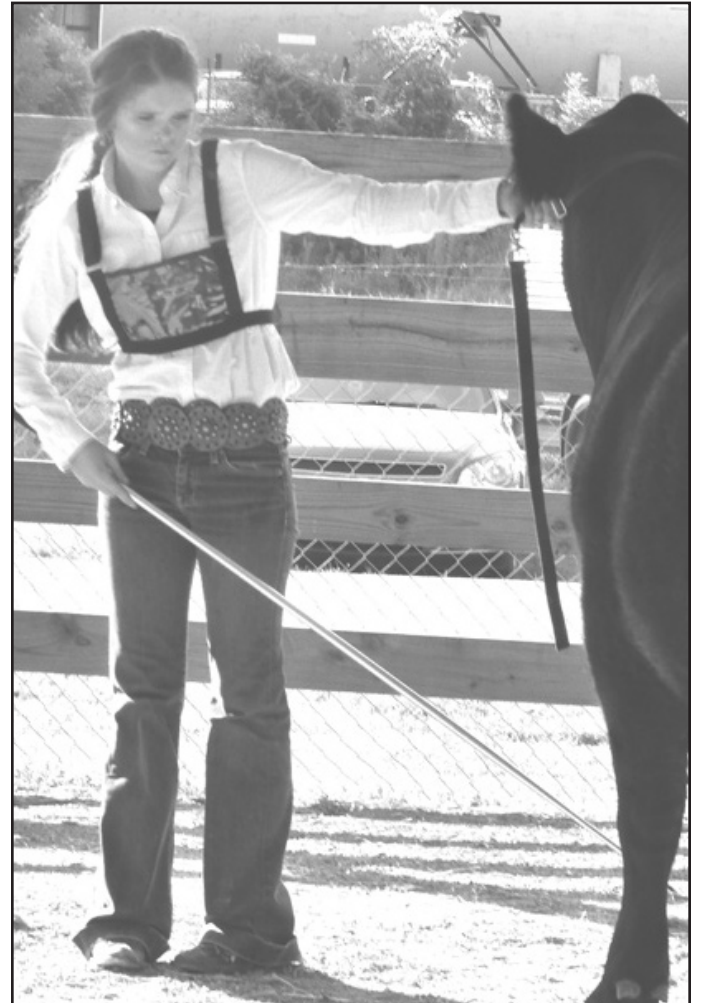
L.W. Beckley exhibits at the Estill County Fair
Photo courtesy of Phyllis Alcorn



Estill Youth beef exhibitor Haden Brown
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James Lynch exhibits in the Estill Beef Show
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Micah Lynch exhibits in the Open Beef Show
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