

## Abbott elected to Clark County 4-H Board of Directors

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The Clark County 4-H Fair recently wrapped up this year's fun-filled week of fair activities. During the fair week the election for the Board of Directors was held. Approximately 160 votes were cast from Wednesday evening, July 18 through 12 noon on Friday, July 20. The voters elected four new members to the Board. After the votes were tallied the Clark County 4-H Board of Directors welcomed Anthony "Tony" Barger, Ann Branstetter, Judy Popp and David Abbott, Sr.

Abbott was quick to thank those who took the time to vote.

"I just want to thank everyone that took time out of their busy fair week to cast a vote. I truly appreciate those who voted for me and hope to help keep 4-H moving forward," Abbott stated.

Abbott continued, "I want to give back to the community that has given me so much. With both of my kids, David, 18 years old and Erica, 15 years old, involved in 4-H, I thought this would be a good opportunity for me to give back to the community and our local 4-H program."

Abbott was a member of the Nabb 4-H Club in the early 1970's and still recalls fondly the memories and friends he made during his 4-H career.

"I remember my 4-H projects. I participated in photography, gardening and poultry. Looking back at the 4-H week, it was always a very special week. You was able to feature your projects and meet up with friends. We always loved to spend time on the midway during the fair making memories. I want all kids in Clark County to be able to experience 4-H and make those type of memories that last a lifetime," Abbott added.

During his 4-H career Abbott was honored to be a Jr. Leader. The Jr. Leaders always attended a field trip to the Belle of Louisville. The event would attract 4-H'ers from across the area and highlight the views and values still being taught in 4-H today.

"We would always go on the Belle of Louisville. Those trips were great. We were able to meet other people interested in the same things we were. I still remember talking to some of the 4-H'ers from Switzerland County and learning what their 4-H program was like and comparing it to what I was doing. I always looked forward to the trip on the Belle as a Jr. Leader," Abbott recalled with a smile.

As an elected member of the Board of Directors for the Clark County 4-H program, Abbott hopes to promote 4-H in the local area. He wants the Board to work together for the betterment of the youth in 4-H.

"My goal is to promote 4-H and make sure every child in Clark County has the opportunity to be in a 4-H Club. I want to be able to recruit more 4-H members to ensure a bright future for the Clark County 4-H Corporation. We have an outstanding facility for our youth at the Clark County 4-H Fairgrounds. We need to promote the organization so every child is aware of the opportunity they have with the Clark County 4-H Corporation," Abbott said.

The Clark County 4-H Board of Directors held their first meeting after the election on Wednesday, July 25. The meeting shed light on what Abbott and the newly elected board members will face in the future.

"Since being elected I have attended my first meeting. We discussed the good and bad of the fair. There are a lot of positives and a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make the fair successful. We, as a board, have a lot ahead of us to do, but working together, we will be successful and keep moving Clark County 4-H in a positive direction," Abbott concluded with a grin.