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The MYF/YFW Summer Tour is July 28-30

Members of the Nodaway County Agri-Leaders invite you to join them as they host this year's MYF/YFW Summer Tour. The tour will take place in Nodaway County and Northeast Atchison County on July 28-30. Tour stops will include a number of farms with diversity built in. Headquarters will be at the College Park Pavilion on the Northwest Missouri State University campus in Maryville.

Events will start on Sunday at 6 pm with a pork dinner prepared in a cook-off style. Andrew McCrea from The American Countryside will be the featured speaker. On display will be the University of Missouri small-scale pulling tractor as well as collections of a local antique tractor club.

Monday morning will begin with breakfast, followed by visits to Kawasaki Motor Company, Byergo Angus and Barmann Sod Farm. Then the group will enjoy lunch in Maryville, followed by the next leg of the tour at Steins Grain and Livestock, Silver Spur Salers, Honan Family Farm, Hurst Greenery and Houston Poly Tank.

A limited number of spots are available for an alternative tour in the afternoon which will feature Conception Abbey in Conception, and the monastery of The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde.

Heartland Motor Coaches will provide transportation to all Monday visits, which will wrap up with a dinner at the pavilion.

Tuesday will feature breakfast and a tour of Northwest Missouri State University facilities and farm; the tour will close up with a noon lunch. Read on to learn more details about each stop.

Kawasaki Motor Company is continually expanding and is a manufacture of small engines for the ATV and lawn and garden industries. Pack closed-toe shoes for this stop on the tour.

Barmann Farm, already familiar to some members, now includes a new sod farm, and the family will show off

custom sod equipment.

Byergo Angus is a purebred Angus business with an annual sale at its privately owned facility near Rosendale.

Steins Grain and Livestock will show the group their cattle-finishing facilities and corn and soybean operations.

David Frueh, DVM, will also be at the Steins farm to display Salers and talk about Silver Spur Salers, a family business that has an annual purebred sale.

Honan Family Farms is the home to fifth generation farmer and MYF/YFW president Nathan Honan. Nathan and his father Phil raise corn, soybeans, oats, and red clover for hay and seed. They also background steers on brome grass pastures.

Hurst Greenery is owned and operated by Blake Hurst and his family. They raise vegetables and flowers from seed in heated greenhouses and distribute the plants to retailers like Earl May and Hy-Vee. They distribute from Council Bluffs, Iowa, to St. Louis. Blake is the current president for the Missouri Farm Bureau.

Houston Poly Tank, located in Hopkins, is a manufacturer of custom made poly storage tanks. Houston tanks has been in the steel fuel tank business for several years and recently added the poly division. The company's steel products range from small pickup tanks to very large industrial fuel tanks.

The alternative tour stops offer memorable visits as well —The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde just finished a large renovation and is welcoming new visitors, and Conception



Abbey has a rich history to share following its establishment in 1873.

If you want to add more of your own excitement to your trip, Maryville offers two golf courses, bowling, a theater, shopping and Mozingo Lake for fishing and more.

"We would like to see you this July for the state tour," says Nathan Honan, MYF/YFW president. He adds that the tour committee has spent months developing this memorable event, the buses will be air conditioned, and the food will be great.

With questions, call Jeremy Lacy at (816) 797-4129 or e-mail Nathan Honan at nehonan@iamotelephone.com or call (660) 742-3371.

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The President's Pen

I am Nathan Honan, your 2013-2014 president, writing to you from Elmo, Mo. I would like to share with you all what has happened with our organization and the state convention this past year, and explain how we need help from the membership to keep this organization alive and well.

During our state executive committee meeting in February we talked about the newsletter as well as many other issues. In the future, we plan to start on the winter newsletter earlier so that the editor can get it to the printers and mailers before the holiday season, to provide you information sooner about the upcoming convention.

Besides the newsletter, we discussed at great length two major issues that we as an organization face. One is that our numbers

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continue to decrease, and we came up with two possible reasons for our decline. First, we continue to lose chapters due to budget constraints and the ending of adult education reimbursement for school districts.

Second, we believe we are losing members because of the increased number of meetings competing for producers' time. Each seed company and chemical company, etc., has its own meetings now where they provide information and feed us. I could have gone to a meeting every week in February if I had wanted to.

This loss of numbers is contributing to a loss of funding. We have less dues money coming in and reduced sponsorships, and have been running a deficit budget for the last few years. The reserves from past years can only keep the doors open so long, and the board is actively working on reinvigorating our sponsorship.

We could use help from the membership to make new connections with sponsors and recruit young neighbors. Contact the board to get involved, and let us know if you have ideas for other ways to help bring in new members and funds.

We want to thank all of our current sponsors as well as the National Institute Committee for the great job they did. The money made during the very successful institute helped to ease some of the financial problems.

The next event will be the summer tour put on by the Nodaway County Agri-Leaders headquartered out of Maryville. I hope to see the numbers up since we have not had a tour for two years. I, your president, am personally involved with the tour planning since it is my home chapter. Unless I'm in the hospital, I plan on seeing everyone at the tour (Nicki and I are expecting our first son).

Sincerely,

*Nathan Honan,
MYF/YFW President*



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State Convention Brings Members Together



The 2013 Missouri Young Farmers State Convention was held February 9-10 at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel in Columbia. On Saturday morning, the group enjoyed a photo contest and photo entries from across the state. (Look for a feature on the photos in a future newsletter issue.)

The FFA speech contest was also held Saturday morning, with several good speakers competing. The convention gave farmers from around the state an opportunity to meet with old friends and make new ones.

There were several workshops held Saturday morning and afternoon. Convention organizers and members send thanks those who held the following workshops:

*Estate Planning and Transitioning the Family Farm by Parmen Green

*2012 Drought and Predictions by Dr. Anthony Lupo

*What's new in Genealogy by Tim Dollens

*Smart Phone Technology by Ben Potter

*Economic Outlook by Dr. Ron Plain

*Aerial Spread Cover Crops by Charles Ellis

*Dust off your Gardening Tools by James Quinn

The Banquet Saturday night was sponsored by MFA. Our entertainment that night was Bruce Poe, a rural Missouri musician. He played guitar and could sing any song requested by the crowd. Later he started to pull people from the crowd to the front of the room to play tambourine along with his guitar. The person playing the tambourine got to choose the next "victim." Everyone did a great job playing along and it made for great entertainment.

Sunday morning started with vespers led by Jordan Yoder. A delegate session was held in the afternoon, where Nathan Honan was elected as the State President for Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives.

We would like to thank all of the sponsors and coordinators that helped make this event possible. See you next year!

-By Derek Lowrey

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Mexico Young Farmers Truck & Tractor Pull (June 8th, 2013)

Saturday Luncheon

Young Farmers Support FFA Speakers



Students from throughout the state participated in the Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives Speech Contest. Finals were held during the 2013 State Convention. The district speech winners, pictured above, advanced to the state competition. They're listed below as pictured from left to right, along with their home towns and the top three state placings:

Briana Hixson, Jamesport, 3rd place; Lena Alsop, Cuba; Brandlelyn Martin, Silex, 1st place; Jerri Lynn Henry, Washburn, 2nd place; Grant Voelker, Perryville; and Livie Garrison, Osceola.



Top photo: Dr. Terry Heiman (on right) received the Distinguished Service Award from 2012-13 MYF/YFW President Fred Weiker at the recent state convention. Above photo: Dr. Norman Rorhbach (right) received the Distinguished Service Award, also from Weiker.

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2013 Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives Summer Tour Registration Hosted by Nodaway County Agri-Leaders

Registration and Events

Included with registration: Sunday night dinner; Monday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Tuesday breakfast and lunch; Sunday night speaker; and Monday tours on air conditioned charter buses with stops to include the following: Byergo Angus Farm, Barmann Sod Farm, Kawasaki Motors, Steins Land and Livestock, Silver Spur Salers, Houston Poly Tank, Hurst Greenery, and Honan Family Farm, the Tuesday tour of Northwest Missouri State University. Also included is a 2013 tour t-shirt.

Locations and Times

A block of rooms has been setup at Comfort Inn and Super 8 until June 29th. Both hotels are on the South end of Maryville. Comfort Inn: (660) 562-2002 Super 8: (660) 582-8088



The tour headquarters, where all meals will be held, will be the College Park Pavilion on the Campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville.

Check-in will begin Sunday, July 28, at 4pm at the College Park Pavilion. Sunday dinner will be served at 6pm with Andrew McCrea speaking at 7:00. Monday times are yet to be determined; tours are estimated to leave 7:45 a.m. Tuesday times are yet to be determined; tour will end with a noon lunch.

Additional Information

For more details, see the cover story about the summer tour, as well as the map and directions on the next page. You can also contact Jeremy Lacy at (816) 797-4129 or jeremylacy@maryville.k12.mo.us, or Nathan Honan at (660) 541-5693 or nehonan@iamotelephone.com. Or, visit dese.mo.gov/cct/ag/yfyfw-summer-tour

Prices

Adults Pre-Registered by June 25 -\$50, after June 25 - \$75
Children (12 and under) registered by June 25 - \$25 or after June 25 - \$50

Summer Tour Pre-Registration Form

Names of all to be registered: _____

Number of adults: _____ X \$50 (\$75 after June 25th) _____ Shirt Sizes _____

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Award-Winning Mexico Members Plan 2013 Truck and Tractor Pull



Photos: The Mexico Young Farmers Truck and Tractor Pull has been running for eight years. Organizers expect an exciting 2013 event on June 8.

The Mexico Young Farmers report they are looking forward to a continuing tradition. This will be the 8th year for the 2013 Mexico Young Farmers Truck and Tractor Pull, scheduled for June 8. Last year there were well over 2,500 in attendance, and classes and numbers have grown each year. They now run two sleds side by side so there is no delay between hooks as many other pulls have. They were recently awarded "Pull of the Year" by Excaliber Pulling Association.

The Mexico FFA and Audrain Cattleman run the food stand, and the Mexico Young Farmer members do the rest. It takes 60-plus Young Farmers working that day to make the night a success. There is much planning and preparation that goes on year-round, but when they see the family oriented, no alcohol event bring so many supporters, volunteers say it's well worth it. As soon as the evening closes, the next year's Truck and Tractor Pull planning begins.

Theodore DeVault has been the

Mexico Young Farmer Advisor since 2005, and is a Mexico native whose parents (also still active in the chapter) were charter members of the organization in 1977. With proceeds from their pull, the Mexico Young Farmers have been able to give Mexico graduates \$10,250 in scholarships, make \$17,912 worth of improvements to the Audrain 4-H Fairgrounds, and sponsor charter buses to farm shows and other educational trips and tours.

Visit mexicoyoungfarmers.com for more information about the upcoming Mexico Young Farmer Truck and Tractor Pull scheduled for June 8.

Head Northwest to the Tour

The 2013 Summer Tour headquarters will be at the College Park Pavilion on the Northwest Missouri State University campus in Maryville (see front page).

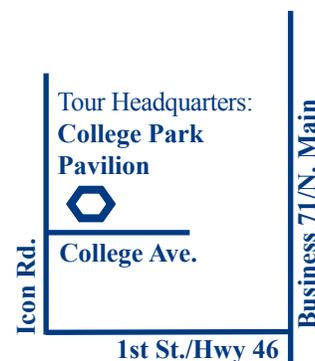
Included here are simple directions and map to assist if you're arriving from Hwy 71.

Detailed directions on how to get to campus from multiple locations, along with maps of the area and campus itself can be found online at the address on right.

If you're arriving from south on Hwy 71:

1. Exit at Business 71 (Main St); it's the first exit into town.
2. Follow road to 1st St. (Hwy 46).
3. Turn left and follow 1st St. (heading west) to Icon Rd.
4. Turn Right/North on Icon Rd (at the Country Club) and go north on Icon Rd. to College Ave.
5. The Pavilion is on the northeast side of College.

For more detailed directions and campus maps, visit: nwmissouri.edu/admissions/campusvisits/maps.htm



Show-Me Select replacement heifers average \$1822 in recent sale in Fruitland

Fall-calving Show-Me-Select bred replacement heifers averaged \$1,822 at the Fruitland Livestock Auction on Saturday, May 4.

The 232 heifers sold were from almost 1,000 heifers that consignors enrolled in the yearlong breeding development program coordinated by University of Missouri Extension. Some heifers did not meet SMS standards, but most developed heifers were kept in home herds, according to Roger Eakins, Jackson, regional livestock specialist.

Bidding was sluggish at times; however, longtime consignors sold well, some topping the sale.

“Talk in the barn prior to the sale was of uncertain weather and costly winter feeding,” says Dave Patterson, MU Extension beef specialist.

Eakins added that producers were still buying hay, awaiting growth of late-spring grass.

The top-selling heifer, a registered Angus, brought \$3,300 for Rick Eggers, Jackson. He sold 12 head at an average of \$2,138 per head.

Masters Farms, Cape Girardeau, had the second-high average on 26 head at \$2,085.

Dan and Colleen Jarvis, Arcadia, had third-high average of \$2,038 on eight head.

Repeat buyers, coming to buy from reputation herds, help build sale averages, Patterson says.

A story is developing at the sale on the value of proven genetics.

Two-thirds of heifers in the sale were bred by artificial insemination (AI). The 151 AI heifers averaged \$1,867, a premium of \$131 over the bull-bred heifers.

Longtime breeders now consign Tier Two AI heifers. The 30 head of Tier Two averaged \$2,087, a \$351 premium over all bull-bred heifers.

Tier Two heifers are out of proven sires and are bred to highly proven sires. Bulls approved for Tier Two breeding have higher accuracy in expected progeny differences (EPDs).

“Heifer buyers learn the value of proven genetics,” Eakins says. “Proven sires may have thousands of progeny in herds. Buyers know what calves will look like and be assured of how they will perform.”

Few natural-service herd bulls have production-proven calf records.

“Through Show-Me-Select, producers are learning the value of high-accuracy proven sires,” Patterson states. Sire catalogs from AI companies show EPD records on their sires.

“Any producer can have access to top sires in any breed for the price of a straw of semen,” he adds. “Quality premiums more than pay for AI costs.”

Now, more heifers are results of fixed-time AI. All cows in a herd can be bred on the first day of breeding.

Since 1997, 105,000 bred heifers have been sold through the Show-Me-Select sales. “The largest value has

been to herds enrolled in the program that keep heifers to improve genetics in their own herd,” Patterson says.

Surplus heifers from those herds are sold in six regional sales each year. Two sales of fall-calving heifers are held in southern Missouri each spring.

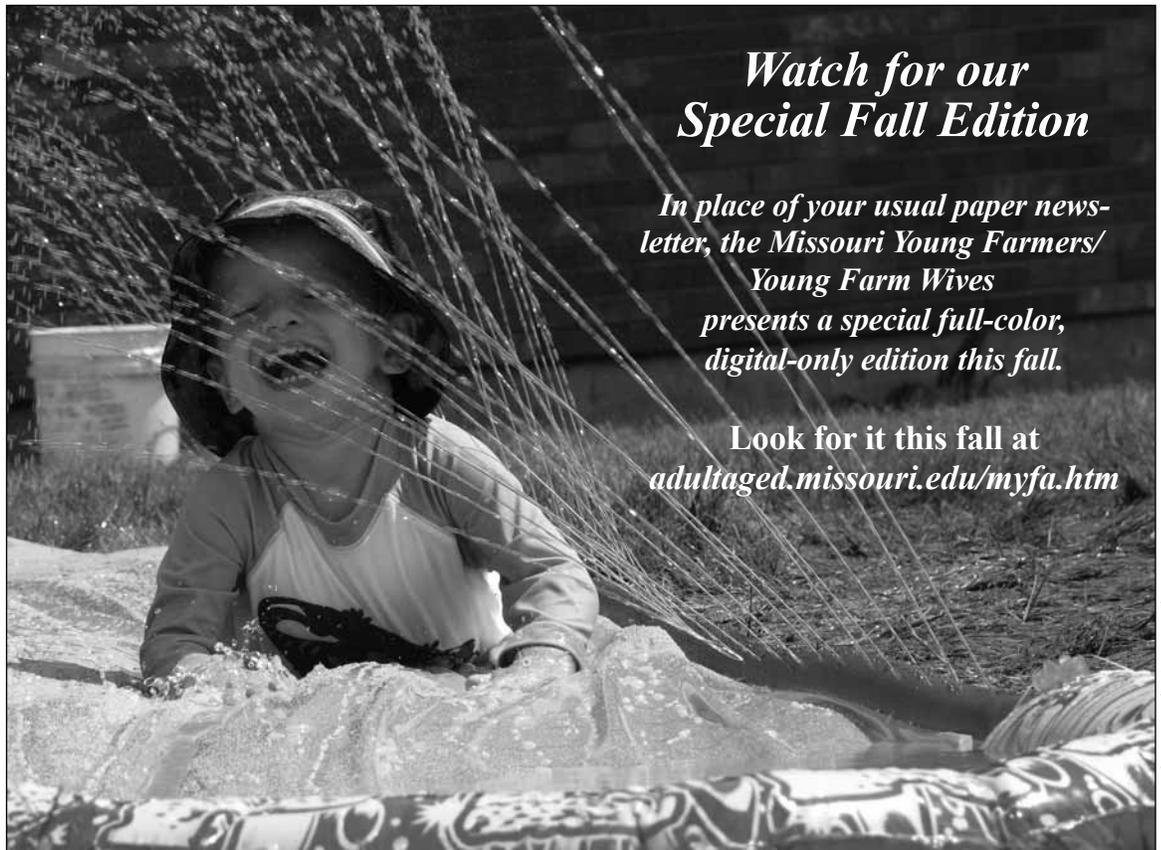
Fall sales of spring-calving heifers are in Fruitland, Joplin, Kingsville and Palmyra. Sales are organized by local farmers.

SMS provides more than breeding and genetics. Heifers are enrolled a year ahead. They undergo pre-breeding exams by veterinarians. That includes scoring reproductive tracts and measuring pelvic areas.

Initially, major emphasis went to calving ease. That reduced death loss of newborn calves and first-calf heifers. With fewer calving difficulties, more heifers re-bred on time for a second calf.

The program includes management of heifer health and nutrition. All instructions for Show-Me-Select heifers are included on a two-sided guide that is updated each year.

Guides are available from regional livestock specialists at county extension centers.



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Image by Ted DeVault

Popular Software Supports Missouri Farmers

By John Sponaugle,
Adult Ag Educator

Ag software that can be used to aid in decision making, and management has made great strides since the early days of DOS (IBM's operating system many years ago) and the Apple II computer which was available in mid-1980s.

Software available now allows producers to utilize information specific to their business to aid in decision making. Current software has built in error checks and warnings that will ask producers questions to confirm if they really want to use a particular piece of data that was entered. Did you really intend to sell a 110% calf crop as you were preparing a cash flow for next year? Did you intend to not include loan payments on the recently purchased baler?

These types of built in error checks and warnings build confidence that important things are not being overlooked. The accuracy, thoroughness and a fairly short learning curve have all been enhanced as various ag software packages have made improvements. A specific piece of farm financial software called FINPACK has been used by more than 100,000 farmers and ranchers in the last ten years. It is a popular software option that provides multiple benefits.

FINPACK can help you evaluate financial situations, explore alternatives, and make informed decisions about the future direction of your farm. It is not a record keeping system. Instead, FINPACK focuses on using your records in managing your farm or ranch.

Producers use information from a record keeping system such as Quicken, QuickBooks, PC Mars or others to enter into FINPACK. The information gathered from those record keeping systems will have been

entered in timely fashion (at a minimum monthly, and reconciled with bank statements).

According to the Center for Farm Financial Management at the University of Minnesota, which offers this program, FINPACK provides or offers numerous benefits including balance sheets, tracking financial positions from year to year with trend reports, sharing data, looking at cash flow, exploring alternatives, detailed analysis, tracking progress and much more.

As a first time user you will want to start by developing a current accurate balance sheet. Completing this successfully will provide the incentive to explore other areas of FINPACK.

Another straightforward piece of FINPACK is FINAN. Completing an initial whole farm FINAN accurately will provide a far more accurate picture of the annual performance of a farm or ranch by providing an accrual income statement. Many of you are aware that Schedule F, although certainly accurate on a cash basis, can distort a farm's true income by as much as 80%. Increases or decreases in livestock, crop inventories, other prepaid expenses and accelerated one time depreciation are all factors that distort the income on Schedule F, but they will accurately be accounted for on the FINAN's completed accrual income statement.

The FINPACK software can benefit essentially any size of production.

As might be expected, this powerful piece of software is not free. The current annual subscription fee is \$149 or a one-time fee of \$395 and an annual renewal fee of \$50 after the first year. Considering the up-front cost users will find once they are using FINPACK successfully, it may well be the best investment

they have ever made for their farm or ranch business.

If you would prefer a firsthand look at FINPACK with one-on-one instruction, go to the MO Adult AG Educators website (use your favorite search engine and locate the MO Adult Ag Educator closest to your area). Many of these educators have the professional version of FINPACK on their laptops and can work with as you learn to use the various facets of FINPACK. The particular details of this endeavor can vary by Adult Ag Educator depending upon travel and time involved.

More detailed information about FINPACK and other ag software is available. Use your favorite search engine to find the Center for Farm Financial Management.

Also visit www.cffm.umn.edu/finpack, and once there you will find an abundance of information including online courses.

If you want to take advantage of FINPACK in a less specific way you can use your search engine to find FINBIN. FINBIN includes FINPACK data gathered from farms and ranches that are participants in Farm MGT Associations from ten different states including Missouri.

FINBIN is one of the largest and most accessible sources of farm financial and production benchmark information in the world. FINBIN places detailed reports on whole farm, crop, and livestock financials at your fingertips. Missouri had 151 farms included in the 2012 FINBIN all done by working with a Missouri adult ag instructor.

You are welcome to contact the author of this article, John Sponaugle Adult Ag Educator, at jsponaugle@boonville.k12.mo.us for more information. Some of the information in this article is from the Center for Farm Financial Management.



Nodaway County Winter Meetings

By Nathan Honan

Members of the Nodaway County Agri-Leaders have put another year of winter meetings under their belts. We meet every year from January through March and set our topics every December.

I always like to know what other chapters meet about so I can gather ideas for the next year and to see if a subject is popular among several chapters, so I'd like to share with you our meeting topics from this year.

We started the year with a presentation by Dr. White, an animal nutritionist from MFA. Our group wanted to know how to deal with the poor quality feeds we got with the drought. The take-home points were that every producer needs to be dealt with on a case-by-case situation.

Aflatoxins are not an issue with beef producers but dairy has a very low tolerance because it is passed to humans through the milk. The most interesting question to me was how often does water need to be provided to cows. Dr. White says if the cows are in good condition, then providing one chance a day for water would suffice because the cows will get trained to fill up in one session.

We had another session on crop insurance next to get an update on any changes. We were reminded of the trend adjusted yield option that became available last year and ran through some examples to learn how to calculate on our own. We were also made aware of the weather insurance that is being sold by a couple of companies. Weather insurance is similar

to hail insurance because it is sold by dollars per hundred of coverage, and is another supplement where the enterprise unit option of revenue insurance is used.

Attorney Joseph Welch came from Hannibal to educate us about estate planning. I was surprised that this was our biggest meeting because people usually want to avoid the topic of planning for death. Mr. Welch made it very evident that if we want to pass our farms on with as little tax as possible an attorney like him is needed to write a plan. He says he can customize a will to fit many needs and desires. This was our biggest meeting with many faces I have never seen before.

Garrett Hawkins, a lobbyist for Missouri Farm Bureau, educated us on the latest legislative issues facing farmers. He informed us that direct payments are almost certainly going to be cut and also says crop farmers need to figure out how much crop insurance subsidy is needed to be able to afford crop insurance since that will likely be the next target. We producers should also educate our city cousins about the need for crop insurance and how it gives farming and their food source some stability.

We also meet with our Sheriff Darren White yearly to get an update on the latest trends of theft and drugs. He said that local meth production had greatly decreased but cocaine and heroin are becoming the drugs of choice again. Theft has been low as of late but it's possible the weather has been too cold for thieves.

The final meeting was put on by a representative from Airgas. We went to the shop to see some of the most recent improvements in welding technology. Airgas sells a special electrode that can be welded in stacks to get a broken bolt out of a hole. It works by welding in steps and removing the slag before every weld. The slag will protect bolt hole threads as long as one welds in the center of the hole. The final step is welding on a tap and turning the broken bolt out when the stack becomes exposed from the bolt hole.

We also have been meeting often to plan the summer tour. The tour committee has been doing a great job and would like to invite everyone to come join us in July. More details are on the front page of this newsletter.

A Busy Winter for East Newton Young Farmers

By Jennifer Thogmartin

The East Newton Young Farmers members have had a very productive winter, spending time networking and learning new ways to improve their operations.

In December, the group hosted a chili dinner with guest speaker Tim Schnakenberg with the University of Missouri Extension. The meeting topic was improving pastures and weed control, with a focus on the upcoming growing season. He presented information about the weeds he thought would be of concern this year, as well as how to improve pastures after experiencing droughts the last two years.

Jeri Lynn Henry, of the Southwest FFA Chapter, presented a speech to the group as well. She was the Southwest District Young Farmers Speech Contest winner and she answered questions from the audience to prepare for the state-level contest held in February.

In January, the annual meeting was held at the Newton County Fairgrounds. The weather was not very cooperative for the evening. However, considering the circumstances, members were still very pleased with the turnout. Bill Reiboldt, the 130th District Representative, was the guest speaker. He is the current agriculture policy committee chair and is a lifelong area farmer. He gave an update on the policies and issues facing agriculture on the state level and answered several questions from the group. It was an informative meeting and offered insight about what is going on at the Capitol.

During February, several members attended the Western Farm Show in Kansas City. Attendees had the opportunity to visit with exhibitors and view all the new equipment and technologies that are coming to the agriculture industry.

Six members also attend the State Young Farmers Convention in February, and plans are under way to send several members to the summer tour.



Young Farmers Sponsor FFA Award

Mallory Early of Leeton won the Missouri FFA Agricultural Communications Entrepreneurship and Placement Combined Proficiency Award at the 85th Missouri FFA Convention. Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives sponsored this award.

Early, a graduate of Leeton High School, is the daughter of Howard and Cheryl Early. She is a member of the Leeton FFA chapter. Her FFA advisor is Bonnie Seymour.

“With my broad education of agricultural communications, I am headed down a good road to succeed,” says Early. She was raised on a large cattle farm and received her first camera as a Christmas gift when she was a little girl. In eighth grade, she began working for Pearl Walthall at Pearl’s Pics, where she traveled nationally to take candid photos at cattle shows. Through that job, she learned how to advertise using pictures.

Aside from her work with Walthall, Early promotes her own herd through her photography and has started building a customer base.

Early has also been very active in her FFA chapter. She was president of her chapter and secretary of her area, and participated at the state level in dairy evaluation and livestock evaluation career development events. She also exhibited livestock at state and national shows. And in addition to FFA, Early was a member of Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, band, basketball and softball.

She is currently enrolled at Missouri State University in Springfield where she plans to continue her education in agricultural communications and photography.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while gaining hands-on career experience. Agricultural Communications is one of 49 proficiency award areas recognized at the state level.

The Missouri FFA has 25,062 members representing 331 chapters. The national organization has more than 550,000 members representing 7,489 local chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Upcoming Missouri Ag Events

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Provided by Missouri Department of Agriculture

June 25

Missouri Pork Classic Golf Tournament
LA Nichol Golf Course, Columbia

July 13

Department of Agriculture Annual Golf Classic
Railwood Golf Course, Holts Summit

July 18-19

MO-AG Summer Meeting, Lake Ozark

July 28-23

Missouri Young Farmer/Young Farm Wives Summer Tour, Maryville, see details on cover page

Aug. 8-18

Missouri State Fair, Sedalia

The 2013 Missouri State Fair Honors Women in Agriculture



A special group of people will be honored at this year’s Missouri State Fair, according to organizers.

The Missouri Woman in Agriculture Display will be offered in an effort to acknowledge the significant contributions women make to the state’s leading industry.

“We are very excited to extend recognition to women involved in Missouri agriculture,” says Fair Director Mark Wolfe. “All women will be applauded at this year’s fair for their many contributions to our state’s leading industry, and we look forward to honoring the best with these two new awards.”

Winner’s of a women’s photo contest will be honored Aug. 15 and special promotions focusing on women will be available that day, including free gate admission for all women, and a free showcase called Missouri Travel Council Celebrating Women, to be held in the Lowell Mohler Assembly Hall.

The Missouri State Fair will be Aug. 8-18 in Sedalia. Visit mostatefair.com for more information, and follow the Fair on Facebook and Twitter.

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