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Advisor felt led to Santa Fe



The Santa Fe Agri-Leaders' new advisor says the area is a little different than his family's cow-calf operation east of Joplin, but he wouldn't have things any other way.

Jarred Lewis and his wife Seleene both earned their bachelor's degrees from Missouri State University and are working on their master's degrees currently. They chose a geographical area where they could both follow their hearts. "We both love it here," he says, "the feeling of the community. It's where the Lord was leading us to be." He began in January with the Santa Fe chapter based in Alma. While Jarred is at Santa Fe, Seleene will soon be teaching in Marshall beginning in July.

Jarred hit the ground running at his new program which includes regular meetings and speakers when members aren't planting or harvesting, annual test plots, and boasts a new "teach the teacher" program.

The Santa Fe Agri-Leaders are also hosting a golf tournament at the Indian Foothills Golf Course in Marshall on July 24. For more information, contact the Santa Fe Agri-Leaders at (417) 676-0284.

Photo: Jarred and Seleene Lewis pose for a family photo with daughter Clare Jayne. They are both agricultural instructors.



Photos courtesy Linda Geist and MU Extension



Summer Tour to Highlight Stanton Brothers and More

July 30-Aug. 3

Dustin and Austin Stanton of Stanton Brothers started their hatching business when they were just kids. Their operation will be featured with several other exciting stops at the 2015 MYF/YFW Summer Tour in Mexico, Mo., on July 30-Aug. 3. A full brochure and registration are available inside this newsletter.

In 1999, Dustin's first-grade class hatched baby chickens through MU Extension 4-H's "Hatching Chicks in the Classroom" program. Names were drawn for the lucky winner who would take home the baby chicks that were incubated and hatched.

Dustin brooded when another classmate won the chicks, so badly that his uncle bought him six chicks. His love of chicks hatched a business that is now the largest free-range operation in the nation. Stanton Brothers are a prominent supplier of local and regional eggs.

Register today to learn more about this impressive agricultural business along with many others at this year's Summer Tour. See details starting on page 5.

See you at the Summer Tour

The 2015 MYF/YFW Summer Tour is July 30 - Aug. 1 in Mexico, Mo. Register by June 30 for early rates - see the brochure and registration inside this newsletter.



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The President's Pen

Hello to all the Missouri Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives. This is my first article as president for the coming year. This organization is very dear to me as I have been a member for many years. This organization has seen some changes that have been good for it. I feel privileged to have the chance to serve as its president.

I know it has been a wet spring and everyone wants to get into the field to plant corn. I hope it does become dry so everyone can plant, have a safe planting season, and the corn and beans grow well. It is also calving season for some. I hope everyone has a productive and safe calving season.

We will have our State Tour in Mexico July 30-August 1. We will have a good selection of tour stops. I hope you can make it to Summer Tour at Mexico and have a fun time.

In closing I hope everyone has a safe and prosperous year.

*Robert A. Chrisman
MYF/YFW President*



Connect with Young Farmers Online

Did you know you can keep in touch with Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives online? The group has a new Facebook page where you can get updates and post your own news and questions.

The group also has a website where you can see previous newsletters including the special digital-only fall edition which will be available later this year.

To see the page, go to the Facebook search box and type in "Missouri Young Farmers" and it will appear. To visit the website, visit MoYoungFarmers.org online.



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Young Farmers Sponsor FFA Proficiency Award



Jera Pipken of the Republic FFA Chapter wins the Missouri FFA Agricultural Communications Proficiency Award sponsored by MYF/YFW.

School, is the daughter of James and Joann Pipkin. She is a member of the Republic FFA chapter. Her FFA advisors are Jason Cutler and Mike Shumaker.

Pipkin got her first taste of working with agricultural communications through helping publish a magazine with her mother. Pipkin then began to broaden her computer skills through work with the Adobe Creative Suite. Pipkin also improved her organizational and communication skills by doing website updates for Monti West Designs.

Jera Anne Pipkin of Republic won the Missouri FFA Agricultural Communications Entrepreneurship and Placement Combined Proficiency Award at the 87th Missouri FFA Convention. Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives sponsored this award.

Pipkin, a senior at Republic High

National Junior Angus Show. Pipkin also served on the Southwest Missouri Junior Angus Association and the Missouri Junior Angus Association officer teams.

Pipkin plans to study agricultural communications at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

Proficiency awards recognize FFA members who excel as agricultural entrepreneurs, employees or volunteers while gaining hands-on career experience. Agricultural Communications is one of 50 proficiency award areas recognized at the state level.

Holly Enowski of Russellville, Mo., took second place at the Missouri FFA Agricultural Communications Entrepreneurship and Placement Combined Proficiency Award at the 87th Missouri FFA Convention.

Enowski, a junior at Eldon High School, is the daughter of Robert and Lisa Enowski. She is a member of the Eldon FFA Chapter. Her FFA advisors are Matt Biddle, Josh Blair, Tyler Schmidt, and Gary Reichel.

Pipkin's supervised agricultural experience program has helped her gain skills in marketing, formal communication methods, time management, organization, and communications software.

Pipkin has won multiple graphic design contests through the



The 2015 MYF/YFW FFA Speaking Contest Finals were held at the State Convention on February 7th, 2015 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Columbia. Pictured with Samantha Marre and Nora Faris (2014-15 State FFA officers) are left to right (with district and placing): Emily Johns (SE, District Winner), Sarah Kwast (SC, District Winner), Elizabeth Knipp (CE, District Winner), Ty Whittaker (SW, 3rd Place), Audrey Schultz (NW, 2nd Place), Savanna Presson (NE, 1st place), and MYF/YFW executive officers Jordon Yoder and Derek Lowrey.

2015 MFY State Tour

Mexico, MO

July 30th—August 1st,



The Mexico Young Farmers are hosting the 2015 State Tour so mark your calendars for July 30th-August 1st. Established in the 1836 as a shipping off point for soldiers headed to the Mexican American War, the City of Mexico is now an Ag based community. In the past it has been known as the "Saddle Horse Capitol of the Word" a birthplace of famous saddle horses including Rex McDonald; later it became the "Firebrick Capitol of the World" which is evidenced in the abandoned brick plants scattered throughout the County; now the County seal boasts the "Biofuel Capitol of Missouri" home to the Mid America Biodiesel Plant and POET Ethanol Plant in nearby Laddonia. The roughly 450,000 acres of farm ground in Audrain County is a mix of row crops and livestock, the majority of which is corn, soybeans, cattle and hogs. However, it is not uncommon to find crops of milo and wheat and smaller operations of chickens, goats and sheep.

Registration:

Names and ages of participants: _____

T-shirt sizes (1 Free with each paid registration) Child __, S __, M __, L __, XL __, 2XL __

Adult (13 & up)

Early _____ x \$60 = _____ Late _____ x \$75 = _____

Children 5-12 (under 5 free)

Early _____ x \$30 = _____ Late _____ x \$40 = _____

Total Due: _____

Early Registration ends June 30th

Will you be attending the optional Saturday afternoon tour? **Yes/No**

Checks payable to: "Mexico Young Farmers"

Send Checks & Registration to:

Mexico Young Farmers

905 N Wade

Mexico, MO 65265

OR Register Online at: www.mexicoyoungfarmers.com or www.moyoungfarmers.org

Hotels:

Country Hearth Inn and Suites (Pool) .25mi. from fairgrounds 900 Vance Road, Mexico 573-582-0055

1 bed king room or two queen beds \$59.99

America's Value Inn 1.5 mi. From Fairgrounds 4224 S. Clark, Street, Mexico 573-581-8350

1 person room \$37.99; 2 queen room \$39.99

Best Western Teal Lake Inn (Pool) 2 mi. from fairgrounds 3602 S. Clark Street, Mexico 573 582-0700

2.75 mi. from fairgrounds 2902 S Clark Street, Mexico 573-581-1860

1 bed king room \$74.99 or 2 queen bed room \$79.99 (tell them you're with the young farmers)

Budget Inn 5mi. from fairgrounds 1010 E. Liberty, Mexico 573 581-1440

1 bed king room \$45 or 2 queen beds room \$50

Camping:

Lakeview Park

3.5mi from fairgrounds Tent camping:\$5

RV Camping:\$10

Other Questions:

Contact-Theodore DeVault, Adult Ag Instructor/Mexico YF Advisor

573-721-1603 or tdevault@mexico.k12.mo.us

Scheduled Tours



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Founded by Ralph Sydenstricker as an IH dealer in 1944, moving to Mexico and becoming a John Deere dealership in 1966, Sydenstrickers (still family owned) has grown to 10 locations and services much of Missouri.



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Stanton Brothers: Over 20,000 free range egg layers, the nation's largest independent free range egg producer according to the USDA. Vertically integrated, so that everything from growing the base grain of milo, to distribution and marketing of the eggs is controlled. In 2014 constructed the first European style layer house in the Midwest.



Simmons Stable, built in the early 1900s when Mexico was known as Saddle Horse Capital of the World. Is in the midst of a restoration project to become the International Saddlebred Hall of Fame.



Brinker Farms: Family operation of 2,800 sows farrow to finish; 4,300 row-crop acres; recently opened up a processing facility and restaurant.

Optional Saturday Afternoon Tour:

Joe Stuckenschneider collects and restores IH trucks & tractors. A unique selection of older Internationals.



Paul Dubbert Tractors and Parts: 20 Acres of tractor, combine, and truck salvage. Started in 1979, specializing in rare and hard to find Internationals, also has one of a kind prototypes, and many pieces of other rare farm items.

Summer Missouri Ag Events

- June 27 2015 Ag Golf Classic, Holts Summit
- July 30-Aug. 1 MYF/YFW Summer Tour, Mexico *See registration in this newsletter.*
- August 2-8 National Farmers Market Week
- August 13-23 Missouri State Fair, Sedalia
- August 20 Governor's Ham Breakfast Sedalia
- September 29 - October 3 World Dairy Expo
Madison, WI



Cicadas to Emerge

This could be a noisy summer for southeastern and western Missouri. A brood of 17-year periodical cicadas will emerge in northwestern Missouri (Kansas City and St. Joseph), and a brood of 13-year periodical cicadas will surface in southeastern Missouri (Cape Girardeau).

Wingless nymphs will come out of the ground, climb up on objects (trees, sheds, homes), break out of their exoskeletons and emerge as winged adults. They'll take to the trees and sing, sing, sing, sing. "That's their reproductive cry, that's a call," says Bruce Barrett, entomologist for University of Missouri Extension.

The periodical cicadas have one job only—to mate. "The males will form what we call chorusing centers. They'll get up into trees and start making noise with a tymbal mechanism," Barrett says. "This calling is attractive to females, who will fly in and choose a mate."

They live underground for 13 or 17 years in the nymphal stage, feeding on tree and plant roots, Barrett explains. When the adults emerge they look very different from the annual, or dog day, cicadas.

The noise and numbers can seem overwhelming, but they won't be around for very long says Barrett: "They'll peak around mid-June and then once they reproduce, once they do what they're programmed to do, they'll die."

The 2015 Missouri State Fair Encourages Youth in Agriculture



Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe announced the theme for the 2015 Missouri State Fair will be "Show Offs Welcome."

"I believe the 2015 theme fits with our state's 'show-me' motto," Wolfe says. "The Missouri State Fair is the premier agriculture showcase in the state. The young men and women who participate in the Fair have devoted many hours to raising or growing their best. They've put in the work, and exhibiting at the State Fair is their chance to show off that work."

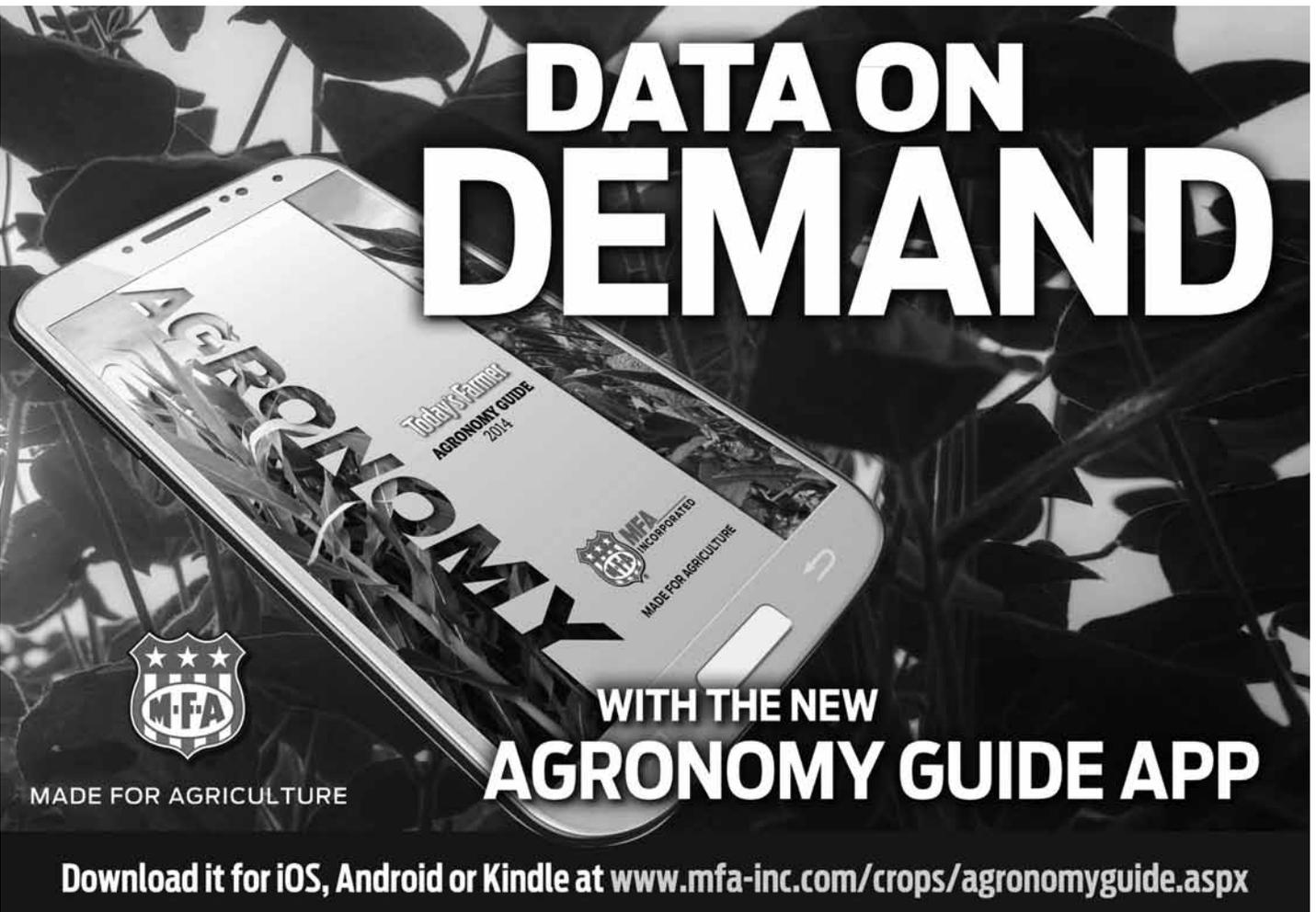
Wolfe also said the attendance at the 2014 Fair, 361,496, helped to generate positive revenue earnings in several areas including the grandstand, carnival and campgrounds. The number of livestock entries increased, which also contributed to an overall positive experience.

The 2015 Missouri State Fair will be August 13-23 in Sedalia. For more information, visit the event's website at www.mostatefair.org.

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