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"From the Duck Blind"

By: *Russell Thomas, Gilmer*

Here in East Texas we have received a good amount of rainfall over the last couple of months. What a blessing. Water levels are starting to get back to normal for this part of the state. The lakes, ponds and rivers look so much better when their water levels are high. However, I know several parts of the state still need rain. I hope that it will come this spring.

The sound and smell of the rain coming down is something I have missed. It is awesome watching and listening to the rain. If you have been following my articles, you might guess the other reason I love the rain. It means the duck slough is probably full too. The ducks should come with all the water we received, and the last month of duck hunting should be great!

This had all taken place during the Christmas holidays. As we entered into the slough to hunt, it was hard to imagine that it had rained enough to fill it in such a short time. Just a couple of weeks earlier we could drive across the slough, because it was so dry. Needless to say, my excitement was hard to contain about the morning hunt!

We had to have a plan for that morning hunt. So with decoys in hand, determining the wind direction and finding our place to set up, we

were ready to begin. The strategic planning started: placing decoys in a J pattern with the wind so the ducks would land in just the right place, jerk cord working and having hunters in position for the hunt.

As I was leaning up against a tree in knee high water waiting for the breaking rays of light, my mind starting racing about all the preparation and strategy placed in this one hunt that may only last a couple of hours at best, if the ducks are flying.

I began to think about Teach Ag Day. Do I have a plan for this day? Have I thought about students that would make great agriculture science teachers? What activities can I do to help students become interested in teaching? With so many outstanding FFA members in Texas, it should be easy to find students interested in becoming agriculture science teachers.

As agriculture science teachers, we need to promote our profession. Why? So we can continue to have quality teachers in our classrooms after we retire. Teach Ag Day will help us prepare and promote the cause.

If you're like me, you may not know how to get started. However, I found that the NAAE website is an excellent resource to help with the planning. There is a tab just about



Teach Ag Day. Wow! It has some wonderful tips, outlines, lesson plans and videos to share with students of all ages. The site also provides activities, such as "Are You Smarter Than Your Ag Teacher" and "Teach Ag Feud," to incorporate into the classroom. This is a good starting place to get a plan together.

Reflect on what influenced you to become a teacher. For most of us, it

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Best of Texas Awards



The Best of Texas Awards are given by the Texas Career and Technology Council to recognize outstanding senior career and technical education students, alumni and community members.

VATAT members are encouraged to nominate one or more of their students. Scholarships are awarded to student winners and two runners-up in each division. During April, students are recognized in Austin with an awards ceremony at the Texas Education Building. Each student will be recognized for all of their accomplishments during their high school years, given a recognition plaque along with a scholarship check. Student, alumni and community winners and runners-up will be treated to lunch at the Capitol Grill inside the State Capitol.

Download the application under Association>VATAT Awards and Scholarships. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 1, 2012. Don't miss nominating an exceptional student from your program!

High School Floral Design Certification

The Texas State Florists' Association (TSFA) is offering certification testing. The dates are set for March 17, 2012, at Texas A&M University in College Station and April 14, 2012, at Skyline High School in Dallas.

TSFA received a grant in the amount of \$30,000 that will be awarded in the form of scholarships. The scholarships are specific to floral design education through the Texas State Florists' Association. Applications for scholarships are open to all qualified students based on the specific criteria of each scholarship. The Texas Floral Endowment will be offering 75, \$100 testing fee scholarships that will be awarded to high school students that apply and are selected. The 2012 testing fee remains the same as last year if you do not receive a scholarship.

Requirements for the certification were enrollment and completion of the year long Texas Education Agency approved floral design curriculum and passing a TSFA approved written exam, as well as design two floral pieces in a timed setting.

Additional information, grading rubrics and forms can be found by visiting this site: <http://tsfa.org/default.aspx?p=HSFloralDesignCertification> and <http://tsfa.org/HSFloralCertificationTestingPresentation.pdf>.

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was our agriculture science teacher. You have a tremendous influence on students. What a wonderful opportunity to train students by influencing. Remember you are an agriculture science teacher by choice, not by chance. This year’s National Teach Ag Day is March 15. Do not let the date hold you back. You can teach it or promote it any day and every day to your students. So when you get a chance, “Tag Your Replacement.”

The last couple of years in Texas, we held a “Day at the Capitol” event to go along with Teach Ag Day and National FFA Week. Over 500 members attended last year’s event. It was an opportunity to learn the history of the Texas State Capitol and the legislative process through tours and workshops. The students could take the opportunity to meet with state representatives and senators, to discuss the importance of agricultural education and the FFA to the state of Texas. In addition, they got the chance to see the House and Senate floors in action. If you have the opportunity to bring members to Austin, it would be a day they will never forget. I have had the opportunity to participate, and our members left Austin feeling rewarded. This year’s event is scheduled for February 21. I hope to see you there!

Now maybe we can have a strategy to get started and focus on students that would make great educators. Take a look at your students and “TAG” them.

The dark of the morning starts to fade and I can hear the whistling of wings, while leaning against the tree. Boom! Boom! Boom! Yes, the strategy worked. It was a successful hunt.

April 3, 2012 - A Date to Circle

Barney McClure, VATAT Executive Director

This date should appear on every educator’s calendar with a red circle around it. This is the day that Texas will hold Primary Elections. The facts reveal that most races are decided in this election and not in the general election in November. There are three races on which we should all focus. State Representative, State Senator and State Board of Education races influence our profession more than any others. If you are unsure who the incumbents are, visit the VATAT website under Teacher Toolbox and click on “Who represents me?” We all know that the Representative and Senator enact laws that have a direct effect on education and the budget. The State Board of Education is charged with interpreting laws passed by the legislature. The election for State Board is often overlooked, but this group has a great impact on the rules and policies under which we operate.

I have heard it said many times that it is not what you know, but who you know, that is important. I disagree. It may not be who you know, but WHO KNOWS YOU - that is

most critical. I have found most decision makers welcome input from constituents. Apathy is more the norm and when someone from their district is passionate about issues - decision makers listen. They may not vote the way you want every time, but you can plant the seeds that might influence their votes later.

You may be hesitant to make the first contact, but it is simple and easy, whether by phone or email. This will usually get you on their regular email newsletter list and is an easy way to stay in touch. You may not always reach the elected official, but developing a relationship with their staff is important also. They often have much control over access to your representative and are relied upon to a high degree.

I believe that it is important to have specific “talking points” when visiting with these people. As bills are filed and issues come up, I will update you on specifics. Today, restoring funding to previous levels, and fending off attacks on TRS are issues being tossed about. Talking to legislators about how the budget cuts have impacted students and staff is important. Many feel that barring unforeseen circumstances, the economy will be much stronger during the next session compared to the last. That should help greatly. On the TRS issue, some well-funded groups are advocating changing TRS and ERS to defined contribution plans rather than defined benefits plans. This is bad for both groups because it will leave them open to investment “counselors” with products to sell. There are some great investment advisors, but also some not-so-good ones. I will continue to monitor these issues.

The most important thing is to be an informed voter. It has been stated many times that school teachers, staff and their families could control virtually every election in Texas. The numbers bear this out. A person in a country with free elections who doesn’t vote is not much better off than a person in a totalitarian country that can’t vote. Think about it.

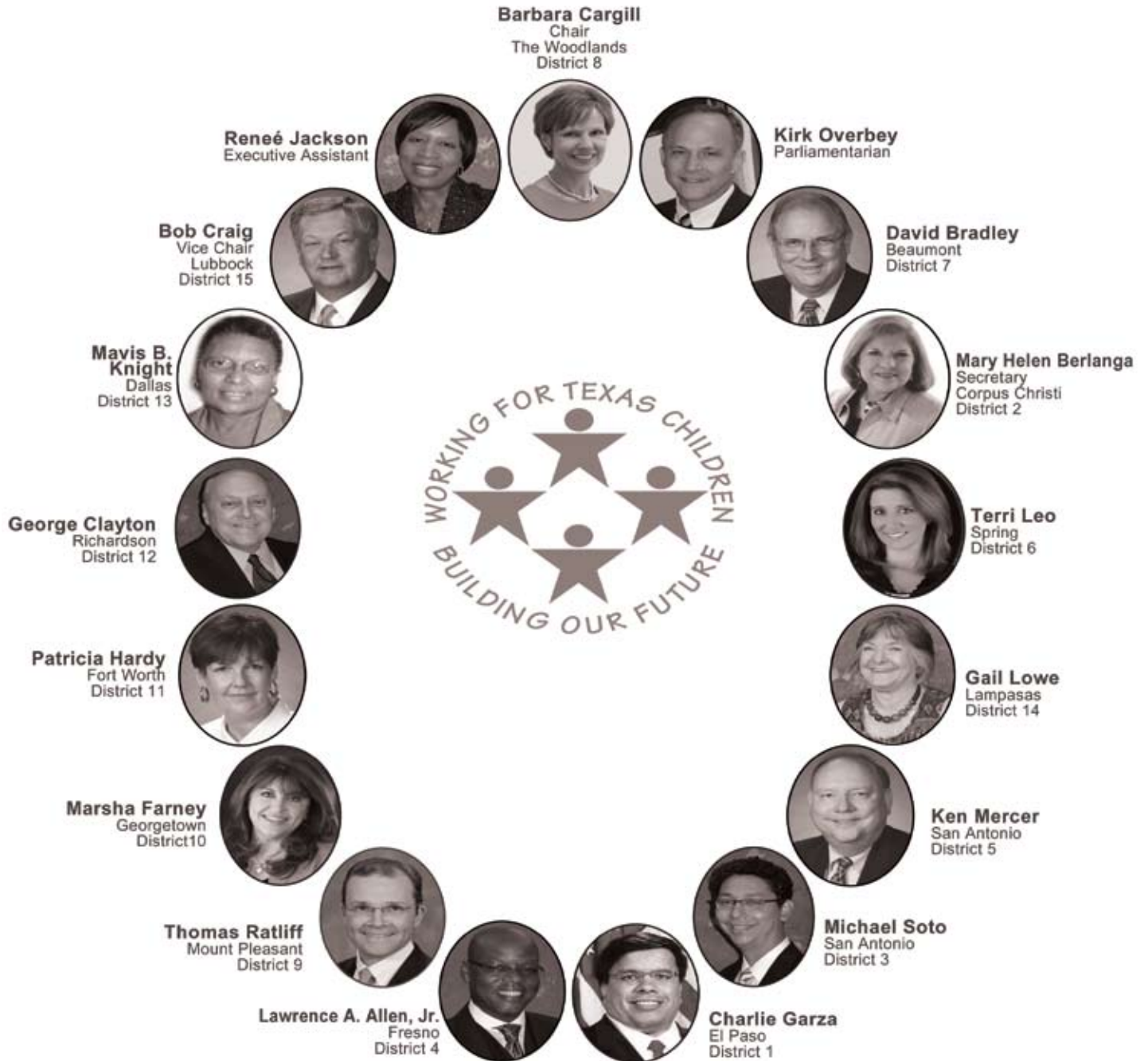


VATAT TRIVIA

Post the answer on our Facebook wall!

Who serves as the CEO of the State Board of Education?

STATE BOARD of EDUCATION



Most Texans don't realize the importance of our State Board of Education. Many times, these "down the ballot" races do not attract much interest. The truth is that these 15 elected representatives have a major impact on our program. There are 15 geographic districts of roughly equal population in Texas. Due to redistricting, all 15 representatives will have an election in 2012. This board establishes policy, interprets laws and provides leadership to the 1,237 school districts and charter schools in Texas.

Robert Scott serves as CEO and Barbara Cargill of The Woodlands is the current Chair. The majority of the Board's work is completed by three committees: The Committee on Instruction, The Committee on School Finance and The Committee on School Initiatives. The Board meets four times each year for a minimum of three days each time. Materials for study on current issues are sent out between sessions.

I would challenge each teacher to develop a relationship with their representative via email or telephone. It has been my experience that it is not WHO you know that counts, but who knows YOU. There will be challenges ahead, and this governing body can be a valuable partner. To access further information, visit the Texas Education Agency website. Under the drop-down menu on the left side, click on State Board of Education.



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION FORM

VATAT Professional Development Conference for Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Cluster
July 30-August 3, 2012 ~ Amarillo, Texas

You are invited to participate in the VATAT Professional Development Conference for Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources Cluster. Individuals representing all disciplines and phases of agricultural education and industry are welcome to submit proposals for workshops, presentations and tours. All submissions will be carefully reviewed for inclusion in the conference program. Individual presenters are encouraged to share proven strategies for successful curriculum integration based on personal experience and research related to agricultural education. Please fill out this form completely to avoid delays in processing.

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Foundation Update

It's in the Air

Aaron Alejandro, Texas FFA Foundation Executive Director

At the 82nd Annual Texas FFA Convention in Corpus Christi, supporter Mr. Richard Wallrath gave an inspirational presentation. During his remarks, he shared a poem – “A bell is not a bell until it is rung; a song is not a song until it is sung; and love is not love until it is given away.” It’s February and love is in the air. Love for our families, our students, our schools, our teachers, our sponsors, our community, state and country. Today is a great time to look around at all of the “love” unselfishly given.

Reflect on all of the underlying moments during a stock show. First, we have the stock show itself. A tremendous group of caring volunteers who assemble and work diligently to put on an event so students can display the hard work and care put into their projects. Second, we have the donors – those folks who give generously so student hear loud and clear “we are proud of you” when selling their projects. Third, we have our students – some of the greatest examples of “love” in our state and country. Students who invest time, energy and resources in caring for and raising their project animals and putting together other related projects. Students who “care” about their animals – take the necessary time to make sure they are raised with the utmost attention and responsibility. This nurturing develops a sense of “stewardship” which makes agriculture – and our Texas agriculture – a point of pride, respect and trust. Finally, we have our teachers. Those adults in our lives that don’t always tell us what we “want to hear,” but rather “what we need to hear.” Teachers who sacrifice time from their families to ensure their students are equipped with the tools, skills and values to excel in the game of life.

It is a time too to take inventory at all of the “love” and “blessings” our Creator has given us. Not a life without challenges, but a network of family and friends so we don’t have to be the Lone Ranger. He gave us a state full of natural resources and

opportunities. As agricultural students, teachers, alumni and supporters we are duty bound to return the same love in caring for the blessings we have been given.

February also brings the release of “Deep in the Heart” the inspirational true story of Mr. Richard Wallrath. The Texas 4-H Foundation and Texas FFA Foundation have both been blessed by his generous support and efforts to provide additional scholarships to deserving young Texans. The release of the movie is a chance for us to get a glimpse of Mr. Wallrath’s life; the consequences of poor decisions; and the triumph of life when one has “faith” the size of a mustard seed. We hope you will take the time to see the movie on opening weekend and also encourage family, friends and colleagues to experience the remarkable story of “Deep in the Heart.”

We are fortunate to have an organization like the “FFA.” During February, we have the opportunity to “tell our story” through activities around National FFA Week (February 18-25). During this time the Texas FFA Foundation will launch a new program about the Texas FFA “EXPERIENCE.” February is our time to “RECOGNIZE” what the Texas FFA “EXPERIENCE” has been for you. Please take a moment and “share” by making an investment in the Texas FFA so others can benefit from the “experience” for many generations to come. We “recognize” the “EXPERIENCE” in February, “HONOR” the “EXPERIENCE” in July, and “SHARE” the “EXPERIENCE” in November.

It is February, love is in the air. Like the poem says, “love is not love until it is given away.” Be sure to share and say “thank you” to someone who has shown love. To the many sponsors of the Texas FFA, “thank you” for sharing. You are a part of *A Mission that Matters* and are helping make Texas a better place to live, work and raise our families.



Texas FFA
Alumni

Update

Washington Leadership Conference

Kelly White, Texas FFA Alumni President

Each year, FFA members from all over the United States travel to Washington, D.C., to attend the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC).

During the five-day event, attendees learn how to become effective leaders by teaching them to know their purpose, value people, take action and serve others. This is no ordinary leadership experience. You will spend a week putting these skills into practice as you make new friends from across the United States, tour our nation's capitol and visit with members of Congress. This action-packed week will help you gain self-confidence and leadership skills to take back to your FFA chapter and share with other members. Attendees leave WLC with the knowledge and the confidence to act in ways that help their schools, community and their country.

The Texas FFA Alumni has traditionally granted four \$500.00 scholarships to deserving FFA members whose local affiliate are in good standing with the Texas FFA Alumni.

Applications can be found online at <http://texasffaalumni.ffa.org> under Applications.

More info about the Washington Leadership Conference can be found at www.ffa.org.

Don't forget State and National FFA Alumni dues are due by Feb. 15 to be considered for this scholarship.

Roster information can be found online at the National FFA Alumni website if you have not received your roster. NOTE: Please update your contact information. This could be the reason that you (the divisor) is not receiving alumni information.

Register at <http://texasffaalumni.ffa.org> to receive information about deadlines and other alumni news.

Eligibility and Deadlines:

- Only one FFA member per chapter can submit an application for the WLC scholarship.
- The WLC scholarship covers \$500.00 of the registration fee for an FFA member to attend the WLC conference. Travel to and from the WLC conference site and incidental expenses are the recipient's responsibility.
- Recipients must attend a WLC workshop for the year the scholarship is awarded.
- Applications are due postmarked by Feb. 15 of each year. WLC scholarship recipients will be announced by March 1 and winners notified by March 15.
- Each recipient is expected to attend the Texas FFA Alumni Association's annual meeting in July. (The FFA Alumni Association's annual meeting is held in conjunction with the State FFA Convention.)

ALUMNI REMINDERS

Alumni Roster Deadline

February 15



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Texas FFA

Update

Significant Schedule Changes on Tap for 84th Convention

Tom Maynard, Texas FFA Executive Director

Texas FFA will be addressing multiple convention concerns with schedule revisions, which may significantly alter some travel plans and lodging reservations for parents and other interested parties. Issues to be addressed:

1. The state constitution requires that student delegates approve state degrees.
2. Stars Night has been sparsely attended resulting in recognition of some of the state's top students in a nearly empty arena.
3. Having a Wednesday session anchored by a keynote speaker creates a congestion problem at lunch.

With these issues in mind, Texas FFA will be implementing a convention schedule which includes the following:

An official opening session on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. with a 4:00 p.m. adjournment. The opening session will include elements of the traditional vespers program, a dynamic keynote speaker and a great deal more production. The 4:00 p.m. adjournment will allow students to change clothes and attend the rodeo finals at 5:00 p.m. and the kick-off concert, which will be moved from 9:00 a.m. up to 8:00 p.m. This also allows for focused prep time/sound check time for the artist and production team.

The second general session will include a keynote speaker and the delegate business session. This schedule placement allows the delegates to act on the state degree candidates, diffuses the post-session egress to the lunch area and shortens the Thursday afternoon session allowing more time between the end of that session and fun night. Speaking awards will be presented on Wednesday morning, shortening the time between speaking finals and announcement of finals results. Currently, students, teachers and parents wait from

Tuesday afternoon until Wednesday night to get the results of those competitions.

Star and proficiency awards will be presented on Wednesday night in the beginning of the session. Typically, the aggregate presentation time of these two award categories has been about 15 minutes, and this arrangement ensures a full house for the recognition of some of the state's top achievers. The presentation of the star awards will be followed by the Lone Star Degree ceremony and presentation of degrees. To keep the degree presentation from running late into the night, it will be important for teachers not to insert stand-ins to pick up certificates for absentee recipients. Currently, an estimated 20-25% of all students crossing the stage are stand-ins, tying up the photographer taking pictures that no one will purchase, unnecessarily sending students across the stage, an experience that has little significance to them, since they did not earn the degree and adding nearly an hour to the presentation.

Texas FFA is having ongoing conversations with the Texas Music Educators Association concerning strategies to strengthen recruitment for the chorus. Texas FFA is also examining the convention experience for other student volunteer groups who, along with the chorus, make important contributions to the convention experience: Courtesy Corps, Foundation Ambassadors and Convention Chronicle.

Texas FFA hope to have traffic flow issues surrounding the food court resolved and provide shuttle services for those who must park in lots distant from the main venue, in an attempt to keep teachers from trudging from Whataburger Field to the American Bank Center in tropical heat and humidity.

Texas FFA is also studying technology solutions which may expedite delegate sign-in and create permanent, accessible documentation of student participation in the delegate process.



Texas Young Farmers Update

From the President's Pen

Connie Koopman, Texas Young Farmers President

Here we are settling into the New Year with January already behind us. I hope everyone had a safe and blessed New Year. As we settle back into the grind of the everyday work load, I want to tell you about my experience at my first National Institute I attended in Kansas City, Missouri.

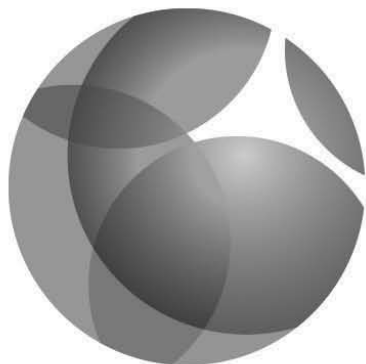
First of all, it was extremely cold. The temperature never rose above 30 degrees, but we kept busy enough to stay warm. I arrived on Wednesday afternoon, and after being welcomed by Missouri Young Farmers at the airport, we traveled into the city to our hotel. I did not have much time to unwind as I attended the first delegate meeting that afternoon. Very informative, we elected a new secretary and a new president-elect. There were numerous items on the agenda, so we adjourned until the next session. We were then entertained with a Taste of Missouri. There were different booths set up around the ballroom featuring what Missouri is known for - great food.

Thursday morning we were up and at it early with breakfast being served at 6 a.m. After special instructions the group boarded charter buses for a day of exciting tours. Our first stop was Wade Farms, which is a family that turned their row crop operation into a commercial row crop venture, rotating mostly corn and beans. Their specialty corn is marketed to

National Starch and their soybeans go to a processing plant in Kansas City.

Our next stop was Shatto Milk Company. Now, I will admit I am not a milk drinker, but I was sold on this milk, especially when you have Root Beer flavored milk. All of their milk is sold in glass bottles and goes from the cow to the store in as little as 12 hours. He milks 400 cows and has such a high demand that they had to stop making some of the flavored milk to keep up with the calls for regular milk. Also, with more people becoming health minded and requesting skim milk, he was collecting a lot of cream and wondered what to do with it. They expanded their services by making butter, cheese and ice cream. We were able to see how they pasteurized the bottles, fill them, date them by a hand stamp and hand pack them into crates that are then moved to the cooler.

Our next stop took us to the Lost Creek Wind Farm. This wind energy project was completed in 2010 and the 100 American made wind turbines span more than 23,000 acres just outside King City, Missouri. This operation alone fulfills the electrical demand for approximately 50,000 homes. From here we traveled into St. Joseph, Missouri for lunch at the Pony Express National Museum. On April 3, 1860, a lone Pony Express rider left on horseback from the gates of the Pikes Peak Stables. Today, these stables are home to one of our nation's most historic landmarks and a top-rated museum. The state of the art exhibits bring to life the experience of the Pony Express during the days of the Wild West.



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Our afternoon stop was at LifeLine Foods. The items produced originate from two primary business enterprises, corn-based food ingredients and ethanol. LifeLine has the unique ability to extract maximum value from the corn kernel and capitalize on both food and ethanol production.

Our final stop for the day was at the Bayer Crop Science. The Kansas City site is one of the company's largest manufacturing facilities in North America. Examples of their crop protection products include herbicides and fungicides that allow critical crops like wheat, corn, soybeans and cotton to thrive.

The evening was spent listening to Kip Cullers who is one of the two individuals to be inducted into the soybean's industry's 100 Bushel Club. In 2010, he set a new world record of 160.6 bushel/acre, and he has traveled to Brazil to expand his soybean practices. We were also entertained by Ralph Duren, who holds the title of two-time Grand National Wild Turkey Gobbling Champion. He performs over 100 wild animal sounds, mostly with his mouth.

Friday morning started just as early as Thursday. We boarded our buses again and set out to Whiteman Air Force Base. If you thought security at airports are bad, we were searched again along with the buses. But, there is a reason for this. Whiteman is one of the bases that are protecting our freedom at the present time and is home to the B-2 Advanced Technology Bomber. Whiteman was assigned to Air Force Global Strike Command in 2010. The young men and women that gave us the tour are very proud of what they do, and we acknowledged them for that.

Next, we were treated to lunch at the Heartland Farm & Lawn, which is a John Deere dealership. They have four locations in central Missouri and the Centerview one has the largest showroom in the Midwest. From here we toured the Show-Me Energy Cooperative. This is a non-profit, producer owned cooperative founded to support the development of renewable biomass energy sources in West Central Missouri. Do you know what money is made of? I thought it was paper; however, money is made from cotton and they had a lots of shredded money there.

Our last stop on the tours was to Weigand Family Grain and Livestock. They started farming together in 1981 with 400 acres of land and about 50 beef cows. Now that their kids have taken interest and become part of the business, their operation consists of 2,500 acres owned land, 2,000 acres of rented land, 250 registered Angus cows, 200 commercial cows, 2,800 acres of corn and soybeans, a custom mix feed store

and an over-the-road trucking business. You can really tell that family is a major part. By working together they have succeeded in making a successful business.

We enjoyed our evening meal at the American Royal and were treated to some good barbecue with trimmings. We were then taken on a tour of the Plaza Lights, Crown Center, and the Power and Light District. All of the places were beautifully decorated with Christmas lights.

Saturday was another full day of delegate meetings and different seminars that we were allowed to attend. The evening concluded with an awards banquet and installation of new officers. The state of Missouri went out of their way for putting on such an awesome Institute. For this being my first one, it was well worth the time I took, and I am looking forward to Memphis, Tennessee in December.

The State of Texas will be hosting the 2013 National Institute and we will be looking for great places to tour, and exciting speakers. This is not just a small group of people working on this; it will take everyone to make this a success. I hope you enjoyed reading about my trip as much as I enjoyed reliving it. The next article will contain results from our state convention and upcoming events.



Dates to Remember...

- **March 8, 2012** - National Ag Day
- **December 4-7, 2013** – National YF Institute - San Antonio, TX



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5th - SALE AgriScience Fair
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9th - FFA Board Meeting-
Austin

12th - Ford Leadership Scholars
Online Submission Deadlin

13th - Southwestern
Exposition Show Begins-Fort
Worth

13th-15th - Young Farmer
Convention - Austin

February 2012

1st - Texas FFA and
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Deadline

4th -Southwestern Exposition
Show Ends-Fort Worth

11th - SALE Public Speaking
Contest-San Antonio

15th -National FFA Scholarship
Deadline

21st - Day at the Captiol-Austin

19th-25th-National FFA Week

24th - 26th SALE Ag Mechanics
Project Show-San Antonio

28th - Houston Livestock Show
and Rodeo Begins

March 2012

1st - Spring Semester FFA Dues
Deadline-Austin

1st-18th - Houston Livestock
Show & Rodeo-Houston

9th - 24th - Star of Texas
Livestock Show & Rodeo-
Austin

12th - State Tractor Technician
CDE- HLSR, Houston

16th - 18th - Ag Mechanics
Project Show-HLSR, Houston

24th CDE Clinics-Texas A&M
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