

Agriculture Department Newsletter

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E-team Update

This past weekend the TSU Stock Team packed up and headed to Springfield, MO for the Missouri State University Stock Show. Thankfully, the roads were cleared by the time the team left Saturday morning so they made the trip with

no problems. The team now has six riders qualified to show at Stock Regionals at Black Hawk College in March: Angie Rardin in Beginner, Leslie Ulm, Anna Lotts, and Jessie Eubanks in Intermediate, and Kylee Short and

Jenifer Marks in Novice.

The Stock Team is all set for who has qualified, but the Hunt Team still has one more show before they will know who will be competing at hunt regionals. So far, Caitlin Schaefer in Walk/Trot, Lizzie Groenweghe in Walk/Trot/Canter, Danielle Witt in Novice Flat, and Christine Tosie in Intermediate Fences have qualified.



TSU Students at the Iowa Beef Expo

On February 11th and 12th, Dr. Wehner and six Truman Ag students attended the 2013 Iowa Beef Expo at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, IA. While at the Expo, the group not only got to watch auctions, but several of the students had an opportunity to walk and show heifers for a Gelbvieh breeder. Throughout the sale, Abby recorded info for the Gelbvieh Breeders Association. And everyone had an opportunity

to visit booths of some major agriculture companies. While in Iowa, the group also visited Hawkeye Breeders Service in Adel, IA to pick up semen from a bull they had dropped off last year to be collected. In addition, they toured the facility and learned how semen was labeled and stored, and even observed a bull being collected. The ladies would like to thank Doc and Truman for allowing them the opportunity to attend.



Doc with Junior Jenna Hurty (Windsor, CT), Freshman Shannon Smith (Anderson, IN), Senior Aly Perry (Columbia, MO), Senior Abby Vaughn (Wentzville, MO), Sophomore April Johnson (Newtown, MO), Senior Katlyn Niederecker (Imperial, MO), Senior Alaina Armentrout (Salisbury, MO), and Sophomore Lizzie Evers (Elgin, IL)



CFB at Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference

Six members of Truman's Collegiate Farm Bureau had an opportunity to attend the 2013 Missouri Farm Bureau's Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Lake of the Ozarks February 15th-17th. The group visited with other Farm Bureau members, attending seminars on everything from cattle nutrition and weed resistance to using social media for agriculture advocacy. In addition to the seminars, the group also had

the opportunity to listen to motivational and informational speakers at every meal, with each session starting off by showcasing young farm couples from some of Missouri Farm Bureau's Districts. While the daytime program

was designed to inform and inspire, the evening activities at the conference were more for "relaxing" and entertainment purposes, such as the pedal tractor pull and a Super Farmer Contest.

Sophomore Christina Iacovino (Naples, FL), Junior Cheyenne Dunham (Hamilton, MO), Senior Dan Cook (Rolla, MO), Junior Steven Boos (Cape Girardeau, MO), Junior Anna Lotts (Brooklyn Park, MN), and Junior Jenna Hurty (Windsor, CT)



Featured Student: Josie Foley

Year: Junior

Hometown: Nevada, Mo

Major: Agriculture Science

Minor: Equine Studies

Even though she's a junior, this has been Josie's first year at Truman. She is a transfer student from Cottey College, an all-female college in her hometown. With it being in her hometown and several Cottey-specific scholarships, she felt like it was the best place to kick off her college education. Because Cottey was a 2-year college, Josie left after her sophomore year with two Associates in Arts and Science.

After hearing about Truman from alumnus Matthew Kennedy and looking into their hands-on agriculture classes and prevalent under-

grad research, Josie chose to come to Kirksville to complete her Bachelors. Since coming to Truman, she's become involved in Sigma Alpha and the Equestrian team and applied for the TruScholars program, which provides scholarship funding for student research. Josie will be doing her research with Dr. Winsco, measuring cortisol levels in the university horses and using those levels along with objective behavior to create a universal temperament scoring system.

Because there were no ag classes at Cottey, Josie found the transfer difficult at first as she had to catch up on all of the ag classes everyone else had already taken. However, she found her professors to be very approachable and willing to take a personal interest,

which made the transition pretty smooth overall.

When she isn't studying for classes, Josie spends all the time she can with her 10 year old paint horse, Gunner. She also works for Janine Sevits, where she stables Gunner, helping her with farm chores and her dog boarding business. Josie also works for Dr. Winsco and Dr. Seipel as part of her scholarship hours.

After Truman, Josie plans on going to graduate school to get her masters and then her PhD focusing on Animal Nutrition in either Equine or Poultry.



Sigma Alpha/AGR Leadership Conference

Eight ladies of Sigma Alpha joined three men of Alpha Gamma Rho at the Leadership Conference Seminars in Nashville, Tennessee February 15th and 16th. Senior Jane Rademacher (Decatur, IL), Juniors Anita Snell (Hannibal, MO) and Chelsea Krueger (Washington, MO), Sophomores Rachel Craig (Columbia, MO), Mickyla Mathews (Harrisburg, MO), and Lizzie Evers (Elgin, IL),

and Freshman Kathryn Graham (Chesterfield, MO) along with Senior Sean Brown (Kansas City, MO), Junior David Holzknecht (Stockton, MO) and Sophomore Patrick Bree (Mount Pulaski, IL) made the eight-plus hour drive to attend various seminars varying from individual "break-out" sessions to group sessions on developing leadership skills. Even though it was a long drive for only one

night, the group felt it was a great opportunity to interact with members of other chapters and to bond with the members of their own group. Two other members of Truman's Sigma Alpha Chapter, Anna Lotts (Brooklyn Park, MN) and Jenna Hurty (Windsor, CT) have plans to attend the Leadership Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the first weekend in March.



Dashing through the snow! (with a new baby foal)

While everyone has been impatiently awaiting the arrival of Gypsy's foal, Buffy decided she'd had enough of the pregnant life and delivered her baby into this winter wonderland at 4:00 in the afternoon on February 28th. Luckily, there were several people on hand to get mom and baby out of the cold and into the warm barn.



Here, Junior Fran Makarewicz and Senior Orry Ingram are carrying the new baby out of the snowy pasture while E-team Coach Emily Costello follows close behind with an anxious Buffy.

National Ag Week

March 18th-22nd

Monday and Tuesday-OJ and Muffins

Tuesday-Trivia Night at 7pm

Wednesday-Petting Zoo on the Quad

Thursday-Dietary Discussion at 7pm

Friday-Chili Cook-off at the Farm



Sigma Alpha will be doing Penny Wars throughout the week to raise money for Heifer International (and get one of the ag professors into an oh-so-attractive animal suit)

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