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Front Row (left to right) – Robert Chrisman, Ross Becker, Taylor Funk, and Zach Funk
Back Row (left to right) – Austin Stanton, Jeff Bergman, Matt Deimeke, Derek Lowrey, Stephen Beck and Michael Slater
Not shown – Jody Bergman, Shannon Allison and Will Allison

President's Notes



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I **believe** that American agriculture can and will hold true to the best traditions of our national life and that I can exert an influence in my home and community which will stand solid for my part in that inspiring task.

-Taylor Funk

When you hear the word “agriculture”, what do you think of? I can close my eyes and remember baling hay in the blistering heat of July, fixing water gaps after a long spring rain, and cutting frozen net wrap off of bales in the middle of January. Then there is a fast forward. I see my children playing in the creek, our calves taking their first steps and watching my husband work with his grandfather on the current piece of broken machinery. What do these all have in common? Family. As we come to the holidays I hope you all take this time and spend it with family. By continuing and building traditions with our future generations we can keep family farms alive.

For years, we have been able to look at the Creed for words of wisdom. When I look at these 5 paragraphs, I am taken back to the traditions of the blue corduroy. The traditions and values that built me as an FFA member, the same I pray are instilled in my children. I have come to learn that The Missouri Young Farmers and Young Farm Wives Association also builds traditions. There is so much more than what is available at the state level. There are so many local chapters making huge impacts in

their communities. I have seen chapters come together to support one another time and time again. Our goal is to build our membership so we can continue to pass on our traditions. During the past year, the Executive Committee has been working diligently to provide quality workshops the whole family can participate in. You will be able to find these listed in this newsletter.

As my chapter of being your State President comes to a close, I just want to thank you all. Thank you for your continued support of our organization and the contributions you make to agriculture in Missouri. I hope to see you all at our State Convention at Camden on the Lake in Lake Ozark, February 2nd and 3rd. I hope we can build new traditions with your family.



2024 MYF/YFW Convention Registration and Planning

Hotel Reservations: Camden on the Lake Resort

2359 Bittersweet Road.,
Lake Ozark, MO 65049

Reserve your hotel room by **January 12th before 4 pm** for special rates. The room block will be released after that time and a room may not be available. The special rate is **\$98** for either size room. Below are two ways to register:

1. Register online at www.camdenonthelake.com
 - From the Camden Home page, click on the Book Now/Check Rate button (right side of page)
 - On the Guests & Room page enter the number of guest(s) staying, select Group Attendee & click on the drop-down arrow next to the Add Group Code box and enter Group ID: **FARM0224** then click the ADD button, to ensure you get the special group rate
 - Click Select & Go to Next Step
 - Select your Check in & Check out dates and click Confirm Date
 - Continue by following the Prompts...
2. You may also call the hotel directly at 888-365-5620 and identify yourself with MO Young Farmers/Wives Organization (DESE)

*NOTE: If guests request additional dates that are NOT in the group block, please call us at 573-365-5620 so we can check group rate & date availability.

2024 MYF/YFW CONVENTION REGISTRATION

February 2nd & 3rd at Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark, MO

Mail Registration to: Lisa Evans, Agricultural Education, DESE, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102
Or call in registration at 573-751-8467

Adults: _____ Chapter: _____
Children: _____
Address: _____ Phone: _____
or email: _____

Please circle all events you are attending:

Friday Mini Tour? Yes No

Saturday Workshops? Yes No

Saturday Breakfast? Yes No # _____ Lunch Yes No # _____ Banquet? Yes No # _____

Entire Convention Registration turned in by Jan 26:

Adults - \$80 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (ages 6-12) - \$32.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (ages 5 & under) - no cost x _____ = \$0

Dietary Restrictions? (name – restriction)

On Site Registration (or after Jan 27)

Adults - \$95 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (ages 6-12) - \$40 x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (ages 5 & under) - no cost x _____ = \$0

Sat. evening banquet only: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____

Sat. evening child's plate: \$17.50 x _____ = \$ _____

Total Amount: \$ _____

Friday, February 2nd

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| 1:00 pm | Pre-convention mini tour – Osage Catfisheries |
| 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm | Gathering room for interested – pitch tournament and fellowship |

Saturday, February 3rd

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| 7:30 am – 6:00 pm | Registration Desk Opens |
| 7:30 am – 9:00 am | Buffet Breakfast |
| 7:30 am – 12:00 pm | Photo Contest/Toy Show Entries accepted – Conference Foyer |
| 8:30 am – 9:45 am | Seminars and Workshops |
| 9:45 am – 10:15 am | Break |
| 9:45 am – 7:30 pm | Silent Auction (bidding will close at 7:00 pm) |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | FFA Speaking Contest |
| 10:15 am – 11:30 am | Seminars and Workshops |
| 11:30 am - 12:45 pm | Luncheon |
| 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm | Seminars and Workshops |
| 2:00 pm – 2:20 pm | Refreshment Break |
| 2:20 pm – 3:35 pm | Seminars and Workshops |
| 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm | Delegate Session |
| 6:30 pm | Awards Banquet |

The State Convention for Young Farmers and Young Farmer Wives will feature various engaging activities and recognitions. Among the highlights are the Missouri FFA YF/YFW Speech Contest, where participants showcase their speaking prowess. Additionally, there will be a presentation on the 2024 Summer Tour, providing insights into upcoming events. The convention will also include the prestigious Honorary Membership Recognition and Retiring State Officer Recognition. This year's banquet will feature a unique Farm Edition of THE PRICE IS RIGHT. Audience members will be invited to "come on down" and test their skills at guessing the prices of common farm products. Those who come closest without going over will have the chance to participate in more games and potentially win fabulous prizes.

State Convention Work Shops

Feeding Livestock in a Drought

When it comes to farming and ranching we are always learning new things, unfortunately it seems like many time those lessons come from mistakes we have made. Eric Bailey MU extension state beef specialist will be going over some lessons he and others have learned about feeding livestock from the last couple of droughts and will be sharing some ways that you can better prepare yourself for the next drought.

Market Outlook

Between war in Eastern Europe and the Middle East, competition with South America, and strained relations with China the markets are as volatile as they have ever been. Marc Rosenbalm a senior research associate at FAPRI is going to be joining us to share his prospective on where the markets might be going in the near future.

GPS and Data Management

Technology in agriculture seems to be changing faster than anyone can keep up with. Every year dozens of new products come out and they all promise to make you more money and your life easier, but what products are right for your farm? Aaron Reichert from SN partners is and expert will be discussing some of these technologies involving GPS guidance, variable rate application, data management, how to tie it all together, as well as some other things that you might find useful

Adding value to your Crops

Are you leaving money on the table when it comes to your crops? Did you know there are some programs out there that will give you extra money for your crops if you have been using practices like no till, double cropping, and cover crops without having to make new changes in the way you farm like many of the carbon credit programs require. A representative from ADM will be here to talk about some of these programs as well as some other programs they have coming out.

Farm First Aid and Safety

What you can do to save a life. Actions taken in the minutes following an agricultural traumatic incident or health emergency can mean the difference between life and death. This hands-on presentation will cover the basics of what every farm family needs to know about how to assist until professional help arrives. We will discuss what needs to be in your farms first-aid kit and the importance of having an emergency plan for your farm. Participants will receive a Farmers First Aid book and materials that will assist with creating or updating your farms emergency action plan.

Young Farmer Recruiting and Retention

We will be having a round table discussion on how we can help get more people into our organization and how to keep them involved. We have had a lot of ideas thrown out over the last few years such as a name change, dues change, merging with other organizations, promotion through social media, and much more but we want to hear from you on what we should be doing. So please bring any ideas you have we want to hear them!



State Convention Work Shops (cont.)

Scrapbooking in a Digital Age

In the age of smartphones and social media, people are taking more photos than ever before. But once the photos have been taken, what should you do with them? How should you sort through them and keep them organized? Learn tips and tricks for organizing and storing photos. Get an introduction to a variety of apps and programs to help you turn your photo reel into a treasured keepsake. We will also discuss ideas on how to make photo books, calendars, and other personalized items.

Soil and Plant Health After Extreme Weather

It seems like it has been all or nothing when it comes to weather over the last couple of years, but what does that do to soil and plant health? Emily Beck, conservation specialist at MFA Inc. will be discussing the effects of droughts and excessive rain on soil and crops, as well as what you need to look out for after an extreme weather event.

A Fishy Business

Looking for a way to make a little extra money and diversify your farm? Or maybe you're going to invite the whole town to your annual fish fry and want to supply all the meat yourself. Dr. Jim Wetzel from Lincoln University will be discussing what it takes to raise fish to eat and sell

The Economics of Safety

A tractor roll-over death can result in over \$1 million in economic loss for farms, families, and communities. Retrofitting older tractors with ROPs and using a seat belt can prevent 99% of roll-over fatalities. This presentation will provide information on the cost to farmers of agricultural injuries and illness and low-cost solutions for prevention. Ellen Duysen a Research Assistant Professor working at the Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health will discuss the importance of adding safety to your farms risk management plan. Participants will leave with an armload of personal protective equipment and safety information.

TBA

We like to leave one workshop open until closer to time in case something important comes up we need to talk about. Check out our website <https://moyoungfarmers.org/> for more information

State Convention Children's Workshop

Honey Bee- A Pollination Simulation

Children of all ages will learn about all parts of the honey bee. They will have a story read to them and learn all about the importance of apiaries.

In a Nutshell

This workshop is all about pecans! Children will learn all about pecan harvesting and products made with pecans. If your child is allergic to tree nuts this will not be the workshop for them!

Warm as Wool

Kids will get to learn about wool production along with some tools for yarn making. They will learn about Betsy Ward who used wool to make cloth in which she sewed clothing for her children to keep them warm.

Friday Afternoon Mini-Tour

Osage Catfisheries - The Finest in Fingerlings!

The Midwest's Oldest & Largest Multi-Species Hatchery - Osage Catfisheries, Inc.'s is a family-owned aquaculture operation located in the Missouri Ozarks in central Missouri. The Kahrs family has been providing fish and fish products to domestic and international partners for more than 50 years. They are known throughout the industry for supplying the highest quality seed stock of many different types of Missouri and Mississippi Valley warm-water fish species.

The family has been recognized as one of Missouri's outstanding agribusinesses and they stand behind the quality and high standards of their fish for all their customers. As the business has grown, they have been careful to monitor and protect their broodstock to ensure the continued strong disease resistance that their clients need in their fish. Because of their emphasis on genetic integrity and personal service for their clients, their business has been able to avoid the losses due to disease that occur in some parts of the U.S.

Through diversification with over 30 species of Missouri and Mississippi Valley fresh water fish Osage Catfisheries Inc (OCI) has become the Midwest's oldest and largest multi-species hatchery.

OCI is recognized as a leader in domestic and international aquaculture supplying various species of certified fish to private, State, Federal and international customers. The farm is also one of the largest suppliers of research organisms to universities and testing labs around the world. Visit a Bass Pro Shop across the United States and know that more than likely the fish on display came from their farms ... not to mention the many zoos and aquariums that they have supplied show fish to over the years.

Another division, L'Osage Caviar Company, Inc. specializes in sustainable farm raised paddlefish caviar. Their farm raised ranched Paddlefish caviar is the only one that can

claim it is a "green" caviar. Paddlefish from their operations feed on only a natural diet of phytoplankton and zooplanktons.

Osage Catfisheries, Inc.'s provides dependable, high quality research fish for the world's biomedical research needs. They count the world's best research, pharmaceutical and chemical companies among its clients thanks to OCI's unmatched quality and dependable service. OCI is proud to offer the highest quality, disease-free fish to their customers. Their facilities are certified annually by health inspections from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Right now, the plan to is to tour the main facility starting at 1 pm on Friday, February 2nd. If you are interested in attending the tour, please indicate that on the registration form along with how many will be attending or you can email or call Lisa Evans at lisa.evans@dese.mo.gov, to get your name on the list. We will be emailing out additional information on where to meet, times, etc.



Toy Show



Dig out your favorite farm toys from those days in the dirt, or find new ones that will take place at the 2024 MYF/YFW State Convention on February 14-15. Entries will be accepted through February 10.



All Corners Open & Custom Class

This is an open class—anything from bought to homemade, modified, any make, any model, any size.

Trucks and cars:

This class is open to all cars, trucks and semi-trucks of any size out of the box.



*from the display case in the office. The annual farm toy exhibits
January 3rd, 2024 at the Camden on the Lake Resort in Lake Ozark.
Admission is free and open until 12 noon.*

Class:
Anything
in a box or
model,

Original 1/64 scale:

This class is toys out of boxes, no modification, any make or model.

Original 1/16 scale:

This class is toys out of boxes, no modification, any make or model.

Collectors class:

This class open to anything that is in a box, is visible through plastic (It will not be removed).

Sandbox special

This class will be toys that were used hard by the cutest lil' farmers, any make, any model, any size.

Classes,
any

Enter the 2024 MYF/YFW Photo Contest

Join the 2024 MYF/YFW Photo Contest! This is a fun way to show off your day to day life on the farm or rural community. Below are the contest rules and instructions.

Categories: **Landscapes** **People** **Rural Workday** **Animals** **Bad Day on the Farm**

Entry Criteria:

1. The Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives photo contest is open to all members who are amateur photographers (one who receives less than half of their disposable income from photography).
2. All photos must be taken by the entrant.
3. Entrants may submit multiple photos per category.
4. Entrants may enter all four categories if desired.
5. Photos must be taken within the last two years.
6. Color and black and white photos are eligible.
- *8. If identifiable persons are included in a photo, a release must accompany the entry.
9. Youth entries must include the signature of a parent or guardian on the entry form.
10. All entries submitted become the property of Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives, giving MYF/YFW permission to use them in publications, promotions, calendars or displays, with proper credit given to the photographer.

To Enter: You must deliver your photo to the State Convention held in Columbia.

Judging:

1. Judges will be members of the Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives Executive committee.
2. Judges may move a photo to a new category if it is more suitable.
3. A photo can be disqualified if it does not meet all the requirements.

Deadline: Entries must be delivered by 12 noon on February 3rd, 2024. No late entries.

Winning Notifications: Winners will be announced at the Missouri Young Farmer and Young Farm Wives Annual Convention, February 3, 2024 at the Camden on the Lake Resort

Contest Contact: Derek Lowrey: 660-654-1643 or email at dslowreyfarms@gmail.com

**Note: Photo release(s) may be required (see above). The release(s) should state: "I, _____, do hereby acknowledge that the individuals in the photos understand the sponsoring organization claim the rights to all photos, including the rights to publish, upload on the internet, or televise, for use in promoting a positive message for agriculture and that their name, likeness, or image may be used. I agree to release and hold harmless the sponsoring organization from and against any claim, expense or liability arising from or related to submission, participation in the contest, and appearance on the program and/or acceptance of any prize," followed by a signature and the date.*

Missouri Young Farmers/Young Farm Wives 2024 Photo Contest Entry Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Select Photo Category: **Landscapes** **People** **Rural Workday** **Animals** **Bad Day on the Farm**

Entry Fee: \$5 per photo for the "Bad Day on the Farm" category. Winners chosen by popular vote of attendees. 50% payback (other 50% goes to scholarship fund.) All other categories will be judged with certificates awarded.

Description of your photo with date, location, persons, season, etc:

Deadline: Entries must be received/delivered by 12 noon on February 3rd, 2024. No late entries

2024 District Meeting Schedule

Northeast

January 6th , 2024

Starting at 4 pm

Where: County Annex Bldg, 300 N
Franklin St, Kirksville, MO 63501

Central

January 8th, 2024

Starting at 6:30 pm

Where: Santa Fe High School Old Gym,
Alma, MO

Northwest

January 9th, 2024

Starting at 6:30 pm

Where: Litton Center, Chillicothe, MO
*For questions, contact Michael Slater,
Chillicothe YF Advisor*

Southeast

January 20th, 2024

Starting at 5:00 pm

Where: Catalyst Center in Perryville, MO
Dinner starts at 6 pm

South Central

TBD

Southwest

TBD



Jody Bergman Obituary



Jody Alan Bergman, 52, of Alma, MO, died Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Fitzgibbon Hospital in Marshall.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Alma. In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested that donations be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or Santa Fe Agri-leaders (to be used to establish scholarship fund in Jody's name) in care of Campbell-Lewis Funeral Home. An online guestbook is available at www.campbell-lewis.com

Jody was born on October 30, 1970, in Waverly, MO, he was the son of the late Gilbert Alvin Bergman and Mary Jane Wyssmann Bergman who survives of Alma. Jody lived in the Alma area his entire life and graduated from Santa Fe High School in 1989. He then earned his bachelor's degree in Human Service Agency Management and Recreation Administration from Missouri Valley College in Marshall.

Jody was united in marriage to Tiffany Peters on May 24, 1997. They were blessed with four wonderful sons that were the light of Jody's life. He was a dedicated dad who was involved in their life on a daily basis.

Jody dedicated his life to public service. For the last 22 years, he has served as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Concordia, and helped them build, plan, and develop the multi-faceted program that it is today. He was a member of the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association, as well as, a Certified Non-Profit Professional.

Jody had a passion for faith, family, youth, agriculture and community service. His faith was well represented as an active and faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Alma, where he served on numerous committees and boards, as well as serving as a head usher. Jody enjoyed helping youth, which led him to serve

as the Rival's football coach, a Santa Fe Little League coach, and being the voice behind the microphone for the Santa Fe Chiefs football games. He also served as president of the Santa Fe Ball Association for over 20 years.

Being raised on the farm, Jody had a great love for agriculture. He wanted to help ensure that youth in agriculture continued in the local area, so he was one of the founding signatures on February 1, 2000, that created what is now known as Santa Fe Agri-leaders. Jody also served at the state level of Missouri Young Farmers, serving as president and past president and currently, state secretary, a member of the National Young Farmers, and a Missouri 4-H Volunteer.

Jody was very proud to be from rural Missouri and loved his entire community. He served on the Alma Fire Board as their secretary and treasurer, was a member of the Lafayette County Cattlemen's Association, and the Alma Community Club.

Jody's dedicated life will continue to be celebrated by his wife, Tiffany Peters Bergman of the home; his four sons that he unconditionally loved: Caleb Wright Bergman of Marshall, Connor Wyssmann Bergman of Tulsa, OK, Caedon Taylor Bergman of Alma and Colstyn Heins Bergman of Alma; his beloved mother, Mary Jane Wyssmann Bergman of Alma; his caring siblings, Jeff Bergman of Alma and Jennifer Bergman of St. Louis; his caring in-laws, Donald and Jamie Peters of Colorado Springs, CO; as well as all of Tiffany's family; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a multitude of friends.

For those who measure success in more than just bushels, **we thank you.**



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small corrections to improve seed
placement**

AND MORE!



THIRD ANNUAL

Mo Ag Stewardship Conference

Thursday, January 25, 2024 - 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Concordia Community Center - 802 S Gordon St. Concordia, MO 64020

Members of the Santa Fe AgriLeaders can attend FREE (see newsletter for details)

Watch for details on the website: www.santafeagrileaders.org

Lunch included and CCA credits available.

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