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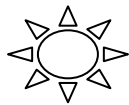
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From left to right, front row:
Craig Bailey, Tom Lam, Pam Lowe, Stuart Melton, Jr.,
From left to right, back row:
Lucky Graves, Chris Grove, Jon McDonald, Scot Lilly
Missing from photo: Ethel Showman

JOIN US FOR THIS YEAR'S YFV SUMMER TOUR!



A day of fun, food and fellowship



WHEN: Tuesday, July 25, 2006
WHERE: Floyd County
HOSTS: Floyd County YFA

9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Registration-Auburn High School, Montgomery County

Directions: Take 81- South to exit 114 (Floyd/Christiansburg exit) and turn left at the stop sign. It will take approximately 10 minutes from there to come into the Auburn community. The school is located on the right as you come into town.

STOPS: *Brush Creek Buffalo Farm, Dreaming Creek Timber Frame Homes, Chateau Morrisette Winery,* catered lunch at Floyd County High School, return to Auburn H.S. at 3:00 p.m.

Registration: For meal planning purposes, please R.S.V.P. for the tour by emailing Pam Lowe at pamelalowe73@msn.com by Friday, July, 21st or call 540-392-7802 and leave a message for her. You can also email Terry Lam at yfv5@northriver.coop.

Message from the President's Desk



Greetings everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy *and* with all of your farm work done. Thanks to Tom and Terry Lam for a great convention at Virginia Tech last December. I'm not sure how they arranged 50+ degree weather in Blacksburg in January but it was awesome! Congratulations to all the contest and award winners and thanks to everyone who attended the convention

I'm honored and excited to be your President this year. Your Executive Committee met in March to start planning the year's activities. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- ❖ **July 25, 2006:** State Young Farmer Tour. The Floyd Association will be our hosts. We look forward to visiting an area of the state we haven't been to in a long time.
- ❖ **January 26-28, 2007:** State Young Farmer Convention in Lynchburg, VA. The Liberty Association is planning our tours. Tour stops will include the D-Day Memorial and Georgia Pacific paper mill at Big Island.
- ❖ **December 6-9, 2006:** National Young Farmer Institute in Columbus, OH. The National Institute Committee has two full days of tours and an excellent agenda planned. Virginia always sends a strong delegation to The Institute, let's continue the tradition!

Tom Lam and I are traveling to Sacramento, CA in July. We will represent Virginia in the NYFEA National Ag Leadership Conference. We will also be delegates at the Institute next year. Please let us know if there is anything you'd like us to address at the national level of our organization. The Executive Committee wants to visit your Association. Please contact us if you'd like to have a state officer attend one of your local meetings. I encourage everyone to get involved in our activities this year. We have money and prizes donated by our sponsors for many of our awards and contests. Applications are available from your Advisor or our web site. You can't win if you don't participate! Have a safe and fun summer. I'll see you in Floyd for the Summer Tour!

-Scot Lilly



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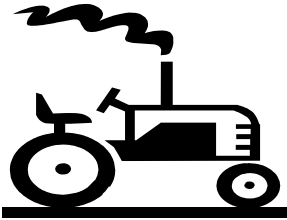
*Mark Deavers of Broadway
Purchases*

AGCO Tractor Lease

Mark Deavers of Deaver's Lime and Litter Company, was successful in acquiring a 200 hour or six month lease on a tractor up to 180 horsepower donated by AGCO Corporation/Web Enterprises of Dayton, Virginia. The Young Farmers of Virginia would like to THANK both AGCO and Web Enterprises for sponsoring this lease. It was auctioned at the State convention in Blacksburg. The proceeds help fund the Executive Coordinator position for the Young Farmers of Virginia.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

YFV State officers will be at the Virginia Agriculture Teachers Conference to be held in Richmond on July 11. The new display and other information will be available to new and veteran agriculture educators. President, Scot Lilly greeted the State FFA Degree recipients at the annual FFA convention, Wednesday, June 21 and invited them to join the Young Farmers of Virginia. They receive their first year of membership FREE!!



On June 27, the Turner Ashby Young Farmers had their annual steak dinner/auction meeting. Grilled steaks were provided by the association and each guest brought a covered dish to share. Members brought items donated by individuals and businesses to be auctioned off by veteran auctioneer and Young Farmer supporter, E. Ray Wine. This year, just over \$2,100 was raised to fund 2 scholarships awarded to high school seniors pursuing agriculture degrees. The scholarships are presented at a year end, school-wide awards assembly. The auction dinner is always a fun evening and the rain even cleared up just in time for the meeting!

Soybean Growing, Corn Silage, and Corn Growing Awards:

With the planting season behind us and the harvesting season not too far off, it is time to START filling out a State Young Farmer award application! We have some generous sponsors for our awards and would like to see a competitive contest. Maybe even schedule a work night for these applications at a monthly meeting this year so your advisor and an extension agent can help you complete them. Also, don't forget to start researching information for your speech in the Spokesperson For Agriculture Contest. Give it a try...it would be great to have several participants next year at the contest to be held in Lynchburg!

Completed award applications will be due by Friday, December 15, 2006

Dave Lawrence of Farm Credit presents Craig Bailey the State plaque for the Outstanding Young Farmer award.



2005-2006 State FFA Officers



Craig Bailey of the Broadway-Timberville Association also placed first in the Spokesperson for Agriculture Contest and will present his speech "American Farmland under Pressure" to judges at the NYFEA Institute in Columbus, Ohio this fall. Thank you to Houff's Feed and Fertilizer of Weyers Cave, Virginia for sponsoring this award.

State FFA Officers attended the Young Farmer convention activities. FFA members are the future of the Young Farmers of Virginia and are invited each year to participate in this annual event. On Sunday morning, the FFA president, Sarah Jo Helms addressed the Young Farmer delegation.

The 56th Annual Convention of the Young Farmers of Virginia was held at Inn at Virginia Tech and Skelton Conference Center January 27-29, 2006. Approximately 100 members and guests attended the convention. Dr. David Kohl, professor emeritus, department of agriculture and applied economics at VT addressed the main banquet. The conference included tours of the new dairy center, livestock facilities, and the vet college at Virginia Tech. Trade show participants included Farm Credit, First Bank and Trust, College of Agriculture (horticulture and Bio systems engineering), YFV, and Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Congratulations to the following award winners!!!

Corn Growing Award: Sponsored by Southern States Cooperative

RECEIVED GIFT CERTIFICATES TO SOUTHERN STATES

1. James Hinton, Northumberland Association 252bushels / acre
2. Douglas Hughes, Broadway-Timberville Association; 181 bushels / acre

Soybean Production Award: Sponsored by Syngenta

RECEIVED GIFT CERTIFICATES TO CHOICE OF LL BEAN OR CABELA'S

1. Mark Deavers, Broadway/Timberville Association, 61 bushels/ac.
2. Douglas Hughes, Broadway/Timberville, 51 bushels
3. Donnie Liskey, Spotswood Association, 48 bushels

Virginia Outstanding Young Farmer Association: Sponsored by Farm Credit

RECEIVED \$ 150 CHECK

1. Turner Ashby Association
2. Spotswood Association

Outstanding Young Agribusiness Person Award: Sponsored by VA Council of Farmer Cooperatives

RECEIVED \$ 200 AND \$100 respectively

1. James Mullins, East Augusta Association
2. Travis Orange, Liberty Association

Diversification in Agriculture Award: Sponsored by VDACS

RECEIVED \$ 500 CASH AWARD

1. Nicholas Overstreet, Liberty Association

Outstanding Young Farmer Award: Sponsored by VA Farm Credit Association

RECEIVED \$500 CASH AWARD

1. Craig Bailey, Broadway-Timberville Association

Agriculture Stewardship Award: Sponsored by VDACS

RECEIVED \$500 CASH AWARD

1. Ralph Griffin, East Augusta Association

Spokesperson For Agriculture Winner: Sponsored by Houff's Feed and Fertilizer

\$500 TOWARDS TRIP TO OHIO IN DECEMBER (NATIONAL CONTEST)

State Winner- CRAIG BAILEY – BROADWAY-TIMBERVILLE Association

Participant- Stuart Melton, Jr. - Patrick Henry Association

Farm Business Management Contest: (Test prepared by David Walker)

RECEIVED CASH PRIZES FROM YFV

1. Jon McDonald, Rockbridge Association
2. Mark Deavers, Broadway-Timberville Association
3. Donnie Liskey, Spotswood Association
4. Chase Lowe, Floyd Association
5. David Hughes, Broadway-Timberville Association

Ag Stewardship Contest: (Test prepared by Libby Norris, Chesapeake Bay Foundation)

RECEIVED CASH PRIZES FROM YFV

1. Dave Walker, Spotswood Association
2. Kevin Craun, Turner Ashby Association
3. Andrew Eye, Turner Ashby Association
4. James Shiflet, Turner Ashby Assn.
5. Jon McDonald, Rockbridge Association

Honorary Membership:

RECEIVED PLAQUE FROM YFV

Dale Sanders, Northumberland Association

Outstanding Young Farmer Advisor Award: Sponsored by Southern States

RECEIVED PLAQUE AND \$100 EACH

Gary Thomas, Liberty Assn.

Carrie Monger, Wilson Memorial Assn.

Attendance Award:

RECEIVED PLAQUES

Percentage of Members Attending: Spotswood Association

Most Members in Attendance: Spotswood Association

Farm and Home Safety Award: Sponsored by Virginia Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company

RECEIVED \$150 CASH AWARD

Spotswood Association

Membership Development: Sponsored by Farm Choice Inc.

RECEIVED \$100 CASH AWARD

Turner Ashby Association