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2017-2018 YFV Officers



L to R: Jane McDonald, Ashley Craun, Kaitlyn SoniFrank, Kelly Callender and Mark Deavers

2017 Young Farmers of Virginia Awards

Corn Growing Award: Sponsored by Southern States – 1. Richard Clemmer 2. Bob Christian
Soybean Production Award: Sponsored by Syngenta – Mark Deavers
Corn Silage Growing Award: Sponsored by Pioneer – 1. Richard Clemmer 2. Bob Christian
Virginia Outstanding Young Farmer Association: Sponsored by Virginia Farm Credit Association – 1. Spotswood 2. Broadway/Timberville
Outstanding Young Agribusiness Person: Sponsored by Virginia Council of Farmer Cooperatives – Terry Sager
Diversification in Agriculture Award: Sponsored by VDACS – Amanda Lynn Weakley-Scott
Outstanding Young Farmer Award: Sponsored by Virginia Farm Credit Association – Brian Arbogast
Agriculture Stewardship Award: Sponsored by VDACS – Dwight William Newman
Farm Business Management Contest: 1. Herb Hoffeditz 2. Christopher Houff 3. Mark Deavers 4. Amanda Weakley-Scott 5. Isabelle Leonard
Ag. Stewardship Contest: Sponsored by VA Poultry Growers Cooperative – 1. Herb Hoffeditz 2. Isabelle Leonard 3. Mark Deavers 4. Christopher Houff 5. Amanda Weakley-Scott
Honorary Membership: Ron Roller, Strasburg Edsel and JoAnn Williams, Britton's Neck, SC
Attendance Awards: Percentage of Members Attending – Spotswood
Most Members in Attendance – Spotswood
Farm and Home Safety Award: Spotswood
Outstanding Advisor Award : Sponsored by Southern States – Elizabeth Lam, Spotswood
Membership Development Award: 1. Broadway/Timberville 2. Spotswood



Greetings to everyone from Rockingham County,

It is so hard to believe that it's already the end of May! Our State board is working hard to plan a great year. I hope everyone's planting, hay making, chopping, and spring spraying projects are going well. It's definitely a busy time of the year.

I would like to take this time to give our past president, Jane McDonald, a huge thank you for everything she did for our organization this year. I would also like to thank our young farmer members for the time and dedication you extend to this organization. It is truly what makes our organization thrive.

The Executive committee recently held its first meeting to start planning our year ahead. It was a very successful meeting and we are in the hopes of bringing these ideas to life at our 2018 state convention. We are currently working on finalizing details for our 2018 convention. This year Madison County will host our summer tours on July 5, 2017. Also, mark your calendars for this year's NYFEA National Institute, December 6 – 9, 2017 in Savannah, GA. Some of the tours for the institute will include JCB Tractor Co, the Savannah Ports, Circle F Farms, Branch Cotton Gin, and much more. It is going to be a great week in Savannah!

I look forward to serving as your president this year. I believe the future of this organization is bright, and that we have a membership not only ready to generate innovative ideas, but to invest the time and effort necessary to implement those ideas. My door is always open to you, and I encourage you to reach out to me at any time. I can be reached by cell at [540.908.0815](tel:540.908.0815) or email acraun@vt.edu. I look forward to seeing everyone in Blacksburg for the 2018 State Convention.

Sincerely,

Ashley Craun, President



Thank you to Farm Credit of the Virginias and First Bank & Trust Co. for sponsoring our lunch for the Convention Tours.

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YFV Farm Tour, July 5, 2017



Bald Top Brewing Co. is a destination farm brewery in Madison, VA. Our nano brewery specializes in crafting unique, delicious beers in a variety of styles and flavors. Located in the beautiful foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Tap Barn overlooks acres of rolling pastures and houses live music and a rotating roster of food trucks every weekend.

“Madison Wood has been in business since 1959. Started by my father and four of his business partners, we’ve continued to grow as a company with a reputation for producing the highest quality wood products available.” Bill Price, CEO. Our 180,000 square foot facility is located in Madison, Virginia and can treat over one million board- feet of lumber in a single day. The facility reflects our commitment to manufacturing safety and has been recognized as an environmental model for the 21st century. We received the Agribusiness Environment Award for the Virginia Agribusiness Council in recognition of outstanding environmental practices.



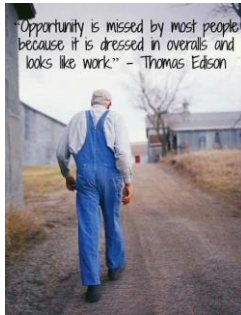
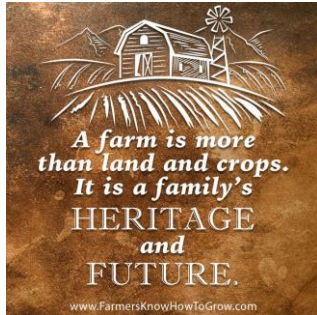
Graves Mountain Lodge is unrivaled in its natural beauty and boasts a wide range of outdoor activities sure to please every member in your family. You will find us nestled deep in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains near the end of the road in Syria, Virginia. Here you are invited to assume a leisurely pace as you enjoy some of life’s simpler pleasures, such as hiking, fishing, swimming and some good old-fashioned porch sitting. We have various accommodations to suit your need; we have 55 motel rooms, along with 14 cabins and farm houses.

In order to get a meal count and the number of buses needed please rsvp to rnooblitt@hotmail.com with the number of people attending. Also his mailing address is R.J. Nobblitt, 18429 Monrovia Rd., Orange, VA 22960 540-727-4036

Tours will depart from Madison High School, 68 Mountaineer Lane, Madison, VA at 9:00 AM.

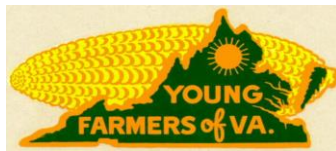


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