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AMERICAN MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE



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WHAT'S NEW AT THE MUSEUM?

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

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This year's annual membership meeting was held on August 22. Entertainment was provided by Texas Stardust, which featured the familiar faces of AMA volunteer, Dale Winders, and his granddaughter Kalli. Museum members enjoyed the traditional pork tenderloin meal prepared by Stanley Young, Kevin Coffman and Jim Stewart.

While Dan Taylor was in attendance, Patti Jones ran the meeting at his request. The business meeting was kept brief as Jones thanked Bobby McNabb for his service and the membership unanimously re-elected Don Harris, Patti Jones, Brett Underwood and Scott Burris to the board of directors.

Executive Director, Lacee Frazee gave an overview of the year. She commended the museum on its progress while emphasizing the need to push forward. She challenged every member to recruit one new member before the 2010 annual meeting. She stressed the need to increase the museum's exposure in the community through its activities, media, and word of mouth. Frazee then thanked all the volunteers and asked the audience to applaud them for their gracious service. Frazee then introduced Stephen Faulk with MWM Architects.

Faulk discussed their firm's involvement with the museum and their enthusiasm to be working with such a great cause. He discussed concepts for the new museum and reminded members to view conceptual drawings displayed inside the building. Stephen encouraged members to express their opinions and ideas about these concepts.

Curtis Griffith gave an overview of the financials and highlighted fundraising progress

made in the last year. Griffith announced commitments to date totaled just over \$1.6 million. He encouraged everyone to see the new fence and get involved in the fundraising process. Griffith then introduced Morgan Roberts, Charli Gerner and Will Turner for a special presentation from Monsanto.

Roberts said Monsanto was very please to be working with AMA and excited about the possibilities the new facility would offer the community, especially the public meeting area.

The business meeting was followed by a live auction that generated nearly \$4,000 for the museum.

Special thanks are given to Lee Ruth Krieg, who collected gift certificates for our second annual gift certificate raffle and to all the board members and local businesses that donated auction items and door prizes. The Museum would also like to Roy Jones for serving as auctioneer.



Top: James Brady shows members door prizes
Middle: Texas Stardust entertains the membership
Bottom: Curtis Griffith, Lacee Frazee, and Lee Ruth Krieg accept check from Monsanto Fund

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MWM Architects
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Bob & Sue Graham
Carolyn Gregg
Joe Hall
Jimmy Harden
Phil Harrist
Robert & Henri Henson
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AgriLife Extension Celebrates their Centennial

The AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock kicked off its centennial celebration on Wednesday, September 16, by hosting a reception for former and current employees at the American Museum of Agriculture.

The Lubbock Extension Center is one of the largest off-campus centers in the Texas A&M University System. It serves as headquarters for agents in the 20-county South Plains Extension District 2 and includes offices for 22 Research Scientists, 15 Extension Specialists and over 90 full and 65 part-time support staff at its peak employment time during the growing season.

Since its inception in 1909, the Lubbock center has made significant contributions including ... the first hybrid grain sorghum in cooperation with Chillicothe, greenbug resistant grain sorghum, improved cotton varieties, improved cotton harvest equipment, improved boll weevil control techniques, methods and equipment for increasing irrigation efficiency including LEPA (Low Energy Precision Application) for center pivots, drought tolerant variety development, conservation tillage strategies, farming systems, precision

agriculture methodology and risk management strategies.

AMA would like to congratulate the AgriLife and Extension Center in Lubbock on 100 years of excellence in agricultural research.



Pictures and information courtesy of Neva Haney and the AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

*Top: Jaime Ayers, Beau Henderson, Mika & Robin Wyatt
Bottom: Raymond & Virginia Brigham, Peggy & Billy James*

Past AMA Director Opens New Animal Hospital

Many familiar faces were on hand at the grand opening of the Double J Animal Hospital in Hobbs, NM. Mark Justice, D.V.M., and wife, Angela Justice, former AMA director, were ecstatic to greet museum patrons and give them tours of the brand new, state-of-the-art facility.

In addition to veterinary services for both large and small animals, Double J offers animal health care plans, surgical services, hydrotherapy, bathing, boarding, anesthesia, dentistry, and pet loss and grief counseling. AMA wants to wish Mark and Angela the best of luck in their new business.

For More Information on Double J Animal Hospital, visit their website www.doublejanimalhospital.com



*Top: Angela poses with Travis and Shirely White
Bottom Left: Double J Animal Hospital
Bottom Right: Bobby Kauffman, Dan Taylor, Mark Justice, and Larry King admire the surgery suite.*

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

J.T. Drake



Pictured: J.T. Drake

Sometimes the best spokesman for an agriculture museum is the volunteer that grew up on the farm down the road. J.T. Drake has spent his life working with agriculture, starting in 1939, when his family was one of 77 families moved to Ropesville as part of President Roosevelt's resettlement project. The government bought farming land from the Spade Ranch and provided the families with houses, barns and equipment to start their farming operations.

Drake remembers the first tractor he drove being a Ford 8N, but knows his father's first tractor was a Farmall F-12. He said it was an ideal place to grow up because the farming project had a centrally located community center where families could get together and the children could play.

It was in Ropesville that Drake met his wife Wanda in the eighth grade when she moved from Goodland. They celebrate 55 years of marriage on October 7. The Drakes have three sons, two of which have continued and expanded the farming operation started by J.T.'s parents in the late 1930s. The other son is a geophysicist for Phillips 66.

Drake was in the army when he married Wanda. He was preparing for Korea in the missile service, when the conflict was settled between his first and second six weeks of training. That was ok with Drake, who was perfectly content to return to the farm in Ropesville.

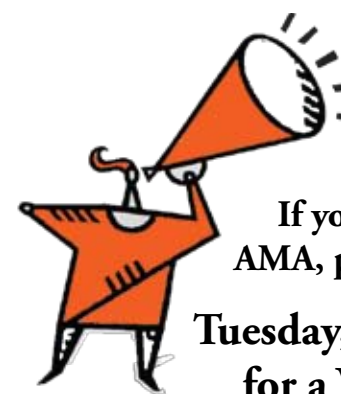
Drake remains close with his siblings and can be found eating lunch every Friday with his brothers

and other available family members. He and Wanda have enjoyed several trips with his family, including his favorite, an Alaskan cruise. "It was like being in this forest, but you were on a boat," Drake said.

Drake holds a lot of respect for AMA and our agricultural heritage. "I like the museum, and I want to help it in anyway I can. This is our history and it's going to be gone if we don't take care of it," he said.

Be sure to come by AMA and tell J.T. Drake hello and thank him for his hard work as a volunteer. He is a great listener and would love to hear your story about agriculture.

Are you in earnest? seize this very minute; what you can do, or dream you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. **-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe**



Calling All Volunteers...

If you are a volunteer, or would like to become a volunteer at AMA, please join us at the American Museum of Agriculture on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM for a Volunteer Appreciation and Orientation Lunch

AMA will provide lunch for all volunteers and training for new volunteers. Bring your calendars and sign up for available shifts. We will also be signing up those interested in dominoes and other volunteer opportunities.

Call Lacey at 806-239-5796 or Red Rivers at 806-744-8766 for more information.

We hope to see you there!

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AMA Building Dreams One Column at a Time



If you have taken a drive through Mackenzie park in the last few months you might have noticed a new fence at the northeast corner of Broadway and Canyon Lake Drive.

The brick column and steel panel fence is the first visible construction completed on the 24.87-acre-tract that will serve as the future home of AMA.

Rodriguez Masonry and Custom Iron Works worked around the clock to complete the fence in time for AMA's annual meeting held August 22.

MWM Architects, who are currently working on a master plan for the new museum, graciously designed the brick entry way at no cost to AMA. Perimeter fencing will be completed by early November with the addition of cyclone

fencing on the north and east sides of the property.

We would not have come this far without the support of our members and community, but we have yet to meet our fundraising goals.

As construction progresses, AMA will be announcing exciting opportunities for naming rights, including plaques on the new brick columns.

Now is the perfect time to get involved in the "Building Our Dreams" campaign through a pledge to the building fund. Contact Lacey for more information at 806-239-5796.



FEATURED ARTIFACT

Royal Blue Junior Cream Separator



This Royal Blue Cream Separator is one of several cream separators on display at AMA. Available through the Montgomery Ward's catalogue in the 1930s, the operator turned the handle creating centrifugal force. This caused the heavier skim milk to move toward the walls of the bowl while lighter cream flowed toward the center. Skim milk flowed out of one spout, while cream came out the other. Separated cream was necessary to make butter. Cream separation was also used to remove foreign materials from the milk.

Rural families could sell cream and milk as

a secondary source of income.

While this junior model was used primarily for one family's needs, economy separators produced in the lates 1800s and early 20th century could separate up to 900 pounds of milk per hour.

Other popular brands included Economy King by Sears Roebuck and De Laval out of Sweden.

Hand cranks were upgraded to pedal powered machines and eventually electric motors.



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Volunteering:

We need volunteers for Thursday afternoons, Fridays, Saturdays, and special events.

Call Lacey, 806-239-5796

TRACTOR RAFFLE

S.P.A.T.A is raffling off a fully restored 1944 H Farmall for \$5 a chance. Proceeds benefit AMA.

Call Jim Johnson 806-757-2247 or Roy Howard 806-292-3584 for tickets.

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