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The Bayer Museum of Agriculture is a private nonprofit museum located in Lubbock, Texas. Our Mission is to preserve the history of, tell the story of, and instill pride in American agriculture and values. We are not supported by the city, county, nor are we a part of the Texas Tech System. We rely on memberships, donations, grants and event rental income to operate. Thank you for your support.
Welcome to a new edition of The Plow. Just like our museum is always changing, we thought it was time to change the look of our official newsletter. With a little more room and more of a magazine feel, we can give our supporters more pictures and details about all the exciting things going on at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture. Please let us know what you think and be sure to submit your farm stories and photos. We would love to include them in the next edition of The Plow in June. Thank you as always for your support.

Lacee Hoelting
Dr. Stockton’s love for Oliver tractors started on a dry land farm in Tuscola, Texas.

By all accounts, he should have been a farmer. Jerry Stockton, Dr. Stockton to many, was born in the late 30s to a farm family in Tuscola, Texas.

At age three, he rode in the planter box as his dad plowed and planted their dry land farm. He drove his first tractor at age four, a Farmall H that his dad and grandpa shared. He remembers the horses pulling the plow in his early days. They were part of the family, and as a child, Jerry thought the farm had gone belly-up when the horses were hauled away in a bobtail truck. He found out later his dad had traded them for his first tractor, an Oliver 60, bought second-hand in Winters, Texas.

It didn’t matter to Jerry that the tractor was used. He loved every opportunity he got to drive it. Olivers were not the most common brand in Texas, nor the most popular to collect in this area, but that Model 60 inspired a love of the brand for Dr. Stockton.

His dad used the Oliver for 10 years, then bought another used Oliver, a 70 model. In 1951, Jerry’s dad bought the farm’s first new tractor, an Oliver Model 77. Jerry knew that even with a new tractor, the family’s 240 acres and land his dad leased was not enough to support a second farmer. Jerry was determined if he couldn’t farm, he was going to earn his college degree.

Offered athletic scholarships to both Texas A&M and Florida State, Jerry couldn’t make up his mind, and wanted to go to Texas Tech, his ag teacher’s alma mater. He admired his ag teacher so much, he decided he too wanted to teach agriculture. The ag teacher called his brother who was a donor to the Texas Tech football program, and got Jerry a tryout, which resulted in a scholarship.

Jerry played baseball for one year and football for three and half years, while he...
earned his degree in agricultural education. Jerry’s father had a stroke his senior year, so Jerry left the football team to go home and help harvest the 150 bales of cotton still in the field.

After graduation, Jerry taught high school agriculture in Plains, Texas, for two years, and at Frenship for another ten. Challenged by T.L. Leach, and with support of his wife, LeNora, Jerry pursued his doctorate at Oklahoma State. He became Dr. Stockton, teaching at Texas Tech, and later serving as Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Throughout his career, he never forgot the used Oliver tractors on his daddy’s farm, or how poor they were, all the years they couldn’t afford to buy a new Oliver from the dealership in Abilene. Jerry bought and restored multiple tractors over the years. At one time he had 55 different tractors and 28 riding mowers. His favorite piece in the collection was an Oliver Crawler, a unique tractor with a three-point hitch.

He sold a portion of his collection to buyers as far as Iowa, Nebraska, and Minnesota, where the Oliver brand is more well known. The remainder of his collection, including the crawler tractor, nine additional tractors, and seven riding mowers, was donated to the Bayer Museum of Agriculture by Jerry, Lenora, Scott and Shanna Stockton in December 2018.

“It was rewarding to finally get the tractors I always wanted as a child, but we couldn’t afford back then,” Jerry said.

The Bayer Museum of Agriculture is extremely grateful for the Stockton family’s donation. While Dr. Stockton might not have ended up farming, his contributions to agriculture are endless.
Guests at this year’s Chili Feed got an education from some of the youngest people in the room, two Shallowater FFA students. In preparation for the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo prepared public speaking contest the students took the stage after an introduction from their ag teacher, Meredith Couts.

Shallowater junior, Macey Edwards, presented her speech entitled: What Makes the Perfect Piece of the Pie, and junior, Eliana Servantez gave her speech: How to Track a Killer: Foodborne Illness in the United States.

Shallowater was not the only school to showcase a talented student at the annual event, held Saturday, January 26.

Calvin Neal of Smyer FFA attended to show his award-winning 2019 ag mechanics project. The 1/16 scale self-propelled sprayer with semi-truck and low-boy trailer won Reserve Grand Champion in Ag Mechanics at the Hockley County Junior Livestock Show, the project earned a $2,750 premium from the ag mechanics boosters at the sale in January. The sprayer, truck and trailer are on display with his past projects, John Deere cotton strippers that were donated to the museum by the buyers.

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Hello everyone!

My name is Bailey Hufnagle, and I’m the new part-time employee here at the Bayer Museum of Agriculture. I’ll be helping out with events, museum membership, the gift shop, daily operating tasks, and a little bit of everything in between.

I’m originally from Canyon, TX, but school brought me to Lubbock. I started at Texas Tech in 2016, and when I realized I could incorporate my love of both technology and agriculture into a plan of study, I knew I was in the right place. Formally, I’m studying agricultural and applied economics, as well as information technology. I plan to use the two to help further my agricultural pursuits, whether that be through web development, data analytics, cyber security, or even just general computer help.

I didn’t get heavily involved in agriculture until I joined FFA my junior year of high school, but I have enjoyed learning every second since. In that regard, this museum is the perfect place to be! In my free time, I enjoy reading, travel, watching Netflix, and exploring Lubbock.
The Chili Feed drew a crowd of over 125 guests and members, alike. Everyone enjoyed homemade chili prepared by Jerry Spruill of Ag Texas Farm Credit. The meal started with an invocation by BMA board member, Clint Robinson, and comments by Dan Taylor, BMA board president, and director Lacee Hoelting.

Lacee informed guests that staff member, Kayla Pepper, was leaving the museum to continue her work on her family’s organic and traditional cotton farm in O’Donnell full time. She will continue to help with the museum’s fundraiser and silent auction. Everyone wished her well as she was presented with a parting gift.

The grand finale of the event was the presentation of a $9000 check from the South Plains Antique Tractor Association. Thank you to SPATA for their ongoing support, to Jerry Spruill and Stanley Young for preparing the food, and to all of the volunteers and board members that helped.

We always enjoy an opportunity to showcase area youth and we thank both Shallowater and Smyer FFA for sending students.

Story by Kirby Phillips & Photos by Kayla Pepper

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5. Memberships that expired prior to 2017 can enter as a new member.
6. Any level of membership qualifies for the drawing.
7. Winners will be drawn and notified no later than May 10th, 2019.
When the board and staff started planning the museum layout, we were told by other museum staff we would never have enough storage, and they were right. As we grow both as a museum and a venue, we’ve added more tables, chairs, centerpieces, and kitchen equipment. All of it needs a place to be stored.

For many years, we’ve discussed adding an actual grain bin or silo to use as a storage building. That talk became a plan when Dan Taylor’s son-in-law Brad Cook brought the idea up with his bosses at GSI. Brad is an engineer for the grain production equipment company, which started as a grain bin manufacturer in Assumption, Illinois, in 1972.

A few phone calls and emails later, GSI has graciously agreed to donate a grain bin for the museum, and had enlisted the help of the local dealer, Pitcock Supply to erect the bin.

Cover Photo: Jeff Johnson and Buck Pitcock take a quick pic with the finished silo storage building.
The Silo was assembled one ring at a time. Each ring is 32 inches tall and our building has seven rings.

Once the foundation was finished, the erection of the silo only took a few days to complete.

Buck Pitcock, president and Jeff Johnson, vice president, of Pitcock Supply are no strangers to the museum.

“We believe in what the Bayer Museum of Agriculture is doing. It’s a great place to visit and learn. Donating the labor to erect the grain bin at the museum was the best way Pitcock Supply could support the museum’s efforts,” said Buck.

When it was all complete, the museum only paid for the foundation, materials, foam insulation and an overhead door.

Additional contractors included John Neudorf of Horizon Builders, Chance Cook of Quick Foam Insulation, The Overhead Door Company, and Herschel Cook.

Both Herschel Cook and Quick Foam Insulation donated all or part of the labor on the project helping to keep costs low. The remaining costs were paid for by grant funds from the Garrison Family Foundation.

As a non-profit, we rely on in-kind donations to continue serving and educating the public on agriculture. Thank you again to all of those involved.

*Story and photos by Lacee Hoelting*
Everett Herrington is a senior at Idalou High School. The son of Lex and Dana Herrington, Everett is a talented young man whose hard work and skill in ag mechanics paid off tremendously for him this year.

“In 1968, my grandad, Ross Herrington, sold this 1968 Massey-Ferguson 180 tractor new at his Massey-Ferguson tractor dealership in Quitaque, Texas to Bill Orcutt of Estelline, Texas. The dealership was called Herrington Equipment Company. In the mid 1970’s, Mr. Orcutt retired and the tractor was repurchased by my grandad. My dad convinced my grandad to not put the tractor on the used equipment lot, but to let him take it to the family farm. The tractor has been in the Herrington family ever since.

When I became an active member in the Idalou FFA chapter, I wanted to pursue my passion even more. At an electric camp sponsored by Xcel Energy that taught electrical safety, I met an ag teacher named David Howell who has restored many tractors and has the same passion as I do. I told Mr. Howell my story and he told me his. The next thing I knew I was restoring my granddad’s Massey-Ferguson 180.”

Herrington had a wildly successful year with his project. He exhibited the restored Massey-Ferguson at San Angelo, San Antonio, and Houston. At Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Herrington was grand champion of the ag mechanics show, along with first in his class, and second in showmanship. Herrington also qualified for FFA Nationals this past fall and competed with the tractor there.

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Herrington is an active high school senior who is involved in FFA, sports, UIL, and is a member of the National Honor Society. His father is an attorney, his mother a computer teacher, and his older brother is a third classman at the U.S. Naval Academy. We thank his brother, Emery, for his continued service to our country.

Everett hopes to attend Texas A&M or Oklahoma State University this fall and major in agriculture mechanics. We are honored to have his beautifully restored 1968 Massey-Ferguson 180 on temporary display here in Alton Brazell Exhibit Hall. It is truly a sight worth seeing. We would like to thank the Herringtons for sharing a piece of their family story and board member Larry Work for arranging the temporary loan.

The Massey Ferguson brand resulted from a merger when the Canadian Massey-Harris firm purchased the British Ferguson firm in 1953. The Massey Ferguson 175 and 180 models had around 55 Horse Power. The 180 had a higher clearance and was designated a row crop tractor. They were part of the DX 100 Series, a brand new line that Massey Ferguson introduced in 1965.

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TUES. AUGUST 27
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“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in”.

-AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Meet the Bayer Museum of Agriculture’s newest volunteer, Ralph Webb. After bringing his family for a visit to the museum, Ralph met with longtime museum volunteer, Red Rivers. From that visit, Ralph decided to become a volunteer with us at BMA.

Originally from Childress County, Ralph was drafted into the military shortly after high school. When he returned home, he ran a cotton stripper outside of New Deal for a season. Ralph worked for Hancock Equipment, later to become Clark Equipment, for the next 13 years until the company downsized.

Knowing nothing about electrical work or city codes, Ralph was hired as an electrical code inspector for the City of Lubbock. He completed his training, and after about 4 years of on-the-job experience, Ralph was asked to teach the Independent Contactors School at night and did so for 10 years. Ralph retired after 23 years with the city in 2001 and stripped cotton for another farmer in New Deal for five more years.

Ralph’s favorite part of volunteering is meeting people and hearing their stories. He loves learning, and the variety of background and experiences that come into the museum makes this the perfect place to do so.

When he’s not at the museum, Ralph enjoys reading, attending library sales, watching basketball (particularly Duke), the odd genealogy exploration, attending Monterrey Baptist Church, and spending time with his family.

His family includes his wife, Karolyn, of 45 years and his two children, Nicky and Jennifer. He also has 5 grandkids and 10 great-grandkids.

Story & Photo by Bailey Hufnagle
The Taylor family - DeLinda Hicklen, Davon Cook, Linda Taylor, Dan Taylor, and Darrell Taylor - were in Austin where Dan received the TALL Lifetime Achievement Award in January.

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