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2013 Year Highlights

- ◆ Membership drive produced 68 Members
 - ◆ Awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to area high school seniors
 - ◆ Agriculture Future of America (AFA) Scholarships Awarded to Jean Rosenau from YME & Crystal Marlo from BLH, see back for comments.
 - ◆ Co-Sponsor Renville County All-Ag Banquet & Celebration
 - ◆ Co-Sponsor Renville County Elementary Students Harvest Field Day
 - ◆ Major sponsor to Renville County Relay for Life, Donated \$5,000
 - ◆ ProAg Annual Bus Tour: Fagen Fighters WWII Museum, Minnesota River with CURE & MNWRC, Andrew Volstead House, Granite Falls Ethanol.
 - ◆ Sponsor to Renville County 4-H Golf Day
 - ◆ Sponsor of Farm Safety Ad's
 - ◆ Sponsor to Renville County 4-H Poultry lease program
 - ◆ Awarded over \$12,000 to area youth organizations and events.
 - ◆ Development of ProAg Website & Renville County Ag Event Calendar
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Please return to ProAg at 508 Gales Dr., Redwood Falls, MN 56283 by February 17, 2014
or contact Gregg Riley at 507-829-5634 or gregg.t.riley@monsanto.com

Yes I would like to renew my ProAg annual membership of \$50 Individual / \$100 Business, check enclosed.

Yes I plan to attend the ProAg Annual meeting February 21st. Members - free, non-members \$20 at the door.

Yes I would like to attend future ProAg tours; please contact me at the email below.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



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Agriculture Future of America Scholarship (AFA)

Renville County was well represented at the Agriculture Future of America, AFA, annual Leaders conference held in Kansas City, MO this past November. The two scholar winner's mentioned below and returning to attend additional tracks were Jean Rosenau from YME and Crystal Marlo from BLH. The funds raised from the All Ag Celebration sponsored 2 AFA scholarships and then matched by AFA. The scholarship is \$3,200 to the student's school and \$1,000 to attend the AFA Leaders conference. We plan to select a Renville County senior who is pursuing a degree in agriculture again for 2014. We also plan to award scholarships to area seniors – please pass the word and encourage all to apply.

Comments from 2013 AFA Scholar Winners;

Hey Joel!

Well to start off I, of course, loved everything about AFA! I won't lie, I was very nervous before hand trying to figure out what I had gotten myself into, but when I got there it was incredible!

Having people that work directly in the Ag industry working the young adults that are going to be working with them in the Ag industry is one of the best ideas anyone's ever had in my opinion. I loved hearing their personal and professional opinions on everything from formatting a resume to how important taking a minor really is. Having the panel discussion about consumer problems gave me a lot of insight and even some ideas. Every presenter also emphasized on the importance of networking, which has in fact caused me to increase the networking that I do. I do have to say my overall favorite part was the personality surveys that we took ahead of time and then they gave us the results at the conference to analyze. It was incredible to see how my graph of my personality matched line for line with that of a sales representative. This was very reassuring to me because the presenter of this information explained the content very well and emphasized how important it is to find the right fit. This helped to reassure that I was heading down the right path.

The speakers were all so motivational and inspiring! They made me realize that I actually do have the ability to change the world of agriculture and in turn, change the world. Getting to hear Temple Grandin was definitely inspiring to every young adult in that crowd!

Overall, I am extremely satisfied! I learned so much and I can not wait to go back next year! It was the best experience I have ever had!

Be sure to thank everyone back home for me! I could not have had this amazing opportunity if it wasn't for you guys that believed in me!

On a side note, I took the intern job with ADM! Wish me luck!!

Thank you for everything!!!

Jeanne Rosenau

Joel:

Thank you for selecting me with the AFA scholarship. I have also been awarded an opportunity through the UofM vet school that overlaps the AFA Leaders Conference. AFA and I agreed to shelf this scholarship until next year when I plan to attend the AFA Leaders Conference. Thanks again.

Crysal Marlo