

# March Newsletter

March 8, 2023

## Save the Date and Help Save a Life! SFAL

**Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, March 21**  
**2:00 - 6:00 pm**  
**Inside the Old Gym**

Appointments are preferred but not required. Go online to [savealifenow.org/group](https://savealifenow.org/group) and enter Group Code: EH6K or scan this code:



### MATTERS FROM THE MINUTES

- The SFAL Board met on February 23, 2023
- Meeting began with reorganization of the board
  - Holden Bargfrede was welcomed as a new member of the board
  - Scholarship Applications will go out soon, due date set for April 12
  - Wine About It is set for March 24 & registration is full

## Spring Ahead

Advisor - Brittany Hemme

Hopefully this reaches you in time to help remind you that this weekend is Daylight Savings Time, where we 'Spring Ahead' one hour. The thought of losing an hour may not be appealing, but this time of year always brings the reality that Spring truly is just around the corner, and with it will come a new planting season.

One season can run into the next if you don't set some intentions and take the time to reflect on the past year. I recently bought a white board for one of our Stewardship Conference speakers; it's been sitting in my office so I decided to use it and jot down some facts from 2022 to share with the

Agri Leader Board at our last board meeting. It was rewarding to see the things we accomplished as an organization, written out in black and white. Here are some exciting facts about our organization:

Membership is up, and higher than it has been in several years. Sponsorships are up and new ones have been added the past couple years. We have added brand new members and board members this year. Our organization has grown the number of events over the last 5 years to encompass everything from youth education to mental health. Maybe most surprising of all, the Alma Mesonet

Weather Station installed in 2019 received more than 350,000 visits in the 4th quarter of 2022 alone. That project was a significant jump in how we serve our local community and ag producers, from many, many different counties. Alma Telephone had a huge role in making that possible, as well as the Santa Fe School District.

You never know the impact unless you pause and review. As I enter my fifth year as Advisor, I look back and see all the challenges and victories and I'm truly grateful; because just like planting season, the work is never finished, it's really just beginning. I hope you all have a safe Spring ahead!

## KMMO AG DAY SET FOR MARCH 23

The Santa Fe Agri Leaders are excited to once again help cook for the 2023 KMMO Ag Day. The host farm this year will be Adam & Angela Plattner. Come out and en-

joy a great meal around 11:30am and hear from the guest speakers around 12:00pm. The speakers include, Missouri's Director of Ag, Chris Chinn, Brownfield

Network's Cyndi Young and MO State Auditor Scott Fitzpatrick. Visit the KMMO website or listen on the radio for more information/updates and directions.

## YF/YFW State Tour Announced

July 13-15, 2023

### CALIFORNIA, MISSOURI

Visit the website for more details and registration information: <https://moyoungfarmers.org/>

### It's time to gather your numbers for the TEST PLOT!

*Are you a dealer who participates in our annual Test Plot? Don't wait!*

*We are collecting numbers for this year's corn and soybean plots; contact Don, Jeff or Craig to secure your company's spot in the 2023 Plot.*

*Questions? Call the office at 660-674-2220*

## Career Ag Day at SFHS - March 31, 2023

We are excited to partner once again with MO Soybean Merchandising Council to help offer this great event to Ag students at SFHS. This year we have a great lineup of Ag Professionals who will share their experiences and journey to serving in their current role in the Ag industry. We know this will inspire the youth in Ag!

Christine Sanders, PhD

MoVal Assistant Professor (Ag Education)

Lauren Knipmeyer

Pioneer Seed Representative (Seed sales)

Justin Lewis

Sales Manager at Ziegler Ag Equipment (Ag Sales)

Amber Opfer

Vet Tech at Concordia Vet Clinic (Animal health)

Ben Dohrman

Grain Buyer/Manager at MME (Ag commodity)

Greg Bertz

Producer/MCMC Board member (Ag Commodity)

## Wrapping up the 2nd annual Mo Ag Stewardship Conference

The Stewardship Conference was held on January 26 at Concordia Community Center. Our group welcomed speakers Phil Needham, David Kleinschmidt and Drexel Atkisson. Phil shared insights on maximizing wheat yields, as well as optimal planter set up for successful planting. David spoke on the intricacies of soil health and how it relates to crop inputs. Drexel shared a demonstration called the Slake test and also spoke on warm season, native grasses and their benefits in a grazing system.

We fed 98 people and also welcomed vendors from our major event sponsors: Crown Power, MFA Inc., Ag Power, and MoSoy. Funds from the NRCS grant also contributed to the success of this event! Concordia and Santa Fe FFA chapters were on hand to help with set up, serving the meal and cleaning up at the end. We appreciate all the SFAL members who took advantage of the free admission and hope you took home some new information! We can't wait for the 2024 Stewardship Conference!

