

# College of the Ozarks Agriculture Department

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## *Student Spotlight*

This issue's featured student is Sheldon Shaver. Sheldon is a senior at College of the Ozarks and is double majoring in Agribusiness and Animal Science. Sheldon grew up on a beef farm with registered Black Angus cattle in Norwood, Missouri, and graduated from Norwood High School. Since coming to College of the Ozarks, Sheldon has worked on the beef farm and the processing plant, this is his current workstation under Adam Kimrey. Sheldon also plays basketball for the C of O Bobcats and his number 32. Sheldon says he has been playing basketball since about first grade, and loves it just as much as he did in the first grade. Sheldon says his greatest achievements have been getting his American FFA Degree and making it to the final four with the Bobcats. After he graduates, Sheldon plans to help with the family farm and be an agricultural loan officer with a bank.

## *Faculty And Staff Spotlight*

James Penn is the Dairy Manager at College of the Ozarks and has been since February of 2009. Among the courses James teaches are: Artificial Breeding, Animal Nutrition, Dairy Production, Dairy Cattle Selection and the Intercollegiate Dairy Judging, this spring semester. James grew up in northeast Missouri on a beef and row crop farm, and went to college at Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU). James received his Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and Agribusiness. In 2007, James completed his Master of Science degree program in General Agriculture. Before coming to C of O, James worked as an Agriculture Loan Officer for U.S. Bank in Memphis, MO. James came to C of O because he always wanted to both teach and to work on a dairy. He also wanted to be a part of a Christian campus. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 104:14. When asked about the favorite part of his job he stated, "Working with all the different students." James' greatest achievement was receiving his Master's degree and working at C of O on a great farm with all the great people. He was quick to add that getting married and having a family was definitely another great achievement.





## *Featured Farm*

This issue's featured operation is the feed mill. Last year the College hired a new feed mill supervisor, Josh Franks: who took over for long time supervisor Herb Keith when he retired in May of 2010. The mill presently makes an average of 10 to 15 tons of feed per week. The farms that require the most feed are the hog farm and the dairy. The hog farm receives three different types of feed rations and the dairy receives four. Josh said the major expenses for the feed mill are corn and soybean meal respectively. All of the rations the mill produces use at least one of these ingredients, and some use both. Josh, along with typically 5 students that are assigned to the mill, makes all the feed. Josh says the hardest part of supervising the mill is student scheduling. He has to make a schedule to work effectively with the students' class schedules so they get their 15 hours, but he also has to make sure someone is available to deliver feed to the farms. "My favorite part of the job is letting the students "take control" of all the tasks at hand. I love showing up and finding a clean mill with all the feed made, and delivered, or an effective plan of action to accomplish the task. They usually do a good job of this and it makes me proud."

"Agriculture not only gives riches to a nation, but the only riches she can call her own"-Samuel Johnson

## Awards For 2010-2011

- Marvin Oetting Award:
- Endowed Ag Awards:
- Tom Smith Award:
- Claude Parrish Award:
- Olen and Alpha DePew Memorial Scholarship:
- Taney County Farm Bureau CWM Award:
- Edwin and Helen Krohn Scholarship:
- Tommy Villers Award:
- Goldie Howard Award:
- Ag Education Award:
- Horticulture Awards:
- Janice Franklin Scholarship:
- Farm Bureau Scholarship:
- Smith-Oetting Memorial Award:
- Friends of the Agriculture Department Award:
- DTA Outstanding Freshman Year Cumulative GPA:
- DTA Outstanding Senior Year Cumulative GPA:
- Cline-Lofftus Award:
- Shepherd of the Hill Garden Club:
- Joann Landers:
- Aggie Club Outstanding Member:
- Aggie Club Outstanding Senior:
- Horticulture Club Awards:
- C of O FFA Club Awards:

