

# College of the Ozarks Agriculture Department

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## *Student Spotlight*

Bryan Cizek is the featured student for this newsletter. Bryan was born and raised in Branson, Missouri. He joined the United States Army after high school and became a member of the elite Army Rangers. Bryan is now a junior with a double major in Agribusiness and Animal Science and lives at the College's Winfrey Farm. He and his wife are expecting twins in the spring. He works on the beef crew with supervisor Bryan Oetting who says that, "It is such an honor having the opportunity to work beside a veteran, such as Bryan. I'm sure the other students who work beside him have learned the meaning of serving their country. He sees working at the beef farm not only as a work station, but an opportunity to learn. He is always a joy for me and the other students to work with." He has been married four years and says the hardest part of being a full time college student and husband, "Is being able to balance everything, and making sure each part gets enough attention." Bryan states, his biggest achievement was graduating from Ranger school. Following graduation from C of O, Bryan plans to proceed to graduate school to pursue a Master's degree in Animal Nutrition at the University of Arkansas.



## *Faculty And Staff Spotlight*

Josh Franks is the Feed Mill manager in the agriculture program. Josh has been at College of the Ozarks for just over ten years working in the Landscaping department before transferring to the Ag. department. Josh received his B.S. degree in Horticulture at C of O. He is currently in the process of receiving his Master's degree in Agribusiness from Missouri State University. We look forward to having Josh teaching courses in the department. While interviewing Josh he stated that his favorite part of the job is, "Working with the students." Josh also told us that his favorite Bible verse that he lives by is 1 Chronicles 29:11-12, "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all." When asked about his greatest achievement Josh replied, "My greatest achievement has been the ability to maintain a healthy and whole family after facing difficult times in life. The satisfaction and growth that I have received from dealing with these challenges is, by far, greater than any formal recognition I could be awarded."



### *Featured Farm*

This issue's featured farm operation is the Beef Farm. The Beef Farm is managed by Bryan Oetting and has been since June 1, 2010 following the retirement Roy Johnson. The beef operation is comprised of five farms in which the cattle are raised. College of the Ozarks has approximately 120 head of cattle consisting of Registered Polled Herefords, Limousins, Angus, and Cross Breds. Seven students are typically assigned to the beef operation. The students do everything from feeding to artificial insemination. Student worker Vernie Doehring said, "Through advancing our AI program, we are starting to see some exciting genetic characteristics in our calves." The cattle are utilized through the College's Processing Plant and are also sold to local farmers through private treaty. The beef crew along with the Livestock Merchandising class will be auctioneering some of the beef cattle through the College's biennial sale. The auction takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving of every odd numbered year at the sale barn. The auction will be held this year on November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Bryan Oetting at 417-690-3344 for a sale catalog. Some big news for the beef crew this year is the purchase of the new 220 acre Belt farm; it is located east of the Hog Farm south of Hollister. Bryan said the department is working very hard to get the farm ready for the livestock. They have now placed a few cattle upon the farm and continue to improve the acreage with lime, seed, fertilizer, clearing brush, debris removal, and new fencing.



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CALLING; FOR THEY WHO LABOR IN THE EARTH ARE  
THE CHOSEN PEOPLE OF GOD. THEY ARE THE  
NATION'S STRENGTH. THE SOURCE OF ITS VIRTUE

-THOMAS JEFFERSON

### *Calendar*

- November 3– Homecoming Coronation– 8pm Jones Auditorium
- November 4– Homecoming Game– 7pm Gym – Lady Bobcats vs. Lindenwood
- November 5– Ag. Alumni Meeting– 11am Youngman Ag. Center Room 118
- November 5– Homecoming Booths– 10am-2pm on the Activities Field
- November 5– Homecoming Parade– 2pm along Opportunity Avenue
- November 5– Homecoming Game– 3:15pm Gym– Bobcats vs. Hannibal-LaGrange
- November 26– CofO Production Beef Sale– 11am at the College Sale Barn
- December 17 Christmas Break begins