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- ◇ September 17-18: Senior Day
- ◇ October 4-6: Ozark Fall Farm Fest
- ◇ October 12: CofO Play Premiere of "Four-Star Country Boy," the play will take place in the Royal Oak Forum at The Keeter Center at 7pm.
- ◇ October 31: Homecoming Coronation at 8pm in Jones Auditorium
- ◇ November 1-2: Homecoming Events

1 Corinthians 15:58

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (NIV)

Faculty Spotlight

***This article is written in the words of Mark Hubbard with slight editing from the Agriculture Office Assistants.*

I have always loved the outdoors and observing plants and animals. I worked in forestry for a number of years, and then my wife and I owned a plant nursery. We both studied horticulture at Michigan State and I got a chance to teach and absolutely loved the interaction with students. This is my 20th year at College of the Ozarks and I enjoy studying with students more than ever.

When asked, "What are your near future goals for teaching and as being a work supervisor?" Hubbard replied, "My primary goal for students, whether it be in teaching or work supervision, is to help them become life-long learners, thinkers, and decision makers. Whatever career path students choose, to be successful will require those abilities."

Fun Facts about Mark Hubbard:

- His wife is British
- He plays guitar as a hobby
- In high school, he and his friend wore gorilla suits to their senior banquet



Mark Hubbard

"1 John 3:16 is one of my favorite Bible verses." *"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters (NIV)." This sums up Jesus' humility and love, and we are to follow him as servants to others.*

Student Spotlight

Logan Lowery is a senior who graduated in May 2013. He majored in Agronomy and Agriculture Business. Logan was born and raised on a family farm in Puxico, MO and attended Puxico High School. In his free time, Logan enjoys luthier work. Luthier work consist of building and working on string instruments, such as guitars.

Logan's workstation was Agronomy. Logan believes that working in the agronomy workstation helped him to put information that he has learned into a working, real world environment. By having this experience with pesticides, fertilizer, and field scouting, the job market is much more accessible. Employers are more willing to look at a graduate's resume if they have an internship and past work experience in the field.

When asked, "What made you want to become an Ag. Major?" Logan responded, "Growing up on the family farm, I've always aspired to be a farmer like my grandpa and dad. As I got older and more involved in the family farm, I learned to appreciate the culture and knowledge involved in the agriculture industry." Logan's favorite farm animal is the duck, mainly because he loves duck egg custard.

Logan participated in an internship while attending C of O. He spent two summers working for MFA Inc. in Lamar, MO. He was hired as a crop consultant both summers and scouted a between 6500 to 9000 acres per week. His job consisted of scouting fields for insects, weeds, disease, and nutrient deficiencies. Next, he decided if the problem was large enough to warrant correction and if so, advise the farmer on how to correct the problem. He also spent quite a bit of time treating soybeans and working with crop varieties with clients. Logan believes that crop science, crop production, integrated pest management, and soil management were the most beneficial classes that he took before his internship. Logan states, "I would highly advise all agriculture students to work an internship to really get a feel for the industry, and the internship helps put all of the information learned in class into a bigger picture."

Upon graduation from C of O, Logan hopes to work as a crop consultant and someday have his own independent crop consulting business.



Logan Lowery

"Psalms 65:9-13 is my favorite Bible verse."

"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it." "You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops." "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." "The grasslands of the wilderness overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness." "The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing (NIV)." This is Logan's favorite verse because it is the farmers verse.

The Passing of a Good Friend of the Agriculture Department

Justin W. Stephan

It is with great sadness that we need to report on the passing of our good friend and Agriculture Alumni Chapter President, Justin W. Stephan. He entered in to his eternal reward on Tuesday, July 9, 2013. It was a shock to us all. We will miss him greatly for the Agriculture Department and College were very important and enjoyable to him and we felt the same way about Justin. He was a very remarkable individual. His accomplishments at and for C of O, his being mayor of Appleton City and his many other involvements throughout the state of Missouri will long be remembered. Dawn (Cope) Earnest, President-Elect, will assume the duties of his office in the Agriculture Alumni Chapter.



"So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord (ESV)" 2 Corinthians 5:6-8



Bryan Oetting has Retired

Bryan Oetting has been a teacher and work supervisor at College of the Ozarks for 13 years. A few examples of the classes he has taught are: Agriculture Economics, Animal Breeding, Techniques of the Purebred Business, Livestock Judging, and Ruminant Management. Bryan was a supervisor at the college dairy for 10 years and the college beef farm for 3 years. He was also very active with the College of the Ozarks Future Farmers of America chapter. Students would describe him as being "an excellent role model who is outgoing and wise with a great sense of humor and is always willing to put forth the extra effort to help his students." Bryan may be retiring, but we will still be seeing him around!

Tammy Holder is the New Beef Farm Manager

What made you decide to apply for the Beef Farm position?

Because there was an opening and I have more experience in beef cattle than I do dairy.

What experience do you have in beef farming?

23 years of our family raising forages and commercial beef cattle on our farm in Butterfield, MO.

What do you look forward to the most with filling the new position?

As always – I look forward to working with the students, and improving the forages and the forage utilization on the farms. I also look forward to working with a registered herd of cattle.



College of the Ozarks Farmers Market

New Enterprise in the Agriculture Department – Friday Farmers Market!

Your Agriculture Department has a new workstation – the Friday Farmers Market! This new enterprise began May 31st in the campus Sale Barn across from the dairy. It will continue through Homecoming and perhaps beyond, weather permitting. The theme “student grown and made” is present throughout with fresh veggies, milk, meat, stone ground grains, hanging baskets, bedding plants, and student-made jellies. Six to eight student workers are employed. Dan Swearengen states, “The new Farmers Market is a natural extension of the garden project. It also helps us to complement in another community friendly manner our College mission and vision. Everyone I talk to has been positive, supportive and excited about this new campus area. Our new employee, Eric Bright, is now supervising the market and is doing a great job. Come see us to experience this fun and beneficial new work station.”

In the last three years, the College revived its garden heritage by growing numerous vegetables in campus gardens for use in The Keeter Center’s Dobyns Dining Room. The idea of the Farmers Market came from President Davis when the garden provided bumper crops of vegetables. Educational opportunities are available for our visitors with free recipe’s and guidance in growing plants as a part of the market (the “Ask Nathan Station”). Additionally, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., students offer guided tours of the campus gardens and the dairy. Bluegrass music plays in the background to add to the atmosphere. Naturally, the public is welcome to shop at the Farmers Market. For more information contact Dan Swearengen or Eric Bright.



Amanda Holder, Student worker at C of O Farmers Market

"For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God" Hebrews 6:7

Agriculture Awards 2013

Agriculture Awards 2013 Convo

Marvin Oetting Award – Nathaniel Hartsell

Tom Smith Award – Ben Sims

Olen and Alpha DePew Memorial Scholarship
– Nan Hutcheson

Taney County Farm Bureau CWM Award
– Daniel Mallette

Edwin and Helen Krohn Scholarship
– Tara Williams

Annual Agriculture Awards Assembly

Endowed Ag Awards – Brandy Bettels, Kaitlin
Sullivan, Lisa Dowden, Ryan Bilyeu

Claude Parrish Awards – Emilee Akins

Tommy Villers Awards – William Dalton
Hunter

Goldie Howard Award – Zachary Wilkinson

Ag Education Award – Megan Murry

Horticulture Award – Thomas Ovington

Janice Franklin Scholarship – Jay Martin

Farm Bureau Scholarship – Caleb Bates,
Travis Lamb

Smith-Oetting Memorial Award – Joey Led-
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Other Awards at the Annual Agriculture Awards Assembly

Friends of the Agriculture Department Award:

DTA Outstanding Freshman Year Cumulative GPA
– Amanda Holder



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