

Let's Catch up with what is happening with Jecca Ostrander, LEAD XXVII



Photo courtesy of Ranch Horse Journal/Andrea Caudill

Jecca Ostrander has a string of cowhorses that double as show horses. When Jecca Ostrander married her husband Cash Ostrander, she didn't know that the string of cowhorses she brought along would earn her the acclaim they have in the past few years.

The cattle ranch in Gordon, Neb., has born the name Willow Creek Ranch since the late 1880s when the first Ostrander laid roots there. Box O Quarter Horses is the horse business Jecca and Cash built since the start of their marriage. Box O Quarter Horses is the inaugural recipient of the 2016 AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeder of the Year.

Both Cash and Jecca live within 30 miles or less of their birth places, creating strong ties

to the area they have forever called home, a rare accolade which AQHA took into consideration for applicants, Jecca said.

"Cash still owns a small portion of the original ground bought in late 1880s. Our granddaughter is the sixth generation on this ground. Cash's great grandpa located ground and surveyed it for homesteaders," Jecca said. "On my side, my mother's family just celebrated 100 years on the Jensen ranch in Arthur, Neb., three or four years ago."

From her start as a self-proclaimed crazy horse lady, to a woman with a herd of exceptional working cow horses, Jecca's 35 years of effort is paying off.

"We are so humbled and so honored to be recognized in this regard. There were 13 applicants, so I was stunned, absolutely stunned," Jecca said about receiving AQHA Ranching Heritage Breeder of the Year. "The program itself is something I believe strongly in. There are horses, like Burnt, that grew up in a pasture, as normal as any ranch horse. He was born in a pasture, raised on grass, and started as a 3 year-old. As an 8-year-old, he was a NRCHA National Reserve Two-Rein Champion. I know there are horses in breeder's pastures that can do what mine have done. You just need to go buy one and give it a try. The ranch horse has a personality, and the ability can be unrecognized because the hours they are asked to perform is just doing ranch jobs."

The Ostrander kids have grown and left the house, but one of their children, Stetson, lives on the ranch with his wife Courtney and their daughter Tenley. Sterling, their middle son, and his wife Allie live in Rapid City. The youngest son, their adventurous one, Jecca said, is in Manteo, N.C., working as a commercial pilot flying banners.

Q & A with Troy McCain - LEAD XX



Troy McCain, LEAD XX

What LEAD Class were you in and what lead you to apply for the Nebraska LEAD Program?

I was in LEAD XX. I applied for the LEAD program to enable myself to be better prepared to give to my community and organizations. I was taught by my parents' example that leadership provides a pathway for the youth to become responsible adults.

Describe your operation?

I am currently the swine operations manager at the Meat Animal Research Center in Clay Center Nebraska. My job is to oversee nine employees and coordinate with the scientists to provide them the animals and the resources to conduct their research. We have a 450 head farrow-to-finish operation. In January of 2016, we moved into a new breeding and gestation complex that is outfitted with electronic feeders. We have the ability to feed up to 50 sows in a pen with one feeder. These feeders also are outfitted with a scale that allows us to capture a weight every day. The amount of feed that each animal consumes each day is recorded

and can be adjusted according to the individuals needs. There is an incredible amount of data that is kept and stored in our database. If it can be measured, we can capture that information for future use. Soon we will populate our state-of-the-art farrowing complex. It is equipped with flooring that will allow us to reconfigure our crates anyway we want. The crates themselves are adjustable. Half of the crates will have a camera over them that will allow us to study the habits of the sows and their piglets. With the increase in litter size that has occurred, we must define what it takes to care for a female that may now have 16 to 18 offspring. The cameras will not only take images, but capture thermal data that will help us to define the optimal comfort zones for our animals. With new technology, we will someday be able to accurately predict the weight of an animal with the use of images. We can be alerted to a health challenge before typical signs show up. The possibilities are truly endless and very exciting.

Tell us about your Family

My wife, Kim and I live in Aurora. Kim is the Integration Specialist at Engelman Elementary in Grand Island. Our older son, Jake, is a Registered Nurse at Bryan Hospital in Lincoln. He will be getting married in July. Our younger son, Cody, is currently a junior at UNL studying accounting.

What moment/s stand out for you from your LEAD journey?

I still volunteer my time to the Nebraska Pork Producers helping with promotional events and educational programs such as the Ag Literacy Festival. What have I received from my LEAD journey? I am thankful for the opportunity to be involved with some of Nebraska's finest when it comes to leaders and advocates in agriculture. We have been given the tools necessary to address challenges and guide our industry to continued success. Whenever I see fellow LEAD alum leading Nebraska agriculture I am proud to be a part of the organization. I would encourage all alumni to become more involved. With our state, national, and international travel studies evolving there is much more opportunity out there to broaden our horizons.



President's Message



Kerry Glandt, LEAD XIV

Spring has sprung here in Grand Island, and we appear to be getting most of our April showers in May as we quickly catch up in our annual rainfall! As I gather my thoughts on what to write about this quarter, I do need to bring up our Alumni Membership. First of all I want to thank all of you that have joined this past year in both annual dues and lifetime dues. Lead Class 35, thanks to many of you that have joined up in the first few months, but hope if you haven't already sent in your dues, you will please do so now when it is fresh on your mind. The LEAD Alumni are looking at more activities in this next year as we step up our Alumni Travel Study from a biannual schedule to that of an annual schedule. I know Pat has many thoughts and ideas of where we are to go next. She always looking forward to hearing new ideas and I personally look forward to what she comes up with next in following the International Study Tour to Peru in February of 2018. If you haven't been on one of our LEAD Alumni Study Tours, I highly recommend it. You will see more, do more, and experience more then you ever could if you did the same trip on your own, and you get to do it in the companionship of fellow LEAD Alumni!

It takes a strong Alumni to continue to support, build, and provide not only a strong foundation, but also to recruit and introduce new prospects to the LEAD program application process so our application team has a strong list of excellent candidate to choose from each year. LEAD applications for LEAD Class 37 are due on June 15th! If you know anyone that has interest, please take a moment to visit with him or her and encourage him or her to fill out an application. Also volunteer yourself to write up and be one of their references. Dr. Hejny and the office will take names anytime of the year, but always like to see an abundance of names to come in this last 30 days! The LEAD Program has given you the tools, now is the time to get active, share the message of our mission statement, "To prepare and motivate men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership"

Following our summer Board meeting on June 6th, our next group event will be at the Nebraska State Fair for our LEAD Alumni Social on August 29th, which continues to get bigger every year. Please mark your calendars, and make plans to join us at the Nebraska State Fair and meet several Alumni from all 35 classes. Also 38 alumni and spouses will be just returning from Alaska, so you can all be the first to hear of our adventures on the latest Alumni National Study Travel that will take place on August 19-29th.



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"They're still close enough to be of assistance and help when we can holler at them. We have a production sale every two years. It's August 26, 2017, in Ogallala, Neb., called the Nebraska Quarter Horse Classic," Jecca said. "There are three producers and some guest consignors. We sell all classes from colts up to finished ready-to-haul rope horses, which our emphasis is rope horses and cowhorses, and great horses that will work for a living. I believe in the Ranching Heritage program, which is why we encourage our colts to be Ranching Heritage nominated once they are sold."

The Ostranders are continuing work as normal after their trek to San Antonio, Texas, in March to collect their award. Jecca has since competed at the Ranching Heritage Finals at the Houston Livestock Show. It's back to business as usual.

Nancy's Notes



Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary

So they tell me spring has sprung. For a while I was thinking spring took a huge leap and passed right over back into winter. As I'm writing this we are hopeful it will even get to 60 degrees today, that's after about 10 days of gloom, rain, mist, and cold – sound familiar? Our crops are no longer under water, but looking pretty bleak where the water stood for multiple days. Oh well, that's Nebraska right?

As you can see from this newsletter, we've been busy planning our next activities. Pat Heyen is doing a fantastic job putting together what will now be an annual event. The tour to Alaska was on the bucket list for several alums that completed the survey a couple of years back, and Peru was on the bucket list for those who completed the recent survey. Both tours will be, I am sure, amazing. I'm looking forward to the reports and pictures! Our next newsletter should be full of "Alaska"!

The Ag Adventure Tour Committee has been working on the 2017 tour. The registration form and draft itinerary is included in this edition of the "Update". We really hope several of you decide to come along – you will be glad you did. The interaction with our friends from Omaha is a "teaching opportunity" for all of us. This year's tour is shaping up to be full of "What was old is new again" tour stops and activities. Read through the information and make the decision to join us!

We have reserved the Five Point Arena gathering space again for our NE State Fair reception. This has turned out to be a great event for us to meet and greet each other. The invite includes the time, date and place. If you are interested in going to the State Fair this year, plan on August 29 and attend the reception.

We want to welcome new members to the Board of Directors: Larry Hudkins representing LEAD 3, Mark Holoubek representing LEAD 6, Ward Reesman representing LEAD 28, Nicole Bohuslavsky representing LEAD 34 and Clint Shipman representing LEAD 35. We are still needing representatives from LEAD 7 and LEAD 8. If anyone is interested in serving from those classes, let me know.

Just a quick request for all of you today. Our recent survey indicated that our alums enjoy reading the Class Notes which are there to update all of us about alums who have taken on new positions, elected offices, promotions, awards etc. If you have something you would allow us to share in these "Updates", send them along to me. I would really appreciate it! You can email any information to me at neberle@mainstaycomm.net.

Enjoy (hopefully) the spring weather! Until next time, LEAD on

Open Invitation to all Alumni Members

LEAD Class XXXIV is proud to host the 2018 LEAD Alumni conference, to be held at the Holtus Convention Center in York Nebraska, January 26 and 27, 2018. The Conference theme of "Finding Opportunity in Change" is highlighted by speakers in economics, education, livestock, health sciences, business and panel discussions. Dr. Eric Snodgrass, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will be the keynote speaker on Saturday evening. More information will be posted on the LEAD Alumni website page so check in regularly and plan to attend the Conference in January.

Jacob Robison - LEAD XXXIV

2018 International Travel Study Seminar – PERU

2017 National Travel Study Seminar - ALASKA

Hello Alum!

We have some wonderful up and coming seminars planned for the LEAD Alumni Group
Our National Seminar to Alaska is just 2 months away.
Our International Seminar to Peru is 9 months away.

Destination PERU. (visiting Lima, Cusco, Sacred Valley, and Machu Picchu)
The Travel Dates are: February 15-24, 2018.



Peru Ande



Cusco Weaving



Great White Corn

Agricultural visits and stops for this seminar include: Visit to the National Institute of Agrarian Innovation, a public institution that belongs to the Ministry of Agriculture. Visit a Cuy farm. A visit to the Sacred Valley, which is the center of Incan agriculture. Visit a center for the preservation of Peruvian weaving while learning about the South American Llama. Visit a center focused on the “The Giant White Corn”. Visit the Kinsa Qocha Potato Park. Visit a farm that has its own microclimate where they are able to grow coffee, cocoa, annatto, mango, citrus fruits, passion fruit, yucca and many exotic fruits.

Tourist visits and sites include: Visiting the Historic Center of Lima, the Plaza de Armas, the Cathedral, and Saint Domingo Church. Visit the majestic fortress of Ollantaytambo. Visit and overnight in the Andes at an ecolodge. Take a 3 ½ hour train ride along the scenic Urubamba River tucked into a dramatic canyon from Ollantaytambo to Aguas Calientes. Full day visit to Machu Picchu. Visit the imperial city of Cusco and experience its bustling markets.

Registration for this Travel Study Seminar began in April, with the Spring Newsletter. We have had a great response. We are over 60% full with 24 registered travelers! We are limited to 38 persons for this seminar.

Traveling to Peru, we have 12 different LEAD Groups represented so far, #1, 6, 8, 13, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 27.

If you have the desire to travel with the greatest group of people since your LEAD experience, get your registration sent soon, as this is a popular destination.

If you are registering as a sole traveler to Peru, and would like to be paired with another single Alum traveler, please indicate on the registration form. Also give me a call or email me so I can let other single Alums know. This will save you the “single supplement” cost, allowing you to register as a “double” if we pair you.

You will need a passport to travel to Peru. (You have plenty of time to apply for a new passport or renew an expired passport.)

The Activity Level: ACTIVE – Tour participants should be active and able to walk and stand for at least one hour at a time, several times a day. You will need to be able to board the bus several times a day as well. The terrain can be rocky and uneven, so participants should feel confident with their footing.

In regards to the elevation, it is listed in the itinerary for each community. We land in Cusco at 11,000 feet, but immediately descend to the Sacred Valley (9,500 feet) for touring and overnight. We do stay in Cusco six nights later at the end of the time in that region. Altitude sensitivity varies for each person, and can be an issue even though it hasn't before.

Tour participants should speak with their doctor in regards to participation on the tour if they have heart conditions, hypertension, are sedentary persons with physical limitations or any other serious ailments.

Pretty fit people will have no problems at all.

Full itinerary, registration and travel insurance information were included in the Spring Newsletter, and are on the website. <http://www.neleadalumni.com>

You can also email or call me and I will provide a copy to you.

Please send your completed registration form and deposit to:

Pat Heyen, Travel Study Coordinator
1649 Hartley Street
Lincoln NE 68521

I will forward them to Tiffiny Trump Humbert, Trump Tours, Ag Tours USA.

If you have any questions or want to get in touch with me, please give me a call at:

Cell – (402) 314-3430

Home – (402) 261-8648

Email – pheyen@friedmanlaw.com

I am very excited to be a part of this Travel Study Seminar, LEADing you to PERU.

Note: A significant amount of the travel study seminar expenses can be used as a tax deduction for agricultural studies and education for you production agricultural alums. Visit with your tax professional for details.

ALASKA UPDATE – August 2017



It really doesn't seem possible that our Alaska trip is just 2 short months away.

I will be very excited to share with you some highlights and photos from our Travel Study Seminar in the Fall Newsletter.

Fun Fact - Traveling to Alaska we have 15 LEAD Groups represented. #4, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22, 23, 27, 30, 31, 33, and 34.



Pat Heyen, National and International Travel Coordinator

AG Adventure Tour: What was Old is New Again! July 13-14, 2017



PILGER, NE 2014

This year, we will be visiting a variety of communities in Northeast Nebraska. If you want to build rural to urban bridges, while enjoying great conversation, great connections and great food, join us July 14-15 on this year's Ag Adventure Tour.

When: July 14-15, 2017

- Board the motor coach around 7:30 am Friday morning July 14 at the Wal-Mart parking lot (south end facing the highway), 3010 E 23rd Street, Fremont NE
- Return to Fremont by 5 p.m. on Saturday the 15th.

Where: Destinations include, but are not limited to: Cardinal Farms (Greenhouse and Aquaculture) in Dakota City, D & M Dairy (First hands free dairy in NE) in Plainview, Ash Falls Fossil Beds Near Royal, Pilger (reconstruction and overview after 2014 tornado), Pender (new renovation, overview of small town redevelopment) Rhynalds Hops Farm, Mud Volleyball for Cancer Event, kolaches and discussion on Czech Days in Prague. Overnight July 14 at Hampton Inn at Norfolk.



Hops Production



D & M Robotic Dairy



Cardinal Farms Aquaculture



Ashfall Fossil Beds



Palace Hotel Pender

Fill out the registration form below and return to Nancy Eberle, along with a check for \$150 made out to LEAD – Ag Tour. Contact Nancy at neberle@mainstaycomm.net or (402) 736-4691 or Liz Kerrigan at lkerrigan@omahachamber.org or at (402) 978-7913 for more information.

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RETURN CHECK AND REGISTRATION FORM BY JUNE 30 TO: NANCY EBERLE, LEAD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 10 520 ROAD 20, BRADSHAW, NE 68319

Ag Adventure Tour: What was Old is New Again!

JULY 14-15, 2017

We are excited about the 2017 tour. Below we have listed some of the tour stops and what we will see and do at each. Our tour stops will showcase places and practices that have been with us for eons, but have now been revitalized or “made new” thru innovation or discovery. We hope you will join us!!!

Draft Itinerary for our tour:

Depart from Wal-Mart Parking lot in Fremont NE around 7:30 am July 14 – WE ARE ON OUR WAY!!

First Tour stop will be Cardinal Farms in Dakota City. The Garwood family runs this entity. Their greenhouse/aquaculture facility is a must see. Here is a link to their website if you would like more information. <http://cardinafarmsne.com>



Aquaculture



Greenhouse

From Dakota City we will travel to Plainview where we will visit D & M Dairy, Nebraska’s first hands free dairy. We will visit with Bill Demerath while we are there. There is a great article in the Norfolk Daily News

about this dairy – if you would like to read more about the new dairy process, use this link:

[http://norfolk-dailynews.com/news/plainview-](http://norfolk-dailynews.com/news/plainview-dairy-first-of-its-kind-in-nebraska/article_6059bd70-04da-11e7-8154-97375c1d5a3f.html)

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Bill Demerath, D & M Dairy



Jim Meuret, a LEAD alum, J.E. Meuret Grain Company, will host our group for lunch at their “Party Barn” in Brunswick. While there we will be able to hear about the inner workings of his company which has been in business since 1923. For more information you can visit this site: <http://www.jemeuretgrain.com/> be sure to check out the video when you go to the site!

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GRAIN COMPANY
Brunswick, Nebraska

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Our next stop will be at the historic Ash Falls Fossil Beds near Royal NE. Park superintendent Rick Otto



Archeologists at work



Fossil bed in Rhino Barn

will meet with us there to give us a quick overview of this amazing historic site. We will have time to visit the beds and talk with the archeologists working there. If you have the fossil beds on your “bucket list” this is a great opportunity to see first-hand “What was old is new again”. Their website describes what we will see and do while there: <http://ashfall.unl.edu/>



Senator Jim Scheer – Legislative District # 19

From Ash Falls we will be on our way to Norfolk. We will overnight at the Hampton Inn and Suites. Our evening festivities will include a dinner at the Black Cow Fat Pig Pub and Steakhouse there and a conversation with the Speaker of the House, Senator Jim Scheer. Should be interesting and informative – and good food too!

Day 2 – Ag Adventure Tour

We will leave the Hampton Inn and drive towards Pilger NE. Once we arrive we will meet in the newly built Cooper Family Community Center to visit with representatives of that community and hear “The Rest of the Story” about the reconstruction of the village itself as well as what actually happened in the rural areas surrounding the village. Visiting with us will be the local veterinarian, Dr. Gnad who will review his role after the destructive tornado of 2014. He was responsible for the disposal of and/or treatment of all the animals involved in the tornados. Josh Alexander, a local farmer will be on hand to give us his overview from the eyes of a family who had tremendous losses to their farm site, animals and crops. Last of all we will meet with the Village Clerk, Kimberly Nieman who will visit with us about the path to reconstruction and accompany us on a tour of Pilger. To view a “Path of Destruction Map” on line, here is

site you should visit: <http://dataomaha.com/media/pilger/damage-map/>

After our amazing visit to Pilger we will travel to Pender where we will be hosted for



2014 devastation



2016 Reconstructed Church

lunch by CharterWest Bank, hear a presentation and demonstration from Blue Ox Manufacturing of their “tail-gate grill”. We will hear about Pender’s Strategic Plan and their initiatives in building new and renewing old structures in their village. We will be hosted on a tour of Pender and see multiple new and updated facilities



Downtown Pender



The Palace Hotel

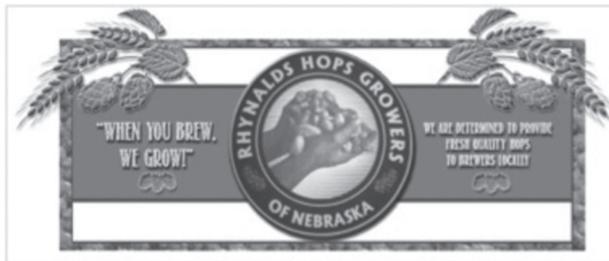
within the town, hear from our (Connie, Dan and Bruce) Wichman family LEAD Alums as well as others that have made all of this happen. Scott Darling, a LEAD alum will also take us on a tour of the historic Palace Hotel which he and his family are currently renovating. Here is a link to a great article which showcases the

activities taking place in this very progressive small town: http://penderthurston.com/SiteImages/FileGallery/Pender-Progress-Section_1_158.pdf

From Pender – to continue our tours of towns starting with “P” we will travel to Prague. Last year we visited a local brewery in Ord Nebraska.

This year we thought it was only proper to visit a hops production facility. Hops have been grown for centuries and used in local “brews”. In the last few years, with the increase in commercial breweries, hops yards and produc-

tion facilities have been starting all across our state. We will be visiting Rhynalds Hop Growers of Nebraska. While there, Chad Rhynalds will visit with us about “all things hops.” Here is a link to their facility website: <http://www.rhynaldshops.com/>



Hops Production



Pink Bandana Mud Volleyball Tournament

fundraiser for Breast Cancer which has grown from a few teams to 264 teams this summer.

Jeremy Stanislav, Founder of Pink Bandana will be on hand to give us an overview of the tournament. Here is a link to more information about this amazing event: <http://www.pinkbandana.org/> Things are definitely happening in Prague!



LEAD Alumni Ag Adventure Tour Coordinator

While in Prague we will visit Kolac Korner where we will taste the local “kolache” fare while we hear from Mark Nemec who works on their local Czech Heritage Days celebration. We will also learn about the “Pink Bandana” mud volleyball tournament



Kolac Korner

From Dakota City thru Prague we will see and hear amazing “Old to New” stories. Our registration form is included in this newsletter. Come along with us, share you own stories with our friends from Omaha and beyond, learn more about your state and just have fun!

See you in July!



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Please come!!
August 29, 2017, 5-7 pm



Nebraska State Fair
LEAD Reception

If you are planning to come to the Nebraska State Fair this summer, consider coming on August 29. We are planning a get together in the VIP room - above the Five Points Show arena from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Please join us! Snacks and Cash Bar will be provided.

Hosts: NE LEAD Alumni Board of Directors
Terry Hejny, Director, Nebraska LEAD Program

If you do plan to be at the Fair, please let Nancy know via e-mail at neberle@mainstaycomm.net -- we want to make sure we have enough "snacks"

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It's Not Too Late to Apply for LEAD XXXVII! Application deadline is June 15

We rely on you, our supporters, to spread the word and help us recruit Nebraska's best and brightest future LEADers! If you know a LEAD Fellow prospect or someone "on the fence" about applying to LEAD, we'd love to hear from you!

Give your prospect a gentle shove - in particular, if you know a producer who would benefit from the LEAD experience call us, email us, or stop in with their contact information.

Call: 402-472-6810

Email: kbraaten2@unl.edu

Visit: 104 Agricultural Communications Building OR go on-line to make your nomination!

Class Notes Update:

Stan Mitchell, LEAD Class VIX is currently serving as President of the National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives. The National Society of Accountants for Cooperatives(NSAC) is comprised of professionals actively involved with the financial management and planning of cooperative business. NSAC strives to provide accounting, tax and business education uniquely tailored to cooperatives, supports cooperatives in business interests, and offers networking and professional development opportunities. There is a web site <http://www.nsacoop.org/>. Congratulations Stan!

Nancy Eberle, LEAD XII was elected as Chair of the Nebraska Entrepreneurship Task Force (NetForce). NetForce is an actively engaged group of approximately 40 collaborating partners focused on the high income, high skill and high demand entrepreneurial career opportunities for adults and youth. It's mission is to identify and leverages educational resources to educate, engage and empower current and potential entrepreneurs. For more information about NetForce, visit this site: <https://www.education.ne.gov/entreped/>

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