

# The Update

Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association

FALL 2018

## AG ADVENTURE TOUR 2018 - Ag and More Along the Corridor



*Nancy Eberle, NE LEAD Alumni Ag Tour  
Coordinator*

The Ag Adventure tour is done for another year. We had a great time with 46 travelers on the bus! It is always gratifying to see the evaluations come back so positive. Here are some of the comments we received:

**Question: What was your favorite stop/event on the Ag Adventure Tour:**

“A conversation I had with 11-year-old Bailey, FFA student at McCool Junction. She is one of the more resourceful 11-year-olds in the country.”

“Enjoyed Motorsport Park way more than I thought I would. The park history, tour, speaker on economic development, antique autos, and food made this a great stop that I did not anticipate.”

“Loved the weather office - we needed more time there. Dana Hall with McCool FFA is amazing and the animal barn was so much fun.”

“Racing around on the race track was a blast. Also the wonderful program McCool Junction has with the students what a great program.”

“The history of Mennonites in Nebraska presentation at Henderson’s Mennonite Heritage Park was excellent.”

**Question: What comments or feedback would you give the LEAD Alumni regarding this annual tour:**

“ This is a well-conceived civic interaction that deserves more support.”

“All of it was wonderful”

“Great things are happening in our state, it’s great that you are exposing us to them. The trick is to get more of the younger generation involved.”

“I did not know what to expect going into this Ag Tour, but it was an amazing experience. The destinations were great! The food was delicious! The people were so kind! We kept hearing how “The People” make the state & how community support is imperative to it’s success. It is overwhelming & inspiring to think of how

Nebraska Ag impacts both local & international markets!!! We should be proud of all that this great state does!”

“It was a great experience that allowed me to get to learn and increase my network.”

We also received some feedback from the alums who traveled with us .. see what they had to say:

“My first Ag Adventure tour was awesome to learn of great accomplishments in our own backyard along the I-80 corridor. The pioneering spirit is continuously taking place in business, school, weather and much is based on Agriculture. I came back with many take home ideas.”

Dave Nelson, LEAD XIV

“The Ag Adventure tour was a great way to spend a couple days this summer. There were many interesting businesses to tour coupled with meeting many fine people. The tour was a nice experience.”

Dan Stork, LEAD XXIV

“One hundred miles per hour plus on the road, legal; wow.! Dig an irrigation well with nothing but a shovel, bucket, rescue rope, tripod winch and a man; oh yes and a canary to test the air. A small animal exhibition for the public to view resulting from the untimely death of a young man and a lot of community input. All on the 2018 Ag Adventure Tour!”

Gerald Clausen, LEAD I

“Who knew there was so much to see along I-80 corridor? Ag Adventure Tour is an amazing opportunity to visit interesting people and places right here in Nebraska. Makes me fall in love with our state all over again.”

Anne Meis (LEAD XXXIII)



*Our first stop of the tour was at Polytech LLC in Seward. Leading the discussion there were Jeff Rogers and Lisa Alvarez, co-owners.*



*The Bottle Rocket Brewing Company in Seward was our second tour stop.*



*Stan Mitchell joined us in Seward to talk about Dorchester Cooperative and the Cooperative System.*



*Friday Noon lunch was at Chez Bubba Cafe in Goehner. Mike Rowe, owner, took time out of his busy schedule to talk to our group.*







*Rod DeBuhr and Ken Feather with the Upper Big Blue NRD addressed the group at Recharge Lake in York.*



*Group picture taken at Recharge Lake in York.*



*Depot at Henderson Heritage Park.*



*Group listening to a discussion on irrigation development - Henderson.*



*LEAD Alumni attendees at Kerry's Restaurant in McCool.*



*Dana Hall, FFA Advisor McCool Junction Public School.*



*Animal Barn at McCool Junction Public Schools.*



*John Siebert addressing the group at Junto Winery.*



*Our tour bus.*



*Touring the Klatt Museum at the Hastings Motorsport park.*



*Lining Up to take a spin around the Racetrack at MPH.*



*Angela Pfankuch and Mike Moritz at U.S. Weather Station near Hastings.*



*U.S Weather Station group - note the signage!*





# President's Message



Dennis Nun, LEAD IV.

## 40 Chances:

I love my work and the people it has given me the chance to meet. As a manufacturer's representative for the past 44 years I have had an opportunity to work with top crop and livestock producers across the U.S. as well as internationally. This past week I traveled 1,500 miles with 24-Time NCGA National corn yield champion Jerry Cox of Missouri. We drove across Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska addressing hundreds of growers who are what I call, "*Smart Farmers Getting Smarter.*" These are the same kind of people that make up every Nebraska LEAD class and the alumni that make up our organization. As Patty often comments, "*It's fun working with smart people!*"

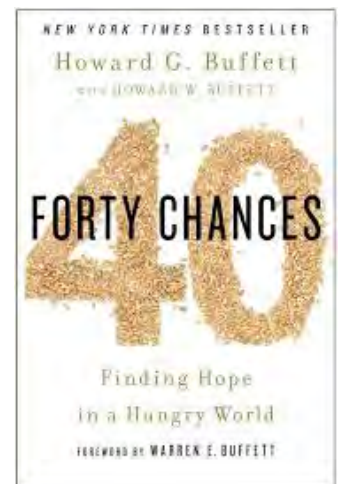
In spite of the challenges of unfavorable weather events, low commodity prices, pests, herbicide resistant weeds, property taxes, government regulations, fluctuating world demand and the destabilizing effects of tariffs

on our markets, the crop and livestock producers I've met continue to learn, grow, and remain the most productive in the world. They continue to adapt to a continually moving target rapidly adopting new production tools.

Howard Buffet's book, *40 Chances*, reminds me of the fact that farmers only have about 40 chances in their producing career to manage the resources they have to reach the goal of "building equity and retiring debt" for their operation. Every decision they make impacts their result at the end of that career. The educational experiences of the LEAD Program and those that continue through programs we offer such as the recent Ag Adventure Tour last month and our International Study Travel Seminar to Peru this past February are unmatched opportunities to learn and spend time with some of the best and brightest in Nebraska's agricultural industry.

When announced last January, Patty and I immediately signed up to join the 2019 trip to California, for its agricultural and wine country experiences. This trip also coincides with the World Ag Expo, February 12-14 in Tulare, CA which we plan to attend as well. (<https://www.worldagexpo.com>)

**If you've never traveled with our LEAD alumni group, sign-up today for the February 2019 California Study Travel Seminar (if there are still seats available). Don't wait.** The continued association with the agricultural leaders in our state are, in the words of Governor Pete Ricketts who spoke to us at our annual meeting in York this year, "*one of the most influential networks of agricultural leaders in our state.*" **Don't be satisfied with being an accomplished LEAD Alum; become an engaged and continual contributor to that network of knowledge and influence that we represent.** I invite you to join us and get involved. Your potential influence has a lot to offer beyond your farm, business or office door.



# Providing Value to Lead Alumni



*Tim Graff, Executive Treasurer*

In 2014, President Mark Holoubek shared the Strategic Planning process that the Board had completed. He stressed that the Association was in a strong position with its investments and memberships. Also important was finding the means to take the LEAD Alumni to the next level – especially as membership was heading toward one-thousand potential members. At that annual conference, President Holubek and the Board of Directors presented a plan to broaden the number of staff serving the Alumni. The motion passed.

We are currently served by five staff that are allowed stipends for their tasks. They include an Executive Secretary – Nancy Eberle – who has too many responsibilities to list here. Her job description includes keeping records of the membership, meetings, and correspondences. She also serves as a member on several standing committees, is responsible for web site updates, and collecting information for publication in the quarterly newsletter. She coordinates the annual Ag Adventure Tour, the biennial Ag Leadership Summit, and every three years, Nancy works with me to publish an up-to-date Membership Directory.

I serve as the Executive Treasurer. I am responsible for the Association's finances and maintain a clear record of our expenses and receipts. I provide a report of our cash accounts and investments at quarterly Board meetings, end-of-year reports, and work with the President and Executive Secretary to prepare a Budget for approval at the annual meeting. I am responsible for providing information to our accountant for tax filing and provide records for the audit committee. I also work with Nancy to prepare a camera-ready listing of members for publication every three years.

In 2014, we realized that we could use a coordinator to offer guidance and advice to the LEAD class responsible for the Annual Conference. Phil Ramsel serves in this position and is a liaison for the class with the Board. The goal is that each conference might build upon the successes of the previous conference, increasing attendance and offering a rewarding "Post-graduate" class for LEAD Fellows to use their leadership skills to plan, organize and execute the Annual Conference.

Realizing the importance of Social Media, a position was created for Social Media/Outreach. Doug Saathoff was selected to serve in this position and his responsibilities include maintaining our Face Book and Twitter presence, and he works with Nancy to provide updates for the Alumni Web Site.

Members were clear in expressing a desire to have Study Travel opportunities. Pat Heyen was selected to serve as the International/National Study Travel Coordinator and the Alumni are being well served by Pat. We have moved from a Study opportunity every-other year to one now offered each year – alternating between International and National Studies. Pat has filled each Study Travel (with some folks left behind on a waiting list), so Alumni are taking advantage of this opportunity.

All of this is made possible through the vision of earlier Boards of Directors. Investment accounts were established with the idea that membership would grow in the Association. Increased membership would make volunteer positions difficult to fill or maintain. Through careful investing and fundraising efforts, the Alumni are able to offer these staff positions while still offering members opportunities for travel and education. Not only

that, since the Alumni Association was established, an estimated \$110,000 in direct donations have gone to the Nebraska LEAD Program, and that doesn't include special fundraising efforts held with the University Foundation for the LEAD Program.

Does the LEAD Alumni provide value? I say yes. Can we do more? Always. The Board is consistently seeking ways to provide value to the membership, but can always use your assistance. Visit the Alumni web site to keep current. Provide your news to your class representative that you would like to share. Help us keep your address information current and up-to-date. Serve on a committee or volunteer if one of the staff positions come open. Share your passion for leadership wherever possible.

I would also like to encourage more of us to attend the annual conference. Most of us have had the opportunity to plan and host the event in the past. Each class works hard to provide a meaningful, educational and fun gathering. We need to support these classes with our attendance and participation. Please be sure to sign-up for the next conference.

See you there!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Nebraska**  
**Leadership Summit**

**March 5, 2019**  
Graduate Hotel  
141 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

*The best way to predict your future is to create it.*  
~ Abraham Lincoln

The poster features a background of red hexagons and a bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln on the right side.

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# Board Showcase, Matt Dolch, LEAD XXXIII



*Matt Dolch, LEAD XXXIII  
District Manager | Western Cornbelt  
NK Retail Channel*

I was introduced to the Nebraska LEAD Program during my first month of residence in Nebraska. The value and mission of the program, “to prepare and motivate men and women in agriculture for more effective leadership,” was right on que. I had just completed a year of service as the Iowa FFA Association President and two years of Agricultural Education and Journalism study at Iowa State University. I was very interested in pursuing a career in agricultural broadcasting. Of course, I needed to connect with the best farm station in the nation, KRVN and the Rural Radio Network. Mike LePorte, KRVN Farm Director, [another southwest Iowa native] hired me as an intern at KRVN in the summer of 2007. It was there that I was able to connect and develop relationships with the core of agricultural leadership in the state and begin my appreciation for the agricultural diversity, strength, and leadership that is Nebraska. One week that summer, Mike LePorte and Eric Brown, KRVN General Manager, called me into the main office and introduced me to Dr. Allen Blezek, who was Director of the LEAD program at the time. I still remember my conversation with Dr. Blezek and him encouraging me as a young agriculturalist to ensure I applied for the Nebraska LEAD Program one day. “Don’t miss the opportunity,” he said. I didn’t.

Following my introduction to Nebraska agriculture through the lens of KRVN and the Rural Radio Network, I decided to transfer to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Here I was able to develop my personal profile and opportunities for career success through the Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication Department. As a student worker in Ag Communications [then Communication, Information, and Technology], I met Dr. Terry Hejny, for a weekly interview with Nebraska Ag Radio. He reinforced Dr. Blezek’s message, “don’t miss the opportunity” to apply for the Nebraska LEAD Program. Upon graduation from UNL, I started my career as a Sales Representative for Syngenta Seeds. I appreciated and valued the relationships I had developed in Nebraska and decided to stay right here.



I applied and was accepted into the Nebraska LEAD Program in the fall of 2013. A close college friend, Nate Hughes, of Geneva, Nebraska and I both submitted our applications that year. He received his acceptance letter a day before I did; twenty-four long hours later, we were both ready for the LEAD experience. Nebraska LEAD XXXIII was a close team of leaders from the very beginning. I appreciated the diversity of the fellows, living up to my expectations early in the program. From the owner of a custom meat processing business, to a sugar beet agriculturalist, to ag lending specialists, to UNL Extension Educators, to crop insurance experts, to the core of outstanding crop and livestock producers – our group represented the state very well! Our International Study Travel Seminar provided the capstone as we experienced India, Nepal, and the United Arab Emirates. My most memorable LEAD experience was in India. I was fascinated with the Azadpur Farmer’s Market in New Delhi, India. It was a whole new-world combination of cash-and-carry as well as auction markets. At that time, the market conducted \$33 million in cash transactions each day, all compiled in a hand-written ledger. The dispar-



ity of differences between the United Arab Emirates and Nepal opened a new appreciation for me as a United States citizen. This international view generated a renewed gratefulness for our home life. Flashes of our time at Gerald Gentlemen Station, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Panhandle Research and Extension Center, the Chicago Board of Trade, and Washington, D.C., supported my thoughts.

Today I continue my opportunity to lead in Nebraska, powered by my LEAD experience. I am currently employed by Syngenta as a District Manager managing NK Brand corn and soybean sales in Nebraska and Iowa. My wife, Dana, is a veterinarian at Hillcrest Animal Clinic outside of Lincoln. She is a 2011 graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Veterinary Science and a 2015 graduate of the University of Nebraska/Iowa State University Professional Program in Veterinary Medicine. We reside in Lincoln, Nebraska where we attend Calvary Community Church. In addition to serving as Vice President of the Nebraska LEAD Alumni, I am actively involved with Nebraska FFA. I am currently serving as a state FFA officer mentor and serve on the Nebraska FFA Foundation Board. In my free time, I enjoy public speaking on behalf of the agricultural industry, auctioneering, farming, hunting, Husker athletics, and the occasional evening cruise in my 1974 Ford Bronco.

If you are a producer or agricultural professional in Nebraska, “don’t miss the opportunity” to be a part of the Nebraska LEAD Program. I strongly believe that leadership is investment and influence. Invest in yourself, invest in others, and positively influence this industry that we all love; agriculture.



### **Class Notes:**

Good Luck to Terry Licking (LEAD XII) & Gerri Monahan (LEAD XXXI) who are part of this drive for a Nebraska Hereford Museum: Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage, October 13, 2018 at the Mullen Fairgrounds.

Dr. Paul Foy (LEAD XIII) of Ogallala officially retired from the Vet practice and is now performing stand up comedy in Southwest Nebraska. Mary Kay and Paul are both retired and enjoying being grandparents for one year old granddaughter. Congrats Paul!

Leland Poppe (LEAD XIII) successfully completed the Escape From Alcatraz triathlon in San Francisco in June. He completed the 1.5 mile swim from Alcatraz, 18 mile bike and 7 mile run with 2,000 competitors from around the world. Wow!

Brian Wray (LEAD XXVI) graduated in May with his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Iowa State University. Congratulations Brian!!

Susan Nelson (LEAD XXVI) graduated in May with a degree in Business Management from UNK. Congrats Susan!!

Congratulations to two alums. The Nebraska Soybean Board held a Board Member election in July and announced the following: District 1, Anne Meis (LEAD XXXIII) from Elgin was re-elected and District 6, Nathan Dorn (LEAD XXXIII) from Firth was elected.

Marvin Rousey (LEAD IV) and his wife Linda were selected to act as Grand Marshall for one of the NE State Fair Parades!

John Miller (LEAD IV) was honored at the September 6 annual banquet of the Nebraska Businessmen’s Assn. He was the 2018 Recipient of the NBA’s Agri-business Recognition Award. Congratulations on an award well deserved John!

**Leadership, Education, Action, Development.** These words are very familiar to current Nebraska LEAD fellows, as well as graduates of the program. Do you know a Nebraska LEAD Alumni member who is exemplary in these areas? We encourage you to nominate them for selection as the 2019 Outstanding LEAD Alumni Member. The Outstanding Nebraska LEAD Alumni Committee is now seeking nominations for consideration. We look forward to recognizing the hard-work, leadership, and citizenship that our graduates deliver each day in our communities throughout the state.

Please submit nominations, along with supporting rationale and qualifications to: [matt.dolch@syngenta.com](mailto:matt.dolch@syngenta.com).

Matt Dolch  
Chair, Outstanding Nebraska LEAD Alumni Committee



## 2019 LEAD Alumni Conference

Growing Ag: L.E.A.D.  
Leadership  
Entrepreneurs  
Advocates  
Doers



The 2019 LEAD Alumni Conference is being planned for Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM in the Raising Nebraska Building on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Grand Island. The Annual LEAD Alumni Board meeting will be from 8:00 AM until 9:45 AM with the Alumni Conference to follow. This year's theme is centered around Growing Ag: Leadership, Entrepreneurs, Advocates, Doers. Feel free to contact Clint Shipman at 402-746-3926 with any questions and registration for the event.

Thanks,  
Clint Shipman,  
Conference Chair

# Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association

## OUTSTANDING LEAD ALUMNI AWARD

Each of you are aware of someone deserving of this award. We hope you will take a few minutes to write a paragraph or two about the reason the nominee is a great candidate to consider. Previous award winners are listed below.

### Award Purpose:

To provide public recognition of a Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association member who has achieved notable success in using the skills learned through the Nebraska LEAD Program and through other means to become a leader in their chosen field of agriculture.

### Award Nomination Criteria:

1. Nominee **MUST BE** a current paid member of the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association.
2. Nominee has demonstrated leadership qualities deserving of the Outstanding LEAD Alumni Award.

Deadline for nomination documents: **January 10, 2019**

Nomination documents must be mailed or e-mailed to:

**Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association  
c/o Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary  
520 Road 20, Bradshaw, NE 68319  
neberle@mainstaycomm.net**

3. Nominations (not including past winners) from the previous two years will be included in the current year's selection process.
4. Notification of selection committee results to the nominator will be made two weeks after nomination deadline.

### Award Recipient Information:

1. The Outstanding LEAD Alumni Award will be presented during the Annual LEAD Alumni Conference
2. The Outstanding LEAD Alumni Award recipient will receive public recognition and a plaque sponsored by the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association.

### Award Winners:

1991 – Don Hutchens  
1992 – Larry Hudkins  
1993 – Dennis Baack  
1994 – Larry Sitzman  
1995 – Gary Bergman  
1996 – Ceclia Grevson  
1997 – Mike Bauerle  
1998 – Kate Sullivan  
1999 – Mary Pat-Finn Hoag  
2018 – J.D. Alexander

2000 – Tom Baker  
2001 – Gerald Schmidt  
2002 – Craig Buescher  
2003 – Doug Boisen  
2004 – John Miller  
2005 – Fred Meyer  
2006 – Nancy Eberle  
2007 – Robert Rikli  
2008 – Mark Jagels  
**2019 – Your Nominee??**

2009 – Jerry Stahr  
2010 – Stee Kruger  
2011 – Todd Schroeder  
2012 - Deb Fischer  
2013 – Dan Duncan  
2014 – Lisa Lunz  
2015 – Dennis Kahl  
2016 – Willow Holoubek  
2017 - Tom Schwarz



# Welcome to the Alumni Travel Corner!

Alaska Memory – As I am writing this article, I am reminded that it was 1 year ago today that the LEAD Alumni returned from our Alaska Travel Study Seminar. It was the first seminar that I was fortunate enough to be the Travel Study Coordinator for. What an amazing seminar it was. I will never forget the places we visited and the people we met. But mostly, I will not forget how wonderful it is to travel with fellow LEAD Alumni. These amazing people have similar interests and are always able to roll with the flow of national and international travel. I can't tell you how great it is to travel with people who have such respect for the places we visit, the people we meet and their fellow travelers. The LEAD Alumni has become my favorite group of people to see the world with. Thank you for the memories.



Final preparations have been made for our **2019 National Travel Study Seminar to California! February 17 – 22, 2019 with San Francisco add on February 22 – 24, 2019.**

Visits to the Russian River Valley, Sonoma and Napa Valleys, Muir Woods and even San Francisco are in store for our travelers.

The California Seminar is looking to be a great time. The farms and ranches we are scheduled to visit are as much an interwoven aspect of the Russian River Valley as grape growing and wine making. I am excited with the varied schedule of tours and sights, as there is surely something for everyone!!



*Long Meadow Ranch*



*Toluma Creamery*



*McEvoy Ranch Olive Farm*



*Stemple Creek Ranch*

Scheduled visits include:

**Long Meadow Ranch Rutherford Estate**, home to their agricultural production with fruits, vegetables, beehives, chickens and vineyards.

**Stemple Creek Ranch**, fifth generation of family run farming, practicing an intensive schedule of rotational grazing, maintaining and restoring natural watershed areas, and using gravity flow technology.

**Toluma Creamery, goat/sheep dairy and creamery.** Cheese tasting!

**McEvoy Ranch Olive Farm, orchards, vineyards, olive mill, and gardens.** Tour and tastings.

**Rutherford Hills Winery**, Vineyard tour and wine tasting

**Francis Ford Coppola Winery**, Vineyard tour, wine tasting and dining.

**Parmelee Hill Winery**, Vineyard tour and wine tasting

**Muir Woods** and the giant Redwoods. The towns of Sausalito, Petaluma, and the Historic Sonoma Square.

**San Francisco** 2 day add on: Explore San Francisco aboard the Hop On/Hop Off bus, Union Square, Fisherman's Warf and the SOMA District. Take a boat to Alcatraz.

We have 30 registered travelers, but we still have some room. Our maximum is 50 travelers, so if you would like to join in on the February 2019 California Travel Study Seminar, we would love to hear from you. Come and join us! The more the merrier.

**The next Travel Study Seminar will be in the summer of 2020, an International destination.**

I have been gathering information on where would be a great international destination for the Alumni to visit in August 2020. And I am excited to say, there are some fabulous places that have been mentioned and researched. This just might be a destination that is on your "Bucket List".

Where will we travel? Will you travel with us?

Future travel announcements do not always coincide with the quarterly newsletters, although information is placed in the very next newsletter. If you want to be one of the first to know when future destinations are announced, watch and FOLLOW the NE LEAD Alumni Facebook page and the Alumni Website.

Travel Announcements are posted to both of these sites as soon as the destination and dates are selected by the board.

LEAD Alumni Website – <http://www.neleadalumni.com>

Facebook page – NE LEAD Alumni Association – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/leadalumni/>

Then be sure to follow the Facebook page to receive announcements and posts.



*Pat Heyen, National and International Travel Study Coordinator*

**Remember** – A significant amount of Travel Study Seminar costs can be used as a tax deduction for agricultural studies and education. Be sure to visit with your tax professional for details.

As always, please contact me with any questions you may have! I am available by phone, 402-314-3430, or email, [pheyen@friedmanlaw.com](mailto:pheyen@friedmanlaw.com)

Thank you for making the Alumni Travel Study Seminars so great. Hope to see some new faces on our future travels.

## Nancy's Notes



*Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary*

Fall is upon us, days are getting shorter and for the most part, cooler. For many of you this summer has been difficult with hail, windstorms, even a tornado or two. Best wishes to all who will be entering the harvest season soon!

As you can see from the notice in the newsletter, we plan to have a strategic planning meeting sometime in October. If you have anything you would like to share with the committee, please do so as soon as possible. We are taking any and all ideas and will be discussing them during the planning session.

LEAD XXXV is busy working on next years' conference. Be sure to "Save the Date" and attend. We will also have the Leadership Summit to be held on March 5 in Lincoln. Both of these events allow for some great education, networking opportunities and a chance to reacquaint yourself with our organization. More information on both events will be coming out soon. In the meantime,

add those dates to your calendar!!

During the January conference, we will hold our annual meeting. If at all possible please do attend. We will be sharing the outcome of the strategic planning process for the future of our organization. To get a full update of what we have done, what we are doing and what we will do, it's important that you participate.

Travel studies and the Ag Adventure Tour are still going strong. Thanks to all of you who attended any of those events. Our outreach to our urban neighbors with the Ag Tour have been offered for 20+ years and we still find new and amazing things to see, do and learn about on this tour. The travel studies are now being coordinated on an annual basis. The travel studies started in 2005 and over the years, we have traveled to California, Mexico, Costa Rica, Hawaii, Spain, Portugal, China, Alaska and Peru. The upcoming travel study back to California will be action packed with many great tour stops. We encourage everyone to take part in the ag tour and/or travel studies. You'll be glad you did!

Have a safe and prosperous fall . . . Until next time . . . LEAD on!

**The Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting this fall to formulate the Strategic Plan for our LEAD Alumni Association. It is very important that we hear from our members about concerns that you have and the direction that you want our Association to go. Stan Mitchell is chairing this committee. You can reach Stan through his email [smitchell@farmersco-operative.com](mailto:smitchell@farmersco-operative.com) or cell 402-641-3384 or contact any of the other members of the Strategic Planning Committee, Nancy Eberle, Tim Graff, Eric Dam, Craig Buescher, Cindy Zimmerman-Jayne, Mark Holoubek, Dennis Nun and Gerald Clausen.**

**Your association is only as strong or as active as you are, so please get involved. Please send your thoughts to Stan before October 4. Thank you!!**



It's time to think about your 2019 membership to the NE LEAD Alumni Association. Below is a form for you to use and return. Join the 660 members in the organization now! Thanks.

**THE NEBRASKA LEAD ALUMNI 2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
*Join the LEAD Network with your Membership*

\_\_\_\_\_ *\$45 Annual Membership*

\_\_\_\_\_ *\$450 Lifetime Membership*

Benefits of Membership:

- .... Membership Directory – New print every 3 years
  - .... Quarterly Newsletter
  - .... Special Leadership Programs
  - .... Educational Travel Seminars–California Wine Country 2019!!
  - .... A link with “Leaders” all across the U.S.
- And much more!

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**Yes, I'll join the LEAD network -- Enclosed are my dues for 2019**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Dues \$45** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lifetime Dues \$450**    **LEAD Class #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work or Business No.** \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail by December 31 to: Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary, 520 Road 20, Bradshaw, NE 68319

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## NEBRASKA STATE FAIR - LEAD Alumni Reception

A good time was had by all at our annual reception during the NE State Fair. It's a great time to get together, rest from the activities of a day at the fair - and just catch up with each other.



*Good food, adult beverages and great conversation.*



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Check out our website at <http://www.neleadalumni.com>

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### NETWORK!

Keep the spirit of the  
Nebraska LEAD  
Program ALIVE!

## Update

Update is the official newsletter of the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association. The purpose of the publication is to keep you, a vital part of the LEAD network, linked with fellow alumni!