

The Update

Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association

FALL 2019

AgriCULTURE: A Reverse Ag Adventure Tour



The annual Leadership Omaha/LEAD Alumni Annual Ag Tour was in “reverse” for 2019 which means we toured in the Greater Omaha area. As in years past we enjoyed spending time together and came to understand that our values and vision for our state far outweigh our geographic differences.

Two questions that came up early are two important answers to know as you read about the tour.

1. What exactly is Greater Omaha? The region encompasses six counties in NE & IA: Cass, Washington, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie.
2. What’s up with We Don’t Coast? It’s a brand for the community. Yes, that’s a thing. It’s a way to increase awareness about the region to promote economic growth. We Don’t Coast is an attitude – a play on our strong work ethic. There is no coasting allowed in our community.

We started the tour with an informational drive to Blair where Cargill established its corn wet milling facility in 1995. Lisa Scheve from the Greater Omaha Chamber talked with us about how the vision to build a shared service bio-refinery campus came to life. We toured Novozymes (one of Cargill’s five “Over the Fence” partners) to see how enzymes are produced for use in bio-fuels.

We made our way to the pristine new **Oxbow Animal Health** facility to learn how John Miller, LEAD IV, grew his passion for animals into a premier brand of food for rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice and chinchillas.

Near Oxbow is the site for the new **Facebook Data Center**. During a driving tour of the area, Sarpy County’s Executive Director, Andrew Rainbolt, gave us the “inside scoop” on the site development process.

Newsworthy revitalization is happening in North Omaha and two of our afternoon stops, the Highlander neighborhood and **No More Empty Pots**, were also the focus of HUD Secretary, Ben Carson's July visit to Omaha. Othello Meadows, CEO of Seventy Five North, walked us through the Highlander neighborhood to show us how intention and purpose created the now vibrant mixed-income community. We also spent time with Nancy Williams to learn how No More Empty Pots is reducing food insecurity through education, distribution, and workforce and entrepreneurial programs.

We continued the tradition of enjoying delicious food by enlisting the help of the **Kitchen Council** and its leader, Holly Benson Muller. She boasts the best job around because she gets to "taste test" every day while helping food entrepreneurs realize their dream.

The Women's Center for Advancement (WCA) hosted us for the morning of our second day in its brand new facility. We learned how attention to every design detail helps provide a safe and welcoming space where women who've experienced domestic violence or sexual assault can receive services. We then heard from **Omaha Police Department's**, Sergeant Dave Bianchi, about the impacts of I80 and drug trafficking. After his presentation we can all recognize the difference between hemp and marijuana. Maybe.

We spent the afternoon in **Fremont** talking with City Manager, Brian Newton, about the destructive 2019 floods. The swift action and strategic decisions made by Brian, Mayor Scott Getzschman and their teams resolved what might have otherwise been devastating results.

A tour and tasting at **Brickway Brewery & Distillery** was a refreshing way to end a good tour with great people. Cheers to everyone who attended! I am already looking forward to next year.

"Kitchen Council felt honored to be part of the LEAD/LO Ag Tour. It was not only an opportunity to showcase one of member entrepreneurs, MJER Help, but also to shake hands with business owners and leaders who care about local agriculture. Kitchen Council is not only about lifting up and helping foodpreneurs in the region, but also, it's about encouraging residents to support local which starts with producers in our backyard." Holly Benson Muller

"I always enjoy the Reverse Ag Tour. This year was no different. I was very impressed with **No More Empty Pots** in North Omaha. I had no idea a non-profit like this was available for aspiring chefs, not only to have a kitchen facility to use, but also to include the educational pieces on food security, nutrition and opportunities to start their own business. I've held multiple summer camps for aspiring youth entrepreneurs and many of them choose food as their business idea, the "kids' kitchen" onsite was phenomenal!



Liz Kerrigan
Greater Omaha Chamber
2 Program Director, Leadership Omaha

I would be remiss if I didn't also mention **Oxbow Animal Health** as another one of the stellar stops along the way. Having spent some time personally working with Oxbow several years ago, I am so happy for the Miller family and their employees to see them in their amazing new facility. John's vision to grow and sell alfalfa in a new and more lucrative way back in the late 1980's has grown to a large international business. This business is the epitome of "where there's a will, there's a way." Nancy Eberle LEAD XII

"Our tour definitely showcased that Omaha is not coasting!" Gerri Monahan, LEAD XXXI

Many thanks to our sponsors: Farm Credit Services of America, Kutak Rock, Kieth Simmons & Mary McNamee, and Bank of the West.



Ag tour group touring the Brickway Brewery and Distiller.



Othello Meadow, CEO, led the group on a tour of Seventy Five North.



Nancy Williams, Director, was on hand at No Empty Pots to give us a tour of her facility.



John Miller, owner Oxbow Animal Health, addresses the group.

LEAD Alumni Annual Meeting Notice

When: February 1, 2020, during lunch at annual conference

Where: Case IH Building in Grand Island NE

Why: The Alumni Association will have several proposals to discuss and vote on - your voice is needed!!

See you in Grand Island!!!

Save the Date

Saturday February 1, 2020



LEAD Alumni Conference : *2020 Vision for the Future*

Join us for a look into the Future of Agriculture,
Discussion on Alternative Agriculture,
and Tours of local Agricultural Production.
More Details coming soon.

Case IH Plant- 3445 Stolley Park Rd. Grand Island
Registration begins at 8:30am

Rooms available under “Nebraska LEAD Alumni Confernce”
at Ramada Midtown 1-308-384-1330
2503 South Locust St Grand Island, Nebraska 68801

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 2020 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.

Matt Dolch
Chair, Outstanding Nebraska LEAD Alumni Committee

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 15, 2020**

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

Or E-mailed to:
matt.dolch@syngenta.com

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 – Fred Bruning

2009 – Jerry Stahr
2010 – Steve Kruger
2011 – Todd Schroeder
2012 – Deb Fischer
2013 – Dan Duncan
2014 – Lisa Lunz
2015 – Dennis Kahl
2016 – Willow Holoubek
2017 – Tom Schwarz
2020 – **Your Nominee!**



President's Message



The LEAD Alumni Organization Re-imagined

We had a great gathering of our alumni at the Nebraska State Fair reception hosted by Terry Hejny and the LEAD Program on August 27. Following that reception your LEAD Alumni Board met and discussed a number of things including ideas for modernizing and expanding our LEAD Alumni Association to maximize the impact of our organization across the state.

Our alumni organization's objective is to cultivate a sense of community and maintain active participation among our members. We are actively exploring ways to do that more effectively by offering:

- 1) Educational opportunities that are a continuation of our common LEAD experience that appeal to our alumni,
- 2) Expanded events to every region of Nebraska and to...
- 3) Better communicate over multiple platforms to our membership.

We're continuing to plan for several regional meetings across the state of Nebraska with the first of those being set up for this fall in southeast Nebraska and going into this winter across Nebraska. ***If there is a location in your area that you think would be great and you would be willing to help us host one of our regional meetings, please contact me at DennisLNun@gmail.com and let's talk about details.***

I'll be calling to recruit leaders for these events over the next few weeks, so watch for announcements of the dates and locations. These events are designed for the purpose of social connection among our members, supporters and potential LEAD 40 candidates, networking among our LEAD Alumni and to provide an update on our activities. I hope to meet you at these events! Until then,***Lead on!***

Dennis L. Nun, President
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So, where have you been ...lately?

We tell our kids; we are in our "traveling years" and it's not uncommon for me to get "that question" from family and friends. Last fall we had friends that we've traveled with to Mexico for mission trips over 20 times call us and ask if we'd be interested in going on an African Safari to Kenya. I have to admit it wasn't on my long bucket-list of places I wanted to go and things I wanted to do... but we said, "Sure!"

Patty & I just got back on September 13th from two weeks in Kenya with ***Newland & Tarlton Safari***, the oldest safari outfitters in Africa, established in 1904. The company was purchased in 2001 by Don Young who has personally been leading African safaris for over 40 years. It turns out that Don Young grew up in Swanton, NE and was at UNL from 1970-1975 at AgMen Fraternity and we have several friends in common. I can't imagine a more amazing adventure than this trip. I highly encourage you to add this to your *Bucket List*.

<https://newlandtarltonsafaris.com>

So where are we headed next? Japan in October to visit a UNL graduate school classmate, who's now a three-term governor in the Kumamoto Prefecture of southern Japan. Life is short. Enjoy the journey.



INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP ALUMNI CONFERENCE (ILAC)



JULY 29-AUGUST 1, 2019 DICKINSON, ND

Prepared by Gerald L. Clausen, LEAD 1, gclausen58@gmail.com

Why would anyone want to travel to North Dakota? There's nothing there but grass and cattle. Well, North Dakotans are offended by that mindset and they should be. Corn, soybeans, wheat, small grains, barley (for our beer), edible beans, sunflowers, center pivots, oil wells, surface coal mining, coal fired electric generation and yes, boom and bust economy, "man camp remnants", exponential population growth in pockets massive roadway improvements for the oil industry, etc. were visible during our few days in and around Dickinson. The seven hundred twenty mile trip from Lincoln to Dickinson indicated not one mile of brown roadside and all crops were green and hearty with wheat harvest running behind. Whether the row crops fully mature is yet to be determined. It seemed that there were a million, maybe more, round bales yet to be hauled somewhere or winter grazed on site. A large percentage of state and interstate roadsides are put up in round bales, an indication of conservative practices.

I picked up my fifteen year old grandson (Andrew) at Bloomfield and he didn't indicate he was bored traveling to and from, but he did read three books during the journey. Northern European immigrants and Teddy Roosevelt were both heavy influences upon the development of North Dakota. Both were hearty beyond imagination. The Ukrainians that immigrated to western North Dakota survived the harsh conditions and Teddy Roosevelt indicated that he likely would have went crazy had he not found the solitude of the area for his retreat and business investment. Teddy and Edith, impersonators, provided us with vivid images of the Roosevelts.

As a result of the hearty, independent spirit brought by the Ukrainians, Norwegians and other northern Europeans it is not a surprise that the State of North Dakota owns both a state bank and wheat mill and elevator. All profits are reinvested or provided to the state for its' operational budget. An interesting note, the North Dakota Legislature in its most recent budget funded a portion of the cost for the Rural Leadership North Dakota program.

We were bused to an oil well "pad" with five oil wells (fracking process). The wells are bored down perpendicular to the surface for about one or two miles and then curved ninety degrees for two miles. Almost one-hundred percent of the unrefined crude is piped to a transport location or refinery. A new refinery will be constructed in the area and will employ thousands of construction workers, another challenge for housing and providing the necessities of the workers. There is some talk of reopening the "man camp" near the area. We were told one of the environmental problems with expansion of new wells is the "flaring" of unwanted gases into the atmosphere. There is little or no market for natural gas. When I inquired about the potential royalty returns to the farm owner of 160 acres, the estimate (for both surface real estate and mineral rights) could range from 250K to 1M dollars. Recovery at the well site area after abandonment is to original conditions. The State and other governmental agencies do receive funds from the extraction process.

Another bus ride took us to a surface coal mine where the equipment is HUGE. The coal transport machines from the field to the pit carried either 240 tons or 400 tons, with many wheels (tires cost 25K plus dollars). The dragline bucket could hold four Chevy Suburbans and was used to clear and return the cover. The huge, huge dragline operated on electricity provided by the coal fired power generation plant. The above ground "cord" transporting the electricity the last hundreds of yards was also huge and interesting. The bus was not allowed into the area of the actual coal mining for fear it would become "stuck", but we observed the huge carriers coming and going. An added treat was a tour of the electric generating plant. The mining and generation area covered thousands of acres. Mining permits require the mined area be restored to original surface conditions, only lower in elevation.

We travelled through Teddy Roosevelt National Park and viewed a large bison herd (no, they did not attack our bus), enjoyed a pitchfork fondue steak and trimmings near Medora, with a finalty for the evening, a professionally produced live musical patriotic presentation in an ampitheatre venue with rolling backdrop props and very large stage area (horses and wagons rolled across the stage). And, yes we travelled down and back up on an outdoor escalator with two landing platforms to the seating area for more than a thousand. The escalator reminded me of the Dupont Circle escalator to the subway in DC without the overhead tunnel cover. It was an absolutely beautiful setting.

The Badlands of North Dakota were an indication of how challenging it must have been for Native Americans to survive, then followed by the hardy immigrants. We did visit a Lewis and Clark campsite at Fort Mandan and experienced the firing of a musket, with the wad and gunpowder (ball not included). Louder than any shotgun I've experienced. These are some of the experiences of this conference. Print space does not allow for many more mind expanding experiences. A new way to look at North Dakota.

I was elected to the ILAC Advisory Council (ten persons throughout U.S. and Canada). The Advisory Council serves as counsel to the states that serve as conference hosts and encourages programs to host. The 2020 conference is scheduled for Florida, 2021 California and 2022 Maryland.



Board Showcases Leslie Boswell



Leslie Boswell

I have said for years that every wrong turn is a new adventure, but every step forward can be a new adventure with purpose. That is what LEAD has been for me. When my dad first started trying to talk me into applying, I didn't know what it was. He was on the Ag Leadership Council at the time and was rather persistent. When he was finally termed off the council, I applied and joined the LEAD XXVIII class.

I grew up on a livestock farm and later moved on to crops and agribusiness. While in LEAD, the seminar that had the biggest impact on me was the legislature and the visit to Farm Bureau. Long before the glass doors in the capitol, I can remember sitting with my grandpa on the legislative floor when they were in session. He was one of the biggest promoters of Nebraska ag I ever knew, and I got a lot of my advocacy background from him.

My family has always been Farm Bureau members, but listening to everything they do for their members, gave me my next direction to follow. I knew I wanted to be a part of these true advocates for Nebraska agriculture. I was elected to the Farm Bureau state board of directors and will soon be finishing my tenure as a director. I also try to help educate consumers by being a CommonGround volunteer.

My husband Ken, who is also a LEAD alumni, and I farm near Shickley and are in the process of winding down for retirement. We are both very active in a number of ag organizations and strongly believe in promoting our industry. The speaking experience, knowledge and confidence you gain through LEAD is invaluable in whatever you choose to do. The people you meet and get to know, are some of the most influential people in the state and can help you shape your future in whatever direction you choose to go. LEAD has helped me expand my horizons and can do the same for you.

Hello Alum!

The summer is almost gone, school is back in session, the first Nebraska football game is in the books, and harvest is right around the corner. This year is a challenging one, with floods, hail storms, tariffs, low grain prices, high property taxes and so many issues our farmers and ranchers face on a day to day basis. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

I enjoyed seeing so many Alumni at the LEAD reception at the Nebraska State Fair on August 27th. What a great time and a wonderful place to catch up with former LEAD classmates and meet new Alums. The reception is a great place to reminisce and reconnect with those who have traveled on the National and International Travel Study Seminars. If you haven't joined us in a while, please keep this event on your to-do list for next August. You won't be sorry.

IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND- Travel dates – August 10-21, 2020, 12 days (10 nights)

Our Ireland International Travel Study Seminar is now less than 1 year away, and SOLD OUT. I am very excited to journey to Ireland with so many of you. We have 46 alums registered and are taking names for a wait list. What an amazing response we have had to this seminar destination. A huge thank you to all of you!



We could possibly have cancellations, so if you are still interested in traveling to Ireland in August 2020, please let me know and I will place you on a waiting list. Contact me at pheyen@friedmanlaw.com or (402) 314-3430.

Guidelines for National & International Travel Study Seminars as approved by the LEAD Alumni Board on June 6, 2017, Revised April 1, 2019.

1. LEAD Alumni must be paid members of the LEAD Alumni Association, either an annual member or lifetime member in order to register for Travel Study Seminars.
2. Alumni spouses may register for any National or International Travel Study Seminar with or without the registration of the LEAD Alumni member.
3. Registration cutoff dates for National and International Travel Study Seminars will be determined on a trip by trip basis. Cutoff dates may vary with the need for passports and visas.
4. LEAD Alumni members, spouses or traveling companions have priority for all National and International Travel Study Seminars. Non-LEAD travelers will only be accepted if all interested LEAD Alumni members have been given first choice and have not registered prior to the cutoff date for each travel seminar.

5. In the event a National or International Travel Study Seminar does not sell out prior to the cutoff date, non-Alumni members who have made contact with the travel study coordinator and are on the wait list, may at that time, register for the Travel Study Seminar. All non-member persons wanting to travel with the LEAD Alumni will incur a \$100 registration fee. The only exempt persons from this registration fee are spouses of paid members of the LEAD Alumni Association.
6. Age limit for non-LEAD Alumni persons traveling with the LEAD Alumni Association on the National and International Travel Study Seminars is 21 years of age. This includes all children and relatives of LEAD Alumni, as well as non-members.

Travel hints and suggestions: For those of you traveling with the LEAD Alumni now or in the future, please consider getting your passport or renewing a previous passport. Also consider applying for your TSA Pre Check and/or Global Entry card. Below is a summary of the benefits, costs and websites for you to check out.

Passport: A passport is the best identification for traveling through security lines, whether traveling stateside or internationally. After the renewal fee of \$110, your passport is good for 10 years.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html>

TSA Pre Check: Allows you to speed through security lines and you don't need to remove your shoes, laptops, liquids, belts or light jackets! Your TSA Pre Check number is your Known Traveler Number when making air-line reservations. The cost is \$85 for a 5 year membership. Submit an online application in 5 minutes & schedule an appointment at any of the 380+ enrollment centers.

<https://www.tsa.gov/precheck>

Global Entry: As a pre-screened Global Entry member, you arrive in the United States, check-in at the Global Entry kiosk and you are on your way. No long Customs lines, No paperwork, you have access to expedited entry benefits in other countries, it is available at major US airports, and reduces wait times. Your Global Entry Card includes TSA Pre Check!! Your Global Entry number is your Known Traveler Number when making air-line reservations. A \$100 one-time fee is required with your Global Entry application and must be paid at time of application submission. The fee is non-refundable, even if an application is denied. Global Entry is valid for 5 years. SO, it only makes sense to pay \$100 for the Global Entry plus TSA Pre Check, rather than \$85 for TSA Pre Check only.

<https://www.cbp.gov/travel/trusted-traveler-programs/global-entry/how-apply>

Just a reminder to everyone, having travel seminar locations that appeal to your interests is one of the most important criteria for selecting a destination. Please feel free to drop me an email with destinations you would like to see the LEAD Alumni travel to, both nationally and internationally, as well as summer and winter destinations. And a big thank you to those of you that have given me ideas for future travels. With over 1,000 LEAD graduates, and 650+ Alumni, wouldn't it be fantastic to fill every Study Travel Seminar!



Have a Safe Harvest everyone.

*Pat Heyen, LEAD Alumni
National and International
Travel Study Coordinator*

Hello LEAD Fellows:



The LEAD alumni board meeting was held at the Nebraska State Fair on August 27th. During this time, I gave a report on the LEAD Directors Excellence Fund which is collected at the University of Nebraska Foundation. The board members asked me to give a report in the newsletter to help other LEAD Fellows learn about it as well.

The LEAD Directors Excellence Fund started in January of 2012 to establish a permanent endowment to provide funds for the LEAD program at the discretion of the LEAD Director. In 2012, a handful of LEAD Alumni pledged \$1,000 per year for five years and soon others jumped on board to help the fund reach the endowed level of \$25,000. Once the endowed level was reached, the fund began to provide a spendable balance each year that could be used by the Director of the LEAD Program, Terry Hejny, to help cover costs of the program.

Several LEAD alumni have contributed to this fund over the last seven years and the principal of the fund has now grown to nearly \$125,000. Each year the Director's Excellence Fund provides over \$5,000 of spendable income which is used for general support for the program.

I would encourage any LEAD alumni to support this fund by completing the pledge card for the LEAD Directors Excellence Fund attached to this article. You can make a one-time donation or pledge an amount each year to help this fund grow. We will help enable the Nebraska LEAD Program to continue to be one of the best leadership programs in the country. If you have any questions about this fund or any of the funds which support the LEAD Program, please feel free to contact me at 402-458-1139.

With gratitude,

Craig Buescher
 Director of Development
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Yes, I will support the LEAD Director's Excellence Fund

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Email: _____

pledge \$ _____ payable over _____ years, beginning _____ (month/year)

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Please send pledge reminders: annually semi-annually quarterly monthly
 (Pledges may be no longer than five years in duration)

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Job Title: _____

My company will match this gift; the form is enclosed.

Payment:

Check payable to the **University of Nebraska Foundation**

Card No. _____ Exp. Date ____ / ____

Signature _____

(For pledges and/or credit card payments)

I have already included the foundation in my will.

Please tell me how I can: give through my will honor a family member with a tribute gift.

Give online at nufoundation.org

Originator: Craig Buescher

Nancy's Notes



Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary

Will we have an early freeze? Do we need to add another inch of moisture (which seems strange after all the rains we've had this crop season)? Will our crops mature in time before the freeze as they were planted much later than usual? These are the questions that are prominent in our area of the state this fall. All important questions and with the uncertainty of the weather this year, probably important ones. It seems that every area of the state has been impacted with weather woes this year - some much, much worse than what we faced in our area. I think we all hope for a better season in 2020!

This is the beginning of a busy season for LEAD Alumni as well. LEAD Class XXXVI is busy planning our annual conference. It looks like it will be a fun day - be sure to register early!! Along with that conference we will hold our annual meeting and hope to see many of you there as we have some new proposals to place before all of you. We are hard at work trying to fulfill some of the

items discussed in our strategic planning process. One item that we discussed and are currently putting in place is the addition of an electronic system accessible from the website to pay dues. So many of us aren't carrying checks with us like we did in the past and the convenience of having this on-line system will be beneficial to all of us. The regional meetings that will be held this fall and winter will be an opportunity for LEAD alums to get together in their own location to network, socialize and perhaps help recruit for the upcoming LEAD classes. The travel studies and Ag Adventure Tours are going forward and are providing the "education" and networking that is so important to our organization. With all the opportunities to get together and reconnect with the Alumni Association, we hope you will be among those participating!

We will be putting out our next directory update in early 2020. In this newsletter I included a request for any changes you have made since the last one was printed three years ago. Those changes would include new addresses, spousal changes, different phone numbers, new e-mail addresses etc. Our directory is an important tool for all of us - please help us keep it current by sending any new information as soon as possible to me at neberle@mainstaycomm.net. Thanks for your help!

Mark your calendars for February 1 to join us in Grand Island for the annual conference, annual meeting and a great day ! We hope to see many of you there.

Until next time LEAD ON!!

INFORMATION REQUEST FOR 2020 NEBRASKA LEAD ALUMNI DIRECTORY

Have you moved? Changed your marital status? Do you have a new e-mail or phone number? If so, we would really appreciate your letting us know. We are starting to gather updates for the alumni directory we hope to print early in 2020. The directory is only as good as the information you give us to share.

If you have had changes, you can send them to Nancy at neberle@mainstaycomm.net. No time like the present to get started!!

~ CLASS NOTES ~

Congratulations to Alan Emshoff (LEAD V) who was elected to be Chairman of the Nebraska Bankers Association at their convention this past May!!

Another election result: Eugene Goering (LEAD XXVII) was re-elected as District 4 director to the Nebraska Soybean Board - good work!

Chad Carlson (LEAD XXV) recently accepted a new position as Director of Financial Planning and Analysis at Central Valley Ag - best of luck in your new role Chad.

Adam Grabenstein (LEAD XXXVII) was elected as District 5 director to the Nebraska Corn Board - congrats Adam!

Brandy Vanderwalle (LEAD XXVII) received the Distinguished Service Award at the National Association of County Ag Agents Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. Well deserved Brandy!!!

If you have any great news you'd like to share with the Alumni Association, please send the information to me and I'll be sure to include it!!

Nancy Eberle neberle@mainstaycomm.net Thanks!!!

A Good Time Was Had By All at the 2019 Nebraska State Fair



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Keep the spirit of the
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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!