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Derek Beaty Newest Employee **Specialty: Livestock Feed**

October 5, 2019

Annual Meeting

It's time for our Annual Meeting!

Our 73rd Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, **October 5, 2019** at Suwannee County Agriculture Complex Exhibition II Building **1302 11th St. SW Live Oak, FL 32064** at **10:00 a.m.**

The Annual Meeting gives a brief review of the financial condition of the cooperative.

Following the business session, door prizes will be drawn and awarded to members present.

Make a point in marking your calendars and plan to attend your Annual Meeting on **October 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.**

Former Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery

By Pauline Fletcher Cogdill

Recently Farmers Cooperative had the good fortune to hire our newest employee, Derek J. Beaty. He has a very unique position wherein Farmers Cooperative teamed up with Purina Animal Nutrition LLC to provide additional service to our customers in meeting their feed needs.

Derek is our Livestock Production Specialist who travels the North Central Florida area. You may see Derek in Lake Butler, Bell or Live Oak and throughout Madison to Lamont, Florida.

Derek grew up in Plant City, Florida and is from a very close-knit family of five brothers. Derek's dad, Kerry, is a pastor of Lone Oak Baptist Church in Plant City, and his mother, Laquita, is a teacher at Turkey Creek Middle School, also in Plant City.

When you meet Derek, you will know right away that he likes people, and he enjoys coming up with a solution to solve your feed needs with the right nutrition for your livestock as well as those much loved pets. It's evident that Derek takes any job that he has very seriously.

FOR EXAMPLE, his eight years

of service in the United States Air Force is certainly one that every American should be proud of. Derek served a tour of duty in Kuwait and was an Honor Guard Body Bearer for three years at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.

Becoming an Honor Guard Body Bearer requires a lot of training and the requirements to be selected for this job are one of the highest standards in the military. Standards are high for this prestigious selection with a three year commitment. It probably would be fair to say, the military selects the best of the best.

Derek will tell you, "It's an experience of a lifetime, and you will never forget the bond you share with your comrade. It's just a forever experience." The Arlington National Cemetery is a peaceful, solemn, restful place for our military heroes, and is a well-deserved tribute to all who have sacrificed and served our country.

When Derek returned home from the United States Air Force, he headed straight to Warner University to enroll in Agriculture Studies with a Focus on Beef Production. While enrolled at Warner

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Change is the only constant in life

Co-op employees Samantha and Kelli learn some of the new features of the conversion.

What is your Soil PH?

With the rising cost of fertilizer it will be beneficial to correct the PH on your farm. Using the table below you can see the dollar benefit of making sure your soil has the correct PH. The example used is a blended fertilizer costing \$350.00 per ton. Applied at a rate of 300 Lbs. per acre or a cost of \$52.47 per acre. With a PH of 4.5 you would be losing \$37.43 per acre.

To help you with your PH needs Farmers Cooperative is offering the following Specials on dolomite.

Tail dumped 44 tons and spread @ \$29.00 per ton based on one ton per acre. Prices good on product delivered by December 13, 2019

Call us today for your dolomite needs or to schedule a soil sample for your farm at (386) 362-1459.

Now is the “time to lime” to get your crop or pasture started off right in the spring.

**Limestone Makes Fertilizer Work
Fertilizer Efficiency Goes Up
As Soil Acids Go Down**

SOIL ACIDITY	NITROGEN	PHOSPHATE	POTASH	FERTILIZER WASTED	DOLLARS LOSS PER ACRE
Extremely acid 4.5 pH	30%	23%	33%	71.34%	\$37.43
Very Strong Acid 5.0 pH	53%	34%	52%	53.67%	\$28.16
Strong Acid 5.5 pH	77%	48%	77%	32.69%	\$17.15
Medium Acid 6.0 pH	89%	52%	100%	19.67%	\$10.32
Neutral 7.0 pH	100%	100%	100%	0%	\$0.00

DOES THE LIMING OF ACID SOILS PAY?

Correcting soil acidity by the use of lime is the foundation of a good soil fertility program. Lime does more than just correct the soil acidity. It also (1) supplies Ca and Mg if dolomitic lime is used, which are essential plant nutrients. (2) it makes other essential nutrients more available; and (3) it prevents elements such as Mn and Al from being toxic to plant growth.

Source: Phosphate and Potash Institute

New Computer Software System Connects Both Locations

By Todd Lawrence

Farmers Cooperative is constantly looking for ways to enhance our customer service experience. Recently, Farmers Cooperative in both Live Oak and Madison have gone through some major changes when it comes to computers. The stores completed a merger of the Live Oak and Madison stores customer databases along with inventory databases. This change now allows our customers many new options. Customers can shop at either store, pay their bills at either store. Other enhancements will be added in the future, but did you know that you can have each invoice emailed to you every time you make a purchase? Farmers Cooperative can also offer detailed statements that shows the detail of each invoice and the signature of the person who signed the invoice. We also can print out all the purchases you had for the year that can help at tax time. If these are options that would benefit you, just call our office and ask about getting these enhancements.

One change you may have already noticed is that all statements are being processed and mailed from the Live Oak store. You may continue to send your payments to either store or just mail it back to the address on the statements. With these changes, in the future we hope to be able to offer additional features that will make it even easier for you to manage your account.

Several other positives of the merger will be the ability to utilize both stores inventories. Since the merger, the sales staff can now see what the other store has in inventory. If one store does not have enough of an item, our staff can now see the other store’s inventory and plan for the item to be transferred. This will hopefully increase the customer’s service experience as well as help the Co-op to better manage inventories.

In the future, the merger will allow the Co-op to increase efficiencies in our Propane Division. These enhancements will include allowing the drivers to utilize technology that will help increase efficiencies in routing for deliveries, enhanced delivery directions, and a more automated process of billing.

It was once said that “change is the only constant in life.” Farmers Cooperative is constantly changing to better serve our member customers. We will continue to keep you informed about further enhancements as we implement them.

Where Are These Folks?

Farmers Cooperative is trying to locate the following people whose patronage refund checks have been returned from the U. S. Postal Service as “undeliverable.”

Doris Belcher, Pinetta
Lloyd O. Brannen, Greenville
Henry Fields, McAlpin
W O Hurst, Jr, Live Oak
George H. Kitchie, Live Oak
Ronald D. Pert, Jasper
Isaac Bossie Williams, Madison
Sally L. Wilson, Madison

Halloween Looking For Something Different?

Are you ready for Halloween? Farmers Cooperative has an array of Tillandsias (better known as air plants) for sale. Pumpkins and sugar skulls have become a fast moving item in our showroom at our Live Oak location. Our very talented employee, Virginia Kurtz, will be glad to tell you all about this new item.



For the Past Quarter

NEW CO-OP MEMBERS

Logan Petrey, Lee
Jim Barber, Greenville
Debra C. Brown, Madison
Michael Edmonds, Madison
Florence S. Webb, Lee
Earl T. Harris, Jr., Greenville
Clinton M. Carter, Jennings
Jason Valinsky, Bonita Springs
Marshall Banty, Lee
C & M Agricultural Corp, Perry
Tony Sleiman, Live Oak
Rev. Joe Henton Pelt, Lake city
David Potter, Wellborn
Aaron W. “Bootsie” Kirby, Jr., Live Oak
Mary Pulliam, Madison
David Shepler, Jasper
William Sumerall, Lake City
Gerald Corbett, Live Oak
J W Ward, Live Oak
Ellen Meyers, Live Oak
Troy Rowe, Live Oak
Martha M. Gaylor, Jasper
Cherrie M. Neil, Lee
Frank Hufty, Live Oak
Winifred Pierce, Live Oak
Richard Reed, Lake City
Joseph Wiley Jordan, Jr., Albany, GA
Willie Clemons, Branford
Joanne Warren, McAlpin
Jimmy Wilkerson, Branford
Elder Susan Jones, Live Oak
Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Gainesville

Holly Lowry, Jacksonville
Charles F. Taylor, Jr., Dowling Park
Richard Abernathy, Lake City
Ricky Roy, Dowling Park
Michael R. Thornton, Branford
Paige Pitts, Live Oak
Donna DeCant, Live Oak
Vickie D. Haene, Dowling Park
Billy Brown, Ft. Lauderdale
Blair Bullock, McAlpin
Heather E. Henson, Live Oak
Maria Lolita Panilag, Ormond Beach
Courtney Dees, Branford
William J & Deborah Bunter, Greenville
Rodriguez Farm LLC, Jasper
Patty Gray, O’Brien
Odell Anderson, Jasper
Raymond & Virginia Moore, Live Oak
Alvaro Mejia, Jasper
Clifford Brown, Branford
Kathleen Walker, Live Oak
Savannah Smith, Live Oak
Carol A. Davis, Hometead
Madison Ramsey, Live Oak
Roberta Whitaker, Lake City
Robert H. Langdale, Valdosta, GA
Karl Baumeister, McAlpin
Chelsea Atzert, Live Oak
Erik Annati, Wellborn
Jasmen Hall, Live Oak
Loureano Serrano, Live Oak
Elaine Witt Reeves, Lake City

Inez Rodriguez, Live Oak
Randy Robertson, Jacksonville
Hollow Oak Cattle Farms, Inc., Live Oak
Vivian Smith, Live Oak
Vivian Ross, Mayo
Betty Carroll, Live Oak
Robert Dreifus, Live Oak
Arnold Messer, O’Brien
Natasha Carman, Live Oak
Richard W. Semler, McAlpin
Brittany Logan, Live Oak
Clay Lambert, Jennings
Albert Barfield, Madison
Sheila Browning, Greenville
Courtney Rothenberger, Live Oak
Nelson Montilla Daly, Lee
Athens Baptist Church, Lake City
Rick Anderson, Monticello
Jeff Paul, Jasper
William V. Zilen, Wellborn
Rodney & Michele Howard, Live Oak
Robert D. Meier, O’Brien
Eric J. Gaines, Madison
Donny Kinney, Silver Springs
Esther G. Adams, Jasper
CCN Farms, Lee
Anna Stange, Madison
Mark Hollingsworth, O’Brien
Joseph Aaron Johns, McAlpin
Michael T. Hutto, Wellborn
Demarcus Newborn, Live Oak
Barry D. Joye, Lake City

Derek Beaty

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he worked for Rafter 4R Beefmaster Ranch. Upon graduation, Derek was the Ranch Manager Understudy with 2 Rivers Ranch in Zephyrhills, Florida.

DEREK AND HIS wife, Emily, are involved in raising performance Pony of the America's as well as beginning their own cattle operation here in North Florida.

Emily and Derek are the proud parents of daughter Westlyn, who is one year old, and they are expecting another baby next year!

Working in the Suwannee County area has given Derek a chance to spend a little more time with his grandparents, James and Barbara Beaty. His grandparents own and operate Beaty Used Auto Parts in Live Oak.

Derek will be happy to come visit you at your farm and discuss any of your feed needs for your animals.

Emily shares her delicious Chicken Pot Pie recipe with you (Derek's favorite).

Chicken Pot Pie

- 2 pie shells or 1 pie shell base and flaky biscuits (for top)
- 3-4 chicken breasts (or grab rotisserie chicken if you're in a hurry)
- Mixed vegetables (frozen mix works great)
- 2-3 small cans cream of mushroom (or chicken or celery) soup. (I like mushroom w/garlic)
- Tony Chachere seasoning
- Salt and pepper



Derek and Emily Beaty with daughter Westlyn, age 1

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees
Season chicken w/spices, cook thoroughly
Once cooked, dice chicken
Mix chicken, vegetables, and a bit more Tony's together in bowl
Roll out base pie shell
Fill pie dish with filling
Top with pie shell or pull apart halves of biscuits and layer top

Bake 30-45 minutes or until crust is golden brown and pie is starting to bubble. I hardly ever measure my ingredients so you can taste the mix before closing the pie up to achieve desired flavor/spice. The soup will dull down the Tony's so don't be afraid of adding a little extra.

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Derek on somber duty at Arlington National Cemetery