

County News January 2018

Anderson County

Anderson County is proud of Youth Ambassador Katie Martin, who won the female division of the SCFB Ambassador Contest at the SCFB Convention, and Logan Smith, who also participated in the contest. Senior talent contestant Kylee Whitten was second runner up in the talent contest. YF&R and county board director, Phillip Honea participated in the discussion meet at the state convention. Davis Peeler is a state finalist for the Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award.

As the State YF&R Chair, Davis has been very active in preparing for the Young Farmers & Ranchers State Convention being held in January in Greenville SC.

The Anderson County Women's Committee contributed to the SCFB Convention silent auction and country store, as well as volunteered at several different activities during the convention.

Beaufort County

For the SCFB convention, junior talent, Taylor Sarathy, and senior talent, Hopi Stewart, performed. Male ambassador, Josh Carroll, and female ambassador, Amanda Taylor, competed and Amanda was selected in the top ten.

April Busby was a county secretary e-mail challenge winner. Louis Ackerman, III, county treasurer attended the County FB Investment LLC annual meeting.

The Beaufort County Women's Committee made crafts for the country store, and entered several items in the silent auction. Ann Ackerman and Laura Hansen, Women's Committee co-chairs, received the Women's Committee Activity Award. Eight ladies attended the Women's Luncheon at Convention and enjoyed the program very much, as always.

Beaufort County voting delegates were county president, Charles Barnard, Urbie West and Beverley Brown, with Dannie Lesesne as alternate.

Colonial days was requested by Lisa Eklund of Riverview, held at Riverview Charter School reaching 76 fourth graders and four teachers. Louis and Ann Ackerman, Laura, Emily and Abigail Hansen all presented. There were three stations. The first, cotton, involved seeing a real cotton plant, how it grows, a papier-mâché replica of the boll weevil, the invention of the cotton gin and each student picked the seed out of a cotton boll. They also learned about the candleberry and how it was used. The second station students shelled and cracked corn with antique machines and by hand. At the third station, each student learned how to make cornbread, read

a recipe, measure ingredients, mix and pour into pan, and they were able to have their cornbread for lunch the next day.

Ag folders, rulers, pencils, collard seeds, and activity sheets were given to several schools.

Greenville County

The Ag Simulator was taken to Riley Child Development Center on November 3, 2017.

Riley Erica, from the daycare center sent a thank you note saying, "The Farm Bureau and the Ag Simulator have been such a blessing to Riley. Thank you so much for coming and making the necklaces. Our children had a wonderful day. Perhaps you inspired future farmers!!"



Clint and Katie Moore, of Greenville County are the newly appointed State Young Farmer Committee Members for the 2018-2020 term for the Piedmont District.



Greenville County Farm Bureau President Chris Talley received awards on behalf of Greenville County Farm Bureau at the 2017 Annual SCFB Convention.



Centerstage Performance Company took 2nd place in the 2017 Senior Talent Contest.



Anna Tomlinson took 2nd place in the 2017 Junior Talent Contest.



Anna Holcombe & Bennie Blakely, Greenville County Women's Co-chairs, accepted the 2017 Women's Committee Activity Award on behalf of the Greenville County Farm Bureau Women's Committee.



Katie Tuten was selected as the 2017 Greenville County Farm Bureau Ambassador.



Horry-Conway

Richard and Megan Floyd represented South Carolina and Horry-Conway at the American Farm Bureau Annual Meeting as members of the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers committee. The Floyds are ending their two-year servint on the committee.

Pickens County

Pickens County held the Annual Membership Appreciation BBQ on October 14, 2017, where there were approximately 400 attendees. It was a nice fall day and attendees were blessed with good weather, food, fun and fellowship.

November was a busy month as the Pickens County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting was held. There were a few changes to the board this year. George Bryant, county president since 2001, stepped down to devote more time to his farm, family and his other civic organizations. He has

worked tirelessly on behalf of agriculture in South Carolina, not only for Pickens County, but for all counties. He was the recipient of the Government Relations All-star Award at the SCFB Annual Convention. This award honors his dedication to acknowledging agricultural issues that affect South Carolina and in bringing it to the attention of legislators. Although he is stepping down as president, the County Farm Bureau will still be able to count on him to go to bat for agriculture when there are issues that present themselves.

Pickens County Farm Bureau looks forward to the leadership of Craig Brown as the new County President. He has served for several years as the Young Farmers & Ranchers county chairman. He and his wife Cory, have worked diligently to promote young farmers in Pickens County and beyond. They organized a farm tour held on December 16, 2017 where attendees toured Table Rock Tea Company and Bee Well Honey. The tour was well received and there were 11 attendees. The two farms are prime examples of diversified farming that Pickens County is seeing more of and hope to see prosper in the future.

Richland County

Richland County sponsored the Spring Hill Young Farmers & Agribusiness Association and Lexington-Richland 5 FFA Chapter with a BBQ dinner on November 14, 2017. There were 130 people in attendance.

Williamsburg County

Everyone enjoyed the Annual Convention at Myrtle Beach in December. All voting delegates and their spouses attended.

Women's luncheon was enjoyed by all, and the ladies even got to see Santa.



The Williamsburg County Farm Bureau Women's Committee was one of the winners of the Women's Activity Award. Committee Chair, Peggy Haddock received the award on behalf of the county.



Williamsburg County Board of Directors was awarded the most improved County Performance Award in the district. County President Will Carsten received the award on behalf of the county.



York County

Evelyn Edmunds, Wesley Edmunds, Clint Boyd and Carolyn Boyd attended the Clover FFA School Advisory Meeting on October 24 at Clover High School.

York County had eight ladies to attend the Women's luncheon at Myrtle Beach at the Annual SCFB Convention. During the awards program on Friday evening Carolyn Boyd received the Women's Committee Activity Award for 2017 on behalf of the Women's Committee.

York County received the 2017 County Performance Award, and County Vice President Dickie Harper accepted this award for York County. Tracy Miskelly received the Young Farmers and Ranchers Activity Award for 2107 on behalf of the County YF&R Committee.

York County YF&R members Tracy & Jesse Miskelly, Cameron & Guy Ramsey and Katie Knight attended the Annual Convention in Myrtle Beach. The Miskellys presented to a panel of judges as finalists for the Excellence in Agriculture Award. The winner of the award will be announced at the upcoming YF&R Leadership Conference in Greenville.

Thomas Wilkerson of Hickory Grove and a student at Clemson University, will serve as York County Farm Bureau's Ambassador for 2018.

York County YF&R co-hosted a Christmas social on the farm with the York County Board of Directors. The event was held at Black's Peaches on December 14th and featured a "Poor Man's Supper" of pinto beans and corn bread. The event was designed as a membership drive that allowed members to engage local policy leaders. Carolyn Boyd set a membership table and signed up new Farm Bureau members. It also incorporated a Harvest For All project to benefit a local charity. The group collected over \$250 worth of canned goods and monetary donations for PATH, a local food bank. Congressman Ralph Norman, Senator Mike Fanning and Sheriff Kevin Tolson were the elected officials in attendance. Members and guests mingled, discussed policy issues with legislators AND gave back to the community - a complete success!