

## MISSOURI NEWS SCENE

# MU program focus is Internet security

**C**OMPUTER scams can creep up on trusting farmers and ranchers. That's why tips on protecting your privacy and remaining vigilant while using the Internet will be offered at the next Computers on the Farm Conference, Jan. 4-5, at Tan-Tar-A Resort.

"The program is updated every year to meet the changing needs," says John Travlos at the University of Missouri Agricultural Electronic Bulletin Board. "Most of the teaching is farmer-to-farmer exchange. Farmers like to share their innovations."

The AgEBB crew brings hardware and software; participants can bring their computers and special software or spreadsheets for sharing. "It's a good idea to bring flash drives for copying," Travlos adds.

The program has expanded beyond computers to scanners, cell phones, digital cameras and more.

The whole family is invited. Special sessions are added for FFA and 4-H Club members. "In fact, the young people often contribute a lot," Travlos says. This year, Internet safety for children will be added to the program.

The program is free, supported by the AgEBB staff of the MU Commercial Agriculture Program in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Added financing comes from Farm Credit Services and Format International Inc.

The program opens at noon on Friday and ends by 5 p.m. Saturday.

For registration information, call Travlos at 573-882-4827, or e-mail [Travlosj@missouri.edu](mailto:Travlosj@missouri.edu).

Tan-Tar-A Resort is located on Highway KK off of U.S. Highway 54 in Osage Beach. Call 800-826-8272 for reservations.

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## News Briefs

### Show-Me a top FFA leader

Zach Kinne, North Harrison FFA Chapter member from Eagleville, will lead more than 500,000 fellow members as 2007-08 National FFA president. He was elected at the 80th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. It has been 77 years since a Missourian held this post.

The son of Keith and Shelly Kinne, Eagleville, Zach is a sophomore at the University of Missouri. As an FFA member, he participated in a Supervised Agricultural Experience producing and selling registered Angus bulls. He was selected as a state winner and national semi-finalist in prepared public speaking.

Serving as national FFA president will require traveling more than 100,000 miles; visiting U.S. leaders in business, government and education; and participating in a tour to Japan. His responsibilities will include providing personal growth and leadership training for students, setting policies that shape the future of the organization, and promoting agricultural literacy.

"I believe it is the purpose of a national officer to plant the seeds of knowledge, hope and inspiration in others," Kinne says. "There is nothing I would rather do than to have this opportunity to commit myself to the betterment and growth of FFA, its members and the American agriculture industry."



ZACH KINNE

### New officers for MBIC

The Missouri Beef Industry Council board of directors has elected new officers for the 2008 fiscal year. James Rickman of Stockton will chair the board, which administers the \$1-per-head beef checkoff in Missouri. Rickman was recently re-elected to serve his second three-year term.

Rickman owns a cattle-feeding operation in Cedar County and co-owns Farmer's Market of Bolivar with his brother, John Rickman. He lives in Stockton with his wife, Jessica, and their two young children, Jenna and Jack.

Leon James, a cow-calf operator from Hurdland in Knox County, was elected vice chairman of the board. Pat Wood of LaMonte is secretary, and Jim Freeman of Salem was re-elected treasurer. New board members seated at the October meeting include at-large member Matt Reynolds of Huntsville and John Redman of Amity, who represents District 1 in northwest Missouri.

### Be counted

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service urges producers to ensure their farm or ranch is counted in the 2007 Census of Agriculture.

"To ensure farmers can continue feeding and clothing a growing world, we need to provide them with the programs, services and tools they need," says Gene Danekas, director of the NASS Missouri Field Office. "To do this, we urge them to let their voices be heard by participating in the 2007 census."

Conducted every five years by USDA, the census is a complete count of the nation's farms and ranches and their operators. It provides the only source of uniform, comprehensive agricultural data for every county in the nation.

Census forms will begin appearing in rural mailboxes the last week of this year to collect data for the 2007 calendar year. Completed forms are due by Feb. 4. Producers can return their forms by mail or online. For more information, visit [www.agcensus.usda.gov](http://www.agcensus.usda.gov), or call toll-free 888-4AG-STAT (888-424-7828).



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## JANUARY

**6-7:** Missouri Governor's Conference on Agriculture, Millennium Hotel, St. Louis.

**7-8:** Heart of America Grazing Conference, Columbia.

**9-10:** MO-AG Winter Convention and Legislative Conference, Lake Ozark.

**10-12:** Great Plains Vegetable Conference, St. Joseph.

**11-12:** Missouri Agribusiness Association Annual Conference.

**24-28:** Missouri Association of Fairs and Festivals Annual Convention, Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake of the Ozarks.

**25-26:** Missouri Dairy Forum, Lake Ozark.

**25-26:** 18th Annual Missouri Equine Council Equine Event, Midway Expo Center, Columbia. Call 800-313-3327 or visit [www.mo-equine.org](http://www.mo-equine.org).

**26:** MU Ag Unlimited Banquet and Auction, Columbia.

## FEBRUARY

**2-3:** Missouri Young Farmer-Young Farm Wives State Convention, Port Arrowhead, Osage Beach. Call 573-751-8467.

**2-4:** Midwest Grape and Wine Conference, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks.

**8-10:** Missouri Farm Bureau Young Farmer and Rancher Conference, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Lake of the Ozarks.

**11-15:** Missouri Regional Dairy Profit Seminars.

**15-16:** Missouri Organic Association Conference/Missouri Farmers Market Association Annual Meeting, Jefferson City.

**18-19:** Missouri Farm Bureau Commodity Conference.

**18-20:** Small Fruit and Vegetable Conference, Springfield.

**20-21:** 2008 Missouri Pork Expo, Columbia. Call Missouri Pork Association at 573-445-8375, or visit [www.mopork.com](http://www.mopork.com).

**22-24:** Western Farm Show, American Royal Complex, Kansas City.

**23:** Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association Annual Meeting, Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia. Starts at 2 p.m. Call Tom Waters at 816-770-5562.

**29-March 2:** Missouri Association of Meat Processors Convention and Trade Show, Columbia.

## MARCH

**3:** Missouri Farmers Market Workshop, Columbia.

**4:** Missouri Farmers Market Workshop, Kirksville.

**5:** Missouri Farmers Market Workshop, Kansas City.

**8:** Missouri Youth Livestock Grading and Judging Contest and Workshop, Equine Clinic, Columbia.

**25-27:** SARE's 20th Anniversary Conference, Kansas City. Visit [www.sare.org](http://www.sare.org). To register, call 573-882-8320, or register online at [muconf.missouri.edu/sare2008](http://muconf.missouri.edu/sare2008).