

## NewsWatch

# Elite fraternity

**F**OLKS selected as Master Farmers and Master Farm Homemakers join a unique group that works for the betterment of Kansas agriculture.

Each year, the Kansas Master Farmer Association and Master Farm Homemaker Guild award post-secondary scholarships and participate in a philanthropy project. They meet three times per year: at the annual banquet in March, at Rock Springs 4-H Ranch near Junction City in the summer and at the Kansas State Fair in September.

The 2008 officers of the Master Farmer Association are: John Markley, Howard, president; Bill Mai, Sharon Springs, vice president; Harold Kraus, Hays, chaplain; Sonny Sisk, Manhattan, secretary/treasurer; Sid Nattier, Newton, agriculture representative.

Master Farm Homemaker Guild officers for 2008 are: Cheryl Denk, Agenda,

president; Lois Schlickau, Haven, vice president; Wilma Mai, Sharon Springs, secretary; Delaine Stalker, Satanta, historian; and Janis Moore, Iuka, scholarship chairwoman.

The Kansas Master Farm Homemaker Guild will host the National Master Farm Homemaker Guild Convention in Junction City, Aug. 20-22, 2009.

A three-day slate that features tours, an annual meeting and a banquet will be attended by couples from across the nation.

## Master Farmers by the numbers

**525:** number of farm families receiving the award since 1927

**17:** recipients since 1927 in Dickinson and Reno counties, the most of any county

**9:** number of counties without recipients (Nemaha, Phillips, Sheridan, Stanton, Gray, Sumner, Logan, Stanton and Chautauqua)

**1943-46 and 1948:** years in which no Masters were named

**11:** number of horse buggies owned and operated by the Class of 1927

**10,050:** miles driven by *Kansas Farmer* editor in 1927 to interview nominees

**1,460:** miles driven by *Kansas Farmer* editor in 2008 to interview winners

Sources: *Kansas Farmer*, *Kansas State University*, *Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service*

## Honoring the Class of 1982

EACH year at the Master Farmer/Master Farm Homemaker Awards Banquet, special recognition is given to the 25-year members of this elite organization. The Class of 1982 includes:

- John\* and Betty Bunck, Brown County
- Stanley and Maxine Dreher, Allen County
- Kenneth and Dotty Kraus, Ellis County
- Clinton\* and Elaine\* Lundquist, McPherson County
- Dale and Winifred Maxson, Labette County
- Elmer\* and Ellen\* Musil, Pawnee County

\* Deceased

## Passion for travel allows couple to continue learning

**S**INCE retiring from their feedlot and teaching careers, respectively, in 1990, Lester and Delores Goyen have been given much more freedom to enjoy one of their great passions: travel.

They have visited more than 65 countries, touring Europe, Africa, Asia and Central America. They've even been to the infamous Timbuktu on the edge of the Sahara Desert, and included their children on trips to Alaska, China, Egypt and Mexico — all since 1985.

There is no substitute for travel to learn about other cultures, the Goyens agree.

"It is really interesting to see how others live. After we get back home from a trip, we read the newspaper a lot differently," Delores says. "But still, it's good to get back home."

They have been to China two times, 16 years apart. "We could tell a lot of difference in the technology in China," Delores says.

The Goyens happily share their knowledge with others. They have given 227 presentations of their travels to groups throughout Pratt County and beyond.

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