



**Annual Meeting
and
Hall of Fame Banquet**
February 26, 2024
Delphi United Methodist Church

Carroll County Agriculture Association
P.O. Box 62, Flora Indiana 46929
www.carrollcountyag.com
a §501(c)(5) Agriculture Nonprofit Corporation

*The Mission of Carroll County Agriculture Association is to
promote agriculture through BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
and enhance and sustain the Carroll County Community.*

Carroll County Agriculture Association – Financial Statement

Jan - Dec 23

Income

Christmas Donations - Income	\$ 8,125.00
Cooking Event – Fair and Bacon Bowl	\$ 3,816.00
Sales of Product Income	\$ 35,642.10
Hall of Fame	\$ 1,500.00
Fair Donations - Income	\$ 2,330.00
Membership Dues	\$ 3,150.00
Other Income (insurance refund)	\$ 521.35

Total Income \$ 55,084.45

Expense

Accounting Fees	\$ 320.00
Christmas Baskets – Food Pantry and expense	\$ 8,000.00
Community Support (includes Jr Leaders)	\$ 10,585.00
Contract Services	\$ 4,025.37
Cooking Supplies	\$ 14,260.24
Fair Donations/Support	\$ 1,359.45
Insurance	\$ 1,536.00
Advertising	\$ 432.60
Supplies	\$ -224.39
Printing and copying	\$ 113.43
Website Hosting	\$ 127.00
Trailer License	\$ 79.35
Plaques, Awards and Scholarships	\$ 10,000.00
Uncategorized Expense	\$ 991.13

Total Expense \$ 51,605.18

Net Profit/Loss	\$ 3,479.27
Balance in Memorial Scholarships	\$ 42,656.00
Balance Unrestricted Account	\$ 44,802.44

Program

Welcome

Shawn Meek

Invocation

Brad Burton

Dinner Catered by

Delphi United Methodist Women

Business Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order

Shawn Meek

Approval of 2024 Directors

Shawn Meek

President's Remarks

Shawn Meek

Treasurer's Report

Braden Abbott

Scholarship Award Presentation

Adam Shanks

2023 Dale McIlrath Memorial Scholarship – Ashlan Kingery and Kendra Sheagley

2023 Dave Lambert Memorial Scholarship – Allison O'Brien and Carson Rudd

2023 TDM Hog Slat Scholarship – Grace Ayres

2023 CCAA Scholarship – Emily Mears

2024 Dale McIlrath Memorial Scholarship – Jaelyn Kingery and Madison Wagner

2024 Dave Lambert Memorial Scholarship – Evan Johnson and Rylie Lanum

2024 TDM Hog Slat Scholarship- Abigail Mears

2024 CCAA Scholarship – Micah McMains

Hall of Fame Award Presentation

Presented by Steve Nichols

Shawn Meek and Joyce Orem

Fisher & Associates, Inc.

FFA Student Update – Carroll and Delphi FFA

Featured Speaker

Carson Rudd, Indiana FFA Reporter

Adjourn Meeting

Shawn Meek

2024 Directors

Braden Abbott	At Large	Shawn Meek	Corn
Lauren Bush	Swine	Justin Moffitt	Agribusiness
Scott Butcher	At Large	Natalie Weaver	Beef
Kendal Ross	Swine	Tim Scagnoli	Agribusiness
Kevin Giddens	Agribusiness	Adam Shanks	Agribusiness
Garrett Johnson	Soybeans	Jerry Sparks**	Corn
Emily Justice	Carroll FFA President	Clayton Duff	Delphi FFA President
Vacant	Extension Educator	** New Directors	

Special Thanks to Brad Burton for providing Audio/Visual support.



2024

Hall of Fame

Inductees

The complete Hall of Fame History, with photos and biographies of all Hall of Fame inductees is available on the Carroll County Agriculture Association Website.

www.carrollcountyag.com

2024 Hall of Fame: Joyce Orem

The daughter of Wayne and Edith Loman, Joyce was born in 1938 on the farm property where she now lives. Joyce grew up in agriculture, surrounded by her family's apple orchard, sheep, cattle, and chickens. Her grandparents, Vern and Ollie (Olive Flora) Loman established the farm in 1910 in Burlington and Democrat townships. Joyce is a descendant of the founding family of the town of Flora.

In 1956, Joyce graduated from Burlington High School and married Kenneth R. Orem (Hall of Fame Class of 2003). They honeymooned at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Except for about seven years early in her marriage, Joyce has called Carroll County her home.

In 1968, Joyce, Kenny, and their children moved into Vern and Ollie Loman's farmhouse. She is especially grateful for the "Hoosier Homestead Farm Centennial Award" she and Kenny accepted in 2011, acknowledging the family's 100 years of farming in Carroll County.

Along with helping in the fields (mostly corn and soybeans, and for a handful of back-breaking years, tomatoes) and helping with their cow-calf operation, Joyce worked outside the home, too. She drove a Carroll School bus for sixteen years and ran a detassling crew for Pioneer Hybrid over most of that same period before joining the Carroll County FSA Office in 1987, known then as ASCS. Joyce describes this job move as one of the best decisions she ever made, as she so enjoyed working with Carroll County farmers until her retirement in 2003. She says she always tried to make sure the farmers knew about the programs that were available to them. She is appreciative she had the opportunity to be a part of the Carroll County farm community in this service capacity. Also, she notes she was fortunate to join the agency under the guidance of Steve Brown, the county director at that time.

Joyce and Kenny have five children: Dale (Hall of Fame Class of 2017), Darlene, Dawn, Glenda, and Dean. She has many fond memories of the family's 4-H activities. She and Kenny were both 4-H Leaders early on and they continued to support their kids' 4-H efforts for many years as all five were 10-year members. Joyce is proud of her offspring's academic achievements, too, with four graduating from Purdue and one from Indiana. Joyce and Kenny have nine grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Joyce is a long-time member of the Flora First Christian Church, previously serving as an elder and also as a high school Sunday School teacher.

2024 Hall of Fame: Shawn Meek

Shawn Meek was born on June 1972 and raised in Washington Township where he is still currently residing. He is the son of Greg and Shelia Meek. He graduated from Carroll Jr/Sr High School 1991. While in school he was active in FFA with leadership contest and Judging contesting. While in school he received his Hoosier Farmer degree and after graduation received his American Farmer degree.

Shawn married Emily Troutman in October 1996 and they have 2 Children, Keeton and Kaleb.

Shawn worked in the swine industry from high school until he went to work for Maurice Robeson in Aug of 2003 and still working for the Robeson Family.

Shawn has served his community and industry in various ways including: Serving on the Ag Advisory Board for the Carroll Jr/Sr High School as well as supporting their FFA program, Carroll Athletic Boosters, Carroll County 4-h Exhibit Board, Carroll County Extension Board, Carrollton Clovers 4-H Leader, Goat Committee, Carroll Co Pork Producer serving as President and Treasurer, Carroll County Ag Association Serving as a Director and President for the last 3 years.

Shawn enjoys spending time with his family and friends, going to High school basketball games and going on cruises with family and friends.

2024 Hall of Fame: Fisher & Associates, Inc.

Fisher & Associates is a full-service accounting firm with offices in Flora and Lafayette. While we offer services to nearly all industries, our specialties are agriculture, construction and service-based businesses. It is our goal to support your business from a successful launch until a succession plan is implemented. We know that there are many aspects of running a successful operation and we strive to help you cover all the bases, from entity selection to record keeping to tax minimization strategies!

Agriculture is an industry that has lots of cash flow but narrow margins. Some years are a boom; some are a bust. However, we at Fisher & Associates realize that agriculture truly is the backbone of America! We praise God that we have been placed right in the middle of this beautiful Midwestern farming community to partner with you on this journey! We are intimately familiar with cash flow management, input costs, depreciation, income averaging and other tax benefits for farmers as well as lending valuations and estate considerations.

Our story began in January 1987 when a staff of two started serving clients out of an office beside the Flora Library. We have been blessed with steady growth over the last 37 years, both by quality clients and amazing staff! After outgrowing our existing office on Columbia Street in Flora, we opened an office in Lafayette in 2016. Since then, we have expanded our office space there and we now have around 25 very motivated and capable team members available to serve the needs of our clients.

We have also had a financial advising and investment arm of the business since 1995. As noted above, our goal is truly to give you complete accounting, tax and financial services. We desire to create a plan that is right for you! Our objective is to keep your business on a healthy path while helping you reach your financial goals!

We are truly blessed to serve this community!

Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame

The Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame started in 1994. The Hall of Fame came about through the foresight of several local people who felt a sincere desire to recognize the many people of our county that have contributed significantly to make Carroll County a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

2024	Joyce Orem	Shawn Meek	
2023	Steve Brown	Richard (Rick) Roach	
2022 ^o	Joanne Lytton	Vince Seward	Jim Shanks
2020	Paul Marcellino	William McVay	
2019	Angie May	Neil Mylet	
2018	Michelle Cox	Raymon Eikenberry	Michael Beale
2017	Samantha Garrison	Dale Orem	
2016	David Minich	Gary Rader	
2015	Marianne Yeager Ash	Steve Keown	
2014	Rhonda Hicks		
2013	Thomas Flora*	Monty Edging	
2012	Steve Ashby*	Dwaine Ward	
2011	Joe O'Donnell	Tom Mylet	
2010	Janet Ayres	Dean Scott	
2009	Jeffrey Shanks	Miriam Robeson	
2008	Wilbur O. Jones*	Samuel D. Moffitt	John Richard McCain*
2007	Dick Bradshaw	Kenneth Pyle	Linda Wise
2006	Brad Burton	Dave Lambert*	Larry Trapp
2005	Jerry Hendress	Carolyn Pearson	Ross Striebeck
2004	Joe Jones*	Gary Parrett	Maurice Robeson*
2003	George Obear*	Kenneth Orem	George Ringer*
2002	James Huffer*	Pat Kennedy	Richard Roach*
2001	Glenn Brown*	Gordon McCain	Lawrence Stauffer
2000	Jeris Eikenberry	Bill Pearson*	Larry Welborn
1999	Leo Bowman*	Bill Duff*	Everett Gruber*
1998	Bill Kerlin*	Joan McCain*	Steve Nichols
1997	Lee Flora*		Fred Wise
1996	Pete Jackson*	Fred Martin*	Bill Pickart
1995	Lloyd Anderson*	John Klepinger*	Vernon Payne*
1994	Lloyd Anderson*	Elizabeth Peterson*	Nelson Sines*
1994	Bob Ayres *	John Bush*	Bud Harmon
	John McCormick*	Bob Mills*	Dorothy Mills*
	John Peterson*	JV Pickart*	Ralph Sullivan*
	Winnie Weaver*	Charles Yeager*	Jessie Zook*

** Deceased*

Outstanding Agriculture Industry Businesses

2024 Fisher & Associates, Inc.	2023 McClrath Enterprises, Inc.	
2022 Co-Alliance Cooperative	2020 Bordner Enterprises	2019 First Merchant's Bank
2018 Bush Veterinary Services	2015 The Andersons, Inc.	2012 Carroll White REMC
2017 Ayres Hardware, Co.	2014 Carroll County Tire	2011 Indiana Packers, Corp.
2016 Delphi Products Co.	2013 Hog Slat/TDM Farms	2010 Jackson-Lee-Pearson, Inc.

You can view photographs and complete biographies of all Hall of Fame members at the Carroll County Agriculture Association website: www.carrollcountyag.com

◊ No HOF Award in 2021 due to Covid.



2024

Scholarship Winners

With special thanks to
Scholarship co-sponsor
TDM Farms, Inc.

And in memory of
Dale McIlrath
David Lambert

2024 Dale McIlrath Memorial Scholarship – Madison Wagner

Future plans- Attend Trine University

Parents - Kyle and Suzanne Wagner

Hobbies - Basketball, running, painting, photography

Favorite thing about agriculture- Learning about the new inventions and technologies that are revolutionizing agriculture and the environment.

School involvement- 10 Year 4-H Member, Senior Class President, National Honor Society, Student council secretary, 12 Varsity Letters in Basketball, Track, Cross Country and Volleyball, Youth Group and Cougars for Christ, Prom Committee, Spanish Club and Yearbook, Elementary Running Club Volunteer, Elementary Vision Screener, Elementary Paw Pals Volunteer.

2024 Dale McIlrath Memorial Scholarship – Jaelyn Kingery

Future Plans - This fall I plan on attending Purdue University and majoring in Pharmacy with a Veterinary focus.

Parents - My parents are Mike and Angie Kingery.

Favorite Things About Agriculture - My favorite thing about agriculture is seeing the continuous change and improvements that happen to be able to sustain the world.

School Involvement - Within school, I am involved in FFA, golf, basketball, track and field, National Honor Society, Carroll White REMC Junior Board, 4-H, and Student Council. Some hobbies that I enjoy are traveling, hanging out with my friends, and reading.

2024 Dave Lambert Memorial Scholarship – Evan Johnson

Evan Johnson - Carroll High School

Future plans: Evan plans to attend Purdue University in the fall to study agribusiness and may also continue his education to pursue a degree in agricultural law. He plans to return to help run the family farm.

Parents: Eric and Melissa Johnson

[Evan Johnson bio, continued]

Hobbies: Exercising, travel, team sports, cooking and baking

Favorite thing about agriculture: The continuous process of integrating new technology into agriculture.

School Involvement: Carroll FFA, Varsity Football, Track and Field, Powerlifting, Mentoring, National Honor Society, 10-year 4-H member

2024 Dave Lambert Memorial Scholarship – Rylie Lanum

Future Plans: I am currently finalizing my university choice. I will be studying animal science. Once I earn my degree, I plan to become an embryologist, allowing me to continue my passion for the livestock industry, specifically by assisting beef cattle producers to make a more profitable product.

Parents: My parents are Chad and Amy Lanum

Hobbies: My hobbies include, showing livestock at the county, state, and national level, both cattle and swine; playing softball both varsity at Carroll and with my Indiana Blaze travel team; being involved in the fellowship at Crossroads Community church, and spending time with family and friends.

Favorite moment in Agriculture: So far my favorite moment in agriculture in Carroll county has been the 2020 Carroll County 4-H fair. 2020, as everyone knows was a life altering year, most counties in Indiana were forced to cancel their local fair due to Covid-19- but not Carroll County. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the agricultural enthusiasts in our county we were able to show our animals at the fair. It was extremely rewarding to be able to exhibit and compete at our county fair in 2020 and allowed 4-hers to have a glimpse of normalcy. I will forever be grateful for the opportunity that the agriculture leaders in Carroll County gave us.

School Involvement: At my high school I serve as the Vice President of my FFA chapter, Vice President of the National Honor Society, Vice President of Student Council, transportation chair of the Spanish club, prom committee member, "Paw Pals" mentoring program, praise committee chair for Cougars for Christ; and a team captain for the lady cougar softball team.

2024 TDM Hog Slat Scholarship – Abigail Mears

Future Plans: Come fall of 2024, I will be attending Purdue University to study animal science. Through this, I will work towards getting into veterinary medicine, so that I can follow my dream of being a vet tech. Long term, following graduation I plan to return to my hometown and work at one of the three vet clinics Delphi has to offer.

Parents: Thomas & Julie Mears

Hobbies: I enjoy spending time outside. When the weather allows, I love fishing and kayaking with my dad and grandpa. I also enjoy reading books. I like going out to eat with my friends and catching a movie in theaters. And I especially like going for drives and listening to music.

Favorite Moment in Agriculture: My favorite thing about agriculture is how everything and everyone is connected in this. There are so many careers and so many different ways to be involved in this industry. I admire the collaboration between the people in this industry and how supportive they are. Everyone involved in agriculture makes an impact in the community and the world. Our future depends on agriculture and the people involved in it.

School Involvement: I am involved in Student Council, Spanish Club, National Honor Society and FFA.

2024 CCAA Scholarship – Micah McMains

Future plans: I plan to attend Purdue University to get my Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Engineering. After graduation, I hope to work for an agricultural company that works with large equipment.

Parents' name: Kyle and Dawn McMains

Hobbies: I like to work out, hang out with friends, and play the guitar.

Favorite thing about agriculture: I like that it plays into everything in life even if it may not seem agriculture related. Agriculture probably had something to do with the creation of it.

School involvement: I am in NHS, Cougar Pals (mentoring), tutoring, 4-H, FFA, Football, Lifting.

Carroll County Agriculture Association Community Support for 2023

Carroll Athletics Department (Bacon Bowl)	\$	1,000.00
Carroll County 4H Fair Support	\$	1,500.00
Carroll County Community Center	\$	500.00
Carroll County Junior Leaders	\$	6,000.00
Carroll FFA / 4H National Competition	\$	1,500.00
Christmas Basket Donations		
*Camden Food Pantry	\$	1,500.00
*Carroll County Food Pantry	\$	3,000.00
*Carroll County Christmas Baskets	\$	2,000.00
*Kokomo Rescue Mission	\$	1,500.00
Flora Depot Museum	\$	100.00
Scholarships	\$	10,000.00

*Food pantry donations were distributed from proceeds of Christmas Donations

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