

Cargill funds SMILES scholarships

Cargill Feed and Nutrition awarded a \$3,500 grant to Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills Inc. in Darien.

The award will strengthen The Sherry Monty Scholarship Fund, which supports clients of the therapeutic horsemanship program. SMILES aims to improve the lives and living skills of adults and children with special needs and is celebrating 30 years of providing these services.

The scholarship fund, named after the founder of the organization, Sherry Monty, supports clients who have demonstrated financial need through an application process. Financial awards from the scholarship fund reduce the program fee that a client will need to pay for their services. Awards are granted on a sliding scale basis.

Scholarships at SMILES provide financial support to families who want to see their loved one with special needs benefit from equine assisted activities and therapies. Scholarships are in demand, and replenishing the fund is a priority, according to the organization.

"We are very grateful to the employees of Cargill, for choosing us as partners in their Cargill Cares program," said Gay Stran, executive director of the organization. "Many lives will be touched, and many families will be supported through this gift".

SMILES offers individuals with special needs the joy of participating in an equine-assisted program that provides social, emotional, physical and personal rewards. More information about SMILES can be found at smilestherapeuticriding.org or by calling (262) 882-3470.



Submitted photo East Troy Times
Emma Caputo, of East Troy, shares a special moment with her therapy horse, Otis, at the Special Methods in Learning Equine Skills Inc. in Darien.

Winners announced from Fourth of July events

The East Troy Lions Club has announced the winners of its Fourth of July raffle and car show. They included :

Raffle

- First place, Mark Huffman, South Milwaukee, \$12,000;
- Second place, Dick Jones, East Troy, \$600;
- Third place, Dave Billings, East Troy, \$300; and
- Fourth place, Kurt Verburker, Mukwonago, \$100.

Car show

- Class A** – Doug Kraayupnger, Elkhorn, 1937 Chevy; Craig Robertson, East Troy, 1948 Plymouth; Marty Gust, Salem, 1947 Plymouth.
- Class B** – Donald Andrews, Spring Grove, Ill., Ford T Bird; Connie Barrett, East Troy, 1955 Chevrolet; Jim Elijah, Lindenhurst, Ill., 1959 Ford T Bird.
- Class C** – Carol Andrews, Spring Grove, Ill., 1966 Ford Mustang; Bill Berger, East Troy, 1960 Chevrolet Impala; Anthony Enright, Burlington, 1969 Pontiac.
- Class D** – Terry Furseth, Delavan, 1978 Pontiac Trans Am; Bob Sadowski, West Allis, 1973 Plymouth Road Runner; Eric Manke, Hartland, 1970 Pontiac Formula Firebird.
- Class E** – Josh Schimok, Burlington, 1981 Delorean; Jean Lawlor, East Troy, 1989 Pontiac Firebird; Kevin Reinert, Milwaukee, 1988 Chevy Monte Carlo.
- Class F** – Daniel Luba, East Troy, 1997 Ford Mustang; Bob Zupan, Kenosha, 1992 Cadillac Eldorado; Gene Sauer, Waunakee, 1994 Corvette.
- Class G** – John Gaffney, Pewaukee, 2008 Mustang Shelby; Craig Jensen, Watertown, 2014 Corvette; Rick and Tina, East Troy, 2015 Corvette.
- Class H** – Dave Lawlor, East Troy, 1955 Chevrolet; Mark Taylor, Elkhorn, 1923 Ford T Bucket; Mike Jensen, Fort Atkinson, 1955 Chevy.
- Class I** – Walter Hart, New Berlin, 1984 Bernardi; John Semrow Watertown, 1970 Pontiac; Dave Janny, Waukesha, 1973 Dodge Dart.
- Class J** – Bob Meyer, Waukesha, 1955 Ford Truck; Bruce Couillard, Waukesha, 1947 Chevy Truck; Henry Blazer, Darien, 1971 Chevy Truck.
- Class K** – Glenn Sizemore, East Troy, 1954 Dodge Truck; Craig Robertson, East Troy, 1946 Ford Stake Truck; Jeremy Tess, East Troy, 1966 Chevy C-10 Truck.
- Class L** – Mel Babel, Pleasant Prairie, 1970 Chevy C-10 Truck; Matt Enger, Elkhorn, 1987 Chevy C-10 Truck; Al Yerke, East Troy, 1976 Ford Truck.
- Class M** – Greg Kluck, Muskego, 2010 Chevy Van.
- Participants' Choice** – Jeff Lennartz, Dousman, 1968 Mercury Cougar.
- Sponsors' Choice** – Eric Manke, Hartland, 1970 Pontiac Formula Firebird.

Michael Fields to host Cover Crops Conference

By Jen Bradley
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The Michael Fields Agricultural Institute, W2493 Highway ES, East Troy will be hosting the 2015 Wisconsin Cover Crops Conference on Aug. 14.

Dan DeSutter from west central Indiana, is the conference keynote speaker and will be discussing his use of no-till, cover crops and manure to improve soil quality on his 4,500-acre farm. He was a former financial analyst and commodity broker, and in 2013 DeSutter was honored as the National No-Till Innovator of the Year.

The overall theme of the 2015 conference is "Cover Crops and Agricultural Resiliency." In addition to DeSutter's keynote presentation, a mix of general sessions and bus tours will be available during the Aug. 14 event.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the tours conclude by 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$30, includes lunch and is due by Aug. 10. Go online at www.

michaelfields.org, or contact Sandy Andrews at sandrews@michaelfields.org, (262) 642-3303, ext. 100.

In the past few years, Michael Fields has been leading research initiatives into cover crops, including strategies to facilitate organic transition and reinvigorate certified organic land, using oilseed radish varieties to manage chronic pest problems in no-till production, and monitoring how the harvest of cover crop biomass impacts nitrogen contribution to corn.

The institute has also partnered with the National Wildlife Federation and University of Wisconsin-Extension to conduct research into red clover, a now popular cover crop in the Upper Midwest. Specifically, the combined group effort aims to understand the corn yield increases caused by including red clover in field rotate and give scientific standing to the financial argument for the use of cover crops.

"Cover crops are a key com-

ponent of soil improvement," Jim Stute, research program director at Michael Fields, said. "In addition to protecting the soil surface when no crops are present they provide a host of ecosystem services and benefits depending on which species are chosen and where they are grown."

Stute added that with the agricultural industry's challenge of feeding and clothing a 9 billion population by 2050, as well as the competition for land to produce fuel crops, the agricultural scientist community agrees that improving soil quality is key solution to the problem.

"Improving soil quality will support higher crop yields, improve water harvest (increased infiltration) and storage, and could be a key component in carbon sequestration, potentially mitigating some of the problems associated with climate change," he said.

Climate change is one of the topic of discussion at the Cover

Crops Conference, and will be addressed by Bill Bland from the UW Soil Science/UW-Extension Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies. The other session will address the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Cover Practice Standards and Options for Assistance.

In a 2010 survey by Corn and Soybean Digest, a main barrier to cover crop usage around the country was the limited time to establish the crop itself with any harvest challenges that may arise. The second was cost, and a reduced seed price tag was cited as the top reason growers even would consider using cover crops in the future.

The survey's participants did, however, recognize the benefits of reduced soil compaction and soil erosion, as well as weed control and nitrogen fixation.

To give participants real-life cover crops insight, three concurrent tours will be leaving from the conference at Michael Fields.

The first tour will feature the cover crop research of Michael Fields, including organic no-till, new species screening, organic reinvigoration and quackgrass control as well as the successful cover crop practices at Michael Fields Agricultural Institute's research farm.

The second option, a trip to Palmyra, will display successful practices on rolling and highly erodible soils, and will discuss aerial application in corn and soybeans, drilling

in standing corn and cocktail mixes after wheat.

The third tour available is to Turtle Creek Gardens in Delavan, and will feature successful cover crop applications in organic vegetable production.

Whether a seasoned cover crops producer or wanting to learn more about implementing the practice, the conference is an opportunity to ask questions as well as learn new tips from experienced farmers and other professionals.

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Lake Beulah Dam project on schedule

The modular block retaining wall along the south side of the Lake Beulah Dam project was completed last week, according to a press release from the Walworth County Department of Public Works.

The final segment of concrete parapet wall on north

side of the dam was also completed. The steel catwalk structure used to access and operate the dam's stop logs is on-site and ready to be installed. The sheet piles on the dam spillway are also being removed today.

The focus of the work is now on the anchor slabs and

parapet walls along the south side of the project. The site will continue to take its final shape over the next four-weeks with curb and gutter work, asphalt paving, and final restoration of the lawn areas.

Normal pool elevation of the lake is near 808.00 as

dictated by the inspection operation and maintenance plan and the DPW will continue to monitor lake levels as the project finishes up.

For more information, contact project engineer Kurt Feuerstein at (262) 794-2458.