

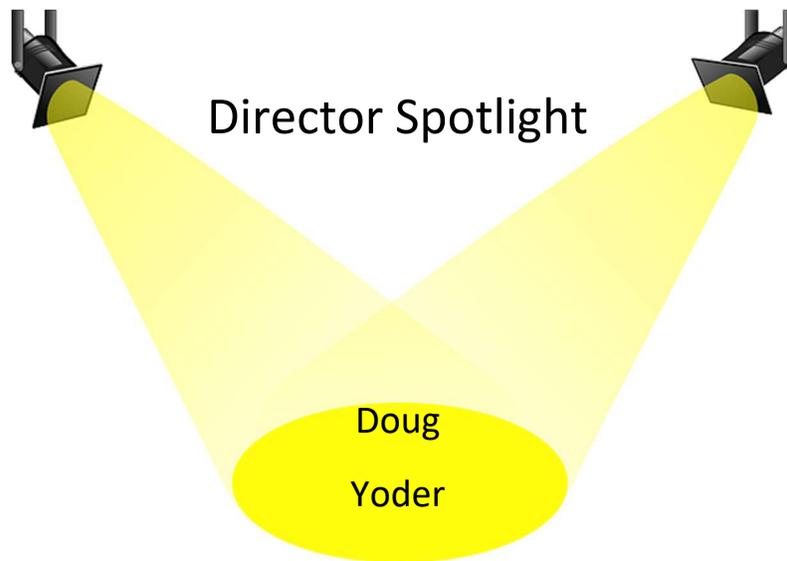
NACEB

Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards

July 2021 Newsletter

Our summer meeting was a great success and fun learning experience. “Thank You” to everyone who attended and participated in the event. The directors received some great updates from K.C. Belitz of Nebraska Community Foundation and Vice Chancellor of IANR Mike Boehm on Friday evening. On Saturday we all met at the Boone County Fairgrounds and heard from Michelle Olson of Boone County Development Assoc, receive a tour of the new meeting/Extension office/arena building by Chuck Rolf of the Ag Society, received an update from Interim Dean and Director of NE Extension Dave Varner, and some great foundation information from the NE Foundation Director of Development for IANR Kristen Kouska. We enjoyed some yummy food and time of networking before ending our day with a tour of the Upstream Farm and Innovations where we learned about the whiskey distillery process.

Photos are available on the Facebook page.



I am a life-long resident of Seward County, married (Sue Yoder) with 2 children (Leslie & D.J.) and 7 grandchildren (Cole, Jackson, Brecken, Emily, Neliyah, Naika & Benchilot). I am a graduate of Milford High School and Gateway Electronics with a degree in Computer Programming and Electronics. I am an active member (Elder) of the Seward Church of Christ since 1984. I am employed by AKRS Equipment Solutions (John Deere dealership) as the Short Line Manager for all 27 locations in Nebraska and Kansas since 2018.

I grew up on a farm located between Beaver Crossing and Milford where we raised hogs, cattle, grain sorghum, soybeans and wheat. We even had a dairy herd (and occasionally some chickens) until I was about 14 years old. In 1973 my uncle (in partnership with my dad) was killed in a rollover tractor accident and the dairy herd was sold. From that time forward we concentrated on our cow/calf herd, farrow-to-finish swine herd and raising grain sorghum and soybeans until 1992.

Extension has been a big part of my family's life, from gardening - to livestock - to tractor driving safety - to herbicide application training - to

serving on the Seward County Extension board from 2015-2020 and the NACEB board from 2016-2022. As a kid I was involved in 4-H with our dairy cows/calves. I enjoyed time together with the 4-H club and all the friends I made. My kids (Leslie & D.J.) were also involved in 4-H and showed market hogs at the Seward county fair. None of my grandkids have been in 4-H but they all have worked in grandpa's garden and have taken produce to the county fair and received dozens of ribbons.