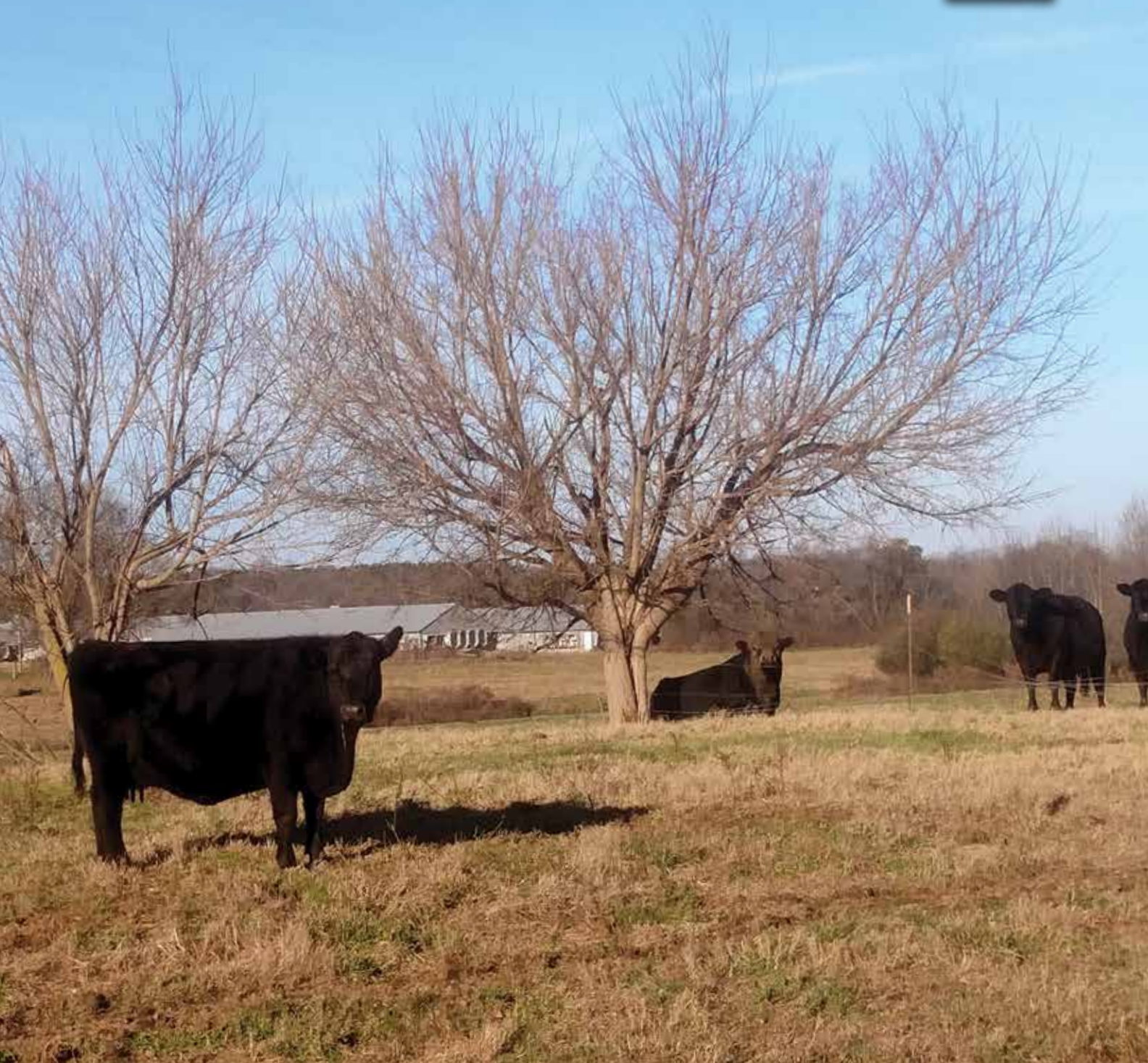


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Auburn University student and scholarship recipient Karri Fievet of Blount County was honored at the Alabama Farmers Federation (AFF) 2014 Scholarship Recipients Luncheon at the Grand National Hotel in Opelika. Fievet is studying poultry science-pre-vet. The \$1,750 scholarship was funded by the Blount County Farmers Federation and the AFF's Alabama Farmers Agriculture Foundation. From left are AFF President Jimmy Parnell, Fievet and Blount County Farmers Federation President Roger Brumbeloe.

Each spring, the Blount County Young Farmers Committee also sponsors a \$500 scholarship for a graduating Blount County senior. Scholarship applications can be obtained from ag teachers or any Blount County Young Farmers member. For more information, email blount.young.farmers@gmail.com.



Farm Safety Day is an event sponsored by the Blount County Young Farmers. More than 200 local first responders attended this free event, which featured speakers and equipment demonstrations that taught life-saving skills relevant to on-farm emergency situations. All first responders earn continuing education credits for attendance. Donations from generous sponsors allowed attendees to receive a free T-shirt and lunch. This event has twice been recognized by the American Farm Bureau as one of the Top 25 "County Activities of Excellence" in the nation.



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The Blount County Farmers Federation regularly hosts row crop tours at local farms. The 2014 tour focused on farms in the Snead area. Farmers were invited to tour cotton, peanut, corn, soybean and hay fields. Extension agents, representatives from ag companies and ag lenders were present to speak with attendees.



The Blount County Women's Leadership Committee hosts cooking, sewing and tablescapc contests each May. The cooking contest categories vary each year, with last year's being pound cake. The Sewing Contest includes hand- and machine-stitched quilts, and a smaller item such as aprons or purses. The Tablescapc Contest spotlights an Alabama commodity by decorating a table and place setting. Winners at the county level will compete at the state level later in the year. For information on the upcoming contests, contact county Women's Leadership Committee Chairman Nell Miller at (256) 504-9869.



Farm-City Week is celebrated the week leading up to Thanksgiving. The Blount County Farm-City Committee uses PSAs, letters to the editor, and the Blount County Farm-City Facebook page to explain the importance of city workers and farmers working together to get food and fiber into our homes. The Farm-City Banquet is held the Thursday before Thanksgiving. In recent years, local businesses sponsored tables and were invited to attend, along with community and school leaders, lawmakers and farmers. The event included a meal, speakers and entertainment, and ag book donations to local school libraries. Food and supplies were donated to Filling Station 56, a soup kitchen in Blountsville. Each fall, Poster, Essay and Multimedia contests are held for K-12 students. Winners were recognized at the banquet and will compete in the state contest.

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