

## New Member on the BNG Team



Hello, I'm Kylie Hendress, the newest member of the Breaking New Ground staff. As the Engagement Coordinator, I will be focusing on outreach programs to spread the word and educate people about BNG.

I graduated in 2006 from Butler University with a degree in Marketing, and I joined the BNG team in mid-August after working in the seed and chemical business for the last four years. I first heard about BNG through my dad who had a farm accident in 2006. His road to recovery has been long, but has been eased by the BNG team who showed him what was available to allow him to keep farming. After seeing what the program did for my family, I knew that I wanted to get involved to get the word out about this program.

My specific duties will include marketing, publications and newsletters, attending farm shows and events, and working with youth and service organizations. I am looking forward to meeting and working with many of you!



## Questions? Contact Us!

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## Keith Morgan- Back on His Feet Again

In March of 2005, Keith Morgan of Brookston, Indiana, fell off of a ladder while installing foam insulation in his tool shed. He broke both ankles and his left leg, and as a result, Keith had to use a wheelchair for several months following the accident.

Another consequence of the fall was that he was not able to plant his crops that spring. While he was fortunate to have family and neighbors who got the crops in for him that spring, he was determined to be the one in the combine in the fall. Keith's neighbor, a former Breaking New Ground client, suggested that he contact BNG to do an assessment.

Steve Swain of BNG went to Keith's farm and assessed what changes could be made. Keith explained that he was not able

to climb the ladder on the combine or on the grain bin because his ankles could no longer bend adequately. After Steve made his assessment, Keith started alterations on the equipment. He was able to have a platform lift installed on his combine to allow him to harvest in the fall. In addition, Keith added stairs on his grain bin to allow him to more easily climb to the top, and he mounted additional steps to his tractors to make it easier for him to climb into the cabs.

Keith said that, "Breaking New Ground took into account what I could and couldn't do and made alterations to allow me to keep doing what I love."

If you know someone who would benefit from a visit from any of our staff at BNG or if you would like to request information, please call 1-800-825-4264 or visit our website [www.breakingnewground.info](http://www.breakingnewground.info).

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## REACHING OUT TO MIGRANT FARMWORKERS

Recently the National AgrAbility Project, California AgrAbility, Breaking New Ground, the Arthritis Foundation-Indiana Chapter, and Transition Resources Corporation, teamed up to produce a fotonovela about arthritis and agriculture titled *¿Podrá ser la Artritis lo que me causa Dolor?* (*Could Arthritis be the Cause of my Pain?*). A fotonovela is similar to a comic book in that it uses photos coupled with character dialogue in captions. This resource aims to reach out to migrant and seasonal farmworkers, and is also a good resource for any Latino population.



a local dairy. The story describes how their pain affects them both at work and at home. The father, Angelo, is ultimately persuaded to visit a healthcare provider for diagnosis and treatment. The resource contains many facts about arthritis through the story, and key points and resources are listed at the end. This publication is

a great resource to help AgrAbility reach out to the migrant/seasonal farmworker population and the general rural public also.

If you would like to request a copy of the fotonovella or for any additional information, please contact Amber Wolfe at the Arthritis Foundation-Indiana Chapter at [awolfe@arthritis.org](mailto:awolfe@arthritis.org) or at 1-800-783-2342.

The fotonovela tells the story of Rosa, Sara, and Angelo who have arthritis from years of working in vineyards, vegetable farms, and

## Congratulations to Nellie Bell!

Nellie is the daughter of BNG client and consultant, Ed Bell, and has been sharing the mission of Breaking New Ground with Indiana FFA Chapters during the past year. We at BNG would like to thank Nellie for her continuing work in this area, and we congratulate her on becoming the Indiana FFA Southern Region Vice President. Congratulations Nellie and good luck this year!



## BRIDGING HORIZONS CONTEST

For ten years, Breaking New Ground has sponsored the Bridging Horizons Contest for Indiana FFA Chapters. Bridging Horizons provides a community-oriented service experience that gives groups the opportunity to apply the knowledge they have gained and make a positive impact by helping community members overcome physical barriers.

Each entrant completes a low cost project in their community that helps to enhance independence for a person with a disability. The first, second, and third place winners receive cash prizes of \$500, \$250, and \$100 respectively. Last year's winner was the Jay County FFA, which constructed a ramp and handrail for a voting location that was not accessible.

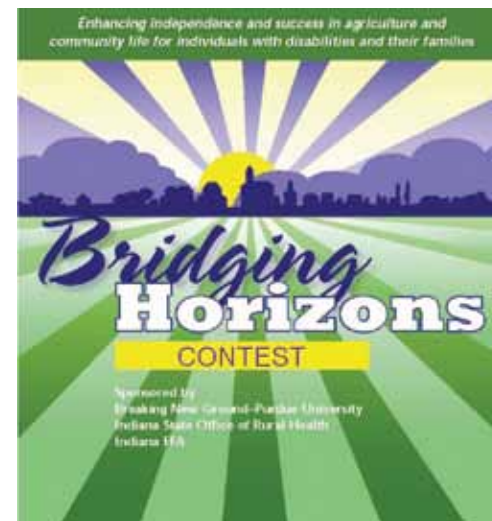
To expand the impact of the Bridging Horizons Contest, BNG has decided to open the contest to any youth or adult service organization in Indiana. Some examples of these organizations include 4-H clubs, FFA chapters, Jr. Leaders, Boy Scouts, Young Farmers, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions Club, and volunteer fire departments.

Possible projects include building wheelchair access ramps, modifying a piece of farm equipment to accommodate a disability, or improving the

accessibility of county fairgrounds.

Keep in mind that disability encompasses more than just wheelchair users. We assist many farmers with arthritis, back pain, vision impairments, as well as those suffering from spinal cord injuries and other severe disabilities. This might help you consider a more diverse range of projects in your community.

Bridging Horizons applications should be submitted by June 1, 2011. To request a contest brochure, go to [www.breakingnewground.info](http://www.breakingnewground.info) and click on "Bridging Horizons." You can also email BNG at [bng@ecn.purdue.edu](mailto:bng@ecn.purdue.edu) or call 1-800-825-4264 if you have any questions or to request information.



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