

Huck Boyd Institute recognizes outstanding rural Kansans

Innovation, hard work, and service are the hallmarks of the rural Kansans recognized by Kansas State University's Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development as Leaders of the Year for 2011. They received their awards in Manhattan on Feb. 21.

"This is an outstanding group of citizens and organizations, and they deserve congratulations for their achievements and their commitment to rural Kansas," said Doug Brush, chair of the board of directors of the Huck Boyd Institute, in announcing this year's winners.

This year's award categories and winners are:

Agribusiness: John Brewer, Wyldewood Cellars, Mulvane

Business development: Scott Bergkamp, Bergkamp Inc., Salina

Community Leadership: Bruce McMillan, Tri-County Congress; Sharon Brown, Flint Hills Regional Council

Community Service: Perry Schuckman, Non-Profit Chamber of Service, south central Kansas

Entrepreneurship: Dan Ledebauer, Quest Center, Hutchinson

History and Tourism: Doug Thompson, Auto Racing Museum, Chapman

Retail and Food Service: Betts Abraham and Mark Powls, Coffee Loft, Garnett

Wyldewood Cellars is a Kansas winery, owned and operated by John Brewer and family. In January 1995, they established the winery and opened a retail store in Mulvane to sell elderberry wine and related products. The building burned down in 1999, but the business rebuilt next to Interstate-35.

Wyldewood Cellars now has four retail locations, produces more than 40 types of Kansas wines, wholesales products coast to coast, and has won more than 450 international awards. John Brewer himself became an international wine judge — for many years, the only one in Kansas. For more information, see www.wyldewoodcellars.com.

Bergkamp Inc. began as a metal fabricating business in Salina and has grown into an international leader in the design and manufacture of asphalt preventive maintenance equipment. Scott Bergkamp is president of the company, which was founded by his parents. The company produces slurry seal and microsurfacing equipment for pavement preservation and pothole patchers for maintenance. Bergkamp Inc. is the only producer of full-size continuous slurry seal and microsurfacing paver equipment in North America. Bergkamp products are sold coast to coast and around the world. In fact, the company's website, www.bergkampinc.com, comes in four languages: English, Espanol, Russian, and Chinese.

Bruce McMillan is an architect with offices in Manhattan and Junction City whose work in Geary, Pottawatomie, and Riley counties helped him see the importance of regional cooperation. He helped initiate the convening of a Tri-County Congress for the region. This built regional relationships which proved vitally important to support the Fort Riley military installation and led to the creation of the Flint Hills Regional

Council. This council was launched in January 2010 and is chaired by Sharon Brown, mayor of Clay Center. For more information, see www.flinthillsregion.org.

Just as a Chamber of Commerce is an association of businesses, a Chamber of Service can be an association of non-profit organizations. This innovative idea has been launched in south central Kansas as the Non-Profit Chamber of Service. Perry Schuckman is executive director of the organization, which has grown to nearly 200 members serving 300 non-profit organizations in the region through training, networking, and advocacy. For more information, see www.nonprofitchamberks.org.

If an entrepreneur is on a quest to explore an innovation or new business idea, the Quest Center for Entrepreneurs is a place to go. The Quest Center in Hutchinson is a regional incubator and business development organization whose director is Dan Ledebauer. The center provides office space and consults with businesses on startup planning, business strategic development, and on acquiring financing. Through the years, the economic benefit of the businesses assisted by the Quest Center, including the multiplier effect, is more than \$34.7 million. For more information, see www.hutchquest.com.

The first-ever trophy awarded by NASCAR and many other elements of racing memorabilia can be found at the Kansas Auto Racing Museum in Chapman. Founded by Doug Thompson, an attorney and

lifelong auto racer himself, the museum features restored race cars from seven different eras, rare memorabilia, a theater in which to watch racing highlights, and much more. For more information, see www.kansasautoracingmuseum.org.

Betts Abraham and Mark Powls opened The Coffee Loft in Garnett to provide a fun gathering place and upscale food and coffee, while reinvigorating the downtown area. Using a historic downtown location, they rebuilt a structure with such elements as a balcony, spiral staircase, and giant video screen. The menu features upscale sandwiches and fresh-ground flavored coffees and espresso. Live entertainment is provided almost every weekend. For more information, see www.coffeeloftgarnett.com.

The 2011 Huck Boyd Leaders of the Year winners were selected by students in an entrepreneurship class in K-State's College of Business. Each year the Huck Boyd Institute selects its leaders of the year from among those featured on its weekly Kansas Profile radio program and column during the previous 12 months. Kansas Profile is distributed by the K-State Radio Network and K-State Research and Extension News Media Services to radio stations and newspapers state-wide.

The Huck Boyd Institute is a public/private partnership between K-State Research and Extension and the Huck Boyd Foundation. The foundation office is at the Huck Boyd Community Center in Phillipsburg. The Institute office is at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

Flint Hills Symphony tickets on sale March 5

Tickets for the sixth annual Symphony In The Flint Hills are available starting Saturday, March 5.

This year's event will be held at the Fix pasture on the west branch of Mill Creek at Volland, off of Mill Creek Scenic Drive between Alma and Alta Vista. The date of the performance is Saturday, June 11; the Kansas City Symphony performs at 6:45 p.m. and gates open at 1 p.m. Many other activities take place during the day and food and beverages are available onsite.

To purchase tickets, call 816-471-0400 or buy online at kcsymphony.org.

Neb. group to share farm lessons in cities

(AP) — A group of Nebraska farmers wants to teach city dwellers about farming and food production.

The new CommonGround program that the Nebraska Corn and Soybean boards are sponsoring is planning to hold an event in Lincoln on Saturday to make it easy for shoppers to learn more about agriculture.

A group of Nebraska farm women will be at the Hy-Vee store at 84th and Holdrege streets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday to talk about farming and how much farmers have in common with most consumers.

Shana Beattie, a farmer from Sumner, says the group hopes to dispel misconceptions about farming and food safety.

The group plans to hand out cookbooks and grocery gift cards to shoppers.

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 12 black steers, weaned, all shots, 650-675 lbs
 10 black steers, weaned, 600-700 lbs
 10 black steers & heifers, weaned 90 days, 2 round shots, 500-600 lbs
 3 bred cows, black, 3-8 yrs old
 1 Angus bull, 2 yrs old, objective bloodline


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Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic set for March 23

The Youth Lawn Mowing Clinic will be held at the Sedgwick County Extension Education Center at 21st and Ridge in Wichita on Wednesday March 23 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1

p.m.- 4 p.m. This clinic is designed to assist youth in earning summer income by mowing lawns. Cost (covers materials) is \$5.00 for advanced registration or \$10.00 at the door.

Information will acquaint youth with lawn grasses and their proper care. In addition, the training will acquaint youth with knowledge of lawn mower safety and mower maintenance.

The course is ideal for boys and girls in the 5th through 9th grades in school who want to earn summer income or gain lawn mower safety knowledge.

Two sessions will be offered. Session 1 will run from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and session 2 will run from 1-4 p.m., each session will cover: Lawn Grasses, Safe Use of Power Mowers, Lawn Mower Maintenance, Obtaining a Lawn Mowing Job

Upon attendance for all training sessions, each youth will receive an information packet, business cards and certificate.

A registration form can be obtained by calling the Sedgwick County Extension Office at 316-660-0100 or downloaded at the following website: www.sedgwick.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=404. Return Registration by March 18, 2011

For more information, call Angie at 660-0138

KOMA Beef Conference March 2 in Oswego

The Kansas version of the Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas Beef Conference is set for Wednesday, March 2 at the Oswego Community Center, located on the Labette County Fairgrounds. The Oswego Community Center is six blocks north of highway 160 on Union Street.

Agenda:

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- 3:30 p.m. Welcome
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Grow Good Food workshop April 2

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The morning topics include:

- 9 a.m. – Intro to Growing Vegetables
 - 10 a.m. – Tomato Troubles
 - 10:30 a.m. – Choosing What to Plant
 - 11 a.m. – Growing Berries
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Combest tells farmers to 'Get Involved'

By Bill Spiegel

That the American food supply is a modern marvel is a fact that Larry Combest hopes is not lost on the country's consumers.

Retired Rep. Larry Combest (R-Texas), told farmers at the Kansas Commodity Classic to stay involved in advocacy organizations in order to continue to tell agriculture's story.

It is a system he helped create, having served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives representing west Texas. He spent four years as chair of the House Ag Committee, during which he worked

on the 2002 Farm Bill.

In his Congressional career, and now as a lobbyist representing the agriculture and energy industries, Combest marvels at the productivity and efficiency of American farmers. The nation's food supply is the world's safest, most abundant and least expensive, and the federal Farm Bill is intended to keep it that way.

Combest spoke to farmers at the Kansas Commodity Classic in Great Bend Feb. 22, focusing on the federal budget deficit, the balance of power between Red and Blue states, plus the importance of farmers and

ranchers to the nation's economy and national security.

The oft-criticized Farm Bill takes up just 1.7% of the federal budget, and that includes a myriad of programs for malnourished and under-privileged Americans. The commodity title alone takes up just 0.25% of the budget. In the last 10 years, farm program spending has been well below budget. Each American pays just 2.3 cents per meal for farm program spending, Combest says.

That most Americans have never truly gone hungry is an American success story. In an interview fol-

lowing his Commodity Classic address, Combest explained how farmers' and ranchers' amazing productivity has allowed the rest of the country to pursue other endeavors.

"People don't wake up every morning in this country and wonder if they can afford food, find food, see that it's safe and that it is in abundant supply," he says, adding that the bounty and safety of American food may come at a cost.

"In a way, we're vic-

tims of our own success," says Combest, whose firm, Combest, Sell and Associates, works with the agricultural advocacy group, "The Hand That Feeds U.S." The group is comprised of a coalition of agricultural organizations who work to provide the facts of American food policy to consumers, news companies and watchdogs. Advocacy, Combest reasons, should be a priority for today's agricultural producers. Agriculture is an oft-forgotten way of

life, one that many Americans simply do not understand.

"It's not everyone in Great Bend or Wichita that have the same feeling about agriculture, even though we're in the heart of agriculture country," he says. "It's not just educating people on the West Coast; we have to educate our neighbors."

"Let's be involved. Let's not always rely on someone else to do it. Let's get involved ourselves."



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Record warm weather not welcome for wheat producers

Many record-high temperatures were set throughout Kansas during the third week of February. This raises a question about whether this will cause wheat to break dormancy and become susceptible to winterkill when temperatures get cold again, said Jim Shroyer, K-State Research and Extension crop production specialist.

"The answer to that is yes, the very warm temperatures we've experienced recently can cause wheat to break dormancy and green up early, especially where moisture conditions are adequate. This isn't welcome news right now because you never want to force the plants to start growing too early, but it's too early to say whether it will cause major problems," Shroyer said. When wheat breaks dormancy and becomes physiologically active during late winter, it can regain some level of winterhardiness if temperatures get colder again gradually, he added. Sublette, Kansas set three days of record high minimum temperatures Feb. 14 through 16, according to state climatologist Mary Knapp. "Three in a row will

break dormancy," she said, noting that Sublette's temperature did not dip below 68 degrees F on the 16th, smashing the previous minimum of 44 degrees F set in 1961.

"The best case scenario is that there are just one or two days of unusually warm temperatures, then a gradual drop perhaps back into the 20s and 30s over the following week. Most wheat varieties grown in Kansas can easily regain enough winterhardness to survive these conditions," Shroyer said.

The worst case scenario is when a period of unusually warm weather is followed by a drop into the low teens or below in just one day, as happened in 1989, he explained. Some varieties may be unable to withstand a sudden return to bitterly cold temperatures.

Another consideration is the condition of the plants when they green up, and whether they can afford to become physiologically active at this time, the agronomist said.

"In some areas, especially western Kansas, many wheat plants are small with poorly developed root systems due to the continuing

drought in that region. If these plants with no roots start growing during these periods of warm temperatures while the topsoil is still very dry, they could quickly run out of water," he said. This will stress the young plants and possibly cause some loss of stand, especially if high winds cause an even greater increase in evapotranspiration rates. Injury from blowing soil

where stands are thin could also stress the plants.

"In short, wheat plants with little or no root system right now are at a somewhat higher level of risk after breaking dormancy last week than plants with a good, healthy secondary root system. This risk includes winterkill, drought stress injury or desiccation, and physical injury from blowing soil," he said.



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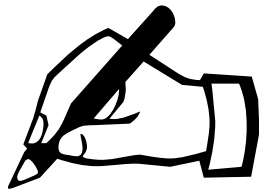
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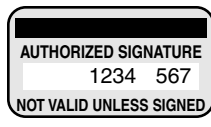
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on the agency's five-year plan for offshore oil and gas production. "Recent events in Egypt and Libya have highlighted how fragile the global oil market is, putting our industry at risk for rapid price spikes, even as we slowly begin to roll to an economic recovery," ATA president and CEO Bill Graves said. "Fuel is our members' second largest expense, so uncontrollable

spikes cut right at their bottom line." "Until U.S. policymakers promote the development of domestic sources of energy, like those on the Outer Continental Shelf, America's consumers and truckers will become more dependent on sources of foreign oil," Moskowitz said. "Rising fuel prices hurt truckers twice - first by increasing their operating costs and then by reducing freight volumes as

consumers spend more on energy and are forced to reduce their spending on other consumer goods." In 2010, the trucking industry spent an estimated \$101.5 billion on diesel fuel - a 28 percent increase over the previous year. Before the current spike in crude oil prices, ATA estimated that in 2011 carriers will spend roughly \$20 billion more at the pump than they did last year.

29th National Beef Cook Off seeks America's winning recipes

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Schwieterman Market Outlook

A marketing commentary by Bret Crofts

The markets made up for having a short week by packing a lot of activity into it. The crude oil market got most of the attention last week due to all the problems in Libya. The crude oil went vertical and reached the 62% retracement of the move down from the all time highs on the monthly chart. Another way to put that is that crude oil has another \$50 to climb before it reaches the all time high. We aren't even close to an all time high in the crude, so there is plenty of room for gains if the political unrest continues. In the short run, the fact that the market stalled out at a major retracement and quickly dropped is a good sign of a temporary top. The market did too much, too fast and it will take a little bit of consolidation before technical traders are ready to jump on board again. Be warned though, that if things look any worse in North Africa, speculators will be buying with a vengeance.

The corn and soybeans saw both limit lower and limit higher moves, which was typical of the whipsaw action in many of the markets last week. The corn

market managed to make a slightly positive close for the week, which looks very bullish to me. The market traded lower to start the week on panic selling due concerns about limiting risk and a slowing world economy, but the market finished the week strong due to our ever improving fundamental outlook. Export sales were huge at 1.5 MMT. This will almost certainly force USDA to increase the export estimate in the March supply and demand report, which will in turn lower ending stocks and then lower the stocks to use ratio below 5%. To me the good export sales we have seen lately mean we will see new all-time high prices. The only way we are not going to have new highs is if we do have a global economic panic. The old crop soybeans ended up losing about 10 cents for the week, which wasn't terrible considering the beans finished the week about 75 cents off the low. Wednesday the market completed a 62% retracement of the move up from the November low, so it was a sizeable correction. Technical indicators became oversold

and the market was due for a bounce. Friday the July soybeans stalled out near the 40-day moving average, which also happened to be near limit higher. Monday and Tuesday will be an important test for the soybeans. Statistically it is very likely that we will see a new high for the move early this week, but it will probably take a close above the 40-day moving average to convince traders that it is time to be long again. I would still like to see the export sales get back on track and make it another week or so without cancellations, but I won't ignore a strong start to the week. The wheat market didn't fare as well as the corn or soybeans. The July KW lost about 41 cents, but did finish about 48 cents off the low for the week. Also, the July KW completed a 50% retracement of the move up from the November low, and with the market oversold, we should be set for another run higher. Last week's export sales

were great at 1.01 MMT. HRW is a very valuable commodity around the world. Countries with food inflation issues were big buyers of milling wheat this week and that is likely to continue. At some point this spring USDA will have to raise the export estimate and crop prospects in the HRW Belt are still not good, which means supplies could get tight next year. The U.S. wheat fundamentals are not overtly bullish like they are in the corn, but they continue to slowly improve, which means there is no fundamental reason to be short wheat. Cash cattle traded in Kansas at \$111. Beef export sales were huge again last

week. The fundamental outlook is very bullish. Carcass weights are dropping and beef prices are rising. Seasonally we should see the choice — select spread widen, which is also bullish. The April live cattle will make new contract highs this week, so be very patient with hedges.

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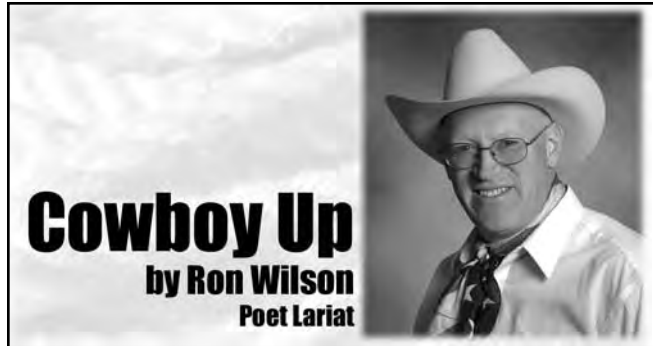
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Cowboy Up
by Ron Wilson
Poet Lariat

Remember the roller coaster ride at the state fair? It began by clanking slowly up the incline – and then dropped off in a breathtaking dive, followed by teeth-rattling curves which threw us from side to side. (Just think – we paid for that privilege...)

In recent weeks, we have been part of the roller coaster ride that is Kansas weather: For example, a 50-degree day followed by a dive to 20-below windchills. (My teeth were rattling, but it was due to cold, not gravity.) Even in these volatile conditions, one thing does not change: Our daily commitment to tend to our livestock. Whatever the weather, the farmers, ranchers, and stockmen of Kansas are making sure that the livestock in our care have feed,

water, and shelter every day.

Why do we do this? Because it is the right thing to do. Because it is our livelihood too. Because it is the lifestyle we know. Because those animals are depending on us.

The recent weather produced several snow days home from school, to my children's great delight. We'd avidly check the radio and the websites for the school closing lists. In doing so, I noticed some interesting statements, which I will paraphrase here. One notice said that Fort Riley was closed and only mission-essential personnel needed to come in. Another notice said that the university was closed, and the only people who needed to come in were those

dealing with safety and security, and those responsible for tending to animals.

Tending to animals? Gee, I'm essential personnel.

Farmers and ranchers are essential personnel in a larger sense as well. The food we produce is vital for the existence of life itself. This reminds me of the Honorable Kika de la Garza, (D-TX), a Congressman and former Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. He told a story which inspired the accompanying poem.

February 20-26, 2011 was Farm Bureau's Food Check-out Week, which reminds us that the food we enjoy is a bargain. According to USDA, American families and individuals spend, on average, less than 10 percent of their disposable personal income for food.

So let's be thankful for those farmers and ranchers who are tending their livestock daily and efficiently producing the food all consumers can enjoy. As producers, we'll keep that in mind as we strap ourselves in for another roller coaster ride.

Gettin' Down to Basics

by Ron Wilson, Poet Lariat

Of all the true stories that I have heard and seen, The one I want to share's about a nuclear submarine. A Congressman from Texas went to see the nuclear sub. An Admiral did the briefing, without a single flub. He said "This submarine is powered by nuclear technology, With the most advanced equipment, for national security." He spoke of new computers, that helped them plot its course. "Nuclear power gives the sub an unlimited resource." "So," the admiral concluded, "We're up to any task. "And that concludes the briefing. Are there questions you want to ask?" "Just one," replied the Congressman. "Now, answer me," he urged. "With all that nuclear power, how long can it stay submerged?" "I'd really like to answer," the admiral replied. "But that info is top secret. It's fully classified." "Now, see here," says the congressman. "I am a VIP. "Congress has a right to know. I want you to answer me." "Well, all right," says the admiral, after he had thought some more. "I'll tell you a true answer, without givin' up the store. "I can't give you a number – it's simply not allowed. "But if you're from a farm district, the true answer'll make you proud." "This sub has the latest in nuclear technology. "It has the finest in computers that the Pentagon can see. "But yet with all that power" - and he looked him in the eye - "That sub can stay submerged as long as it has a food supply." We're in an era of technology, as you heard the admiral say, But it can't replace the food which sustains life yet today. And that food comes from the farm, even with technology's call, So let's salute the farmer-rancher, who yet today still feeds us all. Happy Trails!

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