

K-State Animal Science Department Plans Family & Friends Reunion Friday

College friends and professors become friends for a lifetime, truly a part of one's family.

Appropriately, that's why the Animal Science & Industries Department (AS&I) at Kansas State University in Manhattan is planning a big get-together this Friday evening.

As appropriate, the shindig is planned as the K-State AS&I Family & Friends Reunion.

"So popular was the first such event last year, the second reunion has been scheduled October. 7, to welcome alumni and friends back to campus" according to Angie Denton, KSU AS&I communications coordinator.

"At the Stanley Stout Center, everybody will have an opportunity to re-connect with friends, faculty, staff and students," Denton said.

Perhaps most importantly, everyone has been welcomed to attend, she added. Although, an earlier pre-registration had been requested, there's still ample time to sign-up to assure there's plenty of great Kansas food to go around.

The gathering has been advertised and promoted on WIBW, Country Legends 106.9, WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Agriculture Network.



"This event celebrates the K-State Animal Sciences & Industry family and gives us the opportunity to thank our industry friends for decades of contributions to animal agriculture," said Kenneth G. Odde, head of the Animal Science Department.

"Last year, more than 1,100 participants attended the inaugural event, and we hope to have more family and friends join us this year," Odde especially invited.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., there'll be delicious Kansas grown beef, pork, chicken and lamb, with live entertainment by Rusty Rierson, KSU AS&I alumnus and noted country music artist.

"A Junior Wildcat Barnyard area has been designed for the youngest members of the AS&I family," Denton said.

The "best band in the land," the reigning Sudler Trophy Award winner, the K-State Marching Band, will present a concert.

"Following the band's performance, attendees will participate in the 'Wildcat Walk,' as the band forms an aisle for attendees to enter the Stout Center led by Willie and the kids," Odde said.

The evening will be capped off with presentation of the Don L. Good Impact Award to the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) program and recognition of K-State alumni who have contributed to the brand's success.

Presented by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc. (LMIC), the award is named in honor of Good, a former K-State AS&I department head, and recognizes positive impact on the livestock and meat industry or agriculture.

"The Livestock and Meat Industry Council is very proud to honor CAB with this year's Don L. Good Impact award," said Craig Good, LMIC president. "I think that it would be difficult to think of an entity that has had a more profound impact on the beef and food industry than CAB and the many people with K-State ties who have had a big part in this success."

In the mid-1970s, the future was dim for consumers who had grown up eating high-quality beef. Economic pressures, combined with the lowering of USDA beef quality grade standards in 1976, resulted in high variability in the Choice grade, according to Good.

"The CAB brand, based on high-quality carcass characteristics, was developed to reduce variability and reassure customers they were getting the best beef available. In 1978, the first CAB packer was licensed, and the first pound of product was sold," Good said.

CAB's original mission statement remains in place today: "Increase demand for registered Angus cattle through a specification-based, branded-beef program to identify consistent, high quality beef with superior taste."

"The program has grown to include more than 17,500 licensed partners in 52 countries. The brand's global partners generate an estimated \$6.9 billion in consumer sales annually," Good said.

"The Department of Animal Sciences and Industry is excited to join with LMIC in recognizing Certified Angus Beef LLC for its contributions to the beef industry," Odde insisted.

Registration and additional information about the K-State AS&I Friends and Family Reunion is available at www.asi.k-state.edu/familyandfriends.

Morris County Invitational Ranch Rodeo Celebrates 30th Anniversary With Recognition

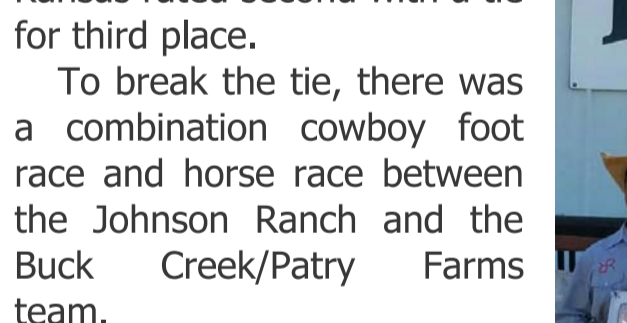
The beautiful cool, calm, blue-skied fall day with ideal arena conditions made perfect setting for a celebration.

It was the 30th annual Morris County Invitational Ranch Rodeo hosted by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association Sunday at Council Grove.

Rodeos have long been commonplace in the Flint Hills, but a rodeo featuring real working cowboys doing what they do every day for a living was unique three decades ago.

The first ranch rodeo in the state was sponsored by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association at Council Grove.

Now, the Morris County Invitational Ranch Rodeo is the oldest and longest continuing annual ranch rodeo in the state, and one of the oldest in the country.



Bruce Gant, Council Grove, was honored for riding in Kansas' first ranch rodeo and every ranch rodeo sponsored by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association (MCYRA) for 30 years. At the recent Morris County Invitational Ranch Rodeo, Clay Wilson and Jim Lee presented token recognition.

Bruce Gant, lifelong Council Grove rancher, competed in that first Morris County Invitational Ranch Rodeo, and has been in every one since.

In recognition of Gant's record, he was honored in a special ceremony during this year's rodeo grand entry.

Competing as captain of the Paddy Creek Ranch team, Gant has also been a dedicated leader in the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association, along with his wife, Rita, and son, Jim.

An even dozen teams from throughout the Flint Hills competed at this year's rodeo. First place went to the Robbins/Keith Ranches team from Chase and Lyon Counties.

The Eight Over Quarter Circle Team from northeast Kansas rated second with a tie for third place.

To break the tie, there was a combination cowboy foot race and horse race between the Johnson Ranch and the Buck Creek/Patry Farms team.

In a photo finish, third place check was awarded to Buck Creek/Patry Farms of Chase and Morris Counties.

The Arndt Ranch from Lyon County won the Junior Ranch Rodeo Sunday morning, with second and third, respectively, awarded to the Vogel Ranch of Chase County and Bar Flying W Ranch of Morris County.



Piper Vogel, Emma Arndt and Carly Potter rode for the Arndt Ranch to win the Junior Ranch Rodeo sponsored by the Morris County Youth Rodeo Association at Council Grove.

Mutton busting is an annual rodeo feature for cowboys and cowgirls seven years and under. Eight riders tried their skills on runaway sheep, and Lane Bell was declared the winner.

Justin Keith, Adrian Vogel, Pax Vogel and Clay Wilson rode for the winning Robbins/Keith Ranches. They won the team roping, placed second in double mugging,

fourth in steer branding and sixth in team penning.

The Eight Over Quarter Circle team includes Josh Breeding, Kolby Boos, Derrick Fields and Zack Parkin.

Randy Peterson, Josh Patry, Jason Klumpee and Jaron Whitcomb rode for Buck Creek/Patry Farms.

Competing for the Johnson Ranch of Morris County were Chad Johnson, Justin Brown, Ryan Gibbs and Wade Olsen.

Emma Arndt, Carley Potter and Piper Vogel represented the winning Arndt Ranch at the Junior Ranch Rodeo.



It's impossible to keep a little wild prairie calm as eight cowboys and cowgirls finished their greenbacks received as prizes for riding in the Mutton Busting during the Morris County Invitational Ranch Rodeo at Council Grove.

Padre Says:

"There's never been anyone who doesn't suffer a certain restlessness when autumn rolls around... We're all seven years old again and anything is possible."

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