



Don Williams Tribute Concert At Tonganoxie

"Don Williams" is coming to Tonganoxie.

Well, not really, but there'll sure be the feeling and the distinct sounds of his music.

"Rusty Rierson, an up and coming country music entertainer, will present a Don Williams Tribute Concert, Friday evening, Oct. 21, at The Jewell On Main in Tonganoxie," announced Charley Green of Diamond Jubilee Entertainment.



The show has been advertised and promoted on WIBW, Country Legends KTPK and The BIG 94.5 Country, as well as WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Agriculture Network.

Rierson said, "I've always gravitated to the music of Don Williams, and I've been fortunate enough to call him a personal friend."

Williams acknowledged, "Rusty is a fine young Christian man who is also a very good songwriter, singer and musician. This is a fine album he's recorded. Good luck to you Rusty."

Rierson will be accompanied by the Stranger Creek Band including Gary and Mary Bichelmeier, Larry Inman and Steve Straub.



Among the Don Williams songs anticipated in the tribute show, starting at 7 o'clock, are Good Ole Boys Like Me, Tulsa Time, Imagine That, You're My Best Friend, and at least a dozen more.

Advance tickets can be acquired from the First State Bank & Trust in Tonganoxie, www.brownpapertickets.com, or by calling 800-838-3006.

Information is also available by contacting charleygreen@charleygreen.com.

A Cowboy's Faith

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"He's the farmer's best friend."

It's the lead in a news story, and accurate statement.

Our colleague largely responsible for direction life's taken.

Kelly Lenz is the farm director at WIBW, and most everybody in Kansas knows him.

Serving radio and television listeners more than four decades, Kelly reports agriculture news and markets.

That's expected. What's unique is how Kelly presents the information impacting well beyond farmers and ranchers.

Agriculture is the most important industry everyone depends on, because farmers produce their food.

Growing up on an Iowa family farm, Kelly knows the business from the field to grocery store checkout.

While milking cows, planting and cultivating corn along with scoop shovel chores that his Dad and Mom demanded, the transistor radio received as a 10-year-old created a fascination which would become Kelly's future.

But, the farm boy wasn't a natural speaker. It was Sister Cecelia, his teacher, who insisted he prepare and present a radio program, which rated Kelly a scholarship to study broadcasting.

It was perfect fit, blooming on Iowa radio; Kelly came to Kansas in 1978.



Moving was despite reservations, quickly overcome when Kelly found out how good the fishing was, and that the Flint Hills provided cattle industry like none other.

In acknowledgement of a lifetime of service to farmers, ranchers and all those who consume their production, Kelly Lenz has been inducted into the Kansas Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Just the state's third farm director named to such distinction.

Careers matched Kelly with us. He shared the agriculture word airwaves while we in print, for more than three decades.

Often, we'd meet at farm functions, converse personal industry take, and coverage thereof. Personal writings frequently reported programs Kelly coordinated.

A lifelong avid WIBW listener, our dedication expanded when Kelly took agriculture reins. Print corrections, immediate updates, and personal events were guided to WIBW through Kelly.

Upon our abrupt firing from print profession, grapevine informed Kelly who within four days was entirely instrumental positioning us for a radio career.

Indebtedness to our mentor, hero is eternal: Thanks Kelly.

Reminds us of Isaiah 54:14: "What a mentor for all generations."

So, First Corinthians 2:9: "We gratefully recognize the benefits that have been bestowed." Actually, Luke 17:16: "We couldn't thank him enough." Thus, First Thessalonians 5:18: "For this is the will of God."

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Cowboy Spirit Takes Ambitious Entrepreneur To Shows, Promotions, Writing, Will Rogers Tributes

While he doesn't mount up often these day, actually never has too much, Charley Green is a cowboy at heart.

"I've always loved the 'cowboy way,' and have many acquaintances who are cowboys," admitted Green, known over a wide area and headquartering now at Overland Park.

With a long list of leadership entrepreneurships, Green is perhaps best recognized these days for his Will Rogers of the Plains tribute shows.

Yet, Green also is very involved in special event promotions, is a published Western book writer, does programs and sings about cowboys and rural living as well as coordinating the Day of the Cowboy celebrations.

Events which Green has provided leadership have been advertised and promoted on WIBW, Country Legends KTPK, The BIG 94.5 Country, WibwNewsNow, and the Kansas Ag Network.

Green grew up at Linwood, had a military career, acquired business and education degrees from Emporia State University, served in college administration and worked in the real estate industry.

"My concern about the substantial debt many college graduates incur in pursuing a degree inspired me to write Debt-Free College Education," Green said.

It outlines various issues pertaining to college cost, impact of student debt as well as suggesting ways to minimize reliance upon student loans and credit card debt.

Professional speaking and writing began later in Green's life as he shares, in an inspirational, humorous and informational way, direct reflection of his life experiences.

"I tell stories about various people I've met along the way," Green said. "Some of those who inspired me. Others opened doors. A few tried to discourage me."

The true tales illustrate Green's various life situations which challenged the depth of his faith as well as those events that gave him hope, inspiration and courage to follow his dreams.

Will Rogers' shows Green presents convey a common sense approach, with a dash of humor tossed in. When talking or writing about his life experiences. Green confesses to being a "professional writer and lifelong dreamer."



"My fascination and inquiry into the life of Will Rogers began when I found myself being compared to the man," Green said. "I guess it was because I tell my stories based on personal experiences that usually include a lesson of life along with a dash of humor."

Then, Green visited the Will Rogers Museum in Claremore, Oklahoma. "It represents the achievements of an individual who embraced values, wisdom and humor, from his early days on through his later life. The museum features vaudeville, movies, radio, and the people Will Rogers met on his journey."

"It's a marvelous trip through a significant period of time in our country's history portraying the impact one man had upon our nation," Green evaluated.

"Will Rogers liked people, and he never forgot his roots. Consequently, Will Rogers was able to connect with folks in a way most politicians, heads of states and those in high places could not," Green said.

Considering Will Rogers a consummate networker, Green said, "Through his contacts, friendships and cowboy persona, Will Rogers was able to open doors, access and befriend the influential, the powerful, the wealthy or the cowboy on the trail."

Not claiming to a Will Rogers impersonator, Green said, "I'm just a storyteller who's been influenced, inspired and mesmerized by the speaking, writings, and wisdom of Mr. Rogers."

Working to blend his thoughts, quotes and anecdotes with Will Roger's relaxed style of just talking to folks, Green insists that preparation is essential.

"It seems the more prepared one is the more natural it sounds. The same with the few songs I include in my programs. I find I must practice, practice, practice," Green said.

As a writer and book author, Green said "I enjoy the creativeness of putting down on paper the many experiences and stories that have occurred in my life. Stories that have influenced my journey and may help others realize they are not alone on their path of life and to see the humor as a part of those experiences."

Evaluating his appreciation for cowboys, Green said, "I've always wanted to be a cowboy and the Cowboy Way and Code of the West always seem to be a guiding part of me. I love sharing what I do and feel blessed I've been able to realize a dream and experience 'The Cowboy Way' as well as meeting some great folks along the trail."

Desiring to be a "great granddad and role model for his three grandchildren," Green said, "I intend to live my life so they believe it is possible to achieve a dream and encourage them to excel at what they are called to do. I guess it's important for me to leave a legacy so folks remember that I was here."

Performing in locally filmed commercials, movies and voiceover work, Green's goals are to become a spokesperson for a national company, and perform in a major Western movie.

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Padre Says:

"True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character."

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