Don Worster to speak at KRC summer board meeting

The Kansas Rural Center announces Don Worster as the speaker for the annual summer board meeting on Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Smoky Hill Bison Company, 2660 East Hobbs Creek Road in Assaria.

Worster’s presentation, “Kansas Water: Past, Present and Future,” is open to the public at 4 p.m.

Currently, Worster holds the Hall Distinguished Professorship Chair in American History at the University of Kansas.

He is particularly interested in environmental history and the history of the American West.

Worster has authored numerous books including the Bancroft award winning “Dust Bowl,” Pulitzer Prize nominated “Rivers of Empire,” and “A River Running West: the Life of John Wesley Powell,” a Byron Caldwell Smith award winner.

Following Worster’s presentation, a bison meatloaf dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with a tour to the bison herd at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend Worster’s address, dinner and the bison herd tour.

The cost to attend is $25 per person. Prior to Worster’s address, the KRC board will hold a business meeting from 1 to 3 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations by Aug. 13, contact Diane Dysart with KRC at 785-873-3431 or email her at ddysart@rainbowtel.net.
The Wichita Eagle, on tuition hikes: (6/28/07)

Just in time for the tuition hikes to be approved for fall, the Kansas Board of Regents released a study indicating that a state university education usually costs less in Kansas than it does in five neighboring states.

That’s good to know, though of limited comfort to price-sensitive wannabe students.

With the notable exception of research institutions in Colorado and Oklahoma, which charge less than comparable University of Kansas, Kansas State University and Wichita State University, resident undergraduates in states next door could end up paying from 3 percent to 68 percent more for comparable college degrees, the study said.

Such comparisons remain valid and reassuring, as they were when Kansas’ universities got aggressive about tuition increases early in the decade.

But they won’t ease the sting many families will feel this fall from the latest proposed increases, which range from 4.9 percent at Fort Hays State University to 6.5 percent at WSU to 9.7 percent at Emporia State University.

Regents chairman Nelson Galle clearly is right that “rates at our state’s universities continue to provide Kansans with an exceptional educational value.”

However, the regents and the institutions they govern cannot afford to be cavalier about tuition, one of the biggest investments a family can make.

Seeing that tuition has gone up again, many potential students may decide the barrier to enrollment is impenetrable and not bother to explore the many aid options. ...

Of course, perhaps the most important factor in the tuition issue is the Legislature, which arguably has forced higher tuition on higher education by scaling back state funding of university budgets—from 49 percent in 1985 to 29 percent in 2005.

That has put more pressure on institutions to cover costs through tuition, research money and grants. ...

Even if there are good reasons for tuition increases—and there are—every hike carries the risk of pricing taxpayers out of their own universities.
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Students from Clearwater included Mitchell Allan Papish, son of David and Laura Papish; Jessica G. Snyder, daughter of Mike and Lynda Snyder; Mary Anne Van Allen, daughter of John and Karen Van Allen; and Ashlee N. Widler, daughter of Todd Widler of Clearwater and Kim Widler of Wichita.
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Students from Cheney included Whitney Helen Fasbender, daughter of Kenneth and Arlene Fasbender; Nic Allen Hillman, son of John and Debbie Hillman; and Robyn C. Shaver.
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Dr. Douglas Guess is NHS’s 2007 Out-of-Town Alumnus of the year. Billie Porter made the following comments when she presented his award at the Alumni Meeting on June 9 - Our honoree is truly a 2007 version of a Renaissance Man. He is highly respected in his professional field, shared his knowledge with students, is a gifted artist and writer and compassionate leader. He is a Professor Emeritus, Department of Education, University of Kansas. One of his NHS classmates (Dr. Hugh Sage) who holds a PhD in Psychology said that “when we are all dead and gone, the advances our honoree made in the field of Special Education will live on.” Hugh provided the professional information for this presentation.

In the field of Special Education, Doug has many professional memberships and has received many honors including a large portion of the credit for having KU’s Graduate Program for Special Education rated number one in the Nation by US News and World Report. Awards include The Lifetime Achievement Award for serving persons with severe disabilities by the Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, ARC’s National Distinguished Research Award and The Faculty Achievement Award for Scholarship from the University of Kansas.

Doug’s publications include over 150 journal articles, chapters, books, monographs, and study guides. He has conducted dozens of workshops and presented at numerous national conferences. His expertise has been solicited by many national and international groups including governments in Australia and India. He has served as an expert witness many times and as editor and consulting editor of several professional journals. His grants and contracts while at the University of Kansas totaled over 9 million dollars.

Doug and his wife Ruth Ann collected and published his mother’s columns “We’re glad to be here.....Dot’s Dashes.” Doug and Ruth Ann knew this collection from the Neodesha Daily Sun 1951-1959 would allow us to once more share Dot’s humor, values and how she saw Neodesha and the world. Generously, typically, all proceeds go to the MS Foundation.

Doug is also an accomplished artist whose paintings have appeared in Juried shows and exhibitions in Hays, Salina, and Lindsborg. He has had individual shows at the Fields Gallery in Lawrence and at the Art Affairs Gallery in Baldwin City. He is currently working on a book that includes his water color paintings of native prairie flowers and a short poem to accompany each flower. His Native Prairie Acreage he is generously leaving in his will to the National Land Trust.

Doug’s passions include his concern for those without housing. He was organizer of the first Homeless Shelter in Lawrence and the first president of Habilite for Humanity in Lawrence.

Marilyn (Smith) Graham was selected as the local Outstanding NHS Alumnus of the Year. Don Adams presented the award with the following comments - Marilyn was born in Parsons, Kansas to Edna and
the late Wayne Smith. She has a brother, Gary, who resides in Neodesha. She attended South School and graduated from Neodesha High School 1963. After attending Independence Community College and Wichita State University, she graduated with a B.S. from Pittsburg State University in 1968 and completed a Master’s Degree in education at Pitt State in 1972. She was a cheerleader at I.C.C. and played on the tennis team at Pitt State. While in college she worked for the Neodesha Recreation Commission teaching dance, swimming, tennis, and baton twirling.

In 1967 she married Bob Graham, and they will be celebrating a 40th anniversary this year. Their daughter, Erin, is a graduate of Neodesha High School and is attending Pittsburg State University.

Marilyn taught Physical Education, Health, and Science in Fredonia USD #484 for 32 years. She was the first to coach girl’s athletics and spent 22 years as head FHS girl’s track coach. She also coached golf, gymnastics, sponsored pep club, cheerleaders, and the junior high pom-pom squad. At Neodesha she has been an assistant FCCLA advisor and has coached the Scholar’s Bowl team.

In addition to school activities she served on the Kansas State High School Activities Association Women’s Athletic Advisory Board, worked with the KSHSAA Target program, was president of the Wilson County Women’s Conservation Auxiliary, and was selected as the Kansas Earth Team Volunteer of the year. She serves as the vice president of the Griffith Foundation, the Neodesha High School Alumni Association, and the Neodesha Alumni Scholarship Board. Marilyn is a member of the Neodesha United Methodist Church, and serves on the Board of Trustees, and the Scholarship Committee.

After retiring from the Fredonia school district, she went back to college at Emporia State University to obtain a Master’s degree in Gifted Education. The Tri-County Special Education Cooperative as a Gifted Education instructor then hired her to teach in the Fredonia and Neodesha schools. She is presently working in all schools K-12, in both districts. Marilyn will begin her 40th year of teaching this fall.

Marilyn enjoys the great outdoors, and loves to exercise. She still enjoys running, walking, tennis, bicycling, and an occasional game of golf. She has won many trophies, medals, and plaques for running. When there is any time to relax, she enjoys photography and reading.
Students in the News

More than 4,690 undergraduate students at the University of Kansas earned honor roll distinction for the spring 2007 semester. The list includes Mandi L. Paxson of Neodesha, pharmacy professional prof 1; Eric Michael Bambick of Fredonia, liberal arts undergraduate; Megan Ann Fowler, Fredonia, liberal arts undergraduate sophomore; Whitney Lyn Runer, Fredonia, liberal arts undergraduate junior; Lindsay Lee Stewart, Fredonia, liberal arts undergraduate sophomore; and Tiffany Marie Wambgsanss, Fredonia, liberal arts undergraduate junior.
Area students receive KU academic honors

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Area students named to the KU honor roll are as follows:

- Ashley Leonard, Belvue, senior in liberal arts; Mark Stockham, St. George, senior in liberal arts; Anna Bailey, Wamego, sophomore in liberal arts; Tyra Blew, Wamego, senior in liberal arts; Jessica Sain-Baird, Wamego, junior in liberal arts; Brandon Tackett, Wamego, junior in liberal arts; Bethany Wood, Wamego, sophomore in liberal arts; Chance York, Wamego, senior in liberal arts; Sharon Johnson, Paxico, senior in education.
The Horton High School Dance Team having fun at their car wash. Pictured from left to right - Hannah Pennington and Brittany Honea; standing Kaitlyn Gormley, Alyssa Bewley Bethanie Lobdell, Mariah Graf, Ariel Cowley, Emily Foye, Erin Ross and Maloree Marr, Natalie Pederson, Kristina Courville, Jillian Davis and Shaundika Collier.

There are fourteen (14) very talented, energetic and enthusiastic members of the Horton High School Dance Team for this next school year. They have been busy this summer having two (2) practices a week preparing performances for the Event Centennial Celebration and the Brown County Fair Parade. They have already had several fundraisers and will also be having a dunk tank at the Brown County Fair. They are raising money to help pay for attending and performing at the State Basketball Tournament in Manhattan next February and Dance Camp next summer. They will be attending a three (3) day KU Dance Camp in July of 2007 as well. They would like to thank all those who have supported their fund raising events this summer and invite you to attend their performances.
HIGHLIGHTS

Katie Adams of Valley Center has been named to the dean’s list with a 3.5 or better grade point average for the spring semester at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

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The Kansas Chamber of Commerce has named State Rep. Steve Huebert, R-Valley Center, a pro-jobs legislator for the 2007 legislative session.

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Isaac Hathaway of Bel Aire has been awarded a five-year, $12,500 dean’s scholarship at Newman University, Wichita.

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Valley Center students who have been awarded incoming freshman scholarships for the 2007-08 academic year at Wichita State University include Catherine Wall, DeAnn Larson, Joshua Klefer, Corey Jackson, Laron Nordstedt, Kaitlin Spears, Kevin Turner, Ashley Blanton, Aaric Thompson, Christopher Dean, Stephanie Long and Katelyn Grimes.

Clay Foster has been awarded the Top Shock and Sedgwick County scholarships.

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Area students have been named to the honor roll for the spring semester at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. They include Mara Bertsch, Jessica Cox, Erin Gunzelman, Brittany Bradley, Nicholas Degner, Paul Enns, Katherine Harr, Laura Osterhout, Laryssa Baldridge, Corey Braet, Michael Bryde, Lucy Burgert, Amy Couzens, George Couzens, Bryce Edgar, Nicole Hubbard, Lindsay Ignatowksi, Duy Nguyen, Nickolus Rivera, David Tran, Carme Williams, Samer Adra, Ashley Blanchet, Brett Boyle, Robert Boyle, Anna Breitenbach, Christopher Collier, Andrew Fast, Morgan Fulmer, Garrett Hamm, Jordan Harding, Jennifer Haynes, Anthony Hoover, Robin Huenergardt, Christine Huyett, Thomas John, Peter Lau, Marisa Lies, Taylor Lies, Angela Little, Matthew Nikolajchak, Thi-Thi Nguyen, Meghan Patni, Van Pham, Michael Pinnell, Kelly Summer, Daniel Szlauderbach, Ryan Wagner, Elyse Weidner, Maxwell White and Eric Williams.

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Jill Hattan, general manager of Don Hattan Chevrolet of Park City, has been named honorary chair of the CASino fund-raiser to benefit CASA of Sedgwick County. The event, featuring a Las Vegas club theme, is July 20 at Crestview Country Club, Wichita. Tickets may be purchased by calling 899-2920. A buffet dinner and silent and live auctions are included.

CASA volunteers advocate for neglected and abused children in juvenile court.

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Area students earning associate’s nursing degrees this spring at Hesston College, Hesston, include Lindsay Hickerson, Erin Goedde, Tara McCune and Susan Reaoner.