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**Man of the Year In Texas Agriculture
Award & Recognition Banquet
July 19, 2016**

2015-2016
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**Man of the Year In Texas Agriculture Award
& Recognition Banquet**

Presiding.....Brent Batchelor
TCAAA President
Matagorda County

Invocation.....Donald Kelm
District Extension Administrator
District 8

Introduction of Guests.....Shane McLellan
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Award Presentations.....Laura Miller
Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee
Tarrant County

Closing Remarks.....Brent Batchelor
TCAAA President
Matagorda County

Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture

The “Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture” Awards program has been proudly sponsored by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association for the past fifty years. The members, directors, and officers of the TCAAA are privileged to bestow this award to eight individuals in recognition of their outstanding leadership in agriculture, agribusiness and their support of the educational program efforts of the County Extension Agents of Texas. Their unselfish service has contributed to improving the economic well-being and quality of life in their community, our state and our nation.

Past Recipients of the Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture

2003

Gary Walker, Yoakum, D-2
Jack Brainard, Denton, D-4
Henry Bonilla, Bexar, D-6
Gene Jernigan, Johnson, D-8
Dr. Charles Graham, Bastrop, D-10
Jimmy Dodson, Nueces, D-11
Stanley Schilling, Live Oak, D-12

2005

Tommy Womack, Swisher, D-2
Lori Cope, Hopkins, D-4
George “Tee” Knox, Martin, D-6
Vince Neuhaus, McLennan, D-8
Carter Casteel, Comal, D-10
Ed Ritchie, Zavala, D-12

2007

Steve Verett, Lubbock/Crosby, D-2
Marcus Hill, Tarrant, D-4
Robert Steakley, Ector, D-6
Larry Don Womack, Comanche, D-8
Mike Douguet, Jefferson, D-9
Wayne Geistweidt, Gillespie, D-10
Dr. Randall H. Williams, Kleberg, D-12

2004

Dan Krienke, Ochiltree, D-1
Emory Boring, Wilbarger, D-3
M.S. “Bud” Wright III, Nacogdoches, D-5
J.W. “Dub” Vinson, Taylor, D-7
Arlene Wohlgenuth, Johnson, D-8
Talmadge Heflin, Harris, D-9
L.G. Raun, Jr., Wharton, D-11

2006

Vernon Cook, Roberts, D-1
Rayford Pullen, Montague, D-3
Alan Ritchey, Cooke, D-4
Glenn Richardson, Gregg, D-5
Roger Q. “Jake” Landers, Tom Green, D-7
Frank Greenway, Brazoria, D-9
Bob Gayle, Goliad, D-11

2008

Lewis Britt, Wheeler, D-1
C.E. Williams, Carson, D-1
Minnie Lou Bradley, Childress, D-3
Ted F. Conover, Smith, D-5
Jerry Lackey, Tom Green, D-7
Jim McCord, Brazos, D-9
Jeff Nunley, Victoria, D-11

2009

David Gibson, Swisher, D-2
Phil Sadler, Rains, D-4
Guy Patrick "Pat" Peacock, Pecos, D-6
Mike McCravey, Bell, D-8
Alfred "Mac" Gilliant, Real, D-10
Michael Kuck, Caldwell, D-10
Dale Murden, Hidalgo, D-12

2011

Giles W. Dalby, D-2
Larry Pratt, D-3
Brian Cummings, D-4
Ronnie Keith Wood, D-6
Jim Farley, D-8
Edward Meier, D-10
Robert Fulbright, D-12

2013

Mark Marley, D-2
Charles Snowden, D-4
Mike Hill, D-6
Perce Miller, D-7
Dr. Dan E McBride, DMV, D-7
Neil Walter, D-8
Charles Willman, D-10
Ray Prewett, D-12

2015

Otis Johnson, D-2
Jack LeClair, D-4
Dr. R. Mikel Lemons, D-6
Rodney Schronk, D-8
Gary Dickenson, D-10
Haskell Simon, D-11
Juan Martinez, D-12

2010

Levon Harman, Swisher, D-1
Gerald Hobson, Parker, D-3
Albert Thompson, Nacogdoches, D-5
Allen McGinty, Tom Green, D-7
Jack Wendt, Fort Bend, D-9
Gerald Eckel, Wilson, D-11
Mike Petter, Atascosa, D-12

2012

Warren Chisum, D-1
Dan Taylor, D-2
Greg Tyra, D-3
Dr. Jesse Richardson, D-5
Clay Jones, D-7
John Geisenshlag, D-9
W. James Grichar, D-11

2014

Harold Grall, D-1
Van Baise, D-3
Mark Chamblee, D-5
Dr. Dale Perritt, D-5
Toni Carter Spencer, D-9
Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, D-11



Past Recipients
Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture Award
Extension District 8

1963	Rufus Peebles	Limestone County
1965	Robert L. Melburn.....	Coryell County
1967	Clyde H. Wells	Hood County
1969	B.C. Langley	Erath County
1971	Senator J.P. Word.....	Bosque County
1973	Ross Wilson.....	Eastland County
1975	Dan Pustejovsky	Hill County
1977	Ray Sawyer	Hill County
1979	Clark Bolt	McLennan County
1981	Tom Creighton	Palo Pinto County
1983	Bob Traweek	Erath County
1985	Scott M. Fleton.....	McLennan County
1987	John Baker.....	Bell County
1989	Robert “Bob” Glasgow.....	Erath County
1991	Bill Yowell	Coryell County
1993	L.Charles Howard	Bosque County
1995	Jim Schwertner	Williamson County
1997	Bob Beakley	Ellis County
1999	Harland & Hope Huffman.....	McLennan County
2001	Gary Murphy	Navarro County
2003	Gene Jernigan.....	Johnson County
2004	Arlene Wohlgemuth	Johnson County
2005	Vince Neuhaus	McLennan County
2007	Larry Don Womack.....	Comanche County
2009	Mike McCravey.....	Bell County
2011	Jim Farley.....	Comanche County
2013	Neil Walter	Coryell County
2015	Rodney Schronk	Hill County
2016	Chris Duewall.....	Robertson County

Man of the Year in Agriculture

District 1

Jodie Stockett



Mrs. Jodie Stockett is the Dow

AgriSciences sales representative for the Texas Panhandle and Western Oklahoma territory specifically in crop protection and range and chemical sales. Stockett has been a sales representative for Dow AgriSciences upon graduation from Oklahoma State University, from which she holds a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics degree. Stockett has earned quite the reputation throughout the territory for being exceptional in cooperating with dealers, distributors, applicators, crop consultants, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension professionals. Working diligently with cooperating agencies and professionals to develop solutions for farmers and ranchers in their management practices and decisions is a passion that is evident. This goal is accomplished through the use of trials and demonstrations to showcase new chemistry, holding tours, presenting findings and documentation of results at meetings and making product recommendations that fit individual cases and problems. Stockett's passion for the industry and unbiased recommendations make her a favored sales representative amongst producers and agriculture industry professionals. Her reputation amongst the Panhandle and Western Oklahoma are a testament to her dedication and drive. "During her tenure with Dow she has worked with numerous agents, specialists and cooperators in the planning, implementation and evaluation of range weed and brush control demonstrations. She also is always willing to be a speaker at county agent meetings providing excellent information that is beneficial to all participants."

To compliment her degree and experience Stockett maintains membership in several professional organizations. She is a Certified Professional in Rangeland Management from the Society for Range Management, board member for the New Mexico Agricultural Aviation Association and member of the Texas Agricultural Aviation Association, Oklahoma Agricultural Aviation Association, Texas Ag Industries Association and the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association. To be of service to the agricultural industry is evident in her actions and involvement. A servant's attitude is a way of life that she exemplifies. Randall County recognized Stockett with the distinction of being named Outstanding Results Demonstrator, a title that is no surprise and well deserved.

Stockett resides in Claude, Texas with her husband, Wes and son, Luke. The family's tie to agriculture is strong; stocker cattle and wheat are the heart and main focus of their operation. Her involvement in the community strongly resembles her work commitments; she attends and is a member of the Claude United Methodist Church and an Armstrong County Museum Board Member. It is with great pleasure to present Mrs. Jodie Stockett as the TCAA Wo"Man" of the Year.

Man of the Year in Agriculture

District 3

Joe Tom White



Joe Tom White, is an exceptional radio announcer and longtime supporter of AgriLife Extension for this area. For over 60 years he has reported ag news and had countless volunteers, 4-H kids, and ag supporters live on his radio program. One facet is his willingness to host live broadcasts with key leaders who support ag; 4H kids and volunteers; area extension agent. The Wichita County agents have had a weekly show for many, many years.

More than once he has had Representative Mac Thornberry live on Joe Tom's show to report updates and support ag producers in the fight against the U.S. Bureau of Land Management agency, accused of perpetrating an "arbitrary seizure" of land along a 116-mile, including Clay, Wichita and Wilbarger counties.

Mr. White is an inductee into the 2015 Texas Radio Hall of Fame. He has worked for three Wichita Falls radio stations (KWFT, KGTM 990 AM and KWFS 1290 AM). Joe Tom hosted 'Country Morning' on KAUZ Channel 6 for five years. He has hosted 'The Rise & Shine Show' on News Talk 1290 KWFS AM since 1993. He is one of the longest-serving broadcasters still active on radio anywhere in the nation. On March 1, 2016 he joined long-time fellow announcer, Mike Campbell with a 30 minute daily morning show on KFDX-TV in Wichita Falls. The Extension Service is featured every week with markets, weather, ag related news, and interviews air daily at 5a.m.

Man of the Year in Agriculture

District 5

Ken Hale



Ken Hale is the owner of Boatcycle, Inc. in Henderson, TX, a family owned business since 1980 begun in 1954 by Sam and Corrine Dearmond. A graduate of the University of North Texas (class of 1971) with a BBA degree, he began his career in broadcasting, then had the opportunity to purchase Boatcycle which he grew to become a leading aquaculture supply house nationwide. To become more useful to his customers and expand the business as well he has become one of the long time pioneers in Tilapia production for farm ponds and lakes. Ken is often called to speak at many locations across Texas and Louisiana for county extension agents and private pond/lake owners regarding pond management and fish production. Mr. Hale cites Dr. Joe Locke and Dr. Billy Higginbotham from TX A&M Overton Research Center and his 20 years of trial and error in the Tilapia business to have molded and helped shape his knowledge in this field of work.

Ken, a Melvin Jones Fellow, has been a member of Lion's Club for 43 years, having served as President & along with fellow members instrumental in starting a Jack Pot show over 8 years ago for local and surrounding children to show project animals. Also through the Lion's Club Mr. Hale has long time directly supported the Texas Lion's Crippled Children's Camp in Kerrville which provides training and summer camping for crippled & diabetic children.

Early on in his career he received the Rusk County Chamber of Commerce John R. Alford Young Man of the Year award for his community involvement. Ken recently became a member of the local Gideon camp while serving in Prison Ministry as well. Ken is a member of the 501-c-3 "Prison Chapel Ministries of East Texas" that is raising the money and building a 500 seat Chapel at one of the prisons in Rusk County. The expected date of completion is this summer. Through his 19 plus years in Prison Ministry Ken has been recognized by Governor Rick Perry and the Texas Department of Corrections by receiving in 2011 the Governor's Award for his work inside the razor wire. He also has been recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer 4 separate times from the three prisons in Rusk County.

Mr. Hale also currently serves on the Natural Resources Committee through Texas Agrilife working alongside County Extension Agent Jaime Sugg where Ken also oversees the County Agents Operating Funds.

Ken and his wife Mollie have been married 44 years and have one son. Kirk and wife Rachel have their two precious grandchildren, Maci and Khristian. Kirk and Rachel both work at Boatcycle, Inc. and plan on continuing the family involvement for another generation of meeting the needs of Texas Farmers and Ranchers in this family agriculture related business.

Man of the Year in Agriculture

District 7

Dr. Kim Alexander



Dr. Kim Alexander grew up on a farm near Roscoe, Texas, and has farmed and ranched in that area since graduation from college in 1976. He has been employed by the Roscoe Independent School District since 1988, serving as superintendent since 2003.

Dr. Alexander received his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Angelo State University in 1976, his Master of Education degree in Educational Administration from Abilene Christian University in 1985, and his Doctor of Agricultural Education Degree in 2007 from Texas A&M and Texas Tech Universities, through a joint doctoral program in that field. Dr. Alexander is a member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, the American Association of School Administration, and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society.

During his doctoral research, Dr. Alexander became involved in a research study in differentiated instruction for economically disadvantaged learners, which led into more extensive research into understanding and educating generational poverty. As a result of that research, Roscoe ISD sought and received Collegiate High School Status in 2009, becoming the first rural early college in Texas.

Since that time, Roscoe Collegiate has been working with assistance from Educate Texas (formerly Texas High School Project) to develop a P-20 System Model for Student Success through a school-wide Early College/STEM Academy model that can be replicated by other small and rural schools in Texas. The Roscoe Collegiate Early College/STEM Academy Model is the only school wide 4-H program in the state as a result of the need to provide real world relevance in the STEM fields necessary to assist students in successfully meeting the rigorous academic demands of early college. The Roscoe Collegiate Early College/STEM Academy is a P-20 System Model for collaboration between public education, higher education, and the business sector. This system model currently includes higher education partnerships with Western Texas College, Texas State Technical College, Angelo State University, Texas A&M University, and Texas Tech University, as well as system partnerships with Educate Texas and Texas A&M AgriLife Research/Extension.

In November of 2015, Dr. Alexander became the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium appointee to the 15 member Commission on Next Generation Assessment and Accountability authorized by the 84th Texas Legislature.

Man of the Year in Agriculture

District 8

Chris Duewall



Chris Duewall has been the Operation Manager for Circle X Land and Cattle Company since 1997. Circle X owns and operates over 25,000 acres in Robertson and Brazos counties. Under Chris's leadership Circle X Ranches produce and sell both purebred and commercial Brangus cattle; high quality grass hay and operate a large pecan orchard. Chris has kept the ranch moving forward with the latest technology and production practices while making sure these practices are economically sound and beneficial. Chris is a huge supporter of Extension and has implemented many practices proven effective by Extension research and result demonstrations.

Chris grew up in Brazos County and attended school in Bryan. He graduated from Bryan High School and went on to get his degree from Texas A&M University in 1994. He moved to the headquarters ranch in Robertson County in the 90's. He is married to his wife Kathy and they are parents to 4 children- Clint, Matt, Cody and Grace. He and his wife are very involved with their kids especially in sports.

Chris has long been a great supporter of Extension programs and he has served on several Extension Committees in multiple counties. He has served on the Brazos County Leadership Advisory Board, the Brazos Area Hay Producers Association and has served to help plan an Annual multi-county beef cattle meeting held in Robertson County. He and Circle X Ranch have allowed Extension to put out at least five result Demonstrations a year to support educational programs held on the ranch. They have hosted the O.D. Butler Forage Field Day for many years with 250 plus people in attendance. They have also hosted the Rebuilding the Beef Herd Program the past three years with 150 plus in attendance. Both of these programs are multi county activities. Chris has been involved in a regional campaign to encourage producers to test hay, forages and soil to improve production practices.

He has been instrumental in delivering the praises of Extension to elected officials at the local, state and federal level. Chris has also served as a Farm Bureau Board member in Brazos County. They have also been huge supporters of several county shows in the area as buyers of youth projects. They have also given money and freely of their time to support scholarship programs at these fairs. Through Chris's leadership the O.D. Butler Scholarship program was started. Numerous scholarships are given yearly to graduating seniors from counties involved in field day. He and his wife are also very involved with the Franklin Schools and all activities designed to help local students excel.

Man of the Year in Agriculture

District 9

Jack Taylor



Jack Taylor is a 6th generation Texan, born in Huntsville, Texas. His Family moved to Freeport, TX in 1945 when he was about one year old. Jack grew up in the agricultural community on the family land in Jones Creek, Texas. After graduation from Brazosport High School in 1963, he attended Texas A&M, class of '67. He met his wife, Winona while attending Wharton County Junior College and they have been married for 49 years.

Jack has certainly been one to serve his community. Jack served on the Brazoria City Council and is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem and Alderman for the council for the Village of Jones Creek. Jack was a founding member of the Brazoria County West Brazos Drainage District serving two terms. He served 12 years as a Director of the Brazoria County Parks Department, being President of that Board for 6 years. He currently sits on the Board of the Brazoria County Mosquito Control District. He also served as a Director for a local savings and loan association.

Jack Taylor is a life member of the Brazoria County Fair Association and also a life member of the Brazoria County Cattlemen's Association. Jack continues a membership in the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association that his family has maintained since the early 1900s.

Jack and Winona hosted the Kids Unlimited Program for a day on the ranch for youth fighting cancer. They rolled out their Chuck Wagon and cooked for the kids and their parents and recruited local 4H and FFA youth with their animal projects for the Kids to learn about animals on the ranch. Over the years Jack and Winona have sponsored a number of 4-H and FFA youth animal projects in the Brazosport Independent School District.

Jack's involvement in the communities of Brazoria County has made for an ideal place for him on the Brazoria County Leadership Advisory Board as an advocate of AgriLife Extension programs. He has been a member of the Brazoria County New Landowner Program Committee for 12 years and hosts a livestock and animal health workshop for new landowners at his ranch each Spring. He also serves on the Brazoria County Beef and Forage Committee. In this role he has sponsored several beef and forage seminars at his ranch since 1997. As a result of his involvement in Extension ag and natural resources programming, beef and forage producers in the area often consult with Jack for his knowledge of Extension Best Management Practices in beef cattle health, forage production, and weed control.

Jack also serves as a member of the Brazoria County Legislative Ag Tour Task Force, a position he has proudly held since 2007. Jack has been instrumental on the Ag Tour Task Force interpreting the impact of local production agriculture and AgriLife Extension Programs to local, County, State, and National elected officials. Jack's knowledge and involvement throughout the region has played an important role in connecting County Extension Agents with local ag producers and ag industry. The Ag Tour is one of Jack's favorite programs that he's been involved in. He loves telling the story of agriculture to our elected officials, bringing attention to the key issues and successes of Texas Agriculture. Jack also enjoys travelling and performing cowboy poetry, and has entertained audiences throughout Texas, Elko, Nv., Louisiana and even entertaining the Florida Cattlewomen's Association.

Man of the Year in Agriculture

District 11

William Ordner



William J. Ordner was born and raised in Robstown, Texas. He is currently resides in the Petronila area with his wife, Virginia. Bill has farmed in the Robstown area for over 50 years. Bill was an active Nueces County 4-Her as a child and has continued that tradition with his children and grandchildren, who have continued to live nearby. He enjoys watching his grandchildren participate in the Nueces County Junior Livestock Show and becoming involved in the farming operation.

Bill is very involved in his community serving on the Board of Directors for Violet Water Board, Coastal Bend Gin Association, and the Nueces County Soil and Water Conservation District Board. He was appointed by Judge Lloyd Neal to serve as commissioner of the Nueces County Emergency Services District 6 where he holds the title of Board President. Bill served as Mayor of the City of Petronila for 28 years until he retired in 2008.

He and his sons grow cotton, sorghum and wheat. Bill served on the Nueces County Field Crops Committee from 1983 through 1996. He and his family have constantly served as cooperators for on-farm demonstrations and applied research trials since 1973, when they used drag planters to put the first grain sorghum hybrid trial in with their County Agent Bud Nolan.

Bill also maintains a ranching operation in Beeville, Texas where he runs a 180 head of Angus/Brangus cattle. On numerous occasions since 1996, Bill has opened his ranch to agents in District 11 for professional development activities and fellowship. He has adopted many conservation practices on the ranch encouraged by AgriLife Extension and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Bill has owned and operated Town & Country Pest Control Inc. since 1963. The pest control business performs residential and commercial pest control services, as well as, commodity fumigation. He fumigates all types of grain holding facilities including grain elevators, railroad cars and ocean going grain vessels. He and Dr. Roy Parker, have frequently conducted demonstrations on proper sealing methods and fumigation techniques for grain elevators across the Coastal Bend and have emphasized their importance in reducing grain spoilage. He has worked with many County Agents and the Texas Department of Agriculture to put on safety workshops for grain elevator operations and employees through the Coastal Bend area, serving as both an event sponsor and guest speaker. He has also consulted in Mexico on proper grain storage techniques.

Bill has strived to keep his grandchildren active and engaged in agriculture and hopes someday they will keep the farming tradition in the family.

2016 TCAAA Distinguished Service Award Recipients

Name	District	County
Scott Anderson	7	Brown County
Jay Kingston	3	Kent County
Julie Massey	9	Galveston County
Cary Sims	5	Angelina County
Stephen Zoeller	10	Kendall County

2016 TCAAA Achievement Award Recipients

Name	District	County
Caleb Eaton	6	Ward County
Cody Maxwell	4	Fannin County
Michael Potter	9	Montgomery County
John Villalba	2	Swisher County
Scott Willey	9	Fayette County

