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Backyard Farmer Panel—back row (left to right): Zac Reicher, Roch Gaussoin, Fred Baxendale, and Jim Kalisch. Front row (left to right): Kim Todd, Amy Timmerman, Sarah Browning and Dennis Ferraro.

Backyard Farmer to host live show for 60th Anniversary Celebration

Panelists will answer questions and identify samples from the public at “Backyard Farmer LIVE!” as the show celebrates 60 seasons on Thursday, Sept. 27, 6–9 p.m., at Hardin Hall. The UNL Dairy Store will be selling supper beginning at 5 p.m. The program will begin at 7 p.m. Program clips from the “Backyard Farmer” (BYF) documentary and bloopers will be shown. Food and merchandise also will be available. One lucky winner will receive a visit from the panel to their own landscape. BYF airs Thursdays live on NET1 at 7 p.m. CST. Or watch it, live streamed to your computer, on Thursday nights.

Dr. Paul Read to receive award

Dr. Paul Read, Professor of Horticulture/Viticulture, will receive the Darrell W. Nelson Excellence in Graduate Student Advising Award. In honor of former IANR Agricultural Research Division Dean Darrell W. Nelson, the award acknowledges many of the traits exemplified by Dean Nelson such as being an excellent scientist, serving as a successful graduate student mentor, providing encouragement and incentives for graduate teaching, emphasizing the importance of graduate education for our state, being involved in distinguished scholarly and creative activity and providing career guidance. The award will be presented at the Distinguished Fellowship Award Luncheon on Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sept. 23: ARDC 50th

Anniversary Open House, ARDC, 1071 County Road G, Ithaca, 12–5 p.m. Free lunch from 12–2 p.m. RSVP for lunch to dpittman1@unl.edu or call 402-624-8000.

Sept. 24: Center for Grassland Studies Seminar–Aerial Robotics Improve Turf Data Collection Efficiency, Keenan Amundsen, Nebraska East Union (NEU), 3–4 p.m.

Sept. 26: School of Natural Resources Seminar–Remote Sensing, Water Stress, and Things that Go Bump in the Night, Arthur Zygielbaum, Elizabeth Walter-Shea, Timothy Arkebauer, Hardin Hall, 3:30 p.m.

Sept. 28: Heuermann Lecture Series, Secretaries of Agriculture Discussions, Lied Center, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 1: IANR All-Hands meeting, NEU, 2 p.m. Web streaming available.

Oct. 2: Nebraska Turfgrass Association Golf Tournament, 11 a.m. registration, 12 p.m. tee-off, Kearney Country Club, Kearney. Register online at www.nebraskaturfgrass.com.

Oct. 4: CASNR Career Fair, NEU, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. This is part of a 3-day Career Fair Oct. 2–4, 2012.

Oct. 15–16: UNL Fall Break. No classes but offices are open.

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Congratulations to our Employee Service Award Recipients

On Sept. 11, more than 860 employees were honored for years of service to the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Employees were presented awards prior to the chancellor’s State of the University speech. For text of the chancellor’s speech, see www.unl.edu/ucomm/chancellor/sua2012/.

Congratulations to the following employees recognized from the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture:

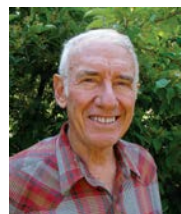
- 35 years:** Charles A. Francis
- 25 years:** Kathi J. Cockrill and Paul E. Read
- 20 years:** Steven Comfort, Tomie D. Galusha and Samuel L. Shafer
- 15 years:** John L. Lindquist
- 10 years:** Stephen J. Gamet
- 5 years:** Aaron J. Franco, Aaron C. Hoagland, Richard S. Little, Teshome Regassa, Jonathan M. Soper and Marc A. Walter

Crop Science Society of America Announces 2012 Award Recipients

Congratulations to Ken Cassman who will receive the CSSA Presidential Award and Chuck Francis who will receive the Crop Science Teaching Award from the Crop Science Society of America. The recipients will be formally recognized at the Annual Meetings during the CSSA Breakfast, Awards, and Plenary on Oct. 23 in Cincinnati.



Ken Cassman



Chuck Francis

Ken is the Robert B. Daugherty Professor of Agronomy at UNL and Chair of the CGIAR Independent Science and Partnership Council. He received a B.S. degree from University of California–San Diego, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Hawaii.

Chuck is Professor of Agronomy and Horticulture, University of Nebraska–Lincoln. He received a B.S. from University of California–Davis, M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University, and D.Sc. [Hons causas] from Helsinki University.

Big Red Mixer set for Oct. 23

The Department of Agronomy and Horticulture will host a Big Red Mixer on Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. as part of the ASA, CSSA and SSSA Annual Meetings in Cincinnati Oct. 21–24. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati.

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- Oct. 21–25:** ASA, CSSA, SSSA Annual Meetings, Cincinnati.
- Nov. 7:** SAC Meeting, 10:30 a.m., 279 PLSH.
- Nov. 22–25:** Thanksgiving Break.
- Dec. 10:** Agronomy & Horticulture holiday luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m., NEU.
- Dec. 14–15:** UNL Graduation.
- Dec. 17:** IANR Staff Holiday Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., NEU.
- Dec. 24, 2012–Jan. 2, 2013:** UNL Holiday closedown.
- Jan. 8–10, 2013:** Nebraska Turf Conference, LaVista Conference Center.
- Feb. 18–19, 2013:** Nebraska Great Plains Conference, Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln.
- Feb. 28–March 2, 2013:** Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Forum and Trade Show, Holiday Inn, Kearney.

Celebrating 150 years

The Morrill Act brought into being Land-Grant Universities, making education more affordable to all people, educating them in agriculture, home economics, mechanical arts, and other professions practical at the time. Join in the many activities scheduled for the week of Sept. 23–29, celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Morrill Act. Check online at landgrant.unl.edu for a schedule of events and updates.

Greg Dorn to receive Board of Regents Kudos Award

Greg Dorn, Research Technologist II, was selected to receive the University of Nebraska Board of Regents October Kudos Award. This prestigious award will be presented to Greg at the Oct. 26, 2012 BOR meeting. Greg has been employed in the department since 1994, and is the field coordinator for the small grains (wheat, barley, triticale) breeding program under the direction of Dr. Stephen Baenziger. The nomination recognizes Greg as an exemplary employee, with a commitment for excellence and teamwork within the program. He is an ambassador for the University of Nebraska and the department to everyone he encounters. Congratulations Greg!

News for and about Graduate Students *Request for nominations*

The Office of Graduate Studies requests nominations for its three graduate recognition awards: Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant Award, and the Dean's Award for Excellence in Graduate Education. Award recipients will be honored at the Graduate Studies Award reception during the 2013 spring semester.

The Call for Nominations and the nomination forms are located at www.unl.edu/gradstudies/facstaff/awards. Nominations will be submitted online. The due date for submission of nominations is Oct. 3. Submission of all supporting materials is Oct. 24.

Henry M. Beachell Fellowship application due

The Henry M. Beachell Fellowship is intended to recognize academic excellence and research potential in the agronomic and horticultural sciences. It is a one-time award of \$3,500 provided in two installments in the fall and spring semesters following selection. If an awardee graduates in December, only the first installment of the award will be received.

Applicants must have full-time status in the Agronomy and Horticulture Graduate Program. Agronomy & Horticulture graduate students including students on assistants, those supported by their government, and self-supported students are eligible to apply; however students who are employees of UNL are not eligible.

For more information and to submit an application, please see Marlene Busse, 279 PLSH, or call 2-1560, or email marlene.busse@unl.edu. Deadline for applications is Oct. 12.

IANR Research Travel Fund Applications due Oct. 15

IANR Research Travel Fund applications for 3rd Quarter, 2012–2013, for travel from Jan. 1–March 31, 2013, are due by Oct. 15, 2012. Guidelines and application form to be used when requesting these funds can be found at www.ard.unl.edu/faculty-awards-and-travel.

Please submit your application electronically through your department head/chair, who will then forward to the ARD office. Please note the application form for submittal information.

Arboretum has plants for sale

Gardeners can come in for plants almost any time, if they schedule it ahead, but the greenhouse will also be open for sales every Friday through Oct. 26. These smaller sales will run from 12–5 p.m. except for Sept. 22, when they run from 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Proceeds from plant sales sustain the arboretum's mission and fund critical programs and services. More information about the sales go to www.arboretum.unl.edu/plantsales.html or call 402-310-9937.

News from the HAPPI Business Center *Grant Proposals may not be submitted directly by a PI*

The Office of Sponsored Programs is requesting that all grant applications be submitted through that office on behalf of the University of Board of Regents. Faculty members should use the NUgrant system to submit and complete these applications.

There are three drawbacks to directly submitting a grant to an agency. The first is that such a submission is not a valid process and only Sponsored Programs or appropriate designees can legally obligate the University of Nebraska. The second drawback is that critical budgeting errors may occur if the proposal is not viewed by business center grants staff and IANR Finance and Personnel. Third, if a granting agency decides to make an award, the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) may choose not to accept the funds. When OSP makes such a decision, faculty and staff time is wasted and relationships with the funding agency can be irreparably damaged.

For additional questions, feel free to contact David Jackson at david.s.jackson@unl.edu or call 402-472-2045.

Safety News from T.J. McAndrew *First Aid Kits available to order for project vehicles*

Due to the nature of research done in our department, many of us are often working in conditions on research or farmers' fields where accidents could happen. It was brought to our attention that most of Agronomy and Horticulture vehicles do not contain a first aid kit. So with that in mind, we have found a basic first aid kit you can order for \$22.00 for your project's vehicle. Please let T.J. McAndrew, 2-2486, or Mike Livingston, 2-5190, know and they will order one for you.

Office Pros news and updates *Let us assist you with ordering office supplies*

It's a new school year—do you find yourself in need of a new planner or calendar? If so, please contact Sloane Cornelius, Office Associate, at 2-5138 or email scornelius2@unl.edu, to help you purchase your items from E-shop. You will just need to provide your cost object and product number to place on order.

Newsletter details

To submit news or announcements for the Agronomy and Horticulture newsletter, please contact Fran Benne, fbenne2@unl.edu, or Kathy Schindler, kschindler1@unl.edu.

Funding Opportunities

Visit UNL's Office of Research & Economic Development web site, research.unl.edu, for funding announcements under "Funding Announcements." These announcements are compiled from federal funding agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. To subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact contact Tisha Mullen at 2-2894 or email tgilreathmullen2@unl.edu. Additional funding opportunities may be found at www.grants.gov.

Grants.gov is the single access point for to search for competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.

