

THE SODFATHER, DR. MAX BELL, RETURNS TO KIRKSVILLE FOR MISSOURI LIVESTOCK SYMPOSIUM

Retired Truman State University Professor Dr. Max Bell, known for years for his radio program called the Sodfather, returns to Kirksville December 2-3 for the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium. Dr. Bell will speak Saturday, December 3 in the Around the Home Section of the Symposium which is held at the Kirksville Middle School Complex in Kirksville, Missouri. The Livestock Symposium features programming on horses, beef cattle, sheep, meat goats, forages, stock and guard dogs, predator management, quail management, crops, swine, and more. "Speakers will be coming in from 16 States," according to Garry Mathes, chair of the 23 member Missouri Livestock Symposium Planning Committee.

In addition to the always entertaining Max Bell, the Around the Home Section will feature Dr. Joe Cordray of Iowa State who will tell his audience how to prepare the perfect holiday ham or turkey as well as how to become an informed consumer when it comes to processed meat products. Jennifer Barnes-Schutter will present a hands-on session of floral arrangement. Those attending the session will be making their own arrangements to take home, just in time for the holidays.

Doors to the Missouri Livestock Symposium open at 4 p.m. on Friday, December 2, and again at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 3.

Some other highlights of this year's Missouri Livestock Symposium include the agriculturally related trade show, a free beef dinner Friday at 6 p.m., and a hosted Governor's Style Luncheon at noon on Saturday.

Award winning farm broadcaster Orion Samuelson returns again this year and will speak Friday night after the meal. He will also moderate a panel on Saturday dealing with estate planning.

In addition, the voice of Yahoo! Wylie Gustafson, will be speaking in the Horse Section of the Symposium on Saturday. Later Saturday night, 7:30 p.m., Wylie and the Wild West will perform. Wylie and the Wild West have

appeared on the Grand Ole Opry 48 times, CMT, and have performed at State Fairs nationwide. They have also performed in Australia, Japan, and at such high brow venues like the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and the Lincoln Center in New York. Wylie has also cut tapes for the U.S. Library of Congress. For more on Wylie and the Wild West go to www.wylieww.com.

There are no costs associated with the Missouri Livestock Symposium except for Wylie and the Wild West concert tickets. Tickets are \$10.00 each. For tickets or ticket information call 660-665-9866.

To learn more about the full program for the 2005 Missouri Livestock Symposium go to <http://missourilivestock.com> or call Garry Mathes (660-665-7049) or Bruce Lane (660-665-9866 or e-mail lanen@missouri.edu)