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SC Young Farmers and Ranchers bridge agriculture opportunities

Over three hundred young farmers, ranchers and ag enthusiasts ages 18-35 years old, met recently for the annual South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference in Charleston. Members from across the state gathered to network, become better leaders in their communities and learn how to overcome challenges within the agriculture industry. Cadie Giba attended from McCormick County.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of speakers on topics addressing all aspects of agriculture – including direct marketing, animal agriculture, farm safety, women's leadership and advocacy.

"We were excited to host young farmers and ranchers from across the state at our annual conference this past weekend," said newly elected SCFB YF&R Chair Adrian Wilkes (Fairfield). "This conference is special because it brings together professionals from every sector of Ag in our state to allow us to work together for the betterment of the future of agriculture and related industries. I look forward to working with this fine group of people as we continue to strive to have some of the best food and fiber in the world come from the great state of South Carolina."

Wilkes was elected the SCFB YF&R chair at the SCFB Annual Meeting in December and will serve his term throughout 2022 leading the program to follow SCFB's mission and goals.

Cadie Giba, of McCormick County, won the 2022 Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award. The competition consists of a written application and an oral presentation in front of a panel of judges. Giba won \$500 cash, \$7,000 towards the purchase of a new ATV compliments of Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, and has the opportunity to represent South Carolina Farm Bureau on trips to the 2022 American Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky and the 2023 American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Excellence in Agriculture Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who do not derive the majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation, but who actively contribute to agriculture and Farm Bureau. Award prizes are compliments of Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, and South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation.


Rachael Sharp, of Allendale County, won the 2022 Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award. Rachael was awarded \$1,000 compliments of the Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, \$33,750 towards the purchase of a new Ford truck and has the opportunity to represent South Carolina Farm Bureau on trips to the 2022 American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Leadership Conference in Louisville, Kentucky and the 2023 American Farm Bureau Annual Convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Achievement Award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who derive the majority of their income from an owned agricultural operation and have excelled in their farming or ranching operations while exhibiting superior leadership abilities. Participants are evaluated on a combination of their agricultural operation's growth and financial progress, Farm Bureau leadership and leadership outside of Farm Bureau. Award prizes are compliments of Southern Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company, Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company, South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and Ford.

Darlington County Farm Bureau Chapter received the award for the Largest County Delegation, boasting 24 young farmers and ranchers in attendance at the conference.

Plans are already underway for the 2023 Young Farmers and Ranchers conference scheduled for February 3-5, 2022 in Greenville.

For more information about Young Farmers and Ranchers and to learn how to get involved, contact Heather Barberio at hbarberio@scfb.org.



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have control on the finances of Russia related to oil. Many of the new sanctions would be unnecessary. Another link to all of this oil discussion is the cost of fuel rising and the inflation we now experience. As Kudlow says, with the current rate north of 7.5 percent, every American who drives a car, shops for groceries, heats their home or operates a business dependent on oil or oil products is paying more. The goods we buy cost more because of the transportation delivery costs (diesel fuel) going up.

I think the final topic that was in conversation among our friends was the control of our southern and northern borders. The Canadian Prime Minister manages the north pretty well. Our issue is the border with Mexico. Biden recently said in a press conference when asked what we are going to do in Ukraine, his response was paraphrasing, "We will support them with everything in our power to help them maintain the integrity of their borders and the sovereignty of their nation." Wow, why? Are their borders more important than ours? What does everything in our power mean, once again words and not actions. With respect to our borders, the southern border in particular, we have no control over who is coming in. Worse still is the fact that our government is flying the illegals out under the cover of darkness to places unknown once they have been processed. That "processing" means nothing other than they are handed a slip of paper and told what to do, like how to get welfare, where to appear for a hearing, etc. Few are being returned to Mexico as ordered by the Supreme Court. Title 42 expulsions are down, and in fiscal 2021, 1.6 million crossed the border illegally according to Customs and Border Protection (CPB) data. In addition to that, over 900 thousand pounds of drugs were seized by CPB. Since taking office, Biden has demonstrated his desire to slash and/or ignore the constitution he swore to uphold.

The premise for this article is that the citizens of the United States are unhappy. Of all the people we spoke with in hotel lobbies and restaurants, at the gas pumps and elsewhere, maybe 150 in total, which is not a large enough sample size, we did hear consistent concerns about these topics. In Oklahoma, a toll booth operator was concerned if they automated her job she couldn't afford to live on her savings and Social Security. In Florida, we met people working past 65 years of age to help support their life and to aid in care of their grandchildren. That means fewer meals out, no big vacations. We spoke with others not particularly concerned except about inflation. I spoke with a delivery driver at the gas pumps in Shreveport, La. who wasn't sure he could add enough of his expense to his deliveries to be able to afford fuel for his small fleet of three vehicles. As I stated earlier, all these expenses get passed along to the ultimate customer; you and I pay the shot.

It's hard to feed a family, especially when there are still shortages, and the cost goes up weekly on what is available. The average price of a six-pack of brew is up almost \$2. We have seen meat go up about 30 percent and coffee up around 10 percent unless you frequent a coffee house and you can find a 20 percent raise. For the two of us, groceries per month have gone up about 15.5 percent. In 2021, it was \$572, 2020 - \$548. In January, we spent \$633 for groceries, not including wine, beer or liquor. That's 15.5 percent in two years. If we had a growing family of two or three children, I would be looking for less inflation and better wages. While wages are up, they are not keeping pace with inflation.

Of the comments I heard regularly and consistently was what is Biden doing? Is he purposely turning this great country into a third world country, driving to keep everyone beholden to the government, garner more votes for the Democrat Party with the illegals, just to keep the status quo? Is he beholden to Russia, as his lack of action seems, or China for the agreements his son made with China selling technology and minerals through one of Hunter's companies? Is his position on the United Nations 2030 Project his way of leading us to a global government and loss of sovereignty through the climate change religion? Yes, Climate is changing, but there is nothing he has proposed that will do anything to stop it. His solar or wind farms won't, neither will his electric cars if you calculate the true environmental cost of needed power generation, battery production and recycling and waste disposal. Though he may think he is a god, he isn't or doesn't know it. Prediction for climate change 20, 30 or 40 years out is at best computer simulations proven to be wrong. This week's return to Colorado, we learned how good the forecasters are. They totally missed the big storm system with flooding rains, crippling ice and knee-deep snows affecting a large part of the US until the storm was upon us.

The country is not happy. With an approval rating somewhere between 37 and 41 percent, people are very unhappy with lack of progress. On March 1, we will be able to see Biden again list his accomplishments and give his promises that have all failed since his inauguration a little over a year ago. The promise from that initial speech was unity of this country. Didn't happen. Watch the speech and take notes.

-Don Garman



First from Impresa

A new builder in Savannah Lakes Village, Impresa, is erecting its first home in the Village on Elam Drive. This third module is being lowered by crane into place on to a foundation built to receive the modules, which have been built off-site then delivered for assembly on the foundation. Impresa's construction method is particularly suited to the Village's downslope lots like this one.

Thank you note

Long Cane Chapter NSDAR would like to thank all 179 visitors who came out on Saturday to tour the Wreaths Across America Mobile Education Exhibit in the Food Lion parking lot. The exhibit was impressive and educational. It warmed our hearts to see our Vietnam veterans "Welcomed Home", to thank our veterans for their sacrifice, and to meet our visitors from near and far.

We especially would like to thank Food Lion for the opportunity to use their parking lot and the Town of McCormick for their support.



Big happy birthday to my mother Ida Cunningham. She is 95 years young and still holding on to Jesus. From all her family, we love you Mother Cunningham. Jesus loves you, and we love you too.

I have come this far by faith trusting in His holy word. He has never failed me yet.



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