Fall for Extension  
November 19, 2022

Dinner tickets
All tables sold!  
$30 seat or $225 for table for 8

Raffle items
1 for $10; 3 for $25
624 tickets sold
Hustler Raptor Zero Turn Mower
Kansas Lifetime Hunt/Fish
Gun Safe

Live Auction
27 lots + 13 meat/desserts

Silent Auction
120 lots + 32 centerpieces

Proceeds
$35,987.30

Bill Mueller was recognized with the Extension Appreciation Award and the McClung Family was nominated for the Cowley Master Farm Family.

4-H members made prize winning desserts: Chocolate Chiffon, Blueberry Swirl, & Poppy Seed cake.

All tables were occupied for the 7th annual event. Video boards displayed auction items.

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County Program Responsibility (K.S.A. 2-611)
The 24 members so elected in the three county commissioner districts, or at large, in any county shall constitute and be the county extension council, and it shall be the duty of the council to plan the educational extension programs of the county.

Responsibilities and Limitations of Extension Council
The county extension council shall have for its sole purpose the giving of instruction and practical demonstrations in agriculture, marketing, home economics, 4-H club and youth work, community and resource development, and economic development initiatives to all persons in the county and the imparting to such persons in the county of information on those subjects through practical demonstrations, meetings, publications or otherwise, in accordance with the program and service prescribed by the council. Such councils shall not engage in commercial or other private enterprises, legislative programs, or other activities not authorized by this act and shall not give preferred service to any individual, group or organization.

Outgoing 2022 Extension Council
Justin Brazle, Josh Tatum (resigned in October 2022; Barry Schmidt appointed to fill term) Janet Davidson

2023 Extension Council
Barry Barber Audrie Bailey Mary Enderud Beau Bailey
Clint Bryant Aimee Campbell Becky Henderson Nick Bowman
Jim McClung Carol Galliart Amanda Jennings Craig Depenbusch
Kent Miller Kacey Preston Angie Krepps Jessica Martin
Barry Schmidt Sammi Webb Gaye Mackey Jamie McGee
Will Tatum Julie Wilson Greg Norwood Dr. Randy Smith

Color Key - grey is a member who is starting their second term and green is newly elected or appointed for their first term.

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Annual Meeting Program
Welcome
Recognition
- Extension Appreciation Award: Bill Mueller
- Farm Family Nominee: McClung Family

Business Meeting
- Roll Call
- Minutes of 2021 Annual Meeting
- Recognition of Outgoing Extension Council & Board Members
- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of 2023 Executive Board
- Election of Officers
- Motion to secure treasurer’s bond
- Oath of Executive Board Members
- Program Development Committee Meetings: Elect chair, vice chair, secretary
- Announcements
- Adjournment (followed by photo of 2023 Executive Board)

Cowley County Extension Team: Case LaGrone, Jewell Falletti, Becky Reid, Cindy Stephens, Sarah LaGrone, Caden LaGrone.

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The Cowley County Extension Council Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:04 on December 7th, 2021, at Baden Square in Winfield, Kansas. The welcome was given by Beau Bailey. Catered dinner was provided by Ranch House Catering. Comments about K-State Research and Extension’s Grand Challenges were shared by Gregg Hadley, Director for Extension.

Secretary, Kacey Preston, called the roll for 2021 and 2022 Cowley County Extension Boards (* indicates their presence at the meeting, ^ indicates their presence via Zoom).

2021 Council Members:

The minutes from the 2020 Extension Council Annual Meeting were presented. James Jirak moved to approve the minutes as printed. Clint Bryant seconded. The motion carried.

Vice Chair, James Jirak, thanked the following Extension Council members for their service to Cowley County Research and Extension: Laura Heger and Jessica Jones for Family and Consumer Sciences; Todd Shepherd for 4-H Youth Development; and Rose Anstine for Community Development. Phillip Bruce, Brett Thomson, Jessie Bradley and Bill Mueller were each presented with a gift of thanks for service on the Executive Board.

Jessie Bradley presented the Nominating Committee report of the slate of officers and members for the 2022 Executive Board. Chair:

Beau Bailey, Vice Chair: James Jirak, Secretary: Kacey Preston, Treasurer: Kent Miller, At Large Member Positions: Will Abernathy, Angie Krepps, Jim McClung, Janet Davidson and Jamie McGee.

Bill Mueller moved to cast a unanimous ballot for the presented slate of officers and members. Phillip Bruce seconded. The motion passed.

Bill Mueller moved and Jessie Bradley seconded to secure a Treasurer’s Bond from United Agency for at least $300,000. The motion passed.

Newly elected board members completed the oath of office with Cowley County Clerk, Karen Madison.

The Program Development Committees selected officers for each committee. Agriculture and Natural Resources: Chair-Jim McClung, Vice Chair-Will Tatum, Secretary-Clint Bryant
4-H Youth Development: Chair-Amanda Jennings, Vice Chair-Becky Henderson, Secretary-Mary Enderud
Community Development: Chair-Julie VonBon, Vice Chair-Jamie McGee, Secretary-Jessica Martin
Family and Consumer Sciences: Chair-Janet Davidson, Vice Chair - Carol Galliart, Secretary - Julie Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.
Family & Consumer Sciences

Promote Healthy Eating, Physical Activity & Food Safety
- Dining with Diabetes - 20 participants (February - March)
- Stay Strong, Stay Healthy - strength training class for older adults; 5 class offerings with 16 sessions each
- Food Safety for day care providers, 25 participants (Partnerships with Nutrition Plus)
- Walk Kansas program promotion
- Newspaper columns to promote health and wellness

SNAP-Ed Programs and Outreach
- Choose Health - Food, Fun and Fitness at Central of Burden Summer School, 34 youth
- Double Up Food Buck promotion and Cowley Farmers Market Support; Market Manager Backup
- Power of Produce - coordinated youth events at Farmers Markets, Celebrate Ag, and Cowley County Health & Safety Fair

Youth Development
- Sitter Solutions - Beginning Babysitting class for ages 11-15, 4 sessions
- Explore Day Babysitting Workshop at Winfield Middle School, 113 youth
- Family and Consumer Science Judging Contests at Southeast Area Youth Challenge Day, two County contests and Kansas 4-H State Fair contest, 150+ youth
- 4-H Youth Entrepreneur Support, 6 youth
- 4-H Junior Leaders Liaison, 10 youth

Agriculture & Natural Resources Highlights

Dinner at Tisdale Gym featuring Jennifer Ifft presenting about Livestock Risk Protection. 44 attendees learned about this option for producers to get paid if market prices are lower than expected.

Ongoing support for soil, forage and water sample analysis.

Outreach with K-State Research and Extension colleagues for insect, tree, and plant identification including outreach for plant pathology services.

Responses to client questions on horticulture challenges, cash rental rates and other inquiries.

Community Vitality Highlights

Heartland Listening Session host for Kansas Leadership Center. Cowley County was one of five listening sites in Kansas, joining 20 communities in Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. Cowley County Extension partnered with Winfield Chamber of Commerce to invite attendees and organize session.

Burden Pride continues to work on community vitality efforts to improve their community. Ongoing projects include the Burden Community Garden.

Becky Reid was recognized with the K-State Research and Extension Local Unit Professional Award in Manhattan at Annual Conference.

She is pictured with Gregg Hadley, Director for Extension, and Ernie Minton, College of Agriculture Dean and Director of Extension.
4-H Youth Development

4-H Day - cohosted at Butler County Community College. 22 Cowley County youth participated.

4-H School Enrichment - Wheat Science, CalciYUM, Country View series. 4-H provided school enrichment opportunities visiting classrooms teaching about chick embryology and egg production.

4-H Project Records - 3 Area winners advanced to State screening - leadership, foods & nutrition and Entomology

Celebrate Ag - Celebrate Ag was organized with NRCS and Cowley Farm Bureau. We had around 200 people in attendance throughout the day. 4-H had a booth with 7 youth and their projects. This gave 4-Hers the opportunity to display their projects and talk to the public about them.

Cowley County Fair - The 2022 Cowley County fair had 237 4-H exhibitors and 2,098 exhibits

Cowley County House Foundation Programming - See center fold

Youth Livestock Judging and Sweepstake Team - 5-10 youth have attended Judging Competitions throughout the year including state competition. Nine 4-Hers attended the Livestock judging trip on December 3rd with a tour of K-State’s Ag and Wildlife Department followed by a livestock judging clinic.

48 hours of 4-H - Clubs across the county participated in the Kansas 4-H 48 hours of 4-H tradition. These youth spent time giving back to their communities! Burden 4-H Club cleaned up the car wash area in Burden. Muddy Creek 4-H Club volunteered at Double G Equine Rescue and Rehab cleaning stalls and runs. 48 hours of 4-H is the perfect complement to #InspireKidsToDo

YQCA - The Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a program that will provide quality assurance education for all livestock species. Cowley County had 9 youth participate.

Community Outreach -
Ark City PreK Family Night - 24 families, 116 people (coordinated by Cowley County Head Start)
Roll & Read, 50+ participants (coordinated by Parents as First Teachers)
Dexter Day at Farm-Burden and Dexter Elementary Schools, 165 youth
Bill House was born at the family home place north of Cedar Vale in 1916. His education included graduating from Cedar Vale High School in 1933 and graduating from Arkansas City Junior College (now Cowley County Community College). He attended the University of Kansas, finishing his bachelor degree in 1937.

He graduated the University of Kansas Law School with honors, Order of the Coif, in 1939. This recognition is for the select few in the top 10% of the law class.

When his KSU friends asked him how he strayed over to KU, he would laugh and tell them that the hitchhiking was so much better on highway 75 than 77 that he didn’t have a choice! Those were depression days. He did not have a car and worked 2 part time jobs to attend school full time. Bill never forgot his humble beginning.

Bill was an active advocate of the beef industry using his law degree on many levels. He held many offices after coming home and stayed active in the cattle industry. A few of his past ventures were serving as President of the American Hereford Association, 1963-1964, President of the Kansas Livestock Association, 1964-1965 and a two term President of the American National Cattlemen’s Association (Now the National Cattlemen’s Association) in 1968-1969. He was the first Kansan to head that organization.

Active in numerous organizations, Bill touched many lives in a positive and caring way. Friends were a treasure to him and he enjoyed life to the fullest!

In order to keep his legacy alive, his wife Carol, stepsons Jason Smith, Jeffrey Smith, daughter-in-law Eryn and three grandchildren: Micah Jeffrey, Addie Mae, and Canaan Swayne made a plan. They established the Bill House Foundation to keep giving back to the organizations he held dear to his life’s work.

He would be very pleased to know his love for youngsters in the agriculture field is helping them attain their goals in the industry he so loved!

In September, the Bill House Foundation presented Cowley County 4-H with a financial gift of $50,000 to use for 4-H youth agricultural programming.

Cowley County 4-H Partner: Bill House Foundation

Cowley County 4-H Catch a Calf: Open House Event

The inaugural Fall Open House event was held October 23, 2022. Participants enjoyed a great meal sponsored by the Bill House Foundation, Cowley County Livestock Association, and Cowley County Farm Bureau.

Guest speaker Dan Suderman presented a program about practical nutrition and attendees cheered on our 2022-2023 Catch a Calf participants. This event will be held annually to showcase Cowley County 4-H member’s adventures, opportunities, and impact from this generous donation from the House Foundation.

The Catch a Calf program is the first opportunity for Cowley County youth. 4-Hers, ages 10-18 years, had the opportunity to submit an application followed by a professional business interview with the Catch a Calf selection committee.

The selected applicants for 2022-23 are: Adison Henderson, Wade Martin, Wyatt Martin, Kaitlynn Buxton, Maci Sumpter, and Natalia Onelio.

These participants caught their steers at the Open House on October 23rd. To successfully complete the project, participants have several requirements including record keeping, presentations, interviews, showmanship, correspondence with sponsors, calculating average daily gain, and live placings. The participants will sell their steers at the 2023 Cowley County Fair. All 4-Hers will have the opportunity to evaluate the animals at the fair and then evaluate meat quality on the rail post-fair.

Above: Over 75 people attended the Open House event held at the Winfield Fairgrounds.

Below: Youth had to “catch” their calves; some steers played hard to get.
**2022 Extension Appreciation Award**

**Bill Mueller**

The Cowley County Extension Council is pleased to award Bill Mueller with the Extension Appreciation Award.

Bill was born at William Newton Hospital and attended school in Arkansas City and Winfield. His father was the Cowley County Sheriff. As a youth, Bill remembers riding along with his dad and hearing stories. From an early age, Bill wanted to be in the FBI.

His undergraduate degree is in History and Political Science from Washburn University with a Juris Doctor Law Degree from Washburn University School of Law. During his college years, he worked for Shawnee County Sheriff's Department.

Bill served 4.5 years in the Air Force. While he was waiting to go on active duty, he returned home to help his mom after his dad died suddenly from a heart attack. During those months, he worked for the Cowley County Sheriff's Department.

He met his future wife Belinda during his time in the Air Force through mutual friends. Her dad was an FBI agent, so she was aware of the role and responsibilities of special investigators.

After the military, Bill worked for the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which included 14 weeks of training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. Neither the interviewer or the readers of this story have security clearance to get details of his adventures!

Bill and Belinda moved to McPherson, Kansas in 1978 where he joined the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). In the late 80’s, they returned to Winfield to help Bill's uncle with the family farm.

Bill worked for the KBI until 2002 and then joined the Cowley Sheriff’s Department full time. His favorite jobs have been farming and working for the sheriff's departments.

Bill is proud of his agriculture background. His family has two century old farms - one acquired by his great grandfather in 1898 and another farm acquired by his grandfather in 1917.

Bill has served multiple terms on the Extension Council as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Program Development Committee Member. He has also served as the Chair and Treasurer of the Cowley County Extension Council Executive Committee. He was a founding member of the Friends of Cowley County Extension group. He has not missed a Fall for Extension event (which is one of his favorite activities).

He appreciates K-State Research and Extension’s commitment to ongoing education, especially as it relates to Kansas Grand Challenges of community vitality, developing tomorrow’s leaders, water, health, and global food systems.

The K-State Research and Extension Appreciation Award was authorized by the Extension administrative staff in 1977. Its purpose is to honor a person(s) who has made outstanding contributions to the extension programs in a county or district.

**Past Extension Appreciation Award Winners**

2021 - Roger & Carol Black
2020 - KSOK Radio
2019 - Rich & Sue Helsel (Grouse Valley Equipment)
2018 - Barry & Dawn Schmidt
2017 - Lester Priest Family
2016 - Jim McClung
2015 - Kent & Nancy Miller
2013 - Tina and Beau Bailey
2012 - John Brazle and Justin Brazle
2011 - Carrol Wray and Jeanie Campbell
2010 – Dick Bonfy
2009 – Vic and Jan McClung
2008 – John Blankenship Family
2007 – Jim and Jessie Bradley
2006 – Lloyd and Carmelita Clarkson
2005 – Junior Shorter and Family
2004 – Larry and Mary Hittle
2003 – Mildred Moore
2002 – Verne and Zola Gottlob
2001 – Larry and Billie Swanson
2000 – John and Judy Lawson
1999 – Duane and Pat Chrisler
1998 – John and Zora Weir
1997 – Carl Seeliger
1996 – Irvin and Gracie McClung
1995 – Karolyn Smith
1994 – City of Winfield, Cowley County Fair Association
1993 – Roger and Melba Maechtlin
1992 – Harvey and Vada Whitehill
1991 – Don and Joan Drake
1990 – Frank and Helen Bossi
1989 – Floyd and Margaret Thiel
1988 – Not presented
1987 – Walter and Alice Hunt
1986 – Dwayne Lagerstrom
1985 – Bea DeVore
Vic and Jim formed McClung Bros. Partnership in 1970 and farmed together raising wheat, soybeans, sorghum, corn and cotton. They also continued a cow-calf herd and hog operation.

Vic and Jim’s father, Irvin, became a DeKalb Seed Dealer in 1954 which the brothers took over the operation of in 1996 and it continues today. They also grow and sell certified seed wheat.

In addition to the operation of the farm both Vic and Jim had interest in serving their community by serving on numerous boards. Vic was a board member of Farm Service Agency, Southern Kansas Cotton Growers (SKCG) Cotton Gin Board and the USD 465 School Board. Jim has been a long time board member of the Conservation District and the Cowley County Fair Board. He also serves on the Extension Council Board and the SKCG board.

As a family hobby, largely overseen by JoAnn, the McClung’s plant, harvest, and sell pumpkins in the fall. It gives the whole family the opportunity to spend time together and teaches the grandkids, nieces, and nephews about growing a crop.

Unfortunately, Vic died from ALS in 2011 but the partnership has continued to be operated by Jim, Mary and Jan. McClung Family Farms are proud stewards of the land and producers of food and fiber for Cowley County and beyond.

The Master Farm Family award recognizes up to six farm families across Kansas each year representing excellence in the development and operation of a farm business, and through community involvement and service in agricultural or rural organizations and programs, family activities and development, and any other qualities that make a farm family outstanding in the county and communities where they live.

The Cowley County Extension Council approved the nomination of the McClung Family Farm to apply for the Kansas Master Farm Family Award.

K-State Research and Extension and Kansas Farmer Magazine, with additional support provided by Kansas Farm Bureau, Frontier Farm Credit/American AgCredit, and the Kansas State Fair Board coordinate the recognition program. The award started in 1927 from an idea of then-Kansas Farmer publisher, Sen. Arthur Capper.