

Fall for Extension November 19, 2022



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.

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



Cowley County Extension Council

Annual Meeting

December 6, 2022

Winfield Public Library
605 College Street, Winfield
6:00 p.m.

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		Will Abernathy James Jirak Julie VonBon
2023 Extension Council			
Ag & Natural Resources	Family & Consumer Sciences	4-H Youth Development	Community Development
Barry Barber	Audrie Bailey	Mary Enderud	Beau Bailey
Clint Bryant	Aimee Campbell	Becky Henderson	Nick Bowman
Jim McClung	Carol Gallart	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.

2022 Cowley County Extension Council

Executive Board Members

- Beau Bailey, CD, Chair
- James Jirak, CD, Vice Chair
- Kacey Preston, FCS, Secretary
- Kent Miller, ANR, Treasurer
- Will Abernathy, CD
- Janet Davidson, FCS
- Angie Krepps, 4-H
- Jim McClung, ANR
- Jamie McGee, CD

Community Development (CD); Family & Consumer Science (FCS), Ag & Natural Resources (ANR)
4-H Youth Development (4-H)

Regional Local Unit Extension Director

Aliesa Woods
Colby, Kansas

Director for Extension

Gregg Hadley
Manhattan, Kansas

Dean of Agriculture, Director of Agriculture Experiment Station and Director of Extension

J. Ernest "Ernie" Minton
Manhattan, Kansas

Cowley County Commissioners

Wayne Wilt, District 1
Bob Voegele, District 2
Alan Groom, District 3

State of Kansas Legislators

14th District - Senator Michael Fagg

32nd District - Senator Larry Alley

12th District - Rep. Doug Blex

79th District - Rep. Cheryl Helmer;
incoming: Webster Roth

80th District -Rep. Bill Rhiley

Cowley County Extension Staff

Jewell Falletti, Office Assistant
Sarah LaGrone, Extension Agent
Becky Reid, Extension Agent
Cindy Stephens, Office Professional
Carol Mackey, Fair Assistant

2021 Extension Council Annual Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2021

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:

Justin Brazle, Phillip Bruce*, Jim McClung, Kent Miller*, Bill Mueller*, Will Tatum*, Janet Davidson*, Carol Galliard ^, Laura Heger, Jessica Jones, Kacey Preston*, Julie Wilson, Jessie Bradley*, Mary Enderud ^, Amanda Jennings*, Gaye Mackey, Todd Shepherd, Brett Thomson, Will Abernathy*, Rose Anstine, Beau Bailey*, James Jirak*, Jamie McGee* and Julie VonBon*.

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 Galliard, Secretary - Julie Wilson.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Opportunities

Crop Donations

Did you know that for many cash basis farmers, tax savings can be achieved by donating crops directly? To learn how to transfer bushels to *Friends of Cowley County Extension*, please contact your tax advisor to understand tax saving benefits and other logistics.

Tax-Deductible Donation Options

Contributions to Kansas Extension Councils to support their educational programs may qualify as tax-deductible contributions under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. You can write a check to Cowley County Extension Council, PO Box 538, Winfield, KS 67156.

A Friends of Cowley County Extension endowment fund has been established at Legacy Regional Community Foundation. Financial donations can be sent to 1216 Main Street, Winfield KS 67156 with *Friends of Cowley County Extension* noted in the memo line.



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Cowley County 4-H Council

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.



Extension Master Gardeners

February - July - Central of Burden - elementary school garden and classroom activities

March - Winfield Arts and Humanities - Garden plot project

March - Community Health Center of Cowley County - garden plot education

April - October - Winfield Correctional Facility - garden development and education

April - May - Country View Elementary - school rotation program

April 7 - Garden Strategies for Changing Climates (webinar hosted at Winfield Public Library)

May 21 - Celebrate Ag - Pollinator workshop - distribution of butterfly larvae and houses

July 29 - Cowley County Fair - 4-H Plant Science department check-in and judge's assistance

September 10 - Dexter Ag Day - Seed planting in paper pots

September 1- December 15 - 4 trainees in Fall 2022 online training class

Cowley County Extension Master Gardener Trainees & Members		
2020	2021	2022
Janet Anderson-Heller	Janet Anderson-Heller	Janet Anderson-Heller
Jenna Dunn	Jenna Dunn	Michelle Boyts
John Gropper	John Gropper	Jenna Dunn
Donna Jackson	Donna Jackson	Donna Jackson
Joy Kennedy	Joy Kennedy	Joy Kennedy
Carol Mackey	Jody Lawrence	Jody Lawrence
Amy Jo McWhirt	Carol Mackey	Carol Mackey
Kelsey Nordyke	Amy Jo McWhirt	Bob McGregor
Becky Reid	Ron Neagle	Nancy McGregor
Deborah Schwyhart	Becky Reid	Amy Jo McWhirt
Kathy Wohlgemuth	Deborah Schwyhart	Kent Miller
	Kathy Wohlgemuth	Becky Reid
Yellow- previous Cowley Extension Master Gardener Green - started as EMG in another Extension Unit Grey - first year in Cowley EMG training program		Deborah Schwyhart
		Dora Trammel
		Kathy Wohlgemuth



Extension Master Gardener volunteers helped to establish 12 garden beds at the Winfield Correctional Facility that produced over 1500 pounds of produce that was donated to Winfield Food Pantry.

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



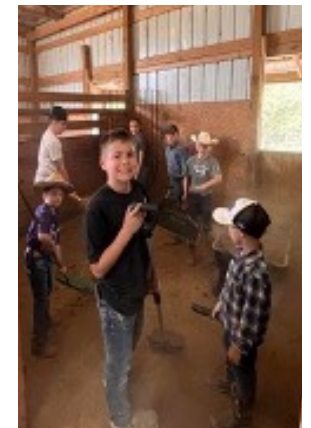
Youth Livestock Judging and Sweepstake Team - 5-10 youth have attended Judging Competitions throughout the year including state competition. Nine 4-Hers attended the Livestock judging trip on December 3rd with a tour of K-State's Ag and Wildlife Department followed by a livestock judging clinic..

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





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

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 Cattleman's Association (Now the National Cattleman'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 the industry he so loved!

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.

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.



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.

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
- 2014 - Winfield Daily Courier News Dept.
- 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 Maechtlen
- 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

Master Farm Family Cowley County Nomination: McClung Brothers Farm

McClung Bros. Farm is honored to be Cowley County's Master Farm Family Nominee for the Kansas 2023 Farm Family of the Year. 2023 is the 100 year anniversary of the McClung family purchase of the home farm.

Jim wrote: "In 1923 our grandparents, Arthur and Bessie McClung bought the farm which lies between Beaver Creek and the Arkansas River. Our parents, Irvin and Gracie McClung, lived there from the date of their marriage in 1949 until the end of their lives— Irvin in 1996 and Gracie in 2009. Irvin and Gracie had 3 children: sons Vic and Jim, and daughter JoAnn."

Vic and Jim began their farming enterprise by raising and selling watermelons. The profits from the watermelon sales were used to purchase cows and later gilts. Profits from the livestock were then used to pay for college education.

Vic attended Cowley College for 2 years and Emporia State graduating with a degree in Business Administration. Jim attended Cowley College for 2 years followed by 2 years at K-State graduating with a degree in Ag Education. Jim taught Vocational Agriculture at Winfield High School for 7 years before returning to the farming partnership full-time.

After graduating from college, Vic married Jan Widler and they had 4 daughters: Shannon, Erin, Ashley, and Allison. Jim married Mary Strawn in 1999 and they have a blended family with sons Travis McClung, Brad Strawn and daughter, Tracy Eberhardt. JoAnn has two daughters: Kerrie Bryant and Jill Daughhetee.



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.

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.



Jim, JoAnn, and Vic on the farm.



*Vic enjoying time with his daughters.
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