

McCarty Dairy moved from Pennsylvania

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To some, Tom McCarty's decision to move his family's century-old dairy from Pennsylvania to the plains of Kansas may have seemed like quite a leap of faith. For McCarty, not so much. Today we'll learn about this remarkable family which made the move halfway across the continent to rural Kansas. Thanks to author Pat Melgares of Kansas State Research and Extension. It's today's Kansas Profile.

Tom McCarty and his four sons - Clay, Mike, David, and Ken - are owners of McCarty Family Farms LLC in northwest Kansas. Their family has deep roots in dairying back east.

Tom McCarty's great grandfather started the family business in northeast Pennsylvania 105 years ago, milking seven cows. Tom's grandfather had 20 milking cows, and Tom's father doubled the business to 40 milking cows.

"In 1970, my wife and I built a new facility, and got up to 80 cows. [Soon after] we doubled it to about 150," Tom said. All four sons were active in the dairy growing up. As young adults, they were interested in being partners, but the Pennsylvania dairy was not big enough to support five families.

"To make a long story short, there was absolutely no future [in Pennsylvania] long term to be in the dairy business," Tom said. The McCartys faced a difficult decision. They needed room to grow - and they found it in rural Kansas.

"Our options were few and far between to stay in the ag side of things, to continue to grow and stay in the dairy industry," said David McCarty. "You move to western Kansas, there's feed, and there's nothing holding you back as far as growing...so that was the biggest draw."

As the McCartys were considering the future, the western Kansas Rural Economic Development Alliance, known as WKREDA, was seeking to attract and expand dairying in western Kansas. After an extensive process, the McCartys relocated from Pennsylvania to Kansas in 2000 and established the McCarty Dairy near the rural community of Rexford, population 156 people. Now, that's rural.

The McCartys were milking 800 cows at Rexford. Two of the sons

went to Kansas State for animal science degrees. Soon, the McCartys had more opportunity and need for growth.

"Economics changed, the dairy industry changed, the lending industry changed and we were forced into milking more cows in a less expensive way," said Ken McCarty. "So we added some open lots, pushed up to about 1,200 head of milking cows, and a little bit later added more open lots and pushed upwards of about 1,600 head of milking cows."

By 2009, McCarty Family Farms added a heifer yard with 3,500 animal units, and had nearly 6,000 head of livestock at the Rexford location alone. The next round of expansion would lead them to establish another dairy nearby.

"We went and asked them to

consider expanding to Bird City," said Cathy Domsch, the executive director of Bird City Century II Development Foundation. "The opportunity I saw was getting kids in our schools; that was my number-one goal in getting a dairy," she said.

"We didn't realize that was an impact that we'd have when we moved out here," Ken McCarty said. "Where we grew up, the economy was very diverse and ag was just a small piece of the pie back there. Here, it's more of an ag-based economy, and ag-based communities. We didn't understand the impact that 20, 30, 40 kids would have on a local school district."

Domsch said that an added 30 students to her town's schools translates to more than \$200,000 in state funding. Likewise, in Colby and the surrounding school district,

enrollment has increased by at least 32 students.

To some, Tom McCarty's decision to move his family's century-old dairy from Pennsylvania to Kansas may have seemed like quite a leap of faith, but it made sense for the McCarty family. We salute the McCartys and those who brought them to western Kansas for making a difference with agricultural entrepreneurship. They helped make the successful transition from Pennsylvania to the plains.

And there's more. The McCartys would go on to become a major source for yogurt. We'll learn about that in next week's Kansas Profile.

Lincoln larks

A fun night was held on Thursday, Nov. 29, at the 4-H building when people from Wallace, Sherman and Cheyenne Counties got together with four Lincoln Larks FCE members. Extension agents from Thomas, Sherman and Logan

Counties gave interesting programs on Harvest of Holidays.

Amy Lorenzen gave the first lesson on cover letters with paper, a wreath made with candy canes, a tomato cage made into a tree and a wreath of cookie cutters. Lots of fun

things to do.

Next Diane Gerstner gave several tips on frosting and making cup cakes. Her helper from Hill

City made a punch which was very tasty.

Lastly Melinda Daily gave the ways to avoid stress and get orga-

nized. She also had a craft for everyone to make spelling words and covering the letters with craft paper. Everyone enjoyed doing this.

A delicious snack was enjoyed by all.

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Matters of record

Sherman County Bastille

The following people were booked into the Sherman County Bastille:

Dec. 5: Tammy Kallestad, 54, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving under influence.

Dec. 6: Benjamin Newland, 19, Belle Fourche, S.D., 4 day journal entry.

Dec. 8: Terry Lucas, 58, Goodland, arrested by state trooper for driving under influence.

Dec. 12: Zachary Crow, 20, Bird City, arrested by sheriff's deputy for probation violation.

Damen Siruta, 24, Winona, arrested by Thomas county sheriff's deputy for criminal damage to property.

Miles Ackerman, 26, Colby, arrested by Thomas county sheriff's deputy for failure to appear.

Brandon Warren, 32, Goodland, arrested by city police for probation violation.

Melinda Hayse, 25, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for warrant other jurisdiction.

Dec. 13: Sheri Crawford, 29, Colby, 48 hour journal entry

Dec. 14: Taylon Higgins, 18, Goodland, arrested by city police for assault, criminal damage to property and criminal deprivation of property.

Dec. 16: Brenden Files, 26, Burlington, arrested by sheriff's deputy for failure to appear and probation violation.

Dec. 18: Levi Taylor, 29, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while suspended x3, no insurance and no registration.

Jose Riojas, 35, Goodland, arrested by sheriff's deputy for failure to appear.

Dec. 19: Charles Polson, 44, hold for transport company.

Wilford Goodwin, 38, hold for transport company.

Goodland Police

The following incidents have been reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Oct. 15 - 2:46 a.m., 800 S Hwy 27., arrested Steven M. Rossi for possession of stolen property belonging to Beacon Sales Acquisition INC, Denver, Colo. Case referred to county attorney.

Oct. 16 - 11:43 a.m., 1209 Cherry Ave., Stetson Johnson reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

12:09 p.m., 1209 Cherry Ave., Jacob Becvary reported criminal damage to property. Case remains under investigation.

Oct. 17 - 2:10 p.m., 2510 Commerce Road, arrested Randall Houlton Ray for driving under the influence, transporting an open container and driving while suspended. Case referred to county attorney.

Oct. 18 - 7:31 p.m., 916 W 10th, Justin Verlinden reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Oct. 19 - 7:46 a.m., 1214 Cattletrail, Jason Becher reported criminal damage to property. Case remains under investigation.

Oct. 20 - 12:14 a.m., 315 Sherman Ave., arrested Justin Beckner for disorderly conduct, giving a false alarm and criminal trespass against Penny Lane. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 18 - 4:31 p.m., 810 W. 10th St., Jim Applebee reported a theft. Case remains under investigation.

the influence, driving while suspended and failure to give notice of injury accident. Case referred to city attorney.

Oct. 25 - 3:49 p.m., 204 W 11th, USD 352 reported theft. Item recovered Oct. 29.

Oct. 27 - 7:44 a.m., 507 E. 13th St. Apt. 1, Ernest Garza and Sheryl L. Davis reported battery, disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. Case referred to city attorney.

5:47 p.m., 700 Clark Ave., arrested Michael Doxon for probation violation. Case referred to county attorney.

Oct. 30 - 9:24 p.m., 117 Center, arrested Frank Piccone Jr. for disorderly conduct against Michelle Lee Wear and Alyssa Wear. Case referred to city attorney.

Nov. 1 - 7:56 a.m., 1008 W. 17th, Drew Miller reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

2:11 p.m., 1600 Main Ave., arrested Kelly Duvall for trafficking contraband in correctional facility, possession of stimulants and disorderly conduct. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 6 - 11:21 a.m., 1209 Cherry Ave., Bobbie Jo Doyle reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 7 - 18:34 a.m., 912 W. 12th St., City of Goodland reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 8 - 1:29 p.m., 320 E. 8th St., arrested Stacy J. Brashear for theft against Casey's General Store. Case referred to county attorney.

3:58 p.m., 802 Center Ave. Emergency detention.

8:09 p.m., 217 W. 5th St., arrested Randall Willmes for domestic battery against Amanda Willmes. case referred to county attorney.

10:13 p.m., 1401 Cherry Ave., Tracy Smith reported theft and burglary. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 11 - 9:35 a.m., 119 Center Ave., Skatter Niblett reported criminal damage to property. Case remains under investigation.

10:54 a.m., 610 Cherry Ave., Jordan Lee Zwegardt reported criminal damage. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 13 - 6:40 a.m., Billie J. Knitig reported theft and burglary. Case remains under investigation.

Nov. 14 - 12:40 p.m., 516 W. Hwy. 24 Apt 508, arrested Dawn Robinson for probation violation.

Nov. 15 - 12:40 p.m., 516 W. Hwy. 24 Apt 508, Richard D Robinson and a juvenile reported aggravated endangering of a child and domestic battery. Case referred to county attorney.

6:00 p.m., 220 W. 2nd St., Goodland Regional Medical Center reported a theft. Case referred to county attorney.

Nov. 16 - 12:25 p.m., 901 Texas Ave., arrested Juan Pablo Ramirez-Cortez for domestic battery and disorderly conduct against Viviana Lopez. Case referred to city attorney.

3:54 p.m., 820 W. 14th St., arrested Terry Dean Carpenter on a warrant arrest for another jurisdiction for Forest County, Wisconsin. Case referred to county attorney.

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Worship warms the heart



<p style="text-align: center;">Calvary Gospel Church Lead Pastors: Randy and Mary Payne Assistant Pastors: Jacob and Ramie Soyez Fourth & College • 890-3605 Sunday: Kid's Church: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Morning Service: 8:30 and 10:30 am Youth @ the Rock House, Sixth & Caldwell: 6:30 p.m. Prayer and Praise: 5:00 p.m. except last Sunday of the month Wednesday: Kids 4 Christ 6:30 p.m. during school year Life Groups - See website website: www.calvarygospel.net email: info@calvarygospel.net or see us on Facebook</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Our Lady of Perpetual Help Celebrant: Father Norbert Dlabal 307 W. 13th • 890-7205 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday or by appointment Mass Schedule: Saturday: 6 pm, Sunday: 10:30 am Spanish Mass: Sunday: 12:30 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Promiseland Baptist Church Pastor: Rick Holmes • 890-7082 225 W. 16th (785) 890-7944 Sunday: Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. Morning Service: 11:30 a.m. Evening Service: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study Service 6:30 p.m.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Bible Baptist Church Pastor: Clifford Middlebrooks Fifth & Broadway 890-7368 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Morning Service: 10 a.m. Evening Service: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1200 15th Street • Burlington, CO (719) 346-7984 Sacrament Meeting: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m. Priesthood/Relief Society: 12 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kanorado United Methodist Church Pastor: Leonard Cox 399-2468 Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship Service: 10:15 a.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">United Methodist Church Brewster: Pastor: Mike Baughn Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. CST Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. CST Winona: Minister: Sheryl Johnson Worship Service: 9 a.m. CST Sunday School: 10:15 am CST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Pastor: Rev. Carol Edling Jolly Eighth & Arcade • 890-5233 Sunday: Church School - All ages 9 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Youth Group: weekly Jr./Sr. High groups Thursday: Prayer Class - Noon Pastor Carol's Class Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. www.goodlandfccdoc.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Goodland Bible Church 109 Willow Road • 899-6400 Pastor: Chad DeJong Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:45 a.m. 6 p.m. AWANA during school Evening Worship: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday: 6:30 youth group Growth groups call for information www.goodlandbible.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Church of the Nazarene Pastor: Bob Willis Third & Caldwell 899-2080 or 899-3797 Sunday: Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:50 a.m. Evening Service: 6 p.m. Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">St. Paul's Episcopal Church Celebrant: Father Don Martin 13th & Center Church 890-2115 or 890-7245 Services: 5 p.m. Saturday evening Bible Study: 4 p.m. the first and third Saturday of the month</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Harvest Evangelical Free Church 521 E. Hwy. 24 • 890-6423 Pastor: Brian Fugleberg Sunday: Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday school: 9:30 a.m. Wednesday: Senior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church Junior High: 6:30 p.m. at the church www.goodlandefree.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">First Baptist Church Pastor: Travis Blake 1121 Main 890-3450 Sunday: Coffee fellowship: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">H2O Church.TV Pastor: Craig Groeschel 109 E. 17th (785) 728-0123 Experience Time Sunday: 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Church of Christ 401 Caldwell 890-6185 Sunday: Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study: 7 p.m.</p>
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