Class Notes

1960

Iowa State University named a greenhouse for emeritus professor Charles V. Hall (PhD entomology), Manhattan, who served as chair of ISU's Department of Horticulture from 1974 to 1990.

1965

Herman Westmeyer (MS animal science), retired county agent and livestock specialist was featured on the front page of the June 17 *Manhattan Mercury*. To read "Through the Dust Bowl and the Battle of the Bulge," go to www.ksre.ksu.edu/agreport.

1969

Lt. Col. Ronald Huether (BS '69 animal science) was inducted into the Dustoff Hall of Fame on April 13, 2013. He completed ROTC at K-State and spent 23 years as a U.S. Army aviator, completing hundreds of missions and receiving numerous citations.

1971

In October, Steve Fisher (BS animal science, MS '77 adult and occupational education) will become the 11th Kansan inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. During his 32-year career, he was known across the state as "Mr. 4-H" for his vision, leadership, and ability to interact with people. He initiated new programs and inspired 4-H members and volunteers.

1972

Scott Goltry (BS animal science), vice president, technical services, for American Meat Institute presented "Meat Safety Management in a Complex World" in Manhattan on February 26.

1973

Dale Fehrenbach (BS agricultural mechanization) Chanhassen, Minn., retired from Cargill Inc. after 39 years. He finished his career as president of Cargill Deicing Technology, a salt mining and distribution business.

1981

Lorna (Sutor) Pelton (BS '81, MS '86 animal science), Palco, owns Pride Livestock Company.

1982

Steve Ahring (BS agronomy), company agronomist for DeLange Seed in Girard, wrote *Forage for Kansas* to help seed retailers and producers better understand forage products and management.

1987

Julie Traxson (BS animal science) is a K-State Research and Extension 4-H Youth Development agent for the Wildcat District. She previously worked as the district's 4-H program assistant.

1993

Jackie McClaskey (BS agricultural economics) is the new deputy secretary of agriculture for the state of Kansas. She has served as assistant secretary of agriculture at the Kansas Department of Agriculture since January 2011 and previously as assistant dean for the K-State College of Agriculture.

1997

Jason Woodworth (BS, MS '99, PhD '02, animal science) is a research associate professor with the swine group in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry.

1999

Shelby Wehrman (BS agricultural economics) and Melanie (Thomas) Wehrman (BS '00 agricultural economics), Rose Hill, welcomed their sixth child, Gracie Ann, on April 27, 2013. Shelby is a math teacher and assistant coach for football and track at Derby High School.

2001

Derek Klingenberg (BS agricultural economics) and his brother Grant Klingenberg (BS '06 agricultural economics) were featured in Kansas Profiles in April www.huckboyd.ksu.edu.

2002

Tryon A. Wickersham (MS, PhD '06 animal science) received the Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching from Texas A&M University, where he is an associate professor in the Department of Animal Science.

2003

Chad Bontrager (BS milling science and management, MS '09 agribusiness) is the new assistant secretary for the Kansas Department of Agriculture. His previous position was agribusiness development coordinator for KDA. Bontrager replaced Jim Riemann (BS '66 agricultural education, MS '73 animal science, PhD '74 food science), who retired in August.

2006

Lori Bammerlin (BS animal science) is based in Council Grove as the 4-H Youth Development and agriculture and natural resources agent for the K-State Research and Extension Flint Hills District.



Craig Morris (MS '84, PhD '88 agronomy) was the inaugural speaker for the Department of Grain Science and Industry Distinguished Lecture Series. He is the director and supervisory research chemist at the USDA-ARS Western Wheat Quality Laboratory and editor-in-chief for the journal Cereal Chemistry.

Mindy Young (BS agricultural communications and journalism/animal science) and Matt Young (BS '06, MS '07 agricultural economics) announced the birth of their daughter, Mylee Ann, June 21, 2013. Both are K-State Research and Extension agriculture and natural resources agents — Mindy in Doniphan County and Matt in Brown County.

2009

Brandi Buzzard-Frobose (BS animal science/agricultural economics) is manager of issues communication with the National Cattleman's Beef Association.

Zachary Castle (BS horticulture) has been named a district manager in the Kansas City territory for Davey Tree.

2010

Trenton Hargrave (BS agribusiness) is a Kansas Farm Management Association extension agricultural economist in Abilene.

2011

Zach Simon (BS agronomy) joined the K-State Research and Extension – Sedgwick County office as an agriculture and natural resources agent. He had worked at K-State as an assistant scientist in sorghum breeding and as a wheat genetics lab assistant.

2013

Travis Carmichael (MS horticulture) is the K-State Research and Extension horticulture and community development agent in Lyon County. He has worked at several nurseries and greenhouses in the Midwest.

Kim Larson (MS agronomy) joined the K-State Research and Extension River Valley District as an agriculture and natural resources agent with a focus on crop production.

Leah Rutledge (BS horticulture therapy) has been hired as an assistant forester by the Kansas Forest Service to market the conservation tree program.

In Memoriam

John Gehrt (BS '75 animal science), 59, Alma, died March 25, 2013. He was a lifelong rancher as well as owner and operator of Gehrt Construction. He was a member of various associations related to ranching and construction and active in school, church, township, and county organizations.

Allen Janke (BS '78 agricultural economics, MS '80 secondary education), 79, Manhattan, died May 15, 2013. He grew wheat and ran a Grade A dairy operation on the family farm south of Chapman. He sold the milk cows to complete his education at K-State. He was a Kansas Farm Management Association agricultural economist in Holton 1980–1990.

John H. Landers Jr. (PhD '66), 92, Salem, Ore., died March 7, 2013. He served 27 years as an agricultural economics state extension livestock specialist at Oregon State University and ran the annual OSU sheep shearing school for decades.

Don McWilliams (BS '48 poultry science), 91, Quinter, died Nov. 23, 2012. He began working as the Logan County agricultural agent in 1956. He moved to Rawlins County in 1960, then to Wallace County in 1966, where he remained until his retirement in 1981.

James Nielson (BS'47 agricultural economics), 91, Lacey, Wash., died on March 18, 2013. After earning MS and PhD degrees from Harvard, he served on the faculty at Michigan and Washington state universities. He also was an administrator for USDA and the Agency for International Development in the U.S. State Department. He was the Distinguished Agricultural Economics Alumnus in 1982.

Edward Phillips (BS '75 agricultural education, MS '79 adult and occupational education), 60, Wamego, died May 25, 2013. He taught at St. George High School until 1976. He worked at Kaw Valley State Bank in Wamego for 28 years, retiring as senior vice president.

James Quint (BS '54 dairy production), 80, Sun City, Ariz., died Nov. 23, 2012. After completing an MS at Fort Hays State University, he was a teacher and guidance counselor at Chase County and Auburn high schools in Nebraska until his retirement in 1997.

Joe Robertson (BS '40 milling science and management), 95, Brownstown, Ind., died May 2, 2013. He came from a six-generation milling family and was a K-State basketball letterman. He told about visiting 160 countries in his book, *On Kilroy's Trail: A World of Travel.*

Ag Alumni Class Notes

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