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Dante Carpenter and his daughter Elise Carpenter.



KC Farms Sign.

lished in 1947 with Dante's grandpa. It was the first Grade A Dairy in Russell County. Milking began in an old dairy barn up until 1975, and then the new parlor was built. Even after 45 years up to this point, they are still going strong milking in that parlor today.

From 1947 up to the 1980s, KC Farms milked Holsteins, but in 1987 they began milking registered Jersey Cattle.

"We Farm over 1100 acres and raise pretty much all the crops ourselves," Dante said. "... Elise and I do a lot of the work you see, but we also have two of the best workers I could ask for."

Dante stated that Jason Lawhorn has been helping him for over 12 years, and Wendell Wall has been helping for over 6 years.

"Everyone knows how to do everything around the farm," Dante said. "I have just been really blessed with two hard work hands, and Elise and I couldn't get everything we needed done without them."

In the early years, KC Farms sold their milk with Southern Bell out of Somerset. However, in the early 2000s, Southern Bell sold to Prairie Farms. Dante explained that there are a total of 16 dairies in Russell County, and 11 of them sell to Prairie Farms.

The milk goes from Russell Springs to Prairie Farms in Somerset. The plant is a fluid plant, and the milk sent there usually stays

around southern Kentucky.

"The milk is usually picked up everyday from the farm and is on your dinner table or your kids lunch table within 48 hours," Dante said. "Prairie Farms is fresh, quality product on the shelves when you see it in the stores."

Dante is on the Prairie Farms Board.

"There are 24 members on the board to represent different regions of the state," Dante said. "Us members meet once a month at least to bring business matters to discuss among each of them to make decisions and talk about the upcoming future."

Elise also shared her experience with the farm and milking.

"Working on the farm with dad and the cattle has always been something I enjoyed helping with at a young age, then turning into a job, while being along side my dad," Elise said. "It has always been this way, and it always will be."

In high school is when Elise really became more active with farming, and this was all thanks to her local FFA chapter.

"I began to not only learn of the working side in farming and milking but also learning the history behind farming and the animals," Elise said.

Elise is now a sophomore at Wilmington College in Ohio and plays basketball for them as well. She said

that this was the closest agricultural school to Russell Springs that also has a basketball team. She is majoring in Ag Business.

"Ag Business is one of the broadest Ag Degrees there is, and the job options are endless," Elise explained.

Dante said he is proud of Elise and the decisions she has begun to make as a young woman.

"The school is made up roughly of 1100 students," Dante said. "The focus on the students applied to each of them is great. You are a name at Wilmington, and not just a number."

Dante also spoke of how milk had to be dumped up north, and he said that this has not been the case at all for Prairie Farms. He explained that Prairie Farms has the best utilization steps in process for using the milk.

"Prairie Farms will find a place for the milk," Dante said. "They think of the farmer first, and we are so glad to be a part of them."

In close, Dante wanted to thank Russell County for the support shown now and over the years.

"We are thankful to not only Russell County people, but also all of our surrounding counties as well," Dante said. "We are also so thankful to be a part of Prairie Farms and that they have a market for their milk. Sometimes, I just look around and think how good we do got it and think to myself I am glad that we are where we are."

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errant vehicle.

Along their way, they encountered a stubborn cow blocking their path and blocking their way was looking for damage to his property as the U-Haul tore past his house, followed by a parade of pursuing police.

"You never know what you're going to get on some of these calls," Bryant explained.

Both muscle and intellect is needed for jobs like this.

As they proceed, Bryant documents the area with his cell phone.

"Just so people can see what we deal with," he said.

Like other tow services in the county, calls can come at all hours, every day of the year.

It's a tough job which takes tough people to do.

Methodically moving along paths made by the pursuit, the duo learns the location of their bounty.

Backtracking, then following a helpful deputy, they found a normal looking U-Haul parked in an unusual place: the middle of a field surrounded by trees.

The suspects believed to have driven the vehicle there were led away by law enforcement who were all wrapping up their investigation, and leaving the scene.

Seemingly surprised to find the U-Haul in decent, operating order, Bryant carefully crawled the steering wheel and maneuvered it through the woods and to a public road where a small crowd, having heard the commotion, started gathering on the porch of a small house nearby.

One curious neighbor rode a riding lawn mower down the road to watch as Collins and Bryant loaded the U-Haul onto a rollback tow truck.

Emerging from the driver's side, Bryant broke into a satisfied smile, and closed the door.

Now, to wait for the next call...

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real life, it was much bigger allowing more movement. I was focusing on the box, not the dancing.

Unfortunately in my lifetime, I have focused too much on "the box". When my heart has wanted to soar, my feet were often conered in my comfort zone, where I felt safe. The fear of failure limited my moves, keeping me from stepping out of the box into new terri-

tory.

The Bible is full of out-of-the-box stories I can learn from. Four fishermen got out of the boat and became fishers of men. Matthew left a job as a tax collector and joined them. David moved from being a shepherd to being a king. There's many more!

Isaiah 43:18-19 encourages me to stretch my boundaries: "But the

Lord says, 'Do not cling to events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do...'"

With God's help, I can step outside the box and be used in sometimes unexpected ways!

Now that I think of it, David was a big time dancer, too!

*name changed