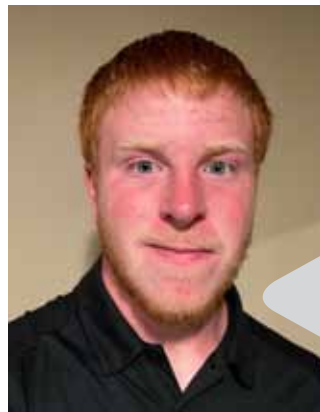




Did You Know?

About 11% of U.S. farmers are serving or have served in the military.



### TANNER HOMMERTZHEIM

Tanner Hommertzheim is serving as a 2021-2022 Ag Ambassador. He attends Andale High School and is a member of the Renwick FFA Chapter and Andale Jets 4-H Club. In this role, he hopes to positively impact the community by educating people on the importance of agriculture to equip them with the knowledge to support and sustain the industry.



### CLARK NEVILLE

Clark Neville, a senior at Andale High School, is a 2021-2022 Ag Ambassador. He is a member of the Renwick FFA Chapter and helps with a bit of everything on his family's farm. As an ambassador, Clark wants to form connections with other agriculture producers and strengthen his ability to serve as an advocate for agriculture.



### 2021-2022 SCFB Board

Back Row: Michael Speer, Joseph Neville, Mick Rausch (President), Jon Kerschen (Secretary), Zach Simon and Jay Pauly  
Front Row: Donna Wise (Vice President), Meghan Mueseler, Joy Carp and Heidi Wells



### HEIDI WELLS

Hi! My name is Heidi Wells and I am so very grateful for the opportunity to serve on the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Board.

Agriculture has been a part of my life since day one. I was born and raised in Northeast Kansas, near St. Marys. Our family farm is nestled between the Kansas River and the start of the Flint Hills. My dad and two brothers continue to expand the family operation, which consists of a cow-calf operation, row crops (corn, beans and milo) and now a trucking company. Watching my dad make it through all the tough times and take some business risks to keep the farm going has taught me so many things. Most importantly, that hard work and dedication never fails.

Although staying on my family farm was not in the cards for me, agriculture shaped my career as a registered dietitian. My career journey has included clinical, community health, private practice and management experiences. Currently, I am the foodservice director for the Renwick

and Cheney school districts. I strive to promote agriculture any chance I get within my job, including sourcing local foods in our menus and supporting agriculture friendly groups such as FFA and 4-H.

My husband, Byron, and I reside on our farm located south of Cheney. Byron works on his family's dairy farm, and will soon be taking over the dairy operation. Together, we have a small farming operation of our own, and also have some cattle within the milking herd at the dairy. The most important part of our farm life, though, is raising our five children. Breanna (14), Hailey (12), Bridget (10), Heath (8) and Bethany (6) are all very active in many different activities including sports, FFA and 4-H. We are very fortunate and thankful to raise our kids on the farm, and hope that agriculture has the same impact on them as it has on us.

I look forward to representing our Sedgwick County farmers and ranchers as I serve on the SCFBAA Board and being a strong voice for agriculture. Most of all, I look forward to getting to know more farmers and ranchers in the area and about the challenges you face.



## KLAUSMEYER FARM & PUMPKIN PATCH

New this fall, SCFB hosted an agriculture education booth at the Klausmeyer Farm and Pumpkin Patch near Clearwater. The booth hosted two activities, which included planting seed and taking it home to grow and coloring a cow tag that was punched into a leather keychain. Each Saturday and a few weekdays staff and volunteers advocated for agriculture as kids and adults participated in the activities.

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## NEWLY AMENDED BYLAWS

Anthony Seiler

At the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association Annual Meeting in August, members amended SCFBAA bylaws to expand voting membership to include individuals who work in agribusiness and agricultural education. The board proposed these changes as a reflection of their thoughts toward the future reach of Farm Bureau in the county. We're fortunate to have many people who grew up on farms and ranches around our state that relocate to our county and continue to contribute to our industry by working for agriculture-based companies like equipment manufacturers, banks, elevators and as agriculture teachers. We've met many of these people who

still have strong ties to agriculture and a desire to give back to the community even if they don't own farmland or actively work on an operation.

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This amendment to our bylaws is an effort to engage folks like these in the work Farm Bureau does in advocacy, education and service on behalf of farm and ranch families and our community. If these expanded voting membership criteria apply to you or someone you know, contact our office at [sedgwickfb@kfb.org](mailto:sedgwickfb@kfb.org) or at [www.scfbaa.org](http://www.scfbaa.org) to request reclassification by the board of

directors. With so many consumers and legislators in our county, we need everyone's help to share the story of agriculture and continue to strengthen our community.

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*Manhattan, Kansas*

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## **AFBF CONVENTION**

*Atlanta, Georgia*

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**JAN**  
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*Topeka, Kansas*

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**JAN**  
**28-30**

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**UPCOMING DATES**