In a recent article in our local newspaper I was asked about experiences that have shaped me as a person. That was not a hard question for me to answer. Although I may not have always appreciated it at the time, growing up on a dairy and tobacco farm created expectations and a work ethic that I believe have been a cornerstone of my life.

Although we may each have some defining moments in our lives, for me, I believe the consistent and long-term impact of agricultural life created an understanding and pattern of thinking about work, business and relationships that still guides me today.

As I reflected on our recent Celebrating Community Philanthropy event and the announcement of two scholarships honoring the lifetime of work by two people at ECTC, I see the role that a commitment to excellence and hard work played in their lives and in turn the lives of all they touched.

And our community is forever influenced for the better because of the dedication of Dr. Jim Owen and Dr. Linda Mayhew.

CKCF is honored to be part of their legacy in education, in our community and in the lives of thousands of people touched directly and indirectly by their service.
As you think about your year-end giving, we have a variety of funds to benefit your community:

- CASA of the Heartland
- Clarity Solutions for Women
- HCS Early College and Career Center
- Elizabethtown Educational Foundation
- Elizabethtown Police Foundation
- Scholarship funds

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