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Travelin the Bluegrass

April 3: Braden Burks is leading the education programs for the Kentucky Cattleman's Association. We talk with Burks about the educational programs for youth at the annual meeting in January and opportunities for youth through the association.

April 4: We continue the conversation with Braden Burks with the Kentucky Cattleman's Association as he talks about two programs coming up later this year for youth in the association. Burks discusses the summer youth leadership program and a fall event that allows youth a chance to go to Nebraska to see a different side of the beef industry.

April 5: Shelby Wright with Dekalb and Asgrow says she enjoys working with farmers each day. Wright discusses some top yielding hybrids, what farmers are looking forward to this year, and her career as a seed sales representative.

April 6: Dr. Kelly Hamby with the University of Maryland was recently in Kentucky to talk with farmers at the Kentucky Crop Health Conference in Bowling Green. Dr. Hamby discussed the importance of seed treatments, problems farmers could potentially have, and factors to consider when deciding how to handle those problems.

April 7: Former Governor's Office Of Ag Policy Director Warren Beeler says it is important for agriculture to continue to tell it's story. Beeler was the featured speaker at the Christian County Salute to Agriculture Breakfast in Hopkinsville.

April 10: Larue County farmer Caleb Ragland discusses receiving the Eddie Voyles Leadership Award from the Kentucky Soybean Association and his passion for serving agriculture. Ragland also discusses some of his involvement in the agriculture industry as a member of the American Soybean Association Board of Directors and other organizations.

April 11: We continue our conversation with Larue County farmer Caleb Ragland as we discuss how he and his wife, LeAnn, are serving agriculture and their community. Ragland also discusses the importance of giving back and serving the agriculture industry.

April 12: University of Tennessee weed scientist Dr. Larry Steckle discusses the impact of ryegrass and other resistant weeds in Kentucky and Tennessee. Steckle discusses treatments, how to avoid problems, and other details that he highlighted during the Kentucky Crop Health Conference in Bowling Green.

April 13: David Brennan with Case IH discusses the Early Riser Planter series that is giving farmers some new options when planting. Brennan highlights the specs of the planter, the versatility, and how the planter was developed.

April 14: Kentucky Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Jason Howell of Murray discusses some agriculture related legislation that passed the Kentucky General Assembly during the 2023 session. Senator Howell highlighted legislation to assist the state veterinarians office, opening the door to telehealth veterinary services, and the importance of solar legislation.

April 17: Farm Credit Mid America Regional Manager Brandon Garnett says a merger with Farm Credit Midsouth will provide benefits for most members of the lending cooperative. Garnett discusses the merger, the planning process, and the benefits for customer members.

April 18: Kentucky Tobacco farmer Al Pedigo says the newly formed Kentucky Tobacco Growers Association will provide a unified voice for all farmers across the state. Pedigo says with the declining number of growers they need someone to represent their interests with the tobacco industry.

April 19: Kentucky farmer Brent Gatton was among the large crowd on hand at the White House in Washington, DC April 10 for the annual Easter Egg Roll. Gatton talks about representing the United Soybean Board, the message to visitors, and other details.

April 20: Kentucky soybean farmer Brent Gatton said his family was able to enjoy the annual Easter Egg Roll while he advocated for the soybean industry. Gatton describes the activities on the White House lawn, events that were outside the gates, and other details.

April 21: University of Kentucky Extension Tobacco researcher Dr. Andy Bailey says the 2023 tobacco crop will hopefully be better than 2022. Dr. Bailey discusses the crop, the number of growers and other details.

April 24: Governor Andy Beshear says he is proud of Kentucky's response to the late March crash involving two Fort Campbell HH 60 Blackhawk Helicopters that claimed the lives of nine soldiers. Beshear discussed the crash response and community support while visiting with Your Ag Edge at the Kentucky Derby ATT Morningline.

April 25: Louisville Mayor Craig Greenburg says the 2023 Kentucky Derby and festival will help the city begin to heal following the tragic shooting in April at Old National Bank that claimed five lives. Mayor Greenburg discussed the Derby Festival while visiting with broadcasters during the ATT Morningline at Brown-Foreman.

April 26: Kentucky Derby Museum Director Pat Armstrong discusses a special exhibit this year at the museum that honors the accomplishments of Secretariat who won the Triple Crown in 1973. Armstrong talks about when the exhibit will be open, how visitors can see the exhibit, and the importance of the Kentucky Derby Museum.

April 27: Five ladies comprise the Kentucky Derby Festival Royal Court for 2023. Travelin the Bluegrass host Alan Watts visits with each of the ladies and discusses what they are studying and their year as derby princesses.

April 28: Kentucky Parks Commissioner Russ Meyer says two state parks will receive major upgrades this year thanks to funding approved by the Kentucky General Assembly. Commissioner Meyer discusses the parks, the money that will be used, and what projects will be funded.

May 1: Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacquelyn Coleman discusses the priority of serving all of Kentucky during the Beshear administration. She talks about being from a small community, the need for infrastructure and education, and gives a little hint about her Kentucky Derby pick.

May 2: Kentucky Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet Secretary Lindy Casebier says the bluegrass state has much to show to Kentucky Derby visitors this week. Secretary Casebier talks about tourism attractions, the importance of the arts, and how that attracts visitors to Kentucky.

May 3: Ed DeRosa, who covers horse racing for Horse Racing Nation, says he this week's Kentucky Derby will be quite interesting. DeRosa also talks about the impact of long shot such as Rich Strike winning the Kentucky Derby and how that affects the odds making for the derby and other major races.

May 4: Horse Racing Nation's Ed DeRosa says he literally grew up watching horse racing with his grandfather. DeRosa talk about his grandfathers influence, how he learned the sport, and other details about his career.

May 5: Master Distiller Chris Morris says Woodford Reserve is proud to serve as the official bourbon of the Kentucky Derby again this. Morris talks about this year's collectors bottle that features Secretariat, the distillery, and the connection the distillery has to horse racing.

May 8: University of Kentucky's Dr. Carrie Knott talks about the Wheat Field Day scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, at the Research and Education Center in Princeton. Dr. Knott talks about the field day, topics that will be discussed, and other details.

May 9: Kentucky Beef Council's Allison Smith discusses this year's Derby Burger called the Goat Burger. She talks about the ingredients that include Kentucky Cattleman's Ground Beef and the importance of that product to Kentucky cattle farmers.

May 10: We meet Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet Communications Director Anita Hatchett, who is a driving force in The Agritourism Edition series with Travelin the Bluegrass. Hatchett talks about the series and the importance of showing agritourism venues across the state.

May 11: Louisville Zoo Director Dan Maloney says the outreach of the zoo extends far beyond Jefferson County. Maloney talks about raising funds to assist animal shelters across the state impacted by natural disasters, a partnership with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, and the Wild Lights exhibit currently underway at the zoo.

May 12: Metcalfe County farmer Greg Wilson talks about his farming operation, the history of the family farm, and other details. Wilson also discussed the biggest challenges on the farm and what he enjoys about raising cattle.

May 15: Director Tara Hall says planning is underway for the 400 Mile Sale that will bring visitors from across the country to Kentucky June 1 through 4. Hall says now is the time to register your sale and the sales in your community on the website 400mile.com.

May 16: Kentucky Living's Joe Arnold says voting is underway in the Best of Kentucky contest that allows Kentuckians to choose their favorite destinations, restaurants, and more. Arnold says it is easy to vote at KentuckyLiving.com and adds the results often serve as a visitor guide to Kentucky travelers.

May 17: University of Kentucky Plant Pathologist Dr. Carl Bradley says Fusarium Head Blight or head scab can be a costly fungus for wheat producers. Dr. Bradley discusses head scab, the conditions for its development, and ways to treat the problem.

May 18: Valley View Orchards owner Kenneth Childers is looking for another great year in Metcalfe County. Childers talks about his orchard, what they raise, and how the apples from the orchard are helping feed children in his home county and the surrounding area.

May 19: Muhlenburg County farmer Brent Gatton says he is proud to be the fifth generation on their family farm that is focused on row crops and the country ham business. Gatton discusses the history of the farm, the crops they grow, and what enjoys about farming and agriculture.

May 22: Kentucky Cattleman's Association President Andy Bishop says May is a great time celebrate Kentucky's Beef farmers during Beef Month. Bishop discusses beef farmers, the celebrations taking place this month, and educating consumers.

May 23: Farm Broadcaster Max Armstrong is retiring after a 47-year career on the air talking with farmers and sharing the message of agriculture. Armstrong talks about his start in farm broadcasting and some of the highlights of his storied career.

May 24: Shane Hollinde says the Kentucky Mesonet proved to be a valuable resource when the December 10, 2021 tornado struck western and central Kentucky. Hollinde says the sites in Graves and Caldwell Counties provided critical data to the National Weather Service to help warn the public about the intensity of the storm.

May 25: Shane Hollinde says the Kentucky Mesonet is looking to add more locations across the state of Kentucky. Hollinde says they are looking for counties and farmers who are willing to provide land to help expand the system.

May 26: Kentucky Cattleman's Association President Andy Bishop says his beef cattle story includes a small herd of Angus cattle in Nelson County. Bishop talks about his start in the beef business, what he enjoys about it, and the growth of his operation.

May 29: Warren Beeler says a livestock judging clinic is planned for Tuesday, May 30, at the Western Kentucky University Brown Expo Center. Beeler says he and Terry Burkes will teach youth livestock judging skills and instruct them on how to present oral reasons during the day-long event, with lunch sponsored by the Kentucky Pork Producers.

May 30: Director Tara Hall says the 400-mile sale June 1 through 4 along U.S. 68 will allow shoppers to find a variety of items along the route. Hall talks about how to list a sale, plan a shopping trip, and find food, lodging, and other specialty items along the route.

May 31: Travelin the Bluegrass kicks off the third season of the Agritourism Edition partnership with the Kentucky Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet as visit River Hill Ranch near Richmond to meet Alvina Maynard. In the first of this three part series we talk with Alvina about her Alpaca herd and how she is growing clothes on the farm.

June 1: We continue the Agritourism Edition visit with Alvina Maynard as we explore the agricultural practices she is using on River Hill Ranch. Alvina talks about regenerative agriculture, rotational grazing, and what they are doing to improve soil health on the farm.

June 2: In the third episode of the River Hill Ranch Agritourism Edition we visit with farm owner Alvina Maynard about opening up the farm to teach visitors about agriculture and growing clothes. Maynard also discusses summer camps on the farms and her passion for sharing the farm with others.

June 5: Kentucky FFA Executive Secretary Matt Chaliff previews the 2023 Kentucky FFA Convention that is taking place this week in Lexington. Matt discusses the contests, special guests, events, and the excitement of having FFA members back together again.

June 6: Kentucky FFA Executive Secretary Matt Chaliff says State FFA Degrees will be awarded to several outstanding members during the state convention that takes place this week in Lexington. Chaliff also discusses the retiring officer team and the selection of a new slate of officers that will begin their duties after the state convention.

June 7: Carter Caves State Resort Park Naturalist Paul Tierney talks about the hidden treasures the park offers to visitors. Tierney says there is plenty to while visiting the caves at the park and experiencing the nature trails, natural bridges, and other attractions.

June 8: Carter Caves State Resort Park Naturalist Paul Tierney shares about the history of the resort park and the Lewis Caveland Lodge. Tierney also talks about accommodations for visitors and the history of programs that take place there.

June 9: Travelin the Bluegrass makes a stop in Estill County to meet farmer Jerry Rose. We talk with Mr. Rose about his farming operation, the history of his family farm, some of the biggest struggles in farming, and what he enjoys the most about working on his farm.

June 12: Corteva's Todd Spivey says farmers need to on the lookout for aphids and other insects in their soybean crops this year. Spivey talks about Spivey discusses the early arrival of pests, what farmers need to look for, and the benefits of treating the soybean crop with a product called Ridgeback.

June 13: WCYN in Cynthiana is proudly serving their community with news, information, music and sports broadcasting. Travelin the Bluegrass visits with Station Manager Trent Harris and Program Director Ed Lewis talk about the history of the station, the programming, and their service to Cynthiana and Harrison County.

June 14: Travelin the Bluegrass makes a stop at Denali Stud in Paris for the second Kentucky Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet Agritourism Edition visit where we meet Marketing Director Claire Bandaroff. Claire talks about the history of the farm and their role in the horse industry.

June 15: Travelin the Bluegrass continues the visit with Claire Bandaroff as she talks about Denali Stud Farm, their work with the horses. As a part of the Agritourism Edition Bandaroff talks about foaling horses and preparing yearlings for sales.

June 16: A visit to Denali Stud Farm in Paris is among the many opportunities available to visitors through an organization called Horse Country. As we continue the Tourism Arts and Heritage Agritourism Edition visit at Denali Stud Claire Bandaroff talks about visiting the farm, getting up close and personal with the horses, and how to book tours with Horse Country.

June 19: University of Kentucky Weed Science Specialist Dr. Travis Legleiter says the annual Pest Management Field Day returns to the Research and Education Center in Princeton June 29. Dr. Legleiter talks about what will be discussed, the specialists that will be on hand, and provides other details.

June 20: UK Weed Science Specialists Dr. Travis Legleiter says some common weeds are causing more problems than usual this year due to weather conditions. Dr. Legleiter discusses of the weeds and what UK is recommending to help control them.

June 21: Carter Caves State Park Naturalist Paul Tierney says there are several special events planned in 2023 at the park. Tierney talks about the Bat Cave Black Tie Affair, Pioneer Days, and other special events.

June 22: Kentucky State Parks Marketing Director LaDonna Miller says the parks and historic sites across the state have much to offer visitors. Miller talks about what visitors can find at state parks and how to visit.

June 23: Jackson County farmer Mike Montgomery says he enjoys farming with his son in law after retiring from the Bluegrass Army Depot. Montgomery talks about what they raise on the farm, the challenges in farming today, and why enjoys his life in agriculture.

June 27: Kentucky Dairy farmers are wrapping up a month of celebrating Dairy Month with Kentucky Dairy Development Council Director H. H. Barlow talking about all the activities that have been taking place. Barlow discussed the importance of dairy farmers and dairy cattle in Kentucky.

June 28: Nestled in the hills of Shelby County is T. C. Highlands owned by Kristin Carmack and her family. As we continue the Kentucky Tourism Arts and Heritage Cabinet's Agritourism Edition Travelin the Bluegrass visits with Carmack about how the farm started and their herd of Scottish Highland cattle.

June 29: As we continue the Agritourism Edition of Travelin the Bluegrass' visit to T. C. Highlands we talk with Tristin Carmack, who helps her mother Kristin with their herd of Highland Cattle. Tristin talks about her enjoyment of the farm, her love for the cattle, and why she enjoys showing the cattle to visitors.

June 30: Kristin Carmack says says their T. C. Highlands Farm in Shelby County became an agritourism destination because friends and community members learned about their cattle and began asking to visit the farm. During the Tourism Arts and Heritage Agritourism Edition Carmack talks about what visitors can enjoy on the farm and how they can arrange a visit.