

# TASTE FOR ADVENTURE

You couldn't keep her down on the farm after she tried cuisines of the world. A sampling:



MIKE RANSELL | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

One of the last stories Lauren wrote was about Green Dirt Farm in Weston, only the second sheep's cheese dairy in Missouri.



JOHN SLEEZER | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

Caviar from Osage Cattfisheries in Osage Beach, Mo., was a favorite food find for the holidays in 2005.

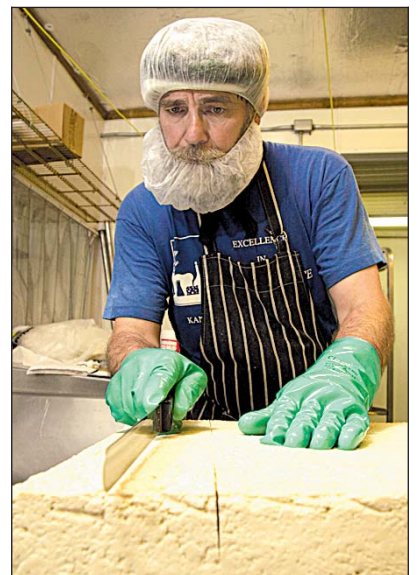


JIM BARCUS | THE KANSAS CITY STAR

As *The Star's* restaurant critic, she discovered many talented local chefs, including Robert Krause of Lawrence.



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Jim Cooley of Central Soyfoods in Lawrence makes tofu sold in many local supermarkets.

A visit to the Amish community in Jamesport, Mo., showed how local farmers strive to make their businesses more sustainable.



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Deborah Milks and Charles NovoGradac of Lawrence hull chestnuts at the only commercial chestnut orchard in Kansas in 2006.



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