

# Kness Manufacturing Co. celebrates Ketch-All's centennial

**A**s a young, widowed father of six, Austin Enos "Brick" Kness took a job with Audubon (Iowa) High School as a custodian in 1924. Mice were prevalent at the school, and led Kness to the idea of the "box"



**Brick Kness**  
Founder



**Kathy Kness Wauson**  
President

trap. He built the first trap from a square oilcan, a tuxedo tobacco can, a spring from a curtain rod and the wood base from a crate. The first night he set his trap, he captured five mice. He was elated and showed the teachers and his friends. He was encouraged to build others

for his friends and to seek a patent.

By 1927, Kness Mfg. Co. was formed to produce the Ketch-All Automatic Mousetrap and another of Kness' inventions, the Roto-Bow tree saw.

Other popular products in the company's ever-expanding product line include the Pro-Ketch Multiple Catch Mousetrap, Snap-E Mousetrap and Big Snap-E Rattrap — as well as its most recent product, the Nara Lure, a rodent attractant.

As Kness Manufacturing looks forward to celebrating its



centennial in 2017, it continues to provide pest professionals with the Ketch-All Multiple Catch Mousetrap. But the company, led since 1986 by Kness' granddaughter Kathy Wauson, also has some new products in the pipeline. Learn all about them at the company's booth at PestWorld next month.



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