

# SCFB

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## SCFBAA WELCOMES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**DAVE DEJMAL** returned to his family farm in Haysville in 2014 after his Grandpa Bill Vanderhoff passed away. The Dejmal Farm raises irrigated and dryland wheat, corn, and soybeans. Dave also works as a crop insurance adjuster.

Dave is married to Amber, who owns her own behavioral therapy practice called Behavioral Training Solutions. They have two sons, William, 13, and Anthony, 8, who both attend school in Clearwater. Dave is excited to serve on the SCFBAA board!

**JASON JELINEK** grew up in Mulvane and knew he always wanted to be a farmer; now he feels blessed to get to do just that. While nothing is easy when it comes to farming, Jason enjoys the opportunity to farm in southeast Sedgwick, Cowley, and Sumner counties. He works alongside his brother and dad growing wheat, beans, milo, and corn. They also grow silage and put up sorghum sedan grass for their cow-calf herd. Jason is married to Laura, and they have two boys, Anthony and Jake. When they do have free time, the family enjoys spending time together. Jason said he is looking forward to serving on the SCFBAA board of directors.

**VIN KISSICK** has over 60 years experience farming. He currently owns 750 acres in Sedgwick, Reno, and Wichita counties and participates along with his tenants in growing corn, soybeans, and wheat; he has also served as a board member for Equus Beds Groundwater Management #2, Halstead Farmers CO-OP, and Kansas Forest Service Advisory Council.

Vin said, "Agriculture has always been part of my life. I was raised on a farm near Mt. Hope, which my family homesteaded in the 1870s. Upon the death of my father when I was 14, I farmed the family quarter for eight years to finance my college education. After

graduation, I served 20 years in the Air Force, retiring as a Lt. Colonel, followed by a 16 year career as a Captain with United Airlines. Along the way, I never lost my interest in agriculture; I inherited part of the original family quarter and was able to improve the farm with irrigation and expand the acreage. My global travel experiences and local farming operations have allowed me to see firsthand how vital agriculture is to a region's society and economy.

I am honored to serve on the Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Board. I hope my experience and knowledge will make a meaningful contribution to our community."

Vin has been married to Trish for 52 years, and they have two married children and one granddaughter.

**TROY LORENZ** is a sixth-generation farmer who lives and farms in west Sedgwick County by Cheney. Currently, he is the Director of Manufacturing at Industrial Metal Fabrication. Troy is joining the SCFBAA board once again after serving as the county president in 2008. Troy has also served on District 1, Erie, Grand River, and Morton Townships and is currently

serving on the board of Farmers Coop. Troy's wife, Vickie works for Delta Mike Investments and was raised on a dairy near Garden Plain, and Troy was raised on the farm near Cheney, where they raised Hereford cattle, wheat, milo, corn, and soybeans. Their daughter, Ciara, is a speech pathologist and works in the Cheney Public Schools and is married to Kyle Haworth who works for Hutton Construction. Kyle and Ciara have three children, Paisley, Daxton, and Kason, who also go to Cheney schools, and Paisley is involved in the local 4-H. Along with Troy's parents, Dean and Brenda, who are past presidents of SCFBAA, they are all involved with the farm. Farming has always been in his blood since he was a young boy, riding with his grandpa on the tractor or feeding cattle with his dad. For Troy, serving on the SCFBAA board of directors is an honor, and he will work to represent you, the members.



Left to right: Joseph Neville, Michael Speer, Zach Simon, Ashton Schneider, Vin Kissick, Joy Carp, Troy Lorenz, Heidi Wells, Jason Jelinek, Dave Dejmal

Sedgwick County Farm Bureau Agricultural Association's mission is to help members identify their needs and provide services and programs to meet those needs. SCFBAA will work for the success of the farm community which we serve. We will broaden our base by being proactive in community participation which enhances all phases of farm life.



# KANSAS FARM BUREAU'S USDA REPORTS TRIP

Mick Rausch

In early August, former SCFBAA board member and president, Mick Rausch, attended Kansas Farm Bureau's USDA Reports Trip to Washington, D.C. The objective of the trip was to trace the development and release of USDA Crop Reports. The trip was highlighted by a flight to Washington D.C. where the group had the opportunity to observe the August "USDA Lock Up" and monthly report to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture regarding U.S. crop production and world supply and demand.

I had the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. for the crop report lock up at USDA. What an eye-opener!

I know everyone gets the Census of Ag that comes out every five years, and yes, I get that everyone thinks the Department of Ag has no business in how I run my operation. But let me tell you why it's important and why you need to complete it.

First, the information will not be shared with any other governmental agency. This was stressed repeatedly by everyone at USDA. They want the figures to be as correct as possible for statistical analysis. Furthermore, it is a felony if they do share your information! Let me report: your data is safe.

Second, if we don't know how big or little the crop being harvested is at that point in time, it's difficult to prepare properly. Grain marketers are just now making sure that they can handle the crop coming in, bin space, trucks, rail freight, etc.

Third, the NASS survey is about farmers' planting decisions and production conditions, and the crop progress reports are compiled during the growing season. We got to go to a field and watch

the enumerators and how they compile their reports. They are given an instruction sheet, so many rows in, go so many feet this way, and then count the plants for so many feet of row. It could be the best part of the field, it might be the worst, but it's all picked at random. The spot is checked several times during the growing season, as well as after harvest when they glean the field for unharvested grain.

I could go on for hours on how the process works, but let me say again, it's all just a statistical analysis on yields through the country. For instance, in Kansas, there were almost 500 fields that are being surveyed. Doug Bounds, our state statistician, is available for meetings and information should you have any questions.



Nancy, Mick's wife, and their granddaughter, Payton, traveled with Mick to Washington, D.C.

# MEET THE SCFBAA *Scholarship* RECIPIENTS



*Carly Collins*

Carly Collins is a recent graduate from Mulvane High School. Her goal is to become an agriculture engineer. Being in an instrumental role in the agriculture industry will help with supply chain issues from food to agriculture equipment. She will be attending Cowley College as an agriculture transfer student this fall and will transfer to K-State from there. Through high school, Carly was an active member and the vice-president of the Mulvane FFA Chapter. She is the current president and junior leader for the Peck Ramblers 4-H club and Sedgwick County. This year was her 12th year in 4-H; she is very involved in the market livestock programs, exhibiting all four market species.

Carly is an active leader and service member to the community serving with homeless outreach ministries, child advocacy with CASA of Cowley County, Wildcat Community Connection for anti-bullying family resources, and countless other service projects and organizations. Carly has won the Citizenship award for Sedgwick County 4-H five consecutive years, Top Award of Excellence for Sedgwick County 4-H, served as the 2022 National Agriculture Advocacy Ambassador, and will be representing Kansas at the 2023 4-H National Congress in Atlanta, GA as a Key Award Recipient.



*Camryn Devore*

I just graduated from Andale High School, and I plan on attending Hutchinson Community College. While my major is undecided, I am planning on taking agriculture classes to gain more knowledge about livestock operations. Since I've grown up on a farm, I hope to gain more knowledge about cattle operations and someday run an operation of my own. Along with agriculture classes, I am also planning on taking accounting and business related classes.



*Kyri Kerschen*

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*Kaitlin Robben*

Hello! My name is Kaitlin Robben; I just graduated this last May from Bishop Carroll Catholic High School and will be attending Fort Hays State University this fall majoring in Elementary Education. Growing up, I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher, and I am so excited to be given the opportunity to pursue this degree. My dad grew up on a farm and decided to continue the family farm. Though I did not move out to my farm until I was 10, visiting my grandparents farm was one of my favorite things to do. I also love to travel. Last summer, I was able to visit Italy and Greece with a high school group. While traveling, I love to take the country side roads to see the differences in agriculture and landscapes in new places. I am so thankful for the opportunity to receive this scholarship, which helps me to reach my dream of being a teacher.

I will be studying Animal Science and Industry and Agricultural Communications at Kansas State University this fall. I can't wait to make more connections in the ag community at K-State. I was heavily involved with my FFA chapter throughout high school and really enjoyed the leadership opportunities the organization gave me. Last year, I was blessed to meet some of the most genuine and supportive people in the industry through my time as a SCFBAA Ag Ambassador. One thing that stood out to me was their focus on the importance of the mental health of Kansas farmers and ranchers.

Scholarship applications open January 1. Please share with current seniors, and visit [www.scfbaa.org/scholarships](http://www.scfbaa.org/scholarships) for details.

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### **KFB MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT**

*Wichita Windsurge at Riverfront Stadium, Wichita*

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### **DISTRICT 4 LISTENING POST**

*6:00 P.M. | Sugar Shane's | 430 State St, Augusta*

RSVP to [ColemanC@KFB.org](mailto:ColemanC@KFB.org) or 770-883-3056 by September 12

**NOV 1 &  
NOV 8**

### **FBFS CHANGING HANDS SEMINAR**

*American Ag Credit Building | 4105 N. Ridge Rd, Wichita*

Learn more about transitioning your family farm or ranch. Three options offered:

November 1 | Lunch, 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. or Dinner, 6:00-8:00 P.M.

November 8 | Lunch, 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.

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### **YOUNG FARMERS & RANCHERS CONFERENCE**

*Manhattan, Kansas*

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