

Former Kansas Farm Bureau leader mourned

Robert (Bob) Kline, former 4th District Board Member for Kansas Farm Bureau, and longtime activist for FB issues, passed away Aug. 18 apparently from complications of a blood clot in a leg that moved to his heart.



Kline

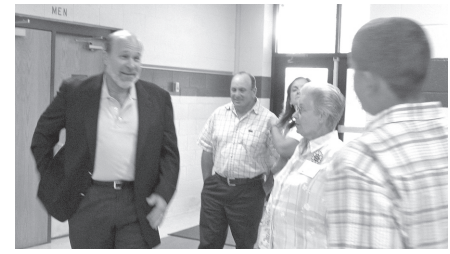
Kline, prior to representing the 4th district on the KFB board of directors, was known

for his active participation in delegate sessions as a member of the Chautauqua County FB delegation. He was currently serving as a Chautauqua Co. FB board director.

Services were Aug. 24 in Independence. A memorial has been established for a fishing clinic in Chautauqua County. The David Barnes Funeral Home in Sedan is handling memorial funds.



(Above) Johnson Co. FB sponsored their annual Kids Night at the county fair Aug. 7. Here, FB members provide a train for kids to ride. The evening also included a pedal pull, mutton busting contest, greased pig contest and calf scramble.



(Left) AFBF President Bob Stallman meets with Allen Co. FB members during the Allen Co. FB Annual Meeting.

Stallman was the keynote speaker at the Aug. 24 meeting.



(Above) At the county fair, Barber Co. FB board members Michelle Newman and Paul Smith provide watermelon for hungry fairgoers in August.

KFB Calendar

September 4

State Committee of FB Women

September 5

Governor's Tour, Cheyenne Co.

September 7-16

Kansas State Fair

September 8

Legislative Breakfast at the State Fair

September 14

Farm Bureau Day at the State Fair

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We'll see you at the Kansas State Fair

Farm Bureau's involvement with the Kansas State Fair will be strong and visible during the Sept. 7-16 event in Hutchinson.

leadership breakfast Sat., Sept. 8, which serves as an unofficial kickoff for the State Fair.

Farm Bureau Day, Fri., Sept. 14, will feature

Last year's well-received debut of KFB's *Ag Central*, a hands-on, interactive series of displays, will make a return engagement to make fairgoers aware of their daily connection with agriculture.



Farm Bureau members of Kansas enjoy the 2006 recognition program last year at the State Fair. The Farm Bureau tradition continues this year with interactive displays, games, agriculture leadership breakfast and 2007 recognition program.

This year, fairgoers will tour *The House That Ag Built*, *Ag Central's* feature

exhibit, and identify agricultural commodities used in every day life. It includes a fun, new interactive computer quiz that will test participant's ag knowledge, and will highlight the many occupations of ag producers. The movie *Ten Things Kids Want to Know About Farming* will follow an Ag Magic Show.

More than 70 county FB member volunteers will serve as *Ag Central* hosts where they will interact with fairgoers and hand out free ice cream coupons to participants of the Kansas Farm Facts trivia challenge.

KFB will host the traditional agriculture

a recognition program and lunch to honor county Farm Families of the Year, Century Farm Award recipients and district Natural Resources Award winners. More than 200 Farm Bureau members will be recognized during this annual event.

Stop by and say, 'Hi!'

More than 70 Farm Bureau county members of Kansas will be active during the Kansas State Fair Sept. 7-16 in Hutchinson. Stop by KFB's interactive display, *Ag Central*, for games and entertainment throughout the event.

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Challenges abound with immigration enforcement

Kansas farmers and ranchers face a "Catch 22" when verifying the status of their workforce. It is illegal to "knowingly" hire someone who is not authorized to work, but employers are limited in what they may ask to determine who is authorized. If the employer requests more documents when original documents appear reasonable, the employer could be subject to Justice Department investigation or lawsuits for discrimination. If, on the other hand, the employer accepts those documents but is later notified by the Social Security Administration that information in the documents does not match agency records, the employer may be forced to terminate the employee or face prosecution for knowingly hiring an illegal worker.

Recent announcements from the Bush administration of the issuance of no-match letters from the Social Security Administration and their intent to step up enforcement against employers who knowingly hire, will result in additional burdens for farmers and ranchers who need temporary workers or who rely on immigrant labor in their operations.

These developments will require employers use

Say yes to NBAF

On Aug. 28, KFB Pres. Steve Baccus testified in favor of locating the proposed National Bio- and Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF) in Manhattan. The city is one of five finalists for the NBAF, a facility that will work to protect public health and enhance the nation's capability to protect livestock and the livestock industry from both naturally occurring and intentionally introduced diseases. The facility will benefit FB members in Kansas and will contribute \$3.5 billion to the state's economy over the next 20 years. Public support is vital to the success of the effort. Beginning Sept. 1, KFB members may go to www.kfb.org to personalize and send a letter to the Dept. of Homeland Security.

the H-2a temporary guest worker program to access temporary labor. Unfortunately, the program does not provide adequate numbers of workers to meet the demand, and approval is required from four governmental agencies before a worker can be authorized resulting in untimely approval for many producers.

Legislation passed in 2006 to secure the nation's borders has already begun to have a severe impact on producers in Kansas and across the nation. Estimates show as much as \$9 billion in crops will be left in the fields in 2007 because producers simply cannot find the labor force to complete the harvest.

KFB is attempting to document labor shortages on farms and ranches in Kansas. If you have encountered shortages, please contact KFB national policy director Terry Holdren at holdrent@kfb.org or (785) 234-4535. There is a short window of opportunity to address reform before Congress adjourns in October, so please act now.

We want to hear from you

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Pawnee Valley IGUCA put on hold

In August, Kansas Farm Bureau was notified by Acting Chief Engineer of the Division of Water Resources David Barfield that the hearing process regarding the Pawnee Valley Intensive Groundwater Use Control Area is on hold until a new Chief Engineer is hired.

"This delay will provide a sense of stability not only to this process but to any which may develop in the future," Kent Askren, KFB water resources specialist said. "The outcomes are so important, the decision to postpone the hearing was definitely warranted."

Farm flashes

KFB to offer vo-tech scholarships

In recognition of the growing importance of vocational-technical training to today's young people and the rural economy in Kansas, the KFB board of directors approved a new scholarship program for students attending vo-tech schools. Eight \$500 scholarships will be available each year to eligible students who are either entering or in a qualified vo-tech program. The scholarship program will begin Sept. 1. Details are available at www.kfb.org/foundationforagriculture.

Ag Law Update

Everything that's happening in ag law will be discussed at *Agricultural Law Update* Sept. 21 at KFB State Headquarters in Manhattan from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Sessions will include environmental law, taxation, real property, cooperatives and regulatory law, "fair market value" versus "use value" farm and ranch estate planning, water allocation law and issues impacting livestock laws. For more information, contact KFB's Legal Foundation at (785) 587-6621. This seminar is sponsored by the Kansas Bar Association, Kansas State University and the KFB Legal Foundation.

Environmental Leadership

The 9th class for the Kansas Environmental Leadership Program is forming. KELP focuses on training participants in leadership skills and about water-related issues. It encompasses five three-day sessions, which start in January and conclude in October. Academic credit and continuing education credits are available. KELP leaders are requesting applications for the 2008 class by Sept. 15. More information is available at www.oznet.ksu.edu/kelp/.

Changes to Excellence in Teaching

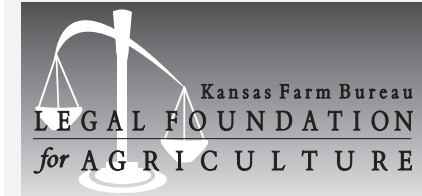
The KFB Foundation for Agriculture has made two exciting improvements to the Excellence in Teaching Grant program. First, the deadline for applications for the 2007-2008 school year has been extended to June 30, 2008. This means teachers can submit their applications and receive a grant anytime during the school year that suits their schedule. Second, the amount of the grant has been doubled to \$400 to enable teachers to develop a greater variety of agricultural lessons and projects. The Foundation asks all FB members to contact their local elementary teachers (K-6) and encourage them to apply for an Excellence in Teaching Grant during the upcoming school year. More information can be found at www.kfb.org/foundationforagriculture/teachinggrant.htm or call John Shostak, Director, KFB Foundation for Agriculture at (785) 587-6608 or shostakj@kfb.org.

White-Reinhardt Fund Awards

The White-Reinhardt Fund honors Neosho Co. member and former American Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee chair Linda Reinhardt for her dedication to improving agricultural literacy. The fund supports scholarships for teachers to attend the National Ag in the Classroom Conference and mini-grants. Applications are now being accepted and are due to Holly Higgins at higginsh@kfb.org by Oct. 15.

MAST program enrolling

K-State's MAST (Management, Analysis and Strategic Thinking) program is an intensive, challenging farm and risk management educational program that combines face-to-face workshops with distance education. It begins Nov. 12 and 13 and runs to March 11 and 12, 2008. For more information visit www.agmanager.info/MAST.



Legal Foundation continues to monitor trials

KFB's Legal Foundation has been actively involved with a Kansas Supreme Court case that will have a large impact on Kansas farm families. This case has a direct stake in ensuring the intent of the Internal Revenue Code and the Kansas Estate Tax Apportionment Act remain intact and not undermined by illegitimate efforts, which abuse the protections afforded to the agricultural community. The Legal Foundation filed an *amicus curiae* brief in support of Johnson County plaintiffs. At the heart of this case is protecting farming children's interest vs. non-farm children. The intent is to allow children who wish to continue the family farm do so when estates are divided upon the deaths of the mother and father.

Coupled with this case is the important reminder that all farm families should carefully work out wills long before the parents are deceased.

KFB is also keeping a close eye on the Logan Co. prairie dog case. After the Logan Co. District Court indicated the laws favored the Logan County Commission, the trial was postponed. As a result, the Logan County Commissioners can begin poisoning the prairie dogs immediately. KFB Legal Foundation anticipates some type of legal action will be filed in Federal District Court in Wichita to stop the poisoning based on the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The opportunity is now

KFB's Ag Solutions is working with the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers in August to highlight opportunities available through its *Revenue Protection Solution*.

Through the program, Kansas wheat producers have an

unprecedented opportunity to capitalize on historic market prices for wheat.

Revenue Protection Solution can provide the double benefit of downside price protection with upside price potential. If wheat prices and/or yields go down, your profits are locked in and protected; but if prices go up, your profits will continue to grow.

Choose a one, two or three-year minimum price/yield contract; set maximum costs for fuel and fertilizer; and enjoy the peace of mind that comes from having a flexible, cash-settled contract. At harvest, you simply deliver what is actually grown. Contact Dave Spears at (785)587-6000 or at spearsd@kfb.org.



Log on and weigh in

A Policy Development Questionnaire (PDQ) dealing with carbon/climate change, access to broadband and digital services, immigration and other policy questions is posted at www.kfb.org.

Just look for the PDQ link and weigh in on important policy issues. This is a great chance for members to influence the policy-making process as we head toward KFB's Annual Meeting in November and it will only take a few minutes of your time.

