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FHSU COLLEGIATE FARM BUREAU TO HOST U.S. HOUSE CANDIDATE FORUM

CHAPTER PRESIDENT ENCOURAGES VOTERS TO SEEK A 'CHAMPION' FOR AGRICULTURE/RURAL INTERESTS

HAYS, Kansas – The Fort Hays State University Chapter of the Collegiate Farm Bureau, The American Democracy Project, FHSU Young Democrats, FHSU College Republicans, and the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce will host a forum for candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives in the First District on Monday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Union Ballroom on the campus of Fort Hays State University. The candidate forum will be televised live on Smoky Hills Public Television.

“The individual we elect to this seat in the U.S. House will be outnumbered on their first day in Washington,” said Travis Goetz, Dodge City, a senior at FHSU and president of the FHSU Farm Bureau Collegiate Chapter. “Our forum will give voters a chance to size up these candidates and determine who can most effectively champion agriculture and rural interests.”

Candidates invited to participate include Jim Barnett, Emporia; Sue Boldra, Hays; Marck Cobb, Galva; Tim Huelskamp, Fowler; Alan Jilka, Salina; Tracey Mann, Salina; Monte Shadwick, Salina and Rob Wasinger, Hays.

The First U.S House District of Kansas is among the biggest geographical U.S. House districts in the country. It is larger than 25 states and is roughly the size of Illinois. The First District covers more than 57,000 of Kansas' 82,000 square miles and consists of 69 counties in central and western Kansas characterized by rural values of hard work and community.

The following counties are part of the First U.S. House District of Kansas: Barber, Barton, Chase, Cheyenne, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Comanche, Decatur, Dickinson, Edwards, Ellis Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Geary, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Haskell, Hodgeman, Jewell, Kearny, Kiowa, Lane, Lincoln, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Meade, Mitchell, Morris, Morton, Nemaha, Ness, Norton, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pratt, Rawlins, Reno, Republic, Rice, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Trego, Wabaunsee, Wallace, Washington, and Wichita.

Kansas Farm Bureau's Collegiate Farm Bureau program offers students the ability to enhance their leadership skills through experiences and opportunities within the Farm Bureau organization to become agricultural leaders.

Kansas Farm Bureau represents grassroots agriculture. Established in 1919, this non-profit advocacy organization supports farm families who earn their living in a changing industry.