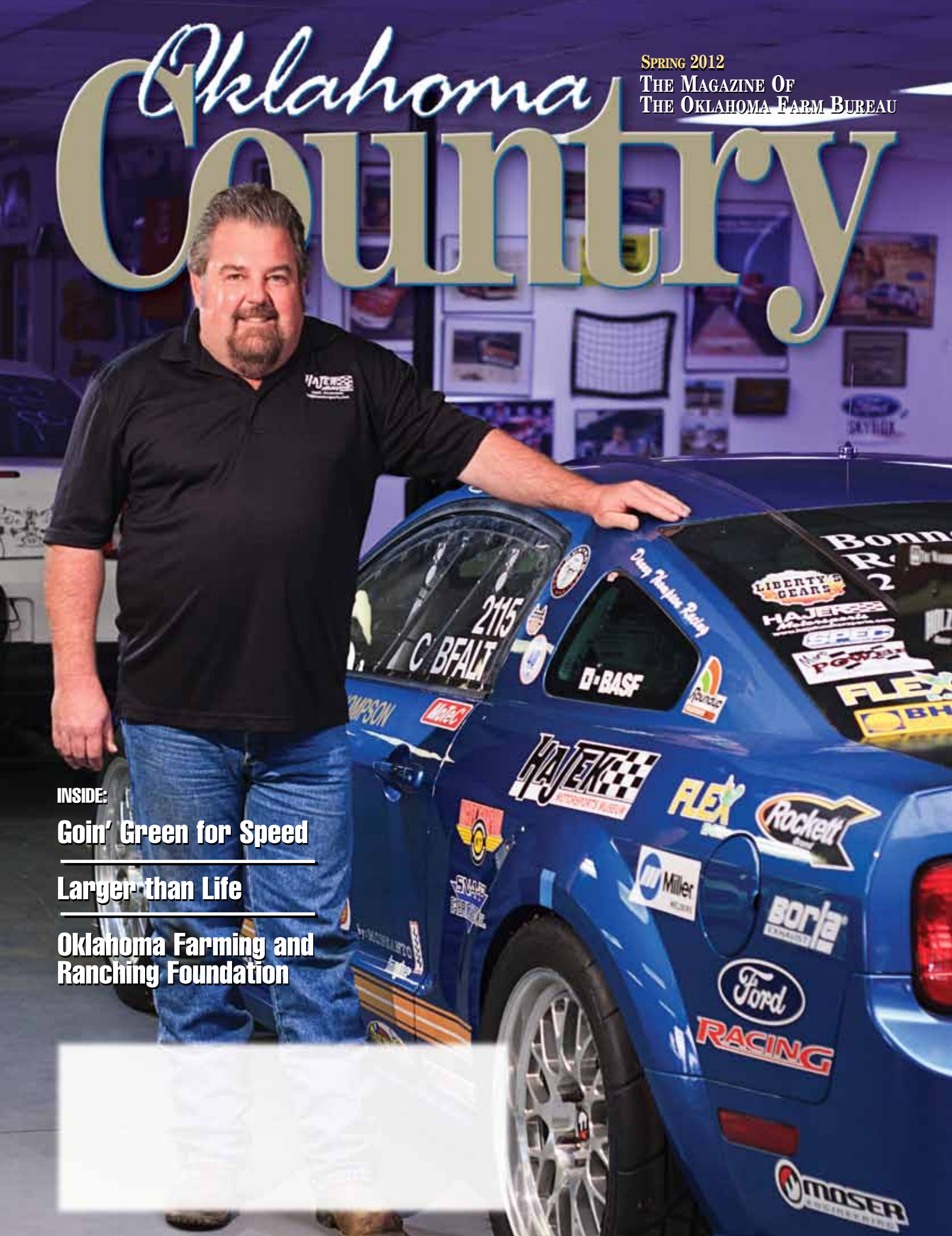


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BY MIKE SPRADLING
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Here We Go Again

Well here we are again working on the 2012 Farm Bill. It seems as if we just finished writing the last farm bill and I wonder if we will actually have it fully implemented before another one passes. In the United States, the farm bill is the primary agriculture and food policy tool of the federal government. The comprehensive omnibus bill is passed every five years or so by Congress and deals with both agriculture and all other affairs under the control of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The bill includes 15 titles and though they are all important in their own way, a small group of them seem to demand our full attention every time we write a new farm bill. There's no doubt that Title 1 is the most important title to those of us in production agriculture. You can be assured that Oklahoma Farm Bureau, along with the American Farm Bureau Federation, will be working very diligently to represent your needs as it pertains to Title 1, Commodities.

We know of the challenges that lay ahead due to the federal deficit, and we also know that the very helpful tool of direct payments in production agriculture is a thing of the past. Production agriculture in a state where the environment can be very extreme and harsh, just as we saw in 2011, has forced us to make crop insurance a top priority in Title 1 of the farm bill. However, Title 2, Conservation should also demand major attention.

On Feb. 27, of this year, 643 organizations, representing tens of millions of Americans, expressed strong support for the conservation title of the farm bill in the form of a letter. It was sent to the chairwoman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, Debbie Stabenow, and chairman of the House Agriculture Committee Frank Lucas.

The letter urged Stabenow, Lucas and their ranking committee members to provide the greatest possible priority for conservation programs in the funding and structuring of the farm bill. The letter stated, "In our vast collective experience as land

owners, farmers, ranchers, forest managers, agriculture and forest businesses, hunters and anglers, local and state government officials, and non-profit organizations representing a wide range of interest, we can say, without any doubt, that the programs within the conservation title work cost-effectively to serve the short- and long-term interest of the American people."

Their support of the conservation title shows just how important it is to the farm bill. Unless you are directly involved with conservation programs, you might not understand the significance of environmental conservation. As with most things in life, if it's working well and it's not broke, we don't give it much thought. While recently attending the 74th Annual Meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, it was once again brought to my attention just how important and valuable these programs are to Oklahoma's economy and environment.

In 2011, Oklahoma experienced one of the most environmentally challenging years in its history and though it was very demanding to both man and beast, Oklahoma itself survived virtually unscathed.

How is this possible when we had the driest four months since 1921? That's saying a lot in a state known for the 1930s Dust Bowl, when drought and high winds generated several dust storms that stripped the land of its topsoil. We have learned a lot through science, education and research, and since the 1930s, Oklahomans have vowed to never again let the environment destroy two of its most precious components of food production – soil and water. We have been able to keep this promise to mankind through the practice of conservation.

The annual conservation meeting was attended by hundreds of Oklahomans who follow the simple conservation practices of preserving and carefully managing the environment and our natural resources. Under the watchful eye of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Mike Thralls, and the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, Clay

Pope, Oklahoma farmers and ranchers responded and withstood the 2011 drought.

Conservation initiatives, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program, help producers practice smart conservation through adoption of conservation tillage, conversion to no-till production and improved pasture management. These actions were vital to avoiding a repeat of the 1930s Dust Bowl. Other initiatives like the Conservation Stewardship Program reward producers that practice high levels of stewardship. Also, the Conservation Reserve Program helps keep our most sensitive lands protected by retiring them from production. Finally, the technical assistance from the Natural Resource Conservation Service assists producers as they work to follow farm bill policy. We are farmers and ranchers and we should take responsibility for protecting Oklahoma's natural resources from Mother Nature's most extreme weather events.

Farm bill development is never easy but it's critical to the success of the agriculture industry. We need to recognize what's at stake right now as the federal deficit threatens to drastically cut our USDA budget. Therefore, it is important we craft a farm bill that provides a self-help program for farmers and establishes a safety net in case of catastrophic events. I'm confident we can achieve this goal with the support of Congressman Frank Lucas, Chair of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee and the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Farm Bill Committee; Scott Newfield, Matt Muller, Jimmy Wayne Kinder, Greg Leonard and Keith Kisling.

On your behalf, Oklahoma Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation will develop a farm bill that supports those American farmers and ranchers working to produce a safe, nutritious, and economical food supply.

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Preaching to the Choir

Even though Oklahoma was blessed with a mild winter, I'm still pretty excited that it is now officially spring. Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers have gone through a lot in the last year, but all hardy producers know, some years are just better than others.

Now that spring planting season has begun, I sense a wave of optimism among farmers. It's a new year, the grass is green and the drought is fading. Despite the relentless drought and scorching temperatures of 2011, it's time to put last year behind us and try again.

Our cattle numbers might be smaller this year and we might have to base some planting decisions off of last year's losses, but if farming and ranching wasn't a challenge, what would be the point? Farming is not for the faint of heart and that's why producers are so resilient – they have to be. Producers carry the weight of the world on their shoulders as they plant and harvest food to eat.

Here at Farm Bureau, we've been talking a lot lately about how a majority of Americans don't have a clue where their food comes from.

They think the life of their groceries begins at Wal-Mart, and that's a perception we need to change. The latest statistics show each American farmer produces food and fiber for 154 people in the United States and abroad, and 86 percent of U.S. ag products sold are produced on family farms or ranches, not large corporations. That means the heart of America – those hard-working, dedicated farm families – are the individuals we need to thank for feeding us, clothing us and giving us opportunities to excel and prosper.

We talk about it amongst ourselves all the

time. It's like we're preaching to the choir, but have you ever thought about how we need to expand our horizons and reach out to a new group of people? It's time we take our message beyond the coffee shops and co-ops of rural America and educate those who are misinformed about agriculture.

In a way, I compare it to church. Every Sunday, we gather to fellowship with those of a like-minded faith but how much witnessing do you do throughout the week? We can talk about the farming and ranching story all day but unless we make a true effort to reach those off the farm, how are we ever going to garner enough support to keep this industry a top priority?

Much like Congressman Frank Lucas is faced with the task of educating his fellow legislators about agriculture and what needs to be included in the new farm bill, we need to promote our lifestyle and preach the message of "I farm, so you can eat." If we don't, a majority of Americans will continue to underestimate the contributions farmers make to their daily lives. As they drive to the grocery store for milk and bread, they will never know the true story behind that food.

I realize that not every Oklahoman is running hundreds of cattle and farming thousands of acres of cropland, but that's not the point. Do you have a garden? Do you shop at your local farmer's market? Are you that hobby cattleman with 20 cows making it work? I'm talking about you too! As long as you're doing everything within your capacity to support the rural way of life and keep that farming dream alive, you are part of our story. It's my hope that over time, the whole state of Oklahoma will come to understand we are all dependent on agriculture commodities. Once

we accomplish that feat, promoting our industry and recruiting more young farmers and ranchers will be an easier task.

You always hear us talk about how we are "feeding and clothing the world" but many of our members probably don't know that our mission statement is "Improving the Lives of Rural Oklahomans." That's what the Oklahoma Farm Bureau federation is all about. Even the new organization, the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Matters Foundation, is dedicated to educating young people about agriculture and promoting the true facts about our industry.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is first and foremost, an organization committed to supporting agricultural efforts, and I hope that's why you choose to be a member. I've talked before about all of the benefits of Farm Bureau membership; from various savings on products and services to a voice for you at the state capitol, there's a lot to take advantage of. But above all, remember that we are a farming and ranching organization dedicated to protecting the interests of our producers. Without that, we are nothing and our members wouldn't have much to stand on.

I'm proud to talk about my agricultural background and how I work for an organization that is so critical to the fate of our livelihood. As I travel the state and talk to our members, both old and young, I can sense the optimism. It's spring and our farmers and ranchers are gearing up for a good year; that's the true story of agriculture we need to be sharing.

Monica A. Wilke

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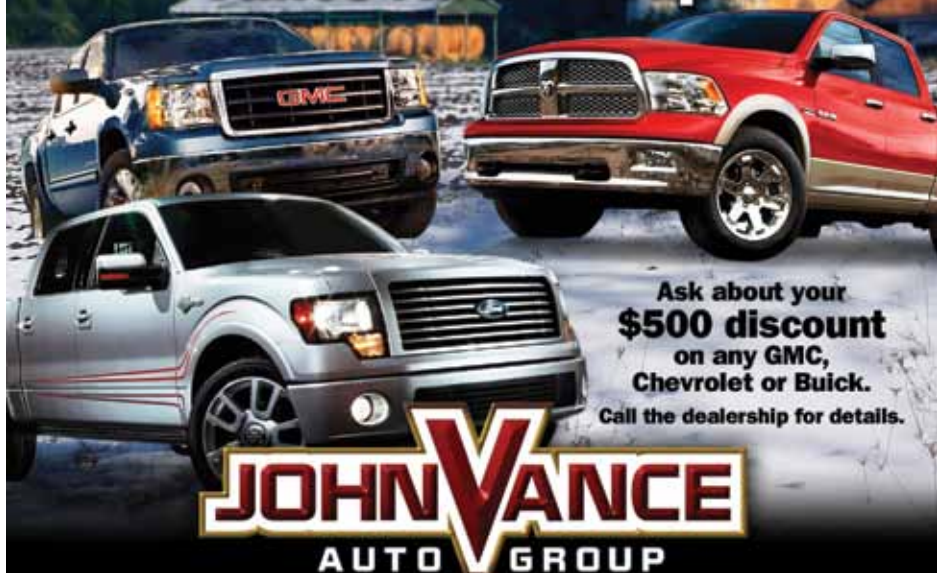
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Using Cultural Controls to Reduce Pests in the Garden

The winter has been very mild and this will increase the insects and disease that are typically reduced due to freezing temperatures. I have heard reports about the date of the last freeze that vary from March 23 to April 15. Traditionally, the last week in April is a safe bet. However, if you are like me, the warm weather has you out getting your garden ready and starting seedlings in the house. In the process of preparing your garden for its summer activity, consider using cultural techniques to control the pests in your garden. Cultural methods include selecting resistant and certified varieties, rotating crops, sanitizing and solarizing soil, choosing the best planting and harvest times, and using intercropping to prevent a pest invasion.

When purchasing plants, it is always great to get a good deal, but sometimes you can accidentally take home insects or disease that you don't want. Always inspect the plants you purchase to make sure they are healthy and pest free. Ideally, you should keep them separate from other plants and inspect them for problems prior to planting. It is a good idea to spend a little more for certified disease free plants such as potatoes or strawberries. Buying seedlings that have resistance to disease will also help reduce problems in the garden. If you are trying to avoid a disease that is already established in your garden, you may have to buy a different variety than what you usually purchase.

Another way to avoid diseases is to rotate your crops. If you drew a sketch of last year's garden with its arrangement of crops, use it as a guide this year to rearrange your crops and reduce the impact of the disease. Remember, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and eggplants are related and can get the same diseases, so don't plant any of these

where you planted their relatives last year. Melons are related to squash and cucumbers, so plantings of these should not follow one another. Another way to reduce the impact of disease and insects is to intercrop your plants with crops that are compatible. Separating your plantings with other crops reduces the ability of pests to cause widespread damage. The intercropping also allows you to increase your yield by utilizing the space in the garden more efficiently. You can find lists of companion plants on the Internet or access OSU Extension Factsheet HLA-6431 at <http://osufacts.okstate.edu>. If you don't have Internet access, call your local Extension office for a copy.

Sanitation is another important aspect of the cultural control of pests. Many diseases and insects overwinter in crop residues, weeds, thatch and volunteer plants. Infested plant residue and shriveled fruits should be removed, composted or turned under the soil to eliminate a breeding ground for problems. Another way to reduce pest buildup is to control weeds along fence lines, in the landscape or garden.

If the gardener takes the time to understand the lifecycle and emergence times of pests they have encountered, they can modify their planting times and harvests to miss the heavy infestations of insects. Planting crops early may require the use of cold frames or temporary coverings over plants. By helping the plants to get a head start growing, the gardener gives the plants a competitive edge over the pests.

Soil solarization is a good way to treat soils that have known problems. A clear plastic sheet anchored down around the edges with soil, boards or other heavy items over moistened soil will kill insects, weed seeds, diseases and nematodes if used properly during summer's hot days. Typically, the plastic will have to stay in place from four to eight weeks to heat the soil

down to four inches. See OSU Extension Factsheet EPP-7640 for details explaining soil solarization. Cover crops such as Elbon rye (grain rye, not grass) or mustard plants planted in the fall and tilled under as a green manure in the spring will also help control nematodes, insects and some diseases.

Establishing a border of plants around the garden or as an area adjacent to the garden is a good way to isolate incoming insects so they can be killed before they attack your garden. Trap plants such as marigolds or petunias will attract spider mites and thrips. When you notice the insects on the trap plants, they can be treated with an insecticide to kill the pests. You can also plant extra cherry peppers or tomatoes outside the garden to act as indicators or traps for insects.

While pesticides are useful and have their place in controlling pests, they should be used reasonably and as a last resort. Always follow the pesticide label instructions when using pesticides. Another good rule is to use the pesticide that has the longest preharvest interval (PHI) first. As you get closer to harvest and have to use a pesticide to protect your crop, then the product with the shorter PHI will ease the task in remembering how long it has been since a pesticide has been applied. Also, utilizing the other cultural methods I've mentioned will give you several tools to use against diseases and insects that hinder your garden from its full potential.

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Goin' **Green** for *Speed*



How an Oklahoma farmer and racing fan fuels his need for speed.

By Gail Banzet

In the tiny town of Ames, Okla., no one would ever guess there sits a museum packed full of championship race cars. The building once used as a school is now a quiet home to more than 70 memorable moments in auto racing history, and the man behind the collection is not only a huge racing fan but also a pioneer in the world of bio-based fuels.

The one and only Brent Hajek of Hajek Motorsports, Hajek Ranch, MOI Oil & Gas and several other business ventures is an ambitious entrepreneur known for his willingness to say “yes” to some pretty wild ideas. The fourth-generation farmer wears many hats throughout the course of a day, but he never dreamed he would have the opportunity to somehow unite his passions for both farming and motorsports.

“Racing and farming is what I like to do, and the rest is what I have to do,” Hajek said standing in his hometown racing museum. Fluorescent lights hum above the rows of famous racecars still tattooed with sponsor stickers from their glory days.

Among the collection of various Ford Mustangs, Hajek owns other popular cars such as the familiar 1971 “Petty blue” Plymouth driven by legendary stock car driver Richard Petty. In another corner sits the menacing, black 1988 Monte Carlo once commandeered by none other than Dale Earnhardt Sr. However, some of the most unique models in the museum never crossed the start line of a NASCAR race or drag strip; they are stock Ford Mustangs used to break land-speed records.

“I’ve collected Mustangs since high school,” Hajek said. “I never really knew anything about land-speed racing, but we ran out of old cars to collect, so we took some new cars and made history all over again.”



Oklahoma farmer Brent Hajek has a need for speed. In August of 2011, his Ford F-250 Super Duty truck broke a biodiesel land-speed record at 182 miles per hour on the Bonneville Salt Flats of Utah.



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Left: Located 20 minutes southwest of Enid, the small farming community of Ames, Okla., is home to Brent Hajek and his Hajek Motor Sports racing projects.

Above: Hajek's collection of Ford Mustangs and other racecars began in high school. Today, he often loans some of his cars out for display at other racing museums.

Right: The Hajek Racing Museum in Ames is filled with more than 70 historic racecars and dragsters. Each car is now a quiet reminder of its exciting moment in the spotlight.



In 2008, Hajek's interests in farming and fast cars inspired him to race an E85-powered Ford Mustang against time on the Bonneville Salt Flats of western Utah. That year, Hajek Motorsports set a new land-speed record of 255.764 mph with a sports car fueled by ethanol, but the fun didn't stop there.

"Once we accomplished that, we set three different land-speed records using new Mustangs and Oklahoma-grown corn to make the ethanol-based E85 fuel," Hajek said. "We went to Talladega Superspeedway where Bill Elliott drove our Mustang and set a United States Auto Club record. Eighteen months after that, NASCAR switched to an ethanol blend in all of its Sprint Cup cars and we felt pretty good about that!"

Following those first speed records, the diesel mechanic and Oklahoma farm boy turned the heads of biofuel industry leaders and executives at Ford Motor Company. While the world of auto racing celebrated Hajek's accomplishment, Ford picked his brain for other possibilities. When the company released its new Power Stroke diesel in 2011, the farmer decided to make a statement with yet another alternative fuel.


"We had been talking about the soy-based biodiesel capabilities of this new truck, so we took some of our biodiesel to Ford Motor Company," Hajek said. "They used it on their factory dynamometers and were really impressed with the fuel efficiency and performance."

With a light from Ford, Hajek began work on a new project that involved testing a Ford F-250 Super Duty 6.7-liter Power Stroke diesel engine on the same Bonneville Salt Flats used to race his Mustang. Something about his authentic background convinced Ford it could learn a thing or two from Hajek's farm-founded experiments.

"They said they liked the idea of an Oklahoma farmer from a small town using his own soybeans to fuel this truck and showcase soy-based biodiesel," he said. "The response has been tremendous."

The 2011 Ford F-250 is straight off of the car company's assembly line and still includes the stock 6-speed automatic torque-shift transmission. To achieve biodiesel compatibility, the engineers in





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Hajek loves racing out on the track but he also enjoys working in his farm shop outside of Ames. Many of his ethanol and biodiesel racing ideas were inspirations he found while working on the farm.

Right: This blue Ford Mustang was one of the first cars Hajek used to break a land-speed record using E85 fuel.

Dearborn, Mich., who helped build the original motor, were given a second opportunity to tweak its components and make slight modifications to the engine's calibration. Meanwhile, other components of the truck, including the roll cage, were created at Snapp Fabrication Inc. in Hennessey, Okla.

"We took the truck to wind tunnel testing at Lockheed Martin in Marietta, Ga., because we didn't know how the truck would react to such high speeds," Hajek said with a sheepish grin. "We did discover that the moon roof would try to exit the vehicle at 180 miles an hour."

In addition to power train and vehicle dynamics teams at Ford, nuclear physicists and engineers also weighed in on the project to improve the truck's thermal dynamics and inter-cooling system. Many hands have touched the truck's development at one point or another, but Ford Super Duty Consumer Marketing Manager Mikkel Jakobsen said the F-250 project is a result of Hajek's ambitions to race cars and support agriculture.

"The heavy lifting on actually putting the truck together was the Hajek team," Jakobsen said. "We take these engines to the extreme in the development process, but he took it above and beyond that. We learn from pushing the vehicle and it's always educational to see how it holds up."

Hajek and Ford gained valuable information about the 6.7-liter engine and learned how its engine could help advance the use of biofuels in everyday vehicles. After months of research and minor changes to the F-250, Hajek and his pit crew of Ford engineers, biodiesel specialists and Oklahoma racing buddies returned to the Salt Flats of Bonneville for another run. In August of 2011, the Ford Super Duty blew through the previous biodiesel land speed record by reaching a speed of 182 miles per hour. Powered by a 20-percent biodiesel blend, the truck made history, and Hajek began to understand the impact of his alternative fuel projects.

"It gets the message out there to people who may not know how efficient these fuels really are," he said. "It's not just a green thing or a horsepower thing, it's both. It's all local and that's what makes it special."

As word spread about Hajek's E85 Mustang and B20 F-250, not only did Ford commit to the farmer's agenda but other large agriculture organizations, such as the National Biodiesel Board, offered their sponsorships as well.

"The fact that Brent Hajek is also a soybean farmer truly fuels his initiative and lends even greater credibility to his role as a biodiesel champion," said Jennifer Weaver, a National Biodiesel Board



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Hajek's E85 Mustang is a special model that symbolizes his efforts to improve the alternative fuel industry. After the car broke a land-speed record in 2008, NASCAR switched to an ethanol blend fuel in all of its Sprint Cup cars.



spokeswoman. "Brent's passion for motorsports is equally matched by his enthusiasm for proving the merit of clean, renewable sources of energy, and what better way to do that than by putting those fuels to the ultimate test in a high-performance vehicle."

Now that the truck has reached record-setting status, it's a crowd pleaser among farmers and racing fans as it travels the country for appearances. From biodiesel conferences to pre-race events at the 2012 Daytona 500, more than four million people across the country have now viewed the famous B20-powered Super Duty.

Officials with the Oklahoma Soybean Board also sponsor Hajek's efforts and said they are amazed at the amount of publicity the farmer has brought to the soybean industry.

"The level of accomplishment and national exposure the truck is getting helps carry the message of soy-based fuels and soy-based products to audiences that would have been unreachable by other means," said Oklahoma Soybean Board Executive Director Rick Reimer. "We support Brent because he can help us promote soybeans to a whole new audience."

Although biofuel is the primary soy byproduct Hajek has promoted, he continues to work with Ford and soybean industry leaders on the research and development of other soy-based products.

"The whole front end of that 260-mile-an-hour Mustang was made out of soybeans," he said. "The paint was soy and the paint on the truck is soy too. Now, Ford is using soy components in all of the Mustangs — from the foam in the seats to a lot of interior pieces."

Hajek said he still finds it hard to believe that his initial venture into land speed racing in 2008 has lead to such high-profile projects. Now that he has established a working relationship with Ford and several other biofuel sponsors, those entities are more than willing to offer their money and resources for whatever Hajek decides to chase in his next endeavor.

"It seems like one thing just keeps leading to another," he said. "We're so far removed from the marketing world out here in Ames, but when I get out in the field in a tractor and do some thinking, these guys like my fresh ideas."

When the farmer and his team visited Utah for the E85 Mustang's first run, Hajek remembers the amount of pressure he felt from Ford and others to prove himself, but now the tables have turned. With the respect and cooperation of Ford Racing and a long list of agriculture-related sponsors, Hajek has unlimited resources to explore even more alternative fuel projects, and it's the job of all of those racing specialists and engineers to try and keep up. Every idea is considered in his pursuit for environmentally friendly, Oklahoma-based products that can improve car performance and advance the ethanol and biodiesel industries.

Now that spring is well underway, Hajek has enjoyed some creative time behind the wheel of his tractor, planting the 2012 corn crop. After hours in the field and several confidential discussions with Ford, what will Hajek race next? The smile on his face says it all.

"Stay tuned," he said. "If what we're looking into pans out, it's going to be wild."

DUSTIN MIELKE





Larger than life

By Gail Banzet
Photos by Dustin Mielke

Livestock veterinarians are welcome members of small, rural communities

In a small café in downtown Okmulgee, Pat and Eva Edmonds sit at a table looking over the lunch menu. Others in the eatery recognize the couple and gesture hello with a nod or smile. The Edmonds' familiar faces and pleasant greetings give the impression of city officials or church leaders, but Pat and Eva serve in a very different community role; they are local veterinarians.

The profession of veterinary medicine is a highly respected career these days. A majority of Americans own at least one pet, so it's a growing trend for these pet owners to keep their veterinarian on speed dial. However, Pat and Eva's practice extends far beyond the medical care of a dog or cat. They also are known for their "food animal" focus, contributing to the overall health of Oklahoma's livestock industry.

"I think the traditional veterinarian that serves a rural area is your mixed practitioner," Pat said. "There are still veterinarians like us who want to live that type of rural life. They want to be an integral part of the community and have their family grow up in that setting. I think we fit that scenario."

Just a ten-minute drive east of Okmulgee, the Edmonds own and operate a mixed-practice clinic in the small community of Morris. Their three sons grew up watching mom and dad build the business, which is an impressive feat considering the couple's humble beginnings.

"For a year after school, I worked for a veterinarian in a mixed-animal practice in Mounds," Eva said. "When we started our practice here in 1991, I made large animal calls in my pickup truck, and we used the garage of our house for small animals."

Both Pat and Eva are graduates of Oklahoma State University's School of Veterinary Medicine, and as new, ambitious veterinarians in the early 1990s, they responded to many emergency calls for cattle and other large livestock. Now more than 20 years later, Pat said he's noticed a growing trend in his profession.

"Between here and Tulsa, there used to be several food-animal practitioners but some of those are gone and some of them moved to strictly small animals," he said. "I'm about the only one around here who works on large animals now. We don't see many mixed practices anymore."

Due to the shortage of vets who are willing to work on food animals, Edmonds Veterinary Service stays busy with both routine and emergency calls. While Pat works on livestock in the clinic's barn, Eva said it's convenient for her to work inside with small animal clients. The practice also employs two other associate veterinarians, and together, the four vets operate like a well-oiled machine.

"The mindset we're starting to develop is that we can be more than "fire engine" veterinarians who go fix emergency problems," Pat said. "We want to be more involved with producers and use all of our resources to help them achieve a better lifestyle. We want to raise the bar for providing veterinary care and services."

After making a ranch call before dawn that same morning, Pat returned to his clinic's barn for other scheduled appointments – doctoring a cow's sore foot, testing some registered bulls, preg-checking a show heifer – he completed the various tasks with ease and patience. His voice was

drowned out by the sound of the working chute's hydraulics clanking the head gate into place. A broody, black cow stood waiting for him to lean in and study her sore hoof.

"Let's see what we've got here ... see those cracks," Pat said pointing to the bottom of her left hoof. "That's sore right there. We're going to trim her up and see what we can do for her."

A sore foot isn't exactly an emergency, but the experienced veterinarian said routine maintenance and proper care are major contributors to the overall quality of a herd and a rancher's business. Pat said the management advice he gives to his livestock clients is valuable information he takes to heart because he also owns and manages a herd of Angus cattle.

"I really love herd health," Pat said. "I like putting the whole pie together from reproduction to management to nutrition, even the economics of it all. It's pretty neat when people allow you to look inside their operation and trust you with decisions."

Among the long list of satisfied clients is Doug Wise, the ranch manager for Chandler Cattle Co. in Haskell. As he watches Pat treat the cow, Wise said he has learned the importance of establishing a good relationship with a reliable veterinarian.

"With Pat's experience and knowledge of cattle and what he's done over the years, it's played a large role in the success of our ranch," he said. "He's taught me a lot about cattle and the Angus breed."

Other long-time clients who visited that same morning include Morris rancher Dale Flanagan who said the large animal vet's expertise is an important component of his 60-cow operation.

"Pat knows our cattle and we pretty much depend on him to set the protocol for whatever we need," he said. "We look at him as a friend and neighbor, as well as our veterinarian."

When asked about the shortage of food animal vets like Pat, Flanagan said they are few and far between.

"Most of these guys are my age and they're quitting," he said. "There's nobody coming in to take that practice and that kind of worries me. If we don't keep up the livestock, we won't have anything to eat."

According to the rancher, livestock owners need to make a concerted effort to recruit veterinary students who wish to pursue large-animal practice.

"If we're not able to get some young kids coming in, we're going to be in trouble here in another ten years," Flanagan said. "All of the kids in vet school will want to go into small-animal practice because it's easy and probably more financially lucrative."



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Veterinary school instructors around the state admit most of their graduates intend to work mainly with small animals, but the reasons why are not due to animal preference or degree of difficulty. Dr. Carey Floyd is the director of the veterinary technology program at Murray State College and a past president of the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association. She said most vet students accrue more than \$100,000 in debt while in school, so it's no surprise when they choose to focus on small animal care. According to Floyd, food animal veterinary service requires higher overhead costs such as larger, more expensive equipment.

"There are still students interested in mixed-animal practice, but with that kind of debt load, it means you have to go to a practice where you're able to make enough money to pay that off," she said. "That is sometimes more difficult in a rural, mixed animal practice."

As the industry moves forward, Floyd said veterinarians may



have to look at a different model of practice in rural areas and implement some changes in the way vets and producers do business.

"I think we're going to see some more cooperative type ventures where we have several veterinarians that work from a central clinic," she said. "Instead of all of us buying each big piece of equipment, maybe we share."

The veterinary technology instructor also suggested that registered veterinary technicians could play a larger role in livestock health and extend the reach of veterinarians in rural areas. As small communities around the country hang on to what large animal vets remain, Floyd said the demand for food animal practitioners will continue to grow – especially in today's culture of consumers who shop with a heightened sense of

food traceability.

"We have consumers who are making increased demands about the kind of food they want to eat," she said. "They're



Pat and Eva Edmonds are experienced veterinarians who enjoy working in rural communities. They established their mixed animal practice more than 20 years ago and are now one of the last remaining "food animal vets" in the Okmulgee area.



Pat studies test samples that indicate a bull's reproductive potential. Herd health and ranch management are two areas he enjoys most as a large animal veterinarian.



Oklahoma Beef Checkoff UPDATE

The Oklahoma Beef Council Steps Up International Investments



In 2012, the Oklahoma Beef Council board of directors made significant changes by slashing in-state program budgets by 50% and redirecting those funds into the international marketplace for a couple of reasons. Oklahoma has a relatively small population representing

only 1.1% of the US population. Second, today's beef checkoff dollar has about 50% of the buying power it did in 1985 and with a declining cow herd, it was urgent funds be redirected into those areas where the dollars can do the most good. Through the US Meat Export Federation (USMEF), the organization responsible for promoting US beef internationally, Oklahoma beef checkoff dollars are matched up to three and four times by government and industry sources.

In 2011, beef exports surpassed the \$5 billion mark for the first time in history, in part due to the efforts of USMEF and your beef checkoff. Beef export value per fed steer and heifer slaughtered was a record \$206.37 in 2011, which was more than one-third higher than a year ago (\$153.09).

Last year, the Oklahoma Beef Council invested in successful programs in Taiwan and South Korea. This year, Oklahoma beef checkoff dollars will specifically target Japanese and Middle East markets through integrated retail and foodservice promotions.



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A new study by Pennsylvania State University researchers shows that eating lean beef every day can be good for heart health by improving cholesterol levels. That's what a new checkoff-funded study called BOLD (Beef in an Optimal Lean Diet) shows – that adding lean beef

to the most recommended heart-healthy diet can lower heart disease risk by reducing levels of total and LDL “bad” cholesterol.

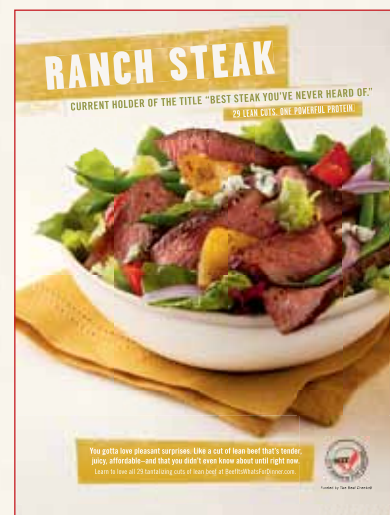
The BOLD study provides new research that health professionals can use to update their dietary recommendations with scientific findings showcasing how lean beef can maintain and even improve heart health.

The study has received significant, positive attention in the news. Through January 31, 2012, the story received 123 million positive impressions including media reports in Oklahoma. For more information including a fact sheet on the study, visit www.oklabeef.org. The Oklahoma Beef Council will be sharing the information at upcoming health professional meetings this spring and summer including presentations from one of the researchers on the project.

National Consumer Advertising

In FY2011, the Beef Checkoff continued the use of the “Profiles” advertising campaign, focusing on the superior taste and lean protein benefits of popular Beef cuts. This campaign reached 87% of the consumer target an average of 7 times in 2011, working to keep Beef top of mind with consumers, reinforcing their passion for the product while promoting and strengthening the positive health perceptions of Beef.

The Oklahoma Beef Council further supported the national consumer advertising campaign through radio advertising in Oklahoma City and Tulsa and print ads in magazines such as Oklahoma Living, Oklahoma Today and Distinctly Oklahoma.



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concerned about antibiotic residues, about things that go into the production of that food, and I think that partnership between the veterinarian and the producer lets us provide the best, safest, most abundant food supply possible.”

Rest assured, ranchers and other livestock owners love their dogs and cats too, but when it comes to the veterinary care of large animals, Floyd said the importance of production and herd health takes on a whole new meaning.

“With small animals, that’s largely disposable income,” she said. “For most of us, we don’t have to depend on our pets for our livelihood, but with large animals, it’s different. That’s how ranchers make a living.”

Likewise, veterinarians base their livelihood on the business of ranchers, and although the job may demand both personal and financial sacrifices, Pat and Eva said caring for the animals that keep rural areas and small towns alive is a worthwhile profession.

“I’m extremely pleased with who we are and what we do,” Pat said. “In our community, we may live a lower standard financially than veterinarians who live in bigger areas and who can bring in a higher income, but I think our quality of life is better.”

For this hard-working couple, the act of caring for large livestock is not just a job, but a lifestyle, and with compassion for animals and their owners, Pat and Eva enjoy serving the clients of their small, rural community.



Pat’s clients say they appreciate his careful attention to record keeping. The veterinarian records as much information possible on each animal he sees in his clinic and out in the field.

New coalition offers care for neglected, abandoned livestock

As large animal veterinarians travel the rural areas and small communities of Oklahoma, they are witnessing first-hand the lingering effects of a national recession and an Oklahoma drought. Tough economic times can take a toll on not only people but also the animals they own, and many veterinarians are reporting neglect or abandonment cases among livestock, especially horses.

“We have recently been out on three cases,” said Morris, Okla., veterinarian Pat Edmonds. “Usually, I think there’s a financial restraint. People have good intentions, but they acquire some livestock and then don’t realize the expense that’s involved.”

Edmonds said it is common for concerned citizens to report neglect or abandonment cases to local authorities, but in many situations, police or county sheriff’s departments are not financially prepared to feed and care for the animals.

That’s why past Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Association President Dr. Carey

Floyd, DVM, and a group of 16 agriculture-related organizations created the Oklahoma Livestock Relief Coalition in January 2012.

“What sometimes happens is an organization from outside Oklahoma comes in with a great deal of publicity to raise funds for these animals,” Floyd said. “Then often times, the money doesn’t ever find its way back to the very horses people intended to help. We wanted to find a way to help local law enforcement responsible for seizing these starving or neglected animals.”

The OLRC’s founders, including Oklahoma Farm Bureau, met for a press conference at the state capitol earlier this year where they announced the coalition’s objectives. Floyd said the purpose of the OLRC is to provide funding and expertise to local law enforcement as they relocate neglected animals to rescue farms and arrange for proper care.

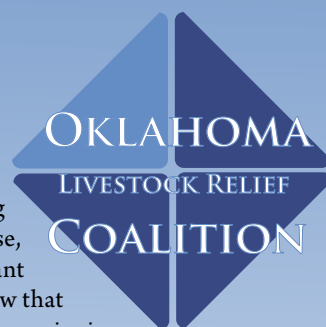
“Hopefully, we can provide some answers as local authorities become more familiar with us,” Floyd said. “As we work on

fundraising for the cause, it’s important people know that the money we raise in Oklahoma stays in Oklahoma.”

The OLRC is working to strengthen its relationship with law enforcement, but veterinarians out in the field say the coalition has already proven effective.

“Now there’s an immediate person or group you can contact for emergency funds and assistance,” Edmonds said. “We recently had several animals procured by regulatory officials and moved to other facilities, and they used the new coalition.”

The OLRC is accepting monetary donations through the Oklahoma Veterinary Medical Foundation at www.okvma.org or OVMF, PO Box 14521, Oklahoma City, OK 73113. Checks can be made payable to OLRC or OVMF. For more information, please call (405) 478-1002.



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yf&r focus

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers activities bring members together.

National YF&R Leadership Conference

February 18 – 20



Several members of the Oklahoma YF&R group attended the National YF&R Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., in February. The annual event focuses on leadership and personal development opportunities for members.

Young farmers and ranchers from across the country participate in fun and informative activities, listen to motivational speakers and tour local agricultural operations and attractions.

Members also compete in the collegiate discussion meet and receive recognition for outstanding involvement and achievement.

Some members will joke that YF&R events are some of the few opportunities they have to get away from their own operations for a few days and enjoy the company of friends and peers. Now that a new year is well underway and OFB's new YF&R leadership team is settled in, it is time to begin a busy calendar of events. Although many of the events focus on leadership, business management and agriculture advocacy, the YF&R group always finds time to also have a little fun.

State Leadership Conference April 12 – 15



OFB's state YF&R conference is one of the highlights of the year for YF&R members. The four-day event features seminars about leadership development, financial management, political education and other pertinent topics. The conference also provides time for members to network, relax, tour other ag operations and fellowship together. Family members are always welcome and childcare is provided. Other activities include ag tours, games and entertainment before concluding on Sunday morning with a Vespers service.

This year's conference was held at the Beavers Bend Lakeview Lodge in Broken Bow. Visit www.okfarmbureau.org or see the next issue of Oklahoma Country for a full conference review.

YF&R Legislative Day April 5

YF&R members meet with legislators to share their perspectives and learn more about the current proposals under review in the statehouse. The day concludes with a leadership training session and a legislative update with OFB public policy staff.



YF&R Golf Tournament May 4

The YF&R State Committee sponsors an annual spring golf tournament to benefit the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Legal Foundation. The tournament is a four-man scramble held at a different golf course every year. Lunch is provided and prizes are awarded to the top three teams. Additional sponsors are welcome. This year's golf classic will take place at the Lakeside Golf Course in Stillwater.

See the OFB website for more details on the 2012 tournament.



OFB's Young Farmers and Ranchers Program is open to both men and women, ages 18 to 35, who hold a membership in his or her county Farm Bureau. For more information about YF&R, call (405) 523-2406.

State Fair Livestock Judging

September



The YF&R State Committee also sponsors livestock judging contests at the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair every year. Members help with registration, tabulation and serve as class leaders. This year's judging contest dates are still pending and will be released later this spring.

A message from new YF&R Coordinator Holly Carroll

Farm Bureau has deep roots in my family. Farming in Kentucky involved tobacco and beef cattle, and Farm Bureau was our voice. In high school I attended a Farm Bureau youth leadership camp, where I later served as a counselor. I went on to be heavily involved in the discussion meet and other activities. As an ag teacher I exposed my students to Farm Bureau through many of the organization's youth programs. All this led me to Oklahoma Farm Bureau almost three years ago.

The YF&R program is near and dear to my heart, and I am so excited to have the opportunity to lead this amazing program. YF&R develops leaders and prepares young members to one day serve on our boards and lead our counties and our state. With so much farmland changing hands in the next decade, YF&R is a great way to prepare these young people to come back to our communities and take over the farm.

With your help, YF&R will thrive. Any member 18-35 years of age can become involved, just by submitting their name and address. Please contact me with any questions, and visit our Facebook page for the latest information. Together, we can build the leadership of tomorrow through YF&R.

Holly Carroll



Foundation names two additional founders

The Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation is pleased to announce Jeramy Rich and Chain Ranch as additional founding members.

Together, the Foundation's six founders serve as at-large donors who contribute to Foundation board meetings and participate in other executive leadership activities.

Established in 2011, the Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit entity created to enhance the awareness and understanding of agriculture. It works to promote and assist beginning farmers and ranchers with their operations and also educate youth interested in agricultural pursuits.



Chain Ranch



"It is not an option to engage and tell the truth about animal agriculture – it's our duty. The Chain Ranch is excited to be a part of the Farming and

Ranching Foundation and its efforts to inform, educate and share agriculture's real story." – Andy Hutchison

Jeramy Rich



"As an advocate for the agriculture industry, I'm always looking for new ways to tell the real story of farm and ranch life. With this new foundation, we'll be able to take on more projects and teach people how important agriculture is to their lives."

Meet the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation board

The Foundation's founders and five at-large board members held the first official executive management meeting in January. The organization's at-large board members are: Bob Drake (southeast), Tom Null (southwest), Wade Rousselot (northeast), Nelda Tucker (northwest) and David VonTungeln (central).

Foundation founding donors are: Chain Ranch, Dale and Carol DeWitt, Comanche County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, Jeramy Rich and Stockman Oklahoma Livestock, Inc./Stockman Livestock Order Buying, Inc.

Other executive leaders are Oklahoma Farm Bureau Executive Director Monica Wilke and OFB board members Mike Spradling and Tom Buchanan.

The executive leadership team plans to meet again in July.

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The foundation board (Back Row): Tom Null, Dale DeWitt, Jeramy Rich, Tom Buchanan, David VonTungeln, John Grunewald (Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma), and Don Hankins (Comanche County Farm Bureau). Front Row: Mike Spradling, Andy Hutchinson (Chain Ranch), Monica Wilke, Nelda Tucker and Bob Drake. (Not pictured: Wade Rousselot and Stockman Oklahoma Livestock, Inc./Stockman Livestock Order Buying, Inc.)

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Members meet with state legislators



Left top: State Rep. R.C. Pruett speaks to members at the LeFlore County Farm Bureau legislative breakfast in Poteau, Jan. 27.



Left bottom: State Sen. Susan Paddock meets with Pontotoc County Farm Bureau members James Wingard (far left), Charles Morrow (2nd from right) and Roberta Morrow (far right) at the state capitol, Feb. 21.

Above: Comanche County Farm Bureau members (from right to left) Damon Doye, Stuart Henderson and Don Hankins visit with State Rep. T.W. Shannon (far left) during a legislative visit at the state capitol, March 13.

As the 53rd session of the Oklahoma Legislature convened on Feb. 6, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau public policy team headed to the state capitol with priorities in hand. This year's list of hot topics included issues related to private property rights, taxes and finance, agriculture and natural resources, and water.

Throughout the session, OFB members had the opportunity to meet with their local representatives and senators to discuss ideas, voice concerns and strengthen relationships with legislators. In addition to several county Farm Bureau legislative dinners held around the state, members visited the state capitol on Feb. 21, following the annual OFB Leadership Conference. The OFB public policy team also hosted other county legislative visits at the capitol, including YF&R Legislative Day on April 5.

"We encourage our members to join us at the state capitol," said OFB Director of Public Policy Kinsey Money. "A member presence at the capitol is of utmost importance when working to achieve our public policy goals."

The public policy team has been tracking the progress of OFB's priority bills and will have a complete 2012 legislative review in the summer issue of Oklahoma Country. Members also can visit www.okfarmbureau.org to read the public policy division's latest legislative news.

OFB conference recognizes legislative leadership



Six state legislators were honored with the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Meritorious Service Award during the annual OFB Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City, Feb. 20.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau honored six state senators and representatives with the Meritorious Service Award during the annual OFB Leadership Conference in Oklahoma City, Feb 20-21.

The Meritorious Service honor is awarded to state legislators who actively support rural and agricultural efforts and maintain a strong voting record in favor of Farm Bureau issues. Winners are nominated by county Farm Bureaus and evaluated on their ability to positively impact the rural community.

Those receiving the legislative award for 2012 were Representatives Larry Glenn, Skye McNiell, Wade Rousselot, and Mike Sanders and Senators Brian Bingman and Susan Paddock.

"Oklahoma Farm Bureau appreciates the support these six individuals have provided to Oklahoma agriculture," said OFB Public Policy Director Kinsey Money. "Their contributions help ensure Oklahoma farmers and ranchers

State Sen. Clark Jolley speaks on the topic of state income taxes during the legislative panel at the OFB Leadership Conference, Feb. 21.

will have the opportunity to continue producing safe, abundant, and affordable food and fiber for our world's growing population."

In addition to the Meritorious Service Awards presentation, OFB honored retiring district directors Bob Drake and Ervin Mitchell. Conference guest speakers included University of Oklahoma law professor Dr. Drew Kershen who led a discussion on Oklahoma water laws. Breakout sessions covered the topics of business succession planning and managing ag employment.

Day two of the conference featured county leader training and a legislative panel discussion with State Representatives Leslie Osborn and Wade Rousselot and State Senators Tom Ivester and Clark Jolley.



Sen. Brian Bingman



Rep. Larry Glenn



Rep. Skye McNiell



Sen. Susan Paddock



Rep. Wade Rousselot



Rep. Mike Sanders

Rural women give to Ronald McDonald House charities



Left: Members of the OFB Women's Committee present the Tulsa Ronald McDonald House with groceries from Reasor's and gift cards from Braum's, Feb. 22. Pictured from left to right are Tulsa Ronald McDonald House Executive Director Glenda Love, District 6 committee member Beverly Delmedico, committee coordinator Marcia Irvin, District 9 Director Phyllis Holcomb and District 9 committee member Lena Henson.

OFB Women's Committee chairman Kitty Beavers loads her shopping cart with groceries at a Crest Foods location in Oklahoma City, Feb. 23.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau women leaders celebrated National Food Check-Out Week, Feb. 19-25, by donating more than \$1,500 worth of food to the Ronald McDonald Houses in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. The annual event recognizes the fact that by this time in the year, the average American consumer has earned enough income to pay their annual grocery bill.

"Stretching Your Grocery Dollar with Healthy, Nutritious Food," the official theme of Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week, is an indicator of the tight economic times consumers face. Dining out less often and preparing more meals at home are two strategies people are using to cope with the situation. This is especially true in the case of families caring for hospitalized children.



"The Ronald McDonald House provides an affordable, safe haven for these families," said Kitty Beavers, chairman of the OFB Women's Committee. "We're glad to have the opportunity to help these families. What better gift to give someone than food."

In addition to the Ronald McDonald House contributions, Farm Bureau women leaders throughout the state worked with their county organizations to donate food and money to local shelters and food pantries.

"We want to share our resources and at the same time let people know how hard farmers and ranchers work to provide a safe, quality food product," Beavers said.

This year, National Food Check-Out Week coincided with Farm Bureau Week in Oklahoma. The event was an opportunity for county Farm Bureaus to promote the farm organization and help consumers make a strong connection with agricultural producers.

Money, Kidd lead OFB public policy team

Former director of research and policy development Kinsey Money, Esq., was selected in early January to serve as director of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau public policy team. Money also continues to serve as counsel for the OFB Legal Foundation.

In addition to Money's new position, former OFB field representative Chris Kidd was chosen to serve as director of state and national affairs.

"Oklahoma Farm Bureau has always been blessed with talent at all levels within our organization, and Kinsey Money and Chris Kidd are shining examples of that," said OFB Executive Director Monica Wilke. "I am excited about this team and have the utmost confidence in their ability to lead the public policy division and Oklahoma Farm Bureau into the future."



Kinsey Money and Chris Kidd represent the public policy interests of OFB members at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

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Young farmers concerned with land availability, government regs



Chad Selman of Tulsa County Farm Bureau manages a pecan and cattle operation near Skiatook. Selman and thousands of other young farmers and ranchers across the country are optimistic about the future of farming.

The latest survey of participants in the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmers & Ranchers program shows an even split when it comes to concerns about top challenges they face today. A total of 21 percent of young farmers surveyed ranked burdensome government regulations and "red tape" as a top concern; an additional 21 percent cited securing adequate land to grow crops and raise livestock as their top challenge.

"Most young farmers and ranchers would like to stay on the farm or ranch their entire lives," said Glen Cope, AFBF national YF&R committee

chair and a beef cattle producer from Missouri. "One of the biggest challenges many of us have faced is getting enough capital to start farming. And then, once we are established, regulatory costs can be the wildcard that determines whether we can be successful enough to stay on the land."

Other issues ranked as top concerns included economic challenges, particularly profitability, 11 percent; availability of farm labor and related regulations, 8 percent; and willingness of parents to turn over the reins of the farm or ranch, 7 percent.

When asked to name the top three steps the federal government should take to help young farmers and ranchers, cutting government spending was the No. 1 response, with 20 percent listing it as the most important. Sixteen percent of those surveyed said the government should provide financial help to beginning farmers, while 12 percent indicated reforming environmental regulations should be first on the list.

"Cutting government spending will help reduce the nation's mammoth government debt," Cope said. "However, providing assistance to help beginning farmers get started in food production would be money well spent. And reforming burdensome environmental regulations will be good for all of agriculture and America."

The 20th annual YF&R survey revealed that 94 percent of those surveyed are more optimistic about farming and ranching than they were five years ago. Last year, 87 percent of those surveyed said they were more optimistic about farming than they were five years ago.

The informal survey of young farmers and ranchers, ages 18-35, was conducted at the AFBF 2012 YF&R Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., in February.

National YF&R Conference

Members of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers attended the National YF&R Leadership Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 18-20. The event included motivational speakers, leadership sessions and time for members to network. Other activities featured tours of local agricultural operations.



Amendments approved in the U.S. transportation bill in March exempt farm trucks such as this Dodge dually from following certain federal regulations on the highway.



AFBF supports farm truck exemptions in transportation bill

The American Farm Bureau Federation supports two farmer-friendly amendments of the pending U.S. transportation bill (S. 1813) that were approved by the Senate on March 13. The amendments exempt certain farm vehicles from federal motor vehicle regulations that are aimed at the long-haul trucking industry.

The first amendment, introduced by Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), provides an exemption for farm trucks. If based solely on weight limits, previous legislation would require even a one-ton pickup truck pulling a trailer to follow the long-haul regulations.

The amendment is important because some states exempt farm vehicles while others do not," said AFBF President Bob Stallman. "Under the current situation, merely the act of crossing state lines can trigger conflicting requirements for some farmers who are doing nothing more than hauling their own crop. These regulations can be particularly burdensome for farmers and ranchers living in counties bordering another state where their

best market might be just across the state line."

The second Farm Bureau-supported amendment to S. 1813 exempts certain farm truck drivers from regulations on maximum driving and on-duty times during harvest and planting seasons.

"This measure is particularly crucial during the two busiest times of a farmer's year," Stallman said.

The amendment applies to drivers transporting agricultural commodities within 100 miles of the farm that produced them, or those carrying farm supplies for agricultural purposes within 100 miles of the wholesale or retail distribution point. Each state will determine its own planting and harvest periods.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) said there was urgency within the Senate to extend transportation programs and the collection of the federal gas tax due to the expiration of current federal highway legislation at the end of March.

The Senate version of the U.S. transportation bill was approved on March 14.

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Oklahoma Farm Bureau supports AFBF farm bill proposal



AFBF President Bob Stallman uses a photo of the 2011 OFB Achievement Award winners, Zac and Amy Harris, to illustrate a point during his presidential address at the AFBF Annual Meeting, Jan. 8.



From left to right: OFB District 5 Director Larry Boggs, OFB President Mike Spradling and OFB District 7 Director Roland Pederson review AFBF policy and listen to resolutions during the delegate session at the 93rd AFBF Annual Meeting.



Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Committee Chairman Kitty Beavers accepts an Outstanding Women's Leadership Program award from American Farm Bureau Federation President Bob Stallman and AFBF Women's Leadership Committee Chair Terry Gilbert (far left). The OFB women's leadership efforts were recognized during a luncheon at the AFBF Annual Meeting.

The American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors approved the organization's priority issues for 2012, following a delegate session at the 93rd Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 8-11.

A total of 370 Farm Bureau delegates from across the country and all sectors of the agriculture industry met earlier in the week to discuss the 2012 farm bill and develop a priority agenda. The AFBF Board of Directors then approved the priority issues on Jan. 11. Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Mike Spradling said the new list of adopted policies addresses the concerns of farmers and ranchers in Oklahoma and beyond.

"The basic philosophy of Farm Bureau's farm bill policy is still intact and is still intended to serve as a safety net for farmers," he said.

Due to federal budget constraints, Spradling said AFBF opposed the idea of direct payments for farmers and also took action to remove the Systemic Risk Reduction Program title from its farm bill proposal.

"What we're looking at is the broader picture now," Spradling said. "Even without the SRRP title, we still have all of those integral pieces of the program we feel are important to farmers and ranchers."

While attending the AFBF Annual Meeting, Spradling was appointed to the 2012 Trade Advisory Committee. He said the farm bill received the most floor time during the delegate session and he was pleased with the outcome of AFBF's final proposal.

"It keeps farmers in business when times are tough and it's a safety net for consumers," he said. The proposal ensures we have a good high-quality, high-quantity food supply for our country and the world."

AFBF supports the idea of writing the new farm bill as soon as possible. Its list of priority issues includes the 2012 farm bill, agriculture labor, immigration reform, youth employment regulations, definition of waters of the U.S., estate taxes and capital gains extension, NPDES pesticide permits, preserving antibiotics access, regulatory reform, rural school funding and Russia WTO accession.

Farmers can visit www.hearonthefarm.org to enroll in the hearing study sponsored by the American Farm Bureau Federation.



Hearing study seeks farmer participation

Farmers across the country now have the opportunity to take part in a research study geared toward preventing hearing loss on the farm. The goal of the HEAR on the Farm study is to reduce noise-induced hearing loss among farmers by increasing their use of hearing protection devices. The project is a collaboration between the American Farm Bureau Federation and researchers at the University of Michigan, with funding provided by the National Institutes of Health.

The study's website, www.hearonthefarm.org, offers information about hearing protection devices, how they work and how to overcome barriers when using them. The website also demonstrates common farm noises and explains how they can be damaging to your ears, in addition to tips on how noise-induced hearing loss can be prevented. The ways in which to present hearing protection tips to farmers are being tested with an overall goal of improving future farm safety programs.

To learn more about the study or enroll as a participant, visit www.hearonthefarm.org and use the access code "saveears." Volunteers can receive up to \$40 for participating while also earning money for their local Farm Bureau safety programs.

DOL agrees to reconsider exemption in child labor rule

The Labor Department's Feb. 3, announcement to reconsider the "parental exemption" regulations in its proposed child labor rule is good news for Oklahoma farm families, according to Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Mike Spradling.

"I'm really thankful the DOL is taking into account our comments to take another look at their proposal," Spradling said.

The DOL received thousands of complaints from the agriculture industry after it announced plans last fall to propose strict, new child labor guidelines on the farm. In early February, the agency agreed to allow more time to reconsider the parental exemption and hear additional comments from the public.

"Farm Bureau members have made it clear the DOL proposal was wrong and we're glad the DOL listened to our concerns," Spradling said.

The Sand Springs rancher said the proposal could have impacted agriculture's future.

"If we are to prosper in the future, we need the younger generation to understand agriculture production, and having these young people work on the farm fosters that



Jackson County Farm Bureau's T.J. Beach and his son Derek work together on their family farm. The fate of child labor regulations on the farm remains unclear.

appreciation needed for them to pursue an agricultural career," Spradling said.

The U.S. Department of Labor has not made a final ruling on the issue but will continue to review public comments regarding the proposed rules. The current proposal would fundamentally alter and narrow the application of the parental exemption by preventing any family-owned corporation, LLC, or partnership from qualifying for the exemption.

To learn more about this proposed rule, leave a public comment or ask your senator to join the campaign to keep families farming, visit www.keepfamiliesfarming.com.

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Oklahoma food entrepreneurs set a blaze to the salsa market with fresh, natural ingredients

One bite and you will be hooked," said the owners of Towhead Products, LLC, Kirk and Christy Kuhlman.

The couple's fresh, all natural and oh-so delicious Towhead Salsa captivates one's senses and spices up the palate.

"Towhead Salsa is one of the few commercially made, all natural/no preservative salsas available," Kirk said.

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau members use tomatoes, onions, peppers, garlic, salt, black pepper, vinegar and pectin to make their salsa. With four varieties of "hot," Towhead Salsa offers flavors for all tolerance levels.

"We have a mild, medium, hot and habanera salsa," Kirk said. "Our medium and hot are a little warmer than the standard medium and hot but all four levels have a fresh, flavorful taste without the strong tomato paste flavor."

In business since 2010, the mission of the Tuttle, Okla., company is simple.

"We want to provide the best products and service to our customers at the lowest prices possible," Christy said. "We take great pride in our company, our commitment to customer service and in the products we sell."

The spicy inspiration for a salsa company came from Kirk's family and childhood experiences.

"I grew up around a family of gardeners, from my parents and grandparents to my great aunt," Kirk said. "I watched them work their gardens summer after summer and saw the reward from their hard work, the freshest vegetables that couldn't be bought at the neighborhood grocery store."

Kirk's childhood love for gardening grew with age. Christy suggested he express his passion for gardening and fresh products by marketing the salsa he has made recreationally for 15 years.

"My grandparents would make their salsa from the extra tomatoes and peppers that came from the garden," Kirk said. "When I had a garden of my own, I decided to make a version of my grandparents' salsa. I started

canning and freezing leftover vegetables to enjoy throughout the year."

In October 2010, the Kuhlman's advanced their salsa production when they attended Basic Training conducted by Oklahoma State University's Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center. The workshop offers training for food business entrepreneurs who want to learn more about business planning assistance, market identification, strategies and food processing regulations.

"More than 975 participants have graduated from Basic Training and more than 100 new companies have been started," said Erin Johnson, FAPC business and marketing client coordinator and lead investigator on the Towhead Products account. "We were thrilled to have Kirk and Christy seek assistance at our workshop geared toward food business entrepreneurs like Towhead."

Later that month, Towhead's salsa line was unveiled.

"After countless pounds of produce and hours in the kitchen, the salsa recipe was perfected," Kirk said. "We wanted to make the salsa ourselves from start to finish ensuring that the freshest vegetables were being used to produce the most flavorful, authentic and highest quality salsa on the market."

Johnson said the salsa product is unique in that it contains fresh ingredients that are shelf-stable.

"Since inception, Towhead has been passionate about making salsa from fresh not cooked tomatoes," Johnson said. "Their desires have always been to produce a shelf-stable salsa product from fresh production ingredients."

In addition to marketing tasty salsa, the Kuhlman's also take pride in helping stimulate their local economy.

"It has always been our passion to support and engage in local commerce," Christy said. "We believe in buying local, selling local and bettering the Oklahoma economy."

As members of the Made in Oklahoma Coalition, they purchase ingredients for their salsa concoction fresh from Vineyard Fruit and Vegetables and Franks Tomato House while using the Earth Elements' kitchen, all Oklahoma City companies.

The Basic Training graduates have utilized the professional services, staff and facilities at the FAPC.

"Towhead has traveled to the FAPC on several occasions for the scale-up process," Johnson said.

Through each phase of business development, Towhead Products has received support from the FAPC.

"The FAPC has been a tremendous asset to our business," Kirk said. "When we experienced issues of raw product supply shortage, the folks at the FAPC were quick to help us find a resolution, which prevented us from losing money or experiencing production



Christy (left) and Kirk Kuhlman of Towhead Salsas perfect their recipe at the Oklahoma State University Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center in Stillwater.

The Kuhlman's use only farm fresh ingredients in their four varieties of salsa, including tomatoes, onions, peppers and garlic.

downtime. The FAPC continues to work with us to help us grow.”

The salsa gurus make appearances at various venues from farmer’s markets and craft festivals to local grocery stores and boutiques marketing their product. They also engage in social media efforts as part of their promotion strategy.

“We also push our products and share information about what show we are going to or new store locations where product is available on Facebook and Twitter,” Christy said. “For the most up-to-date information, like our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter.”

The full lineup of salsas can be found in stores throughout central and southern Oklahoma or online at www.towheadproducts.com.

“We distribute all the product ourselves mainly in central Oklahoma and south,” Christy said. “However, we are slowly making our way to stores in all parts of Oklahoma and have hopes of distributing the product throughout the United States.”

Since Towhead Products sought training and assistance from the FAPC in 2010, the company has experienced significant production growth and established strong brand recognition.

“Making great salsa is what we strive for,” Kirk said. “We believe once you try our salsa you will be hooked. We look forward to the future and success of Towhead Salsas.”

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Nowata County farmer wins corn yield contest

Despite the drought of last year, Nowata County Farm Bureau member Scotty Herriman is a state winner of the 2011 Corn Yield Contest, sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association. Herriman won first place in the No-Till/Strip Till Non-Irrigated division.

The South Coffeyville farmer said he saw a 50 percent reduction in the production of his corn fields last year, but his best field still produced higher yields than expected.

"I watched the weather disintegrate through the spring and summer and I really didn't think we were going to have any yields at all," Herriman said. "Come harvest time, this field actually produced some corn."

At 120 bushels to the acre in the no-till division, Herriman admits it was not a bounty crop but he was pleased with the yield, considering the circumstances of the year.

"My overall average across the board is nothing like that," he said. "This is very good ground right up along the river, so it's a little better than what I normally farm."

As a state winner of the corn yield contest, Herriman received a free trip to the Commodity Classic convention and trade show March 1-3, in Nashville.



Nowata County Farm Bureau member Scotty Herriman is a state winner of the 2011 National Corn Growers Association Corn Yield Contest. He farms near South Coffeyville, Okla.

GINGER THAI STIR-FRY SERVES 4

Ingredients:

- 1 pound Certified Angus Beef® top blade, shoulder center, or sirloin steak, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 2 cups green beans, tops pulled off, cut in half lengthwise and blanched
- 1/4 cup bamboo shoots, cut into thin strips
- 3 tablespoons fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped ginger
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon red pepper flakes
- 1 teaspoon chopped lemon grass
- Juice of 1/2 a lime
- 2 cups long grain rice, cooked.



Instructions:

1. Heat oil in wok or medium-size fry pan. When oil is hot, add beef and stir-fry 2 to 3 minutes. Remove beef from pan.
2. Add ginger, garlic, lemon grass, bamboo shoots, beans, red pepper flakes and fish sauce. Cook 3 to 4 minutes on high heat. Add beef.
3. Remove from heat and add lime juice. Serve over rice.

Nutritional Information: Calories: 402, Fat: 15 g, Saturated Fat: 4 g, Cholesterol: 76 mg, Carbohydrate: 38 g, Dietary Fiber: 3 g, Protein: 30 g, Sodium: 67 mg, Iron: 24% of Daily Value

AMELIA'S ITALIAN PORK PITA POCKETS

MAKES 8 SANDWICHES (4 SERVINGS)

Ingredients:

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tablespoon steak sauce
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 cup cheese crackers, finely crushed
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, divided

Instructions:

Heat oven to broil. Coat a large baking pan with cooking spray. Arrange pork chops and vegetables in a single layer on baking pan. In a small bowl, combine vinegar, oil, Italian seasoning, red pepper flakes and fennel seed. Brush mixture on both sides of pork. Broil 5 to 6 inches from heat for about 5-6 minutes, or until pork has internal temperature on a thermometer reads 145 degrees Fahrenheit, followed by a 3-minute rest time and vegetables are crisp-tender. Remove from oven; divide pork and vegetables among pita pocket breads. Add 1 slice of cheese to each sandwich.

***Serving suggestion:** Use different colored bell peppers for a festive look. Serve with salad and fresh sliced tomatoes.

Nutritional Information: Calories: 188 calories Protein: 21 grams, Fat: 6 grams, Sodium: 280 milligrams, Cholesterol: 75 milligrams Saturated Fat: 2 grams, Carbohydrates: 21 grams



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