In July of this year, the dairy farm owned by the Mike Roscop family north of Beaver City/south of Arapahoe was purchased by McCarty Family Farms of Kansas. Since then, the dairy has been trying hard to make their impact on the community a positive one.

The McCarty family currently owns many dairies in Scott City, Rexford, Bird City, and have expanded recently to Colby, KS, and Arapahoe. The McCarty family had a tradition of owning dairy farms in Pennsylvania since 1914. In the 1990s, the four McCarty brothers: Mark, Ken, Clay, and David decided that they would move the entire family to Kansas to expand their dairy tradition. They started with 200 head of cattle and built on that. Currently, all four brothers manage dairies.

On a local level, daily operations are left to David Williams, the manager for the Arapahoe area dairy. Williams is fresh out of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a Bachelor in Animal Science with a concentration in Biology. He completed a 10-month internship for Lone Creek in Broken Bow before joining the McCarty farms. Williams is originally from northern Illinois and grew up on a 400-cow dairy.

The dairy was purchased in June; Williams said they spent two weeks doing repairs to the milking parlor to get the operation ready for new cows.

Cow comfort is very important. Pens have temperature-controlled sprinklers that keep the cows cool during the.....to read the rest of this story and so much more, subscribe to the Arapahoe Pubic Mirror by calling 962-7261.