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Jerry Clevinger (left), John Moore and Ann Miner looked at clues Saturday during the annual Murder Mystery sponsored by the Friends of Pioneer Memorial Library. Clevinger, who is a consultant for the Wellness Center project at Colby Community College, said it was a great way to have dinner and enjoy a fun activity. About 80 people attended, which was a larger group than last year, librarian Jeff Friesen said.

USDA states latest test of BSE was inconclusive

By Chief Veterinary Medical Officer John Clifford Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
 "Friday night we received an inconclusive test result on a rapid BSE test from an animal sampled as part of our enhanced BSE surveillance program.

USDA is conducting further tests at the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa, using an immunohistochemistry test.

In addition, USDA's Agricultural Research Service, will also conduct a Western blot test. The results of those tests will be released as soon as they have all been completed, within the next four to seven days."

This inconclusive result does not mean we have found a new case of

BSE. Inconclusive results are a normal component of most screening tests, which are designed to be extremely sensitive so they will detect any sample that could possibly be positive. In addition, this animal did not enter the human food chain nor the animal feed chain."

I want to emphasize that human and animal health in the United States are protected by a system of interlocking safeguards and that we remain very confident in the safety of U.S. beef.

The most important of these safeguards is the ban on specified risk materials from the food supply and the Food and Drug Administration's feed ban. And by any measure, the incidence of BSE in this country is extremely low.

Our enhanced surveillance program is designed to provide information about the level of prevalence of BSE in the United States, while these interlocking safeguards continue to protect our food supply."

We are extremely gratified that since June 2004, all sectors of the cattle industry have cooperated in this program by submitting samples from more than 640,000 animals from the highest risk populations and more than 20,000 from clinically normal, older animals, as part of our enhanced BSE surveillance program.

To date, only one of these highest risk animals has tested positive for the disease as part of the surveillance program."

Tobacco growers are quitting

HAHIRA, Ga. (AP) — Tobacco farmers are becoming a rarity in these parts. About 60 percent of Georgia's 1,000 tobacco growers have called it quits since the \$10 billion federal tobacco buyout of 2004, and nearly half have done the same in the all Southeastern states that produce flue-cured tobacco.

"We're trying to hang in there," said Fred Wetherington, who grows 600 acres in south Georgia and sells his leaf directly to tobacco company Philip Morris USA. "Our attitude is to take it easy for the next few years, not make any long-term commitments and see what our margins are."

Before the buyout, about 15,000 farmers grew flue-cured tobacco in five states — Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida — but since then, between 6,000 to 7,500 have stopped, said Arnold Hamm, general manager of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative of Raleigh, N.C.

Some were older farmers who used their buyout cash to transition into retirement, Hamm said. The buyout ended 70 years of government subsidies on a crop that had been a mainstay of Southern agriculture for 400 years, starting with the Jamestown Colony in Virginia — a venture that would not have survived without profits from the golden leaf.

Even the Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative has had to reinvent itself. The co-op used to manage the federal tobacco program, but now buys tobacco from farmers, processes it at a plant at Timberlake, N.C., and sells it to customers.

The production of flue-cured tobacco, one of Georgia's top cash crops since the 1930s, has been declining throughout the Southeast for years because of reduced cigarette consumption and stiffer foreign competition.

Georgia had about 2,000 growers a decade ago, 1,000 before the buyout and 500 last year, said J. Michael Moore, the University of Georgia's tobacco specialist. Disappointing prices, an outbreak of tomato spotted wilt virus, and more than 35 inches of excess rainfall that drowned fields last year persuaded another 100 growers to call it quits — leaving the state with about 400 growers, Moore said.

Spotted wilt has become a chronic problem in south Georgia, creating an advantage for states further north, such as North Carolina, where it is less severe. Under the old tobacco program, the government set production limits but also provided price guarantees when farmers sold the crop. That system served farmers well until smokers began kicking the habit. In response to reduced demand and shrinking exports, agriculture officials cut tobacco production by more than half between 1998 and 2004. That greatly reduced farmers' earning potential and left them with excess equipment.

Under the new system, most of the leaf is grown under contract

with tobacco companies. The companies specify the quantity they need and the price they'll pay.

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| WEEKDAYS | | MARCH 14 - MARCH 20 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | 6 AM | 6:30 | 7 AM | 7:30 | 8 AM | 8:30 | 9 AM | 9:30 | 10 AM | 10:30 | 11 AM | 11:30 | |
| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | Good Morning Kansas | Good Morning America | | | | | Martha | The View | | Millionaire | News | | |
| KSNK/NBC (3) (8) | News Cont'd | Today | | | | | | Live With Regis and Kelly | | Paid Program | Paid Program | | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | News Cont'd | News | | The Early Show | | The 700 Club | | The Price Is Right | | The Young and the Restless | | | |
| K15CG (2) | BBC World | Body Electric | Caillou | Mister Rogers | Beren Bears | Cliff Pup | Big Big World | Dragon Tales | Sesame Street | Teletubies | Barney-Friends | | |
| ESPN (28) | SportsCenter | SportsCenter | Varied | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | | SportsCenter | Varied Programs | | | | |
| USA (37) | Walker, Texas Ranger | JAG | | | The District | | Nash Bridges | | Nash Bridges | | Movie | Varied | |
| TBS (38) | Saved by Bell | Saved by Bell | Saved by Bell | Saved by Bell | Dawson's Creek | | Movie | | | | | Becker | Becker |
| WGN (39) | Changing | Believer Voice | Happy Days | Happy Days | Hillbillies | Hillbillies | Rockford Files | | Matlock | | Magnum, P.I. | | |
| TNT (40) | Angel | Charmed | | | Charmed | | ER | | ER | | Judging Amy | | |
| DSC (42) | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | Paid Program | American Chopper | | American Chopper | | Varied Programs | | | | |
| A&E (47) | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | City Confidential | | American Justice | | |
| HIST (48) | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICK (55) | Oddparents | Oddparents | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Dora the Explorer | Go Diego | Blue's Clues | Backyardigans | Dora the Explorer | Wonder Pets | LazyTown | Miss Spider | |
| DISN (56) | Breakfast Bear | Higglytown | Einstein | Doodlebops | JoJo's Circus | Charlie & Lola | The Wiggles | Koala Brothers | Rolie Polie | Doodlebops | Charlie & Lola | Rolie Polie | |
| FAM (58) | Kong-Series | Spider-Man | Power Rangers | Power Rangers | The 700 Club | | Living the Life | | Gilmore Girls | | Step by Step | Full House | |
| HALL (60) | New Morning | The Waltons | | | The Waltons | | Little House on the Prairie | | Little House on the Prairie | | Diagnosis Murder | | |

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| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | All My Children | One Life to Live | | General Hospital | | | Judge-Brown | Judge-Brown | Judge Judy | Judge Judy | News | ABC Wild News |
| KSNK/NBC (3) (8) | News | Inside Edition | Days of our Lives | | Passions | | The Ellen DeGeneres Show | | The Insider | Jeopardy! | News | NBC News |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | News | Bold, Beautiful | World Trn | Varied | Guiding Light | | Dr. Phil | | Oprah Winfrey | | News | CBS News |
| K15CG (2) | Reading Rainbow | Lions | Varied Programs | | | Clifford-Red | Cyber-chase | Arthur | Maya & Miguel | Post-cards | Zoom | Business |
| ESPN (28) | MLB Baseball | Varied Programs | | | | 1st and 10 | | Rome-Burning | Around the Horn | | Interruption | SportsCenter |
| USA (37) | Movie Cont'd | Movie | | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent |
| TBS (38) | Cosby Show | Cosby Show | Steve Harvey | Steve Harvey | Drew Carey | Drew Carey | Yes, Dear | Yes, Dear | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | Seinfeld | Seinfeld |
| WGN (39) | News | Magnum, P.I. | | Da Vinci's Inquest | | Cosby Show | Cosby Show | Moesha | Moesha | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | |
| TNT (40) | Judging Amy | NYPD Blue | | Law & Order | | Law & Order | | Charmed | | Charmed | | |
| DSC (42) | Varied Programs | The New Detectives | | The FBI Files | | The FBI Files | | It Takes a Thief | | Cash Cab | Cash Cab | |
| A&E (47) | Cold Case Files | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | American Justice |
| HIST (48) | Modern Marvels | Varied Programs | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICK (55) | Dora the Explorer | Go Diego | SpongeBob | SpongeBob | Jimmy Neutron | Jimmy Neutron | Oddparents | Oddparents | SpongeBob | Drake & Josh | Ned's School | Danny Phantom |
| DISN (56) | Higglytown | JoJo's Circus | Lilo & Stitch | Whiskers | Varied Programs | | | | | | | |
| FAM (58) | Family Matters | Family Matters | Boy Mts. World | Boy Mts. World | Full House | Full House | Grounded-Life | Grounded-Life | Gilmore Girls | | 7th Heaven | |
| HALL (60) | Matlock | Matlock | | | Little House on the Prairie | | Little House on the Prairie | | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H | M*A*S*H |

| TUESDAY | | MARCH 14 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | News (CC) | Ent. Tonight | Accord- ing-Jim | Accord- ing-Jim | Daughters | Daughters | Boston Legal: Slick It (N) (CC) | News (CC) | Nightline (N) (CC) | Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC) | | | |
| KSNK/NBC (3) (8) | News | Wheel of Fortune | Joey (N) (CC) | Joey (CC) | Scrubs (N) (CC) | Scrubs (CC) | Law & Order: SVU | News (CC) | The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC) | Late Night | | | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | News (CC) | Storm Team | NCIS Bait (N) (CC) | | The Unit Stress (N) (CC) | | The Amazing Race 9 (N) (CC) | | News (CC) | Late Show With David Letterman | Late Late | | |
| K15CG (2) | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | Ricky Nelson Sings! (CC) | Suze Orman: For the Young, Fabulous and Broke (CC) | | | Financial advice. (CC) | | Hard- ware | Charlie Rose (N) (CC) | | | | |
| ESPN (28) | NCAA Special | College Basketball: Opening-Round Game -- Teams TBA. (CC) | Basketball: NCAA Tournament Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC) | | | | College Basketball: NIT Tournament First Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC) | | SportsCenter (Live) (CC) | Game- night | | | |
| USA (37) | Law & Order: SVU | Movie: Bruce Almighty **½ (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey. (CC) | Nashville Star Guest judges Big & Rich. (N) (CC) | | | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | Law/Ord SVU | | | | |
| TBS (38) | Ray- mond | Ray- mond | Friends (CC) | Friends (CC) | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Seinfeld (CC) | Seinfeld (CC) | Movie: Angels in the Outfield **½ (1994, Fantasy) Danny Glover. (CC) | | | | |
| WGN (39) | America's Funniest Home Videos (CC) | Da Vinci's Inquest (CC) | Da Vinci's Inquest (CC) | | WGN News at Nine (CC) | | Sex and the City | Becker (CC) | America's Funniest Home Videos (CC) | | | | |
| TNT (40) | Law & Order: The Sixth Man | Law & Order Fixed (CC) (DVS) | Law & Order Girl Most Likely | | The Closer Fatal Attraction (CC) | | Cold Case Look Again (CC) | The X-Files Agua Mala (CC) | | | | | |
| DSC (42) | Dirty Jobs Mushroom farming. | MythBusters (CC) | | Dirty Jobs Plumber Plumbing. (N) | | Stunt Junkies | | Stunt Junkies | | Deadliest Catch The Clock's Ticking | | MythBusters (CC) | |
| A&E (47) | Cold Case Files (CC) | Bullied to Death (CC) | | Bounty Hunter | | Bounty Hunter | | Airlife (CC) | | Airlife (CC) | | Crossing Jordan Embraceable You | Bullied to Death (CC) |
| HIST (48) | Modern Marvels Edison Tech (CC) | An Alien History of Planet Earth (N) (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICK (55) | Oddparents | Jimmy Neutron | SpongeBob | Grown Up | Full House | Hi-Jinks (N) (CC) | Rose- anne | Rose- anne | Rose- anne | Cosby Show | Fresh Prince | Fresh Prince | |
| DISN (56) | Phil of Future | That's-Raven | Movie: Air Bud **½ (1997) A lonely boy discovers a dog with a nose for basketball. | | | | | | | | | | |
| FAM (58) | Smallville Sacred (CC) | Movie: The Cutting Edge 2: Going for the Gold (2006) Christy Carlson Romano. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HALL (60) | Walker, Texas Ranger (CC) | Walker, Texas Ranger Branded | Movie: Pale Rider *** (1985) Gold prospectors are harassed by a corrupt power baron. Clint Eastwood. | | | | M*A*S*H (CC) | M*A*S*H (CC) | M*A*S*H (CC) | M*A*S*H (CC) | | | |

| WEDNESDAY | | MARCH 15 | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| KLBY/ABC (4) (6) | News (CC) | Ent. Tonight | George Lopez | Freddie (N) (CC) | Lost House of the Rising Sun (CC) | | Invasion The Key (N) (CC) | | News (CC) | Nightline (CC) | Jimmy Kimmel Live (N) (CC) | | |
| KSNK/NBC (3) (8) | News | Wheel of Fortune | The Biggest Loser: Special Edition (N) | | Law & Order New York Minute (CC) | | Law & Order Life Line (CC) | | News (CC) | The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (CC) | Late Night | | |
| KBSL/CBS (12) (11) | News (CC) | Friends (CC) | Survivor: Panama -- Exile Island (ITV) | | Criminal Minds What Fresh Hell? | | CSI: NY Jamalot (CC) | | News (CC) | Late Show With David Letterman | Late Late | | |
| K15CG (2) | The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) | Johnny Cash Prison Concert | As Time Goes By Reunion Special (CC) | | | | | | | | | | |
| ESPN (28) | College Basketball: Round -- Teams TBA. (Live) (CC) | NIT Tournament First Round (CC) | NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix Suns. US Airways Center. (Live) (CC) | | | | SportsCenter (Live) (CC) | | | | | | |
| USA (37) | Law & Order: SVU | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | Law & Order: Criminal Intent | | Conviction Denial (CC) | | Law & Order: SVU (CC) | | |
| TBS (38) | Ray- mond | Ray- mond | Ray- mond | Ray- mond | Ray- mond | Ray- mond | Sex and the City | Sex and the City | Movie: Blast From the Past ** (1999, Comedy) Brendan Fraser. (CC) (DVS) | | | | |
| WGN (39) | America's Funniest Home Videos (CC) | Becker (CC) | Becker (CC) | Home Improve. | Home Improve. | WGN News at Nine (CC) | | Sex and the City | Becker (CC) | America's Funniest Home Videos (CC) | | | |
| TNT (40) | Law & Order Deep Vote (CC) (DVS) | Law & Order Smoke (CC) (DVS) | Law & Order Hands Free (CC) (DVS) | | Movie: Blade II (2002) A vampire hunter unites with his prey against a new threat. | | Movie: Blade ** (1998) (CC) (DVS) | | Everything You Need to Know | | | | |
| DSC (42) | Extreme Engineering (CC) | Everything You Need to Know | MythBusters Helium-filled raft. (N) | | Inked The tattoo craze. (CC) | | Spying on Self | | Spying on Self | | Crossing Jordan Forget Me Not (CC) | | Bounty Hunter |
| A&E (47) | Cold Case Files (CC) | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | | Inked The tattoo craze. (CC) | | Spying on Self | | Spying on Self | | Crossing Jordan Forget Me Not (CC) | | Bounty Hunter |
| HIST (48) | Modern Marvels | Modern Marvels Snackfood Tech | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NICK (55) | Oddparents | Jimmy Neutron | SpongeBob | Grown Up | Full House | Fresh Prince | Rose- anne | Rose- anne | Rose- anne | Cosby Show | Fresh Prince | Fresh Prince | |
| DISN (56) | Phil of Future | That's-Raven | Movie: Tarzan *** (1999) Animated. A man raised by apes meets other humans. | | | | | | | | | | |
| FAM (58) | Smallville Lucy (CC) | Movie: Under the Tuscan Sun *** (2003, Romance) Diane Lane. (CC) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| HALL (60) | Walker, Texas Ranger Silk Dreams | Walker, Texas Ranger Mustangs | Movie: A Fistful of Dollars *** (1964, Western) The mysterious "Man With No Name" enters a border war. | | | | M*A*S*H (CC) | M*A*S*H (CC) | M*A*S*H (CC) | M*A*S*H (CC) | | | |

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