



# SUNFLOWER SPOTLIGHT

## USD 254 Barber County North

Karla Capansky, Food Service Director, USD 254, Barber County North, is excited to share that a dream of hers has come true. Karla has wished for a school garden for some time and thanks to the efforts of Michael Stull, Ag Instructor, there is now a community garden on school property for the first time. FFA students and community members worked to create the garden on the High School property. After many planning sessions and donations from local businesses and individuals the garden was planted on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Cucumbers, tomatoes, peppers, okra, zucchini, eggplant, squash, radishes, broccoli and green beans were planted and harvested. The produce was incorporated into SFSP menus and then split between helpers. The Barber County Extension Agent helped educate children about the produce grown in the garden. Plans are underway to incorporate school garden produce into school meals. The school garden has been such a success and Karla would like to expand the growing season of the school garden by purchasing a Hoop House in order to increase the availability of fresh, local produce to use in school menus.