

Richard Newberry named interim insurance executive

Richard Newberry has been named interim General Manager and Executive Vice President of Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies. The appointment was made July 9 following the retirement of Darryl Sinclair.



“Richard is an excellent leader and insurance professional,” said Monica Wilke, Executive Director/General Counsel for Oklahoma Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies. “His skills will help us continue moving our company forward.”

Newberry brings a wealth of insurance experience to the position. He started his career with the company in 1993 as an adjuster in the Tulsa District Claims office. He has steadily been promoted to a number of important managerial positions including Central District Claims Manager, Associate Claims Manager and in 2005 was named Vice President of Claims.

He has completed numerous insurance related courses including
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The OKAgFund Board of Directors held a meeting July 9 to discuss 2010 political candidates.



OFB HIGHLIGHTS LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

By Lori Kromer Peterson, OFB Vice President of Public Policy

The 2010 OKAgFund Board of Directors met for the first time on July 9. These board members represent each Oklahoma Farm Bureau district and the input from those respective counties regarding OKAgFund support for candidates seeking political office in Oklahoma.

OKAgFund Board members are Wesley Crain, Woodward County, representing District 1; Danny Robbins, Jackson County, representing District 2; Wayne Taggart, Caddo County, representing District 3; Jimmy Wayne Kinder, Cotton County, representing District 4; Gary Crawley, Pittsburgh County, representing District 5; James Fuser Ottawa County, representing District 6; Ryan Pjesky, Alfalfa County, representing District 7; Jack Sherry, Hughes County, representing District 8; and Wayne Herriman, Tulsa County, representing District 9.

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FARM BUREAU WOMEN – Using fun props such as hats and clown noses, state FBW Chair Clara Wichert, right, showed Farm Bureau Women how to laugh through life's obstacles during a summer conference session appropriately titled “Laughter.” From left, are Major County FBW Lucy Ulrich, Sue Tuxhorn, Margaret Walenta, Jane Eitzen and Wichert.

Approximately 60 farm women from across the state attended the two-day conference at the Quartz Mountain State Lodge July 12-13. See more photos on page 3.

MEMBER BENEFITS

• **Air Evac Lifeteam** – Offers members a reduced annual fee for emergency air service. Applications available at county offices.

• **Dodge Rebate** – Dodge offers a \$500 rebate to OFB members on many of its vehicles. You must be an OFB member for 30 days to be eligible.

OFB will highlight a few benefits in each issue of *Perspective* as a reminder of the savings available to OFB members. Find a complete list of savings online at www.okfarmbureau.org.

OFB CALENDAR

OSU Big 3 Field Days

July 20-22 • Stillwater, OK
Contact: Marcia Irvin, 405-523-2405

YF&R Summer Conference

July 23-25 • Shawnee, OK
Contact: Marcia Irvin, 405-523-2405

August Area Meetings – Districts 2, 7

August 9 • Altus, Enid
Contact: Thad Doye, 405-523-2307

Cotton County Farm Bureau aides volunteer fire departments



DONATIONS – The Cotton County Farm Bureau Board of Directors recently presented \$500 donations to eight rural fire departments in Cotton, Comanche and Stephens counties. The fire chiefs plan to use the donations for equipment, gear and maintenance.

Pictured above, from left, are C.L. McClarty, Hastings Fire Department; Matt Tucker, Temple Fire Department; Jack Nicholson, Chattanooga Fire Department; Bill Baird, Randlett Fire Department; Jimmy Kinder, Cotton County Farm Bureau director; Scooter Park, Cotton County Farm Bureau director; Jimmy Wayne Kinder, Jr., Cotton County Farm Bureau president; Monty Powers, Walters Fire Department; and Aaron Latimer, Geronimo Fire Department. The Hulen and Devol Fire Departments also received donations, but were unable to attend the presentation.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online



Monitor the latest Farm Bureau and agricultural news and information online at www.okfarmbureau.org.

Currently online:

• **Legislative Scorecard** – A complete legislative scorecard from the 2010 Oklahoma Legislative Session, which includes the voting records of the entire state legislature on Oklahoma Farm Bureau-supported legislation is now available online. Seventy-six legislators have a 100 percent voting record with OFB.

• **August Area Meetings** – OFB is gearing up for policy development season. A list of August Area Meetings, which signal the beginning of the grassroots path to setting OFB policy, is now available.

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Trade Show space available

OFB is expanding the Trade Show during the 2010 OFB Annual Meeting in OKC. The dates and times for the OFB Trade Show are Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Nov. 20 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

A single booth space is \$200, or a double space is \$250. To reserve a space, contact Thad Doye at 405-523-2307 or Thad.Doye@okfb.org.

Newberry.....

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Property Insurance, Life and Health Insurance, Insurance Law, Essentials of Risk Management and Risk Financing. He also has the Associate in Claims (AIC) designation.

Newberry is a native of Mounds. He graduated high school in that Creek County Community and later earned a bachelor of business administration in insurance from the University of Central Oklahoma. He resides in Shawnee with wife Laura and two children.

OFB HIGHLIGHTS LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

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Oklahoma Farm Bureau members participate in the political process year-round through policy development, contacting their legislators and, of course, voting. Some important election dates for 2010 are as follows:

- Primary Election - July 27**
- Runoff Primary Election - August 24**
- General Election - November 2**

Oklahoma Farm Bureau's success in the legislative process is evident in many areas including the passage of important pro-agriculture legislation.

During the 2009-2010 Oklahoma Legislature, Oklahoma Farm Bureau was strongly supported by members of both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Those members receiving a 100 percent voting record from the Oklahoma Farm Bureau are listed in the box at right.

The complete scorecard, including the voting records of the entire legislature on Oklahoma Farm Bureau-supported legislation, may be found on the Oklahoma Farm Bureau website at www.okfarmbureau.org.



2010

Senators

Charles Wyrick
Sean Burrage
Richard Lerblance
Roger Ballenger
Earl Garrison
Joe Sweeden
Judy Eason McIntyre
Brian Bingman
Johnnie Crutchfield
David Myers
Mike Johnson

Ron Justice
Mike Mazzei
Tom Ivester
Bryce Marlatt
Harry Coates
John Ford
Glen Coffee
Don Barrington
Randy Bass
Tom Adelson
Randy Brogdon

Gary Stanislawski
Bill Brown
Dan Newberry
Mike Schulz
Brian Crain
Cliff Branan
Cliff Aldridge
Jim Reynolds
Steve Russell
Todd Lamb

Representatives

Tad Jones
Steve Martin
Earl Sears
Wade Rousselot
Jerry McPeak
George Faught
Ed Cannaday
Jerry Shoemake
Steve Kouplén
Todd Thomsen
Kris Steele
Shane Jett
Skye McNeil
Mark McCullough
Jason Murphey

Eddie Fields
Dale DeWitt
Mike Jackson
John Enns
Lisa Billy
Scott Martin
Leslie Osborn
Pat Ownbey
Sam Buck
Dennis Johnson
Corey Holland
Todd Russ
Harold Wright
Jeff Hickman
Mike Sanders

Percy Walker
Gus Blackwell
T.W. Shannon
Don Armes
Ann Coody
Chris Bengé
Fred Jordan
Ron Peters
Dan Kirby
Guy Liebmann
Jason Nelson
Lewis Moore
John Trebilcock
Mike Thompson

2010 FBW Summer Conference



RIGHT – Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Safety Division staff members gave a presentation on Sun Safety during the recent FBW Summer Conference at the Quartz Mountain State Lodge. From left, are Micah Martin, Dusty Applegate, Justin Grego and David Turner. Find more photos from the conference online at www.okfarmbureau.org.



LEFT – Dana Bessinger, Ag in the Classroom coordinator for western Oklahoma, held up a rag doll the group made to go along with a prairie lesson for the classroom during an AITC session.

Many Farm Bureau Women teach Ag in the Classroom lessons at their local schools on a regular basis. Learn more at www.clover.okstate.edu/fourh/aitc/.

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AUGUST AREA MEETINGS

Oklahoma Farm Bureau has announced the 2010 August Area Meeting lineup for each of the nine OFB Board Districts.

August Area Meetings signal the beginning of the grassroots path to setting OFB policy for the next year, so make plans to join us at this important meeting!

All meetings will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

The 2010 August Area Meetings are:

- **District 1** Area Meeting – Mon., Aug. 16 at Hunny's BBQ in Guymon; or Tues., Aug. 17 at the Northwest Inn in Woodward.
- **District 2** Area Meeting – Mon., Aug. 9 at the Western Technology Center in Hobart.
- **District 3** Area Meeting – Thursday, August 12 at the Canadian County Farm Bureau office in El Reno.
- **District 4** Area Meeting – Tues., Aug. 17 at Cattle Rustlers Restaurant in Ardmore; or Wed., Aug. 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Stephens County office in Duncan.
- **District 5** Area Meeting – Thursday, August 19 at the Expo Center in McAlester.
- **District 6** Area Meeting – Tues., Aug. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cowboy Junction in Vinita; or Tues., Aug. 10 at the Muskogee County office in Muskogee.
- **District 7** Area Meeting – Monday, August 9 at the Cherokee Strip Convention Center in Enid.
- **District 8** Area Meeting – Tuesday, August 10 at the Aldrige Hotel in Ada.
- **District 9** Area Meeting – Friday, August 13 at the Creek County Fairgrounds in Sapulpa.



FARM TOUR

TOP – Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole, left, listened to Jimmy Wayne Kinder explain his no-tillage farming methods. They stood in part of 900 acres of sesame planted by Kinder's family this year.

BOTTOM – Three generations of Kinders were represented as Jimmy Wayne Kinder of Walters spoke to reporters during a farm visit by Fourth District Congressman Tom Cole on July 7. Jimmy Wayne wanted Congressman Cole to understand the detrimental impact of recent EPA regulations requiring additional permits for chemical applicators. Cole told the group the federal government should not be an obstacle to growing food in this country.

