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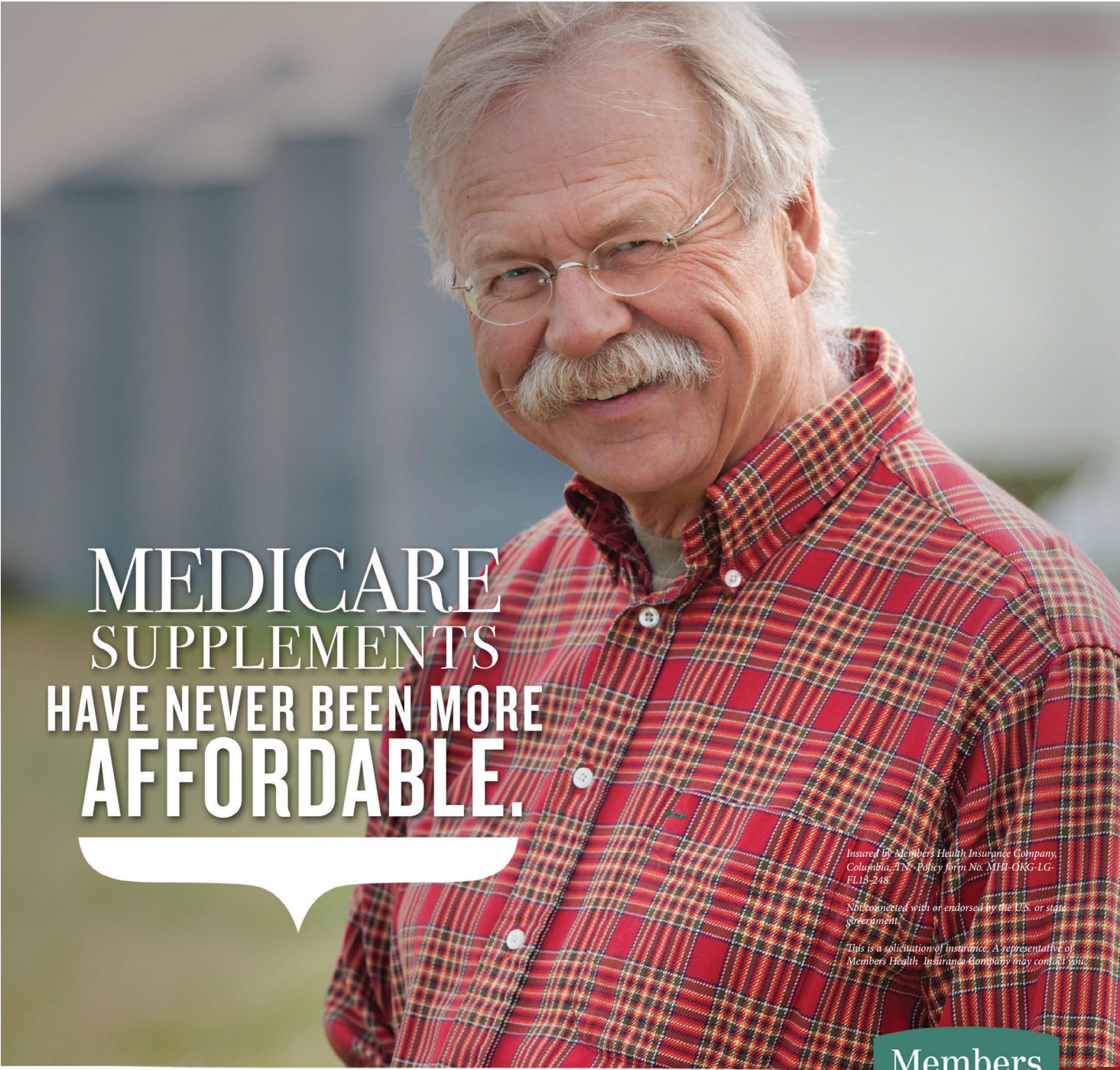
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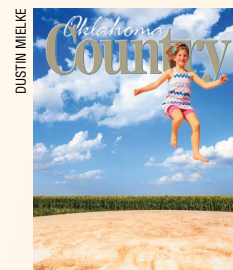
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One member family's Oklahoma Farm Bureau membership number is hidden somewhere in this issue of OKLAHOMA COUNTRY and could earn that member family \$50.

To claim the cash prize, the member family must find its own hidden membership number and contact Samantha Smith before the last day of the month, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (405) 523-2346.

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TOM BUCHANAN
President
Oklahoma Farm Bureau & Affiliated Companies

Grassroots policy-making remains the lifeblood of Oklahoma Farm Bureau

As I sit down to write this column in southwest Oklahoma, a light rain and cooler temperatures signal the first hint that fall is in the air. Fall means the true grassroots of Oklahoma Farm Bureau — the resolutions process — is kicking into gear.

As I accompanied your staff at Oklahoma Farm Bureau to the August Area Meetings across each district in the state, the initial part of the resolutions process was alive and well. All of us in Oklahoma Farm Bureau are interested in the upcoming state resolutions committee meeting to be held in late October. If your county is up in the resolutions cycle, make sure you have a representative assigned to be in Oklahoma City Oct. 21-22, 2014, for the state resolutions meeting. As you all know, that is the time when resolutions bubble to the top and are acted on by the committee before being presented to the voting member body as a whole at our state convention.

This policy development process is critical to Oklahoma Farm Bureau and its members as your needs and concerns become black and white in your policy book for the coming year. The policies you adopt become the marching orders of Oklahoma Farm Bureau in policy discussions at the state and national level.

August Area Meetings give your staff and myself a unique opportunity to see the state through the eyes of 77 counties. The area meetings brought record attendance in nearly every district with valuable discussion among members and staff. Those discussions at the district level many times plant the seed for proposed resolutions.

As you can imagine, there are some common themes brought up at each meeting: private property rights and your ability as an owner — in legal terms — to “enjoy that

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— Tom Buchanan

bundle of sticks,” taxation, mineral development, rural communities, Oklahoma’s water, Waters of the United States and other proposed rulings from the Environmental Protection Agency. However, several districts brought forth discussion on topics outside those listed here. For a full recap of the August Area Meetings, turn to page 28.

Being able to attend all the August Area Meetings, the wisdom and the process our Farm Bureau forefathers put in place for policy development became apparent to me. They knew to put into place procedures that ensure Oklahoma Farm Bureau policy is representative of the majority of voting members. It is our responsibility as members to be active in the process to ensure the grassroots of Oklahoma Farm Bureau endure into the future.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

Oklahoma Farm Bureau

To all county Farm Bureaus of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau: You are hereby notified that Oklahoma Farm Bureau will convene in annual session Friday, Nov. 14, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Tulsa. This is the annual meeting of the delegate body. See that your delegates are properly certified and in attendance to represent your membership. This meeting will continue until all business is transacted.

— Board of Directors

To all Oklahoma Farm Bureau members: You are hereby notified that Oklahoma Farm Bureau will convene for its annual meeting business/delegate session on Nov. 15, 2014, to discuss and vote upon a proposed Bylaw amendment to address the following resolution passed on the floor at the November 2013 Annual Meeting: “The OKFB Leadership Team — formerly OFB Women’s Committee — should change their name to coincide with the AFBF Women’s Leadership Committee to the OKFB Women’s Leadership Committee.”

— Board of Directors

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co.

Notice is hereby given of the annual meeting of the Policyholders of Oklahoma Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company to be held at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Tulsa on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2014, at 8:45 a.m. at which time a report of the activities of our company during the past fiscal year will be submitted together with a report of the financial position of the company; and at which time any and all other activities of the company may be presented and considered.

— Board of Directors



Oklahoma Beef Checkoff UPDATE

New Digital Advertising Campaign Off to a Strong Start

Millennials initiate more than 5 million online food-related searches each day. What a tremendous opportunity for the beef checkoff's consumer digital advertising campaign. And just 12 weeks into the new campaign, the results are impressive indeed!



The "Beef. It's What's For Dinner." website reached more than 1 million consumers during the first 12 weeks of the campaign; the five "no-recipe recipe" YouTube videos on the site were viewed 1.5 million times; and associated social-media sites hosted a total of 434,000 engagements (likes, comments, shares, re-tweets, and click-thrus to checkoff resources such as recipes). Oklahoma Beef Council dollars further amplified the impact driving more than 43,000 consumers to the "Beef. It's What's for Dinner" website and creating 10,000 new facebook fans in two months.

AG in the Classroom Tour Changes the Grade

The Oklahoma Beef Council (OBC) was a major underwriting sponsor of the Ag in the Classroom teacher's tours attended by more than 100 teachers. The tours, of which there were three, including one, three-day tour and two, one-day tours, stopped at ranches, livestock markets and a feedyard providing teachers with an up close and personal look at agriculture while connecting them with the lessons and resources aligned to the state standards. These tours are an excellent avenue for increased agriculture literacy within the educational community.



To assess the impact of the tour, a pre-and post-tour survey is completed to evaluate the impact of the program. For instance, pre-tour, 45% of teachers gave farmers and ranchers a C or D for the use of science-based production practices. Post-tour, 91% of teachers gave a grade of A and 9% a score of B. When asked pre-tour what grade they would give farmers and ranchers for cattle care, 30% of teachers gave a grade of C or D. Post-tour, 95% of teachers gave farmers and ranchers a score of A.

As a reminder, Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom is a program of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Oklahoma State Department of Education and the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service. The purpose of Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom is to help familiarize Oklahoma school children with Oklahoma's food and fiber industry by providing resources for Oklahoma teachers.

Beef, Saturated Fats and Heart Health

A new research study, funded by the Beef Checkoff and the National Institutes of Health-supported Penn State General Clinical Research Center, published in the June 19, 2014 issue of *Journal of Human Hypertension*, shows that a heart-healthy diet that includes lean beef can reduce risk factors for heart disease.

Myth: Saturated fat is bad for you.

Conventional Wisdom: Many researchers have now begun to reevaluate the role of saturated fats in heart disease. A review of more than 70 clinical studies raised questions about current guidelines related to fat intake, which generally restrict the consumption of saturated fats and encourage consumption of polyunsaturated fats to prevent heart disease.⁴

Furthermore, many people may be surprised to know that beef contributes 10 percent or less of saturated fat and total fat to the American diet.² And, about half the fatty acids found in beef are monounsaturated fatty acids³, the same kind found in olive oil and avocados. The recently published study in the *Journal of Human Hypertension* conducted at Penn State also shows that a dietary pattern rich in fruits, vegetables and low-fat dairy, that includes lean beef, even daily, can reduce risk factors for heart disease, including elevated cholesterol and blood pressure.¹

In a press release issued by Penn State, lead researcher Penny M. Kris-Etherton noted that "this research adds to the significant evidence, including work previously done in our lab, that supports lean beef's role in a heart-healthy diet. This study shows that nutrient-rich lean beef can be included as part of a heart-healthy diet that reduces blood pressure, which can help lower the risk for cardiovascular disease."

Farmers and Ranchers- Don't forget to sign up for the Oklahoma Beef Checkoff Update, a monthly e-newsletter providing the latest in checkoff information and news at
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MONICA WILKE
Executive Director
Oklahoma Farm Bureau & Affiliated Companies

A year of progress

The seasons are changing and fall is certainly a time of year many of us at Oklahoma Farm Bureau look forward to as we prepare for our annual meeting. With a new location at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Tulsa, we are looking forward to an exciting weekend full of education, fun and fellowship with members from across the state.

This year's theme is "Farming our Future," and I believe it is a solid indicator of what we at OKFB are striving to do. With deep roots planted in the history of Oklahoma agriculture, we will continue to advocate for our state's farmers and ranchers and protect the rural way of life. There is no doubt our organization has made significant strides in the past year, and I know our annual meeting will reflect that success.

The 2014 Oklahoma legislative session was a remarkable triumph for Oklahoma Farm Bureau members. This session proved to be a reminder that while passing good agricultural policy is a cornerstone of our organization, defending agriculture and rural Oklahoma from bad policy is of utmost importance. The defeat of HJR 1092 was just one example of that. This bill was highly debated on both sides, and I am proud to say our members and staff stepped up to the plate to communicate with lawmakers about the negative impact this bill would have on agriculture and rural Oklahomans. Thank you again for your efforts!

In addition to representing your interests at the state Capitol, we continue to look for ways to enhance your OKFB membership. With new member benefits ranging from discounts with Polaris and stackable bonus cash with GM, OKFB's Membership and Organization Division is working to make your membership work for you. The creation of our commodities department has also allowed us to focus more clearly on issues important to our members involved in production agriculture. With a department dedicated solely to the future success of Oklahoma commodities, we are better

able to serve our members who produce those valuable commodities across our state.

While I'm bragging on our Membership and Organization Division, I want to take a moment to brag on you — our members. Several counties across our great state have reached quota for this year. Therefore, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau quota show will be back for this year's convention. Throughout the last five years, our organization has added to surplus and is achieving profitable growth — just one more indicator of a bright future for OKFB.

As we move into the future, our means of communicating with our members is also changing. Our communications staff is working to keep you — our valued members — up to date in new and innovative ways. We hope you will continue to keep up with us on social media and listen to our weekly radio shows. In addition, *Oklahoma Country* will be getting a fresh, new look starting in January of 2015. We hope you take the time to watch, listen and read what we share with you.

As you can see, we have a lot going on at OKFB, and one of the best ways to stay connected is to attend our annual meeting. This year's program is full of informative, timely topics relevant to a wide range of ages and interests, and I think it is an event every member should experience. A preliminary schedule and list of weekend details are available beginning on page 22.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have been out in the field with you throughout this last year and visit with you face-to-face about your issues and concerns. It's been a great year at OKFB, and I am looking forward to building on the many successes we've experienced this year to make 2015 a year of even more progress! I encourage you to get involved in our grassroots process, and I look forward to seeing you in Tulsa in November.

Monica A. Wilke

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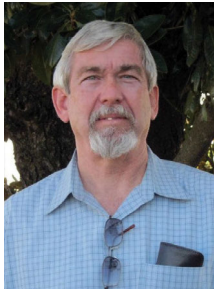


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Fall planting of ornamental trees

If you are thinking about adding trees to your yard, fall is a great time to be planting. You may have a certain tree in mind, but do a little research about the tree and alternate choices before purchasing.

There are a number of trees sold in Oklahoma that have few problems early in their life, but have numerous shortcomings as they grow older. Consider the soil and moisture needs of trees that interest you as well as cold and drought tolerance. Determine the mature size of the tree. Look to see if there are any power lines or other overhead obstacles to take into consideration. Read labels as you shop to make sure the plant can thrive in that location based on light needs and the soil type of your yard.

Fast-growing trees are often selected because they provide quick shade and color. Keep in mind faster-growing trees have weak wood. As these trees mature, they will often have broken limbs from Oklahoma's frequent high winds and ice storms. Moderate- and slow-growing trees will have stronger wood.

Another consideration is the purpose for the tree. Is the tree primarily for shade or color? Color could be in the form of spring blooms, attractive summer foliage or fall color. Planting a tree in the fall will give you a good idea of the color of the fall foliage. Keep in mind that moisture, temperature and overall health of the tree will play a big part in the fall leaf color.

Do you want a tree that has seeds? Trees may have small seeds that are not a problem, or they may be prolific seed producers that will make new seedlings across the yard, or they may have large seed pods that must be cleaned up every year. Some tree species have separate male and female plants. You

can choose the male, non-fruiting plant to eliminate the presence of seeds while maintaining the other attributes of the tree.

Bare-root and broadleaf evergreens, like Southern magnolia, are best planted in late winter or early spring, while trees in containers or balled and burlapped plants are best planted in the fall. After purchasing any plant, water it when you get it home. With bare-root plants, open the bag as soon as you get home and keep the roots moist until it can be planted. If you must delay planting, dig a shallow trench and cover the roots with soil or straw until the permanent planting is completed. When handling the plant, take care not to damage it.

Preparing the planting area is very important for a successful transplant. Many urban soils have

been compacted during construction or may contain debris from building. Loosen the soil in the hole and remove any debris. Dig the planting hole two to three times bigger than the root ball and no deeper than the root ball itself. For bare-root plants, you may want to make a mound in the center of the hole to rest the roots on. Crushed stone or rocks are not needed for drainage. As you backfill, be sure to place soil around the plant no higher than the soil line mark from the original planting. Press the soil around the roots, but do not stomp the soil. Water the planting and let it drain. Add any additional soil up to the planting line and water again. Do not pack the soil again. Fertilizers are not needed at the time of planting. In the first year, diluted fertilizer may be applied at mid-summer after growth is observed. Apply mulch around the tree or shrub to keep the soil from drying out

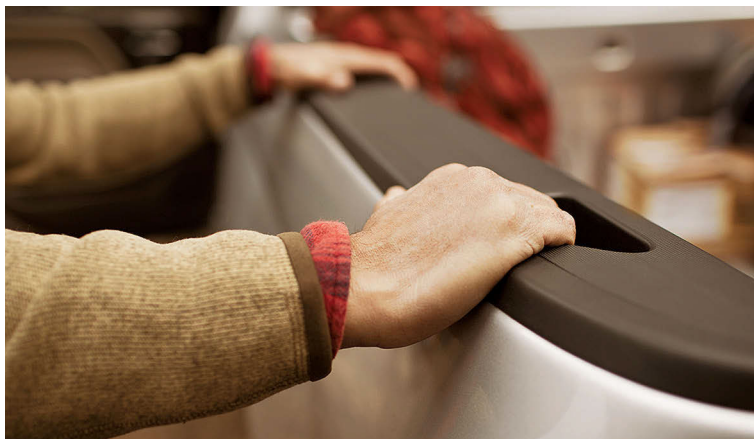
and to control weeds. Do not place the mulch up against the trunk. This will help prevent insects or disease from damaging the base of the tree.

For ornamental trees, do not prune the first year except to remove injured or diseased branches. Severe pruning of lower, young branches may cause sunscald. To prevent sunscald during the winter on thin-barked trees, you may apply a trunk wrapping. Remove the wrapping before summer. Some insects may use the wrapping as cover while they damage the tree.


Staking young trees should only be done sparingly and for short term. Allow the tree some room to move so that the tree will establish strong roots and trunk strength. Using soft webbing will prevent damage to the thin bark.

After planting the tree, don't forget to water it. If the tree does not receive moisture in the winter, a good deep weekly soaking is important. Moisture should reach 8 to 12 inches deep and go out to the area where you think the root system has extended. After the first year, the root system that supports the tree's needs extends well beyond the drip line of the tree and down to 24 inches deep.

Maintain this watering method through the year for several years when natural moisture is not present. A slow, deep watering is always better than frequent, shallow watering. By the second year, a tree should be fertilized with a balanced fertilizer at least each spring. Young trees require a quarter pound of actual nitrogen each year. Older trees require a pound of actual nitrogen each year.

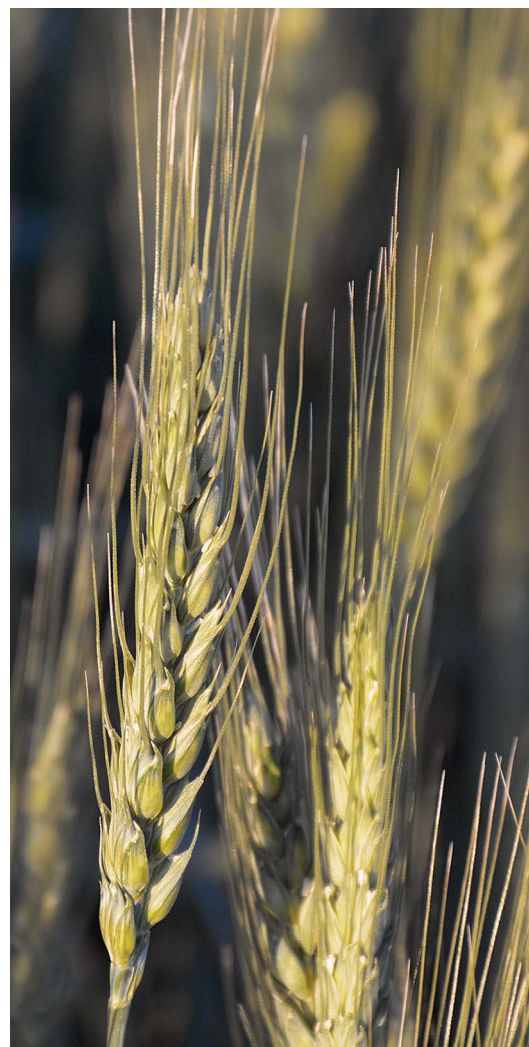


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A family in western Oklahoma
found success in agritourism and
continues to count their blessings –

one corn stalk at a time.

Story by Samantha Smith

Photos by Dustin Mielke



In an iconic red barn off Route 66 lives a story of family, faith and farming.

P Bar Farms claimed its stake in 1907 between Hydro and Weatherford for \$125, but the family practice is anything but conventional these days. What was once one of the oldest family farms in Oklahoma has developed into one of the most successful corn mazes in the state.

Loren Liebscher began working as a hired hand for P Bar Farms in 1981, shortly before marrying the owner's daughter Kim in 1982. After almost 20 years of conventional farming, Liebscher — frustrated with finances — found himself looking for a change.

"We were farming about 2,500 acres of wheat in the late '90s," he said. "We were a family farm that was completely without debt, but we were acquiring debt from losses from farming.

"I began to get frustrated with that, but when you're married to the family farm, you don't get to leave it," he said, laughing.

He began searching for new opportunities, asking God to help guide his decisions.

"I began praying to God that if I'm going to be tied to the family farm, I want something to make it fun," Liebscher said.

And then the sign he had been praying for appeared. Thumbing through a magazine, he came across an article about a man who built a corn maze in Nashville, Tennessee.

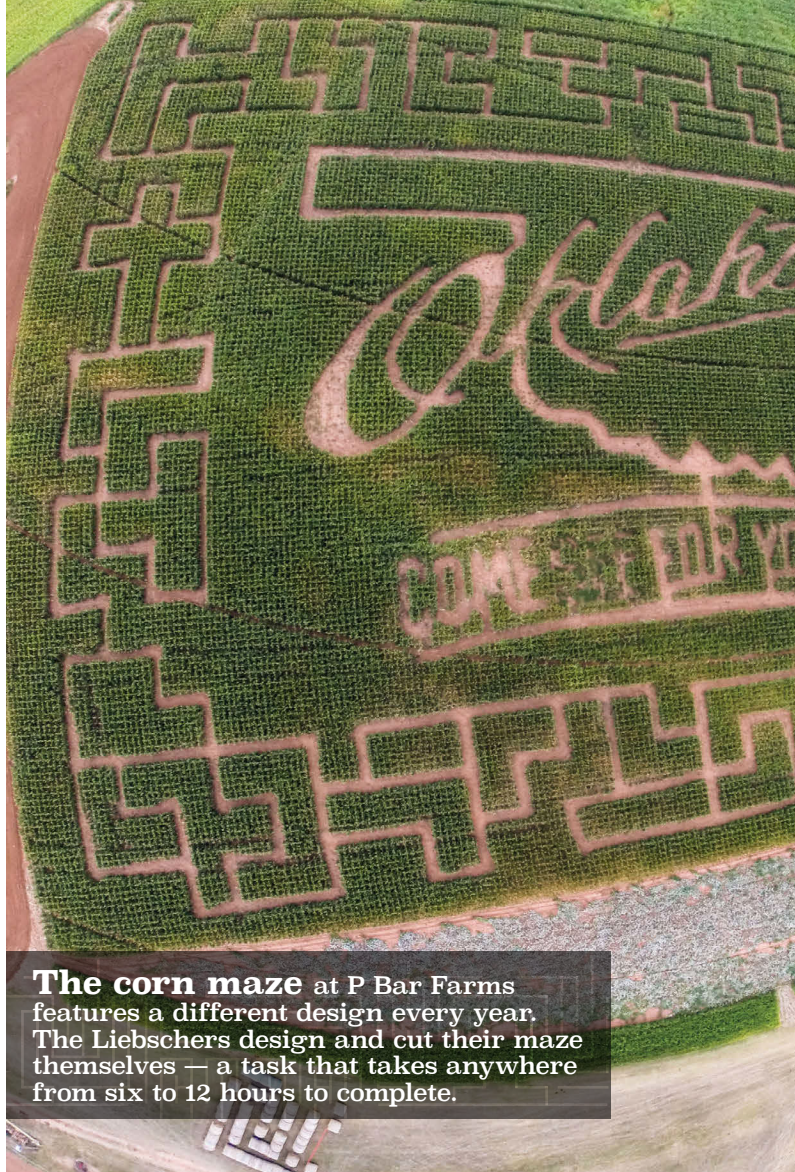
"I immediately knew this was the answer to my prayers," the farmer said.

In the early 2000s, most Oklahomans did not even know what a corn maze was, he said. He knew there could be a market for one in western Oklahoma.

After attending the first annual corn maze convention in Salt Lake City, the Liebschers bought into a franchise called "The Maze" in their first year of business, but after four years of operation, they became an independent corn maze simply known as P Bar Farms.

When they returned from the convention, they kept the land, downsized the equipment, and planted some corn.

P Bar Farms is a family-owned operation, and every family member has his or her own duties on the farm. Pat Payne, left, helps with field trips to the farm by making lunch for visiting students. Kim and Loren Liebscher, middle, are co-owners and operators, and Blaze Liebscher, right, serves as summertime help on the farm.

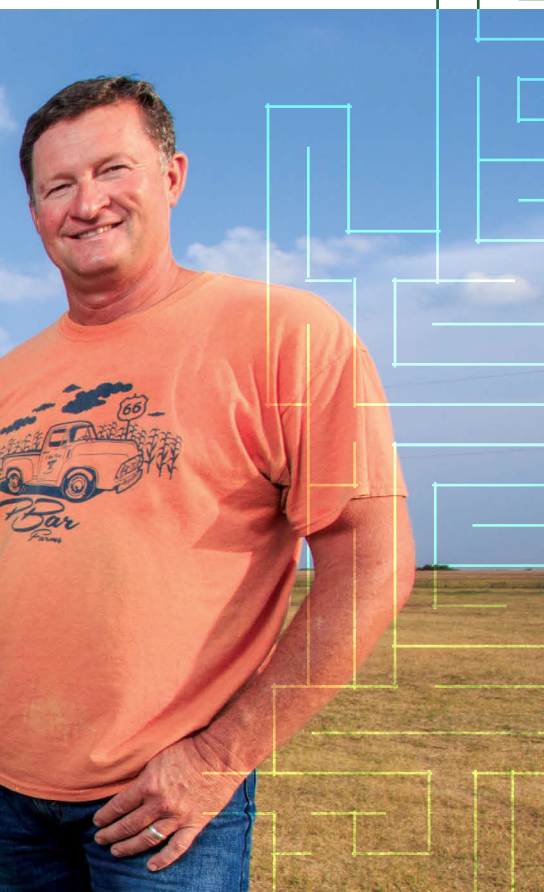
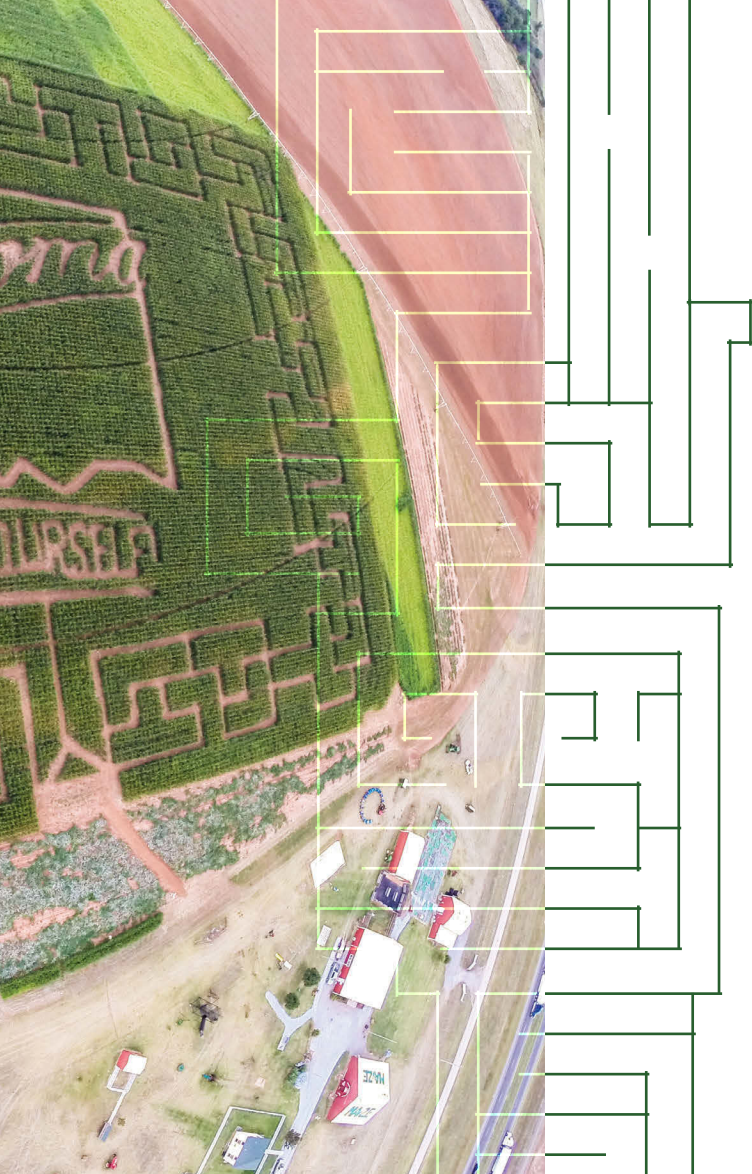


The corn maze at P Bar Farms features a different design every year. The Liebschers design and cut their maze themselves — a task that takes anywhere from six to 12 hours to complete.

Kim and Loren Liebscher welcome more than 10,000 tourists to their corn maze every year, offering a full array of fall festivities for visitors of all ages.



“The farm is a place where people feel safe.”



The corn maze at P Bar Farms opened for business in September of 2001. Full of excitement about the endless opportunities ahead of them in agritourism, the Liebschers had high expectations for their first season.

But when tragedy struck on Sept. 11, 2001, the family worried their business would not survive.

“We were so worried we were going to have to shut down because people weren’t going to want to go anywhere or do anything,” Liebscher said.

Much to their surprise, the exact opposite was true. Their goal was to have 2,000 people make it out to see the farm, but they were astounded when four times that many stepped foot on their land.

He credits that first year of success to visitors looking for something to make them feel good — something to make them feel safe again.

“The farm is a place where people feel safe,” he said. “It brings back that nostalgic feeling for a lot of people. In the midst of our nation’s tragedy, 8,000 people saw fit to visit our farm. I think that says something about what it feels like to be out here.”

The maze has continued to see success since its opening year, but that success has not come without preparation, Liebscher said. An enormous amount of planning goes into planting, designing and cutting the maze.

The maze sees a different design every year. Former themes include celebrating the Oklahoma Centennial, welcoming Whole Foods to Oklahoma with a “Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food” maze, sporting the Oklahoma City Thunder logo and supporting the American Cancer Society.

This year’s maze features the Oklahoma Tourism Department’s logo with the tagline, “Come see for yourself!”

As a member of the Oklahoma Agritourism Association, Liebscher said the design for this year’s maze made perfect sense. They wanted to encourage tourism not only across Oklahoma but also agritourism on their farm.

For the first few years, P Bar Farms hired an outside source to design and cut their mazes. They would have the design sent to them in boxes, much like a cross-stitch pattern, and they would follow the directions — row by row — to cut them out.

“That would take us about five days to cut them out that way,” he said. “It was a very long process, especially when your corn just gets taller every day.”

In 2004, they hired someone to design and cut the maze using one of the only GPS software units available at the time. After that year, the business decided to purchase their own software to design and cut the maze themselves.

“A normal maze now takes about six to eight hours to cut out,” he said. “This year’s was a little more difficult; it took about 12 hours.”

The corn goes into the ground around June 25 each year, and the cutting begins about 30 days later.

“That puts the corn at about 18 inches, and by about that time we have our Roundup put down and our weeds are all under control,” the farmer said.

By mid-September, the maze is ready for visitors. P Bar Farms welcomes guests onto their farm every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from Sept. 13 to Nov. 8 this year.

With three and a half miles of trail and 80 to 90 decision points, the maze takes anywhere from one to two hours to complete.

"We haven't lost anybody yet," Liebscher said, laughing, "but we do have a shorter maze that only takes about 15 minutes to get through for those who want more time to enjoy other activities on the farm."

From elementary school groups to families, more than 10,000 people take part in the experience at P Bar Farms each year.

Currently in its fourteenth year of business, the farm has continued to develop its agritourism site over the years. What started out as a barn and a corn maze has evolved into a full array of fall festivities.

Along with the maze, the farm also has a pumpkin patch, a petting zoo, laser tag, a unique train ride, a bounce pillow, a playground with an antique slide collection, karaoke and miniature golf.

In the month of October, the corn maze and laser tag barn become haunted after dark.

"We just keep seeing that we need 'one more thing,' so we add it in," Liebscher said. "It just keeps growing."

In 2010, the agritourism site adopted the Stone Stack Mill, a fully functioning flour mill used to teach visitors about where their food comes from. The Liebschers use their 50 acres of cropland to produce blue corn meal, yellow corn meal and 100 percent whole-wheat flour to sell in several grocery stores across the state.

The flour mill, he said, is just another example of God blessing their operation, and the name reflects that.

"The Stone Stack Mill is representative of the Israelites crossing into the Promise Land," he said. "When they crossed over, God told them to get their stones and stack them up to remember their blessings. That's how we named our flour mill: because of the blessings bestowed upon us."

The operation at P Bar Farms is a family affair. Loren and Kim, co-owners and operators, run the day-to-day operation, while their children assist in many different ways.

"Everybody is involved and has some part in it," he said.



Dade Wilkerson feeds an alpaca in the petting zoo during his visit to the farm.





The Liebschers' older daughter, Kelsey, serves as a day-to-day planner for the business while her husband completes all the graphic design work from maze design to marketing.

Their younger daughter, Lindsey, is the marketing team leader at Whole Foods in Oklahoma City.

"She sees our flour on their shelves every day and lets us know what we need to do to market our product," the father said.

The Liebschers' son, Blaze, serves as summertime help on the farm. From mowing the grass to dressing up as a spook for the haunted maze, he's always around and willing to help when they need him, Liebscher said.

While he said he never saw himself running a corn maze, he knows the operation was all a part of God's plan for him and his family.

"The cool thing for me is that it's my testimony and I get to share it time after time in the fall," the farmer said. "I always give credit to God because it was that prayer that got us where we are. Teaching others about agriculture is a passion of mine, and I think God's blessings are the reason I have a passion for it. No, I never saw myself doing this, but I enjoy it very, very much."



The Stone Stack Mill was added to the farm in 2010, and now the farm sells its blue corn meal, yellow corn meal and whole-wheat flour in numerous grocery stores across the state.





Charity Guinn, first grade teacher at McAuliffe Elementary School in Broken Arrow uses Ag in the Classroom to teach her urban students where their food and fiber comes from.

bringing agriculture

A Tulsa County teacher plants
her country roots in her
urban classroom through
Ag in the Classroom
curriculum.



Guinn's students make "Bagel Smiles," a hands-on lesson offered through the Ag in the Classroom curriculum.

to the classroom

Story by Samantha Smith

Photos by Dustin Mielke

For most first graders, school is all about learning to read and mastering the art of addition and subtraction. Students begin to crack the code of letters and numbers, all while waiting for the most important part of the day: recess.

First graders begin the process of moving from a world of play to a world of concepts. Teachers must find creative ways to guide students through this process, providing structured curriculum while also having fun.


In Mrs. Guinn's classroom, students are doing just that; but her curriculum is quite different from most teachers.

Charity Guinn, a first grade teacher at McAuliffe Elementary School in Broken Arrow has made it her goal to teach her students about the world around them, but traditional social studies lessons are not in her lesson plans. Guinn is using agricultural lessons to teach her urban students the importance of food production and community roles.

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students to the world
that surrounds them.

—charity guinn

First Grade Teacher
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma



Guinn reads books about food and nutrition to her students.

“Connecting the real world to the classroom is the best way that children learn,” Guinn said. “If you can take things that are happening in the world around them and make it real to them, it sticks with them longer.”

Her focus on agricultural literacy stems from teaching lessons about the process food undergoes as it travels from farm to table.

“My main focus is to teach children where food and fiber comes from,” she said. “I want them to know the process it goes through before it gets to a grocery store and then to our table.”

Guinn, a native of Chickasha, grew up learning the basics of agricultural production alongside her parents in their 2-acre garden.

“We raised all of our own food if we could,” the urban Tulsa area teacher said. “One of my fondest memories is picking tomatoes off the vine and biting into them knowing I was the one who planted them.”

Growing up in agriculture, she said, taught her many life lessons. The gratification she received from growing her family’s fruits and vegetables made the hard work worth it.

“Looking back on it now, my parents taught us a lot about life in that garden,” Guinn said with a reminiscent smile. “It’s important that they involved us because we had to work hard. We planted the seeds. We watered them with hoses. We had to pull the weeds up by hand, but when we finally got to eat all the fresh fruits and vegetables we had grown throughout the spring and summer, it was so rewarding.”

That feeling of satisfaction is something Guinn aims to give to her students with every lesson she teaches. The majority of her students do not understand the hard work it takes for a farmer to get food from the field to a consumer’s table, she said.



Asia Spriggs,
McAuliffe Elementary First Grader



Sir Thomas Lucas,
McAuliffe Elementary First Grader



The Tulsa County teacher uses her rural background to teach urban students about food.

“Because this is such an urban area, most of my students have never even seen a farm,” she said. “I think we live in such a fast-paced world that kids don’t understand that sometimes there is a process you have to go through to get what you want. There’s hard work involved. There are some things you just can’t rush.”

Agriculture is a great way to teach those lessons. Guinn said she hopes the lessons she teaches in the classroom will make her students appreciate the roles everyone plays in a community, especially farmers.

“We are very fortunate that we still have farmers who are willing to put in the time and effort that it takes to feed our nation,” she said. “It’s not easy, and it’s not something that’s immediate. It takes time and my students need to know that.”

Guinn pulls her agricultural lessons from Ag in the Classroom, a program provided through a cooperative effort among the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service and the Oklahoma Department of Education. The Ag in the Classroom website provides more than 300 lessons pertaining to agricultural literacy for teachers, grades pre-kindergarten through sixth, across the state to use in their classrooms.

“Our primary goal is to go into classrooms across the state and provide teachers with a really neat way of teaching agricultural literacy across the core curriculum,” said Cheri Long, Ag in the Classroom state coordinator.

Every Ag in the Classroom lesson is aligned with state education standards, providing a free, interactive way for teachers to bring agriculture into their classrooms.

“It’s a well-rounded set of resources for teachers to use,” Long said. “Everything we do is hands-on, and that’s what teachers love about Ag in the Classroom.”

The popular “Ag in a Bag” lessons show students how easy it is to create culinary

bringing agriculture to the classroom

masterpieces with a just a few ingredients. Pumpkin Pie in a Bag, Ice Cream in a Bag and Bread in a Bag are all lessons Guinn incorporates into her yearly lesson plans. She also enjoys making Bagel Smiles and Oklahoma Stone Soup with her students, all while pointing out the process the food took from farm to plate and sharing nutrition facts.

She said the hands-on cooking activities allow her students to be engaged in the process of learning.

Whether it is measuring, pouring or mixing ingredients, every student gets the chance to see the action first-hand.

"They're seeing a chemical reaction right in front of their eyes," she said. "It's my favorite time when we get to do an Ag in the Classroom activity because everyone is involved and they're all learning and engaged, which is exactly what any teacher would want."

Later this school year, Guinn plans to take her lessons outside the classroom. McAuliffe Elementary School is partnering with Global Gardens to build a vegetable garden right outside the elementary school. Students will then have the opportunity to see first-hand the process of growing their own food, a lesson very near and dear to Guinn's heart.

"Now, instead of watching a video in a classroom, my students are going to be in the garden watching the process themselves," the teacher said. "I hope they learn the importance of life and that even the smallest seed has life. I want them to work hard for something and feel the pleasure of getting a reward from that. I hope they get that same satisfaction of producing their own food that I did when I was their age."

Guinn said she hopes teaching children these lessons will pave the way for a greater understanding of the world around them, making them better consumers and members of their community in the future.

"When children make a connection to their environment, they have a reason to care about the forces that impact the future of their environment," she said. "Ag in the Classroom inspires environmental stewardship by providing lessons that connect our students to the world that surrounds them."

For more
information, visit
www.agclassroom.org/ok.



Estefany Flores,
McAuliffe Elementary First Grader



Ag in the Classroom offers more than 300 hands-on lessons teaching agricultural literacy to elementary students.



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OKAgFund prepares for November election

By Karolyn Bolay

As the Oklahoma general election approaches on Nov. 4, the OKAgFund has endorsed and supported many candidates during the campaign season. The OKAgFund has announced the endorsement of 24 candidates in the race for governor and state Senate and House races.

The OKAgFund, OKFB's political action committee, is made up of OKFB members from across the state who identify candidates who demonstrate beliefs and actions that are consistent with OKFB policies, regardless of their political affiliation.

"The OKAgFund is great way for us to recognize and show support to the election campaigns of agriculture-friendly candidates," said John Collison, OKFB vice president of public policy and media relations. "It is essential to all rural Oklahomans, not just OKFB members, that our legislators understand the importance of agriculture and the issues affecting it."

The OKAgFund has also supported several campaigns during this election year. The OKAgFund has given support to 77 candidates. Listed in this article are candidates in remaining elections who have received support or an endorsement from the OKAgFund.

"We ask that our members please take this list of OKAgFund-supported candidates with them to the polls on Nov. 4," said Collison. "We hope this list will be used as a resource on Election Day to help OKFB members make their decisions while casting their vote."

Oklahoma governor candidate Gov. Mary Fallin received an endorsement from the OKAgFund.

Other candidates receiving support from the OKAgFund include Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb for Lieutenant Governor and John Cox for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Oklahoma Senate candidates supported by the OKAgFund include Josh Brecheen, Senate District 6; Darcy Jech, Senate District 26; Ervin Yen, Senate District 40; and Ralph Shortey, Senate District 44.

Senate candidates receiving an OKAgFund endorsement include Mark Allen, Senate District 4; Curtis McDaniel, Senate District 5; Frank Simpson, Senate District 14; Kim David, Senate District 18; and Jason Smalley, Senate District 28.

Oklahoma House candidates supported by the OKAgFund include Chuck Hoskin, House District 6; Bobby Cleveland, House District 20; Justin Wood, House District 26; Kevin Wallace, House District 32; Dennis Casey, House District 35; Aaron Stiles, House District 45; Tommy Hardin, House District 49; David Perryman, House District 56; Scooter Park, House District 65; Randy McDaniel, House District 83; Jason Nelson, House District 87; Mike Christian, House District 93; and Charlie Joyner, House District 95.

Oklahoma House candidates receiving an endorsement from the OKAgFund include James Lockhart, House District 3; Wade Rousselot, House District 12; George Faught, House District 14; Jerry Shoemaker, House District 16; Tom Newell, House District 28; James Leewright, House District 29; Sean Roberts, House District 36; Scott Martin, House District 46; Will Fourkiller, House District 86; and Elise Hall, House District 100.



Candidates supported by OKAgFund

Name			Office Sought		
R	Mary Fallin*		Governor		
R	Todd Lamb		Lieutenant Governor		
D	John Cox		Superintendent of Public Instruction		
R	Mark Allen*		SD 4		
D	Curtis McDaniel*		SD 5		
R	Josh Brecheen		SD 6		
R	Frank Simpson*		SD 14		
R	Kim David*		SD 18		
R	Darcy Jech		SD 26		
R	Jason Smalley*		SD 28		
R	Ervin Yen		SD 40		
R	Ralph Shortey		SD 44		
D	James Lockhart*		HD 3		
R	Chuck Hoskin		HD 6		
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R	James Leewright*		HD 29		
R	Kevin Wallace		HD 32		
R	Dennis Casey		HD 35		
R	Sean Roberts*		HD 36		
R	Aaron Stiles		HD 45		
R	Scott Martin*		HD 46		
R	Tommy Hardin		HD 49		
D	David Perryman		HD 56		
R	Scooter Park		HD 65		
R	Randy McDaniel		HD 83		
D	Will Fourkiller*		HD 86		
R	Jason Nelson		HD 87		
R	Mike Christian		HD 93		
R	Charlie Joyner		HD 95		
R	Elise Hall*		HD 100		

All candidates listed were supported by the OKAgFund.

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Convention Preview

Farming our Future

Oklahoma Farm Bureau 2014 Convention



Oklahoma Farm Bureau convention to be held Nov. 14 – 16 in Tulsa

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members from across the state will meet in Tulsa on Nov. 14–16 for the organization's 73rd annual meeting.

This year's convention theme of "Farming our Future" focuses on the importance of member involvement and grassroots policy development for the state's largest general farm organization. The annual event serves as the premiere opportunity for Oklahoma farmers and ranchers to gather together and make their voices heard as they set organizational policy and give direction for the upcoming state legislative session.

The meeting also includes presentations of numerous OKFB awards, the election of three district directors, a trade show, general sessions, breakout sessions and selection of delegates for the American Farm Bureau annual meeting in 2015.

Among the various awards and honors given at convention, the quota show will return to OKFB's 2014 meeting. The quota show honors county Farm Bureaus that reach their membership quotas.

The tentative convention schedule and information is included on the following pages. For the latest convention information and schedule, please visit OKFB's website at okfarmbureau.org.



Tulsa Renaissance to host OKFB convention

The Tulsa Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center will host the 2014 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Tulsa. For information, call the hotel at (918) 307-2600.

The overflow hotel, which is now taking reservations, is the Marriot Courtyard. You can contact them at (918) 994-4500, or you can follow the link on OKFB's website to view the hotel's website.

For more information, contact Melisa Neal at (405) 523-2475.



Convention Schedule

Schedule current as of press time. Updated schedules will be posted online at okfarmbureau.org. The final schedule will be distributed at convention.

Friday, November 14

8 a.m.	Credentials Committee Breakfast
9 a.m.	Registration Opens
10 a.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet Round 1
10 a.m.	YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Judging
10 a.m.	Trade Show Opens
10:45 a.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet Round 2
11:15 a.m.	State Board Meeting/Luncheon
11:30 a.m.	Women's Leadership Team Luncheon
11:30 a.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet Finals Luncheon
12 p.m.	YF&R Discussion Meet Final Round
1:30 p.m.	Opening Session
3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
4:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Repeat
5 p.m.	OKAgFund Meeting
5 p.m.	YF&R Dinner and Caucus
7 p.m.	Awards Program
8:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social

Saturday, November 15

7:30 a.m.	Flapjack Fundraiser
7:30 a.m.	Credentials Committee Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Financial Review Committee Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Resolutions Committee Breakfast
8 a.m.	Registration Opens
8 a.m.	Trade Show Opens
8:45 a.m.	OFBMIC Policyholders Meeting
9:30 a.m.	General Session
12 p.m.	Credentials Committee Meeting
12:30 p.m.	Women's Leadership Team Gavel Club Luncheon
1:30 p.m.	District Caucuses (Districts 1, 4 and 7)
2:15 p.m.	General Session
5:30 p.m.	OKAgFund Reception
7 p.m.	Dinner and Entertainment Featuring Peterson Farm Brothers*

** Banquet tickets are \$30 and can be purchased in the trade show area.*

Sunday, November 16

7:30 a.m.	County Presidents Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Women's Leadership Team Chairman's Breakfast
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast of Champions
9:15 a.m.	Memorial and Worship Service

YF&R to host high school discussion meet

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers are pleased to announce a new event will be added to the OKFB convention schedule. On Thursday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m., YF&R will host the inaugural high school discussion meet for FFA and 4-H members throughout the state to take part in as an educational and résumé-building experience.

The high school discussion meet is an activity designed to build crucial skills to aid in analyzing problems and deciding solutions to best meet one's needs. By participating, students build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of agricultural issues, and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems.

The contest will simulate a committee meeting where discussion and active participation are expected from each committee member. Contestants will discuss a pre-selected topic for 20 minutes where they will be scored based on their attitude, problem solving and implementation ideas, delivery and topic analysis as well as their opening and closing statements.

All contestants will compete in two "Round Robin" rounds of the contest. Four finalists will then compete in the final round to determine a winner.

The overall winner of the high school discussion meet will receive a MacBook Air laptop computer and \$300 cash. The remaining three finalists will all receive an iPad Mini.

For more information or to register for the contest, contact Holly Carroll at holly.carroll@okfb.org or at (405) 523-2307.

Attorney General Scott Pruitt to speak at OKFB convention

OKFB is pleased to welcome Attorney General Scott Pruitt to the 2014 Annual Meeting as a keynote speaker. Pruitt will speak during the opening session of convention on Friday, Nov. 14, at 1:30 p.m.

Scott Pruitt was elected the attorney general of Oklahoma in November 2010. As attorney general, he is dedicated to fighting corruption, safeguarding Oklahoma's vulnerable citizens, championing public safety measures to reduce violent crime and protecting the interests of the State of Oklahoma and its citizens. Pruitt established Oklahoma's first federalism unit in the Office of Solicitor General to combat unwarranted regulation and overreach by the federal government. He is a national leader in the cause to restore the proper balance of power between the states and federal government, having served two terms as president of the Republican Attorneys General Association.

Pruitt filed the first lawsuit challenging the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, is a leading advocate against the EPA's activist agenda, and is leading a multistate lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Dodd-Frank financial law. The attorney general has also been recently involved in an inquiry into the fundraising efforts of the Humane Society of the United States.

We look forward to hearing from Attorney General Scott Pruitt and hope you will join us at the 2014 opening session.



Peterson Farm Brothers to perform Saturday night

The Peterson Farm Brothers, young agriculture enthusiasts and expert parody song writers, will entertain Oklahoma Farm Bureau members at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Tulsa on Saturday, Nov. 15.

Greg, Nathan and Kendal Peterson farm together with their parents near Assaria, Kansas, where they raise beef cattle and grow wheat, corn, alfalfa, milo and soybeans. The three brothers are passionate about promoting agriculture in creative ways.

The siblings wrote their first parody, "I'm Farming and I Grow It," in June of 2012 and became YouTube sensations shortly after. The three have continued to produce songs and videos to parodies including "All I Do is Farm," "Farmer Style," and several other songs sung to the beat of famous tunes.

The Peterson Farm Brothers will entertain members on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. after the annual OKFB banquet. Banquet tickets are \$30 and will be available for purchase in the trade show area of the convention center.





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OKFB President Tom Buchanan spoke at a press conference at the Port of Catoosa in Tulsa about the importance of the navigational waterway system to Oklahoma agriculture.

River navigation system important for Oklahoma agriculture

The economic impact of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River Navigation System was highlighted during an Aug. 28 press event at the Port of Catoosa. Hosted by Oklahoma Farm Bureau, the event featured presentations from U.S. Rep. Markwayne Mullin, R-2, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Jim Reese and OKFB President Tom Buchanan.

"This waterway system provides a direct benefit for Oklahoma's agricultural industry," Buchanan said.

In 2013, 3.1 million tons of agricultural products were shipped on this navigation system, including 1.4 million tons of wheat and close to a million tons of soybeans. Buchanan noted farmers in his area of Altus often truck their grain directly to the Port of Catoosa and haul back fertilizer.

"This provides a double benefit for our farmers, not just in southwest Oklahoma, but all across this state," Buchanan said.

Staying competitive in a global market was touted by Rep. Mullin.

"If we are going to be competitive, then we've got to have this type of infrastructure to move our commodities to market," the congressman said.

The river system's efficiency was praised by Sec. Reese.

"There's not a railroad or highway anywhere that can move our product directly around the world," Reese said.

While noting the river system is definitely a navigable waterway, Rep. Mullin said the EPA proposal to redefine all waters of the United States as "navigable" is an example of federal overreach. He cited the example of a dry ditch



U.S. Rep. Markwayne Mullin commended OKFB and the agricultural community for speaking out against government regulations.

that might hold water after a heavy rain, falling under the new EPA proposal.

"The biggest threat to our farming community is the federal government," Mullin said. "If you think people in Washington, D.C., care more about our water than we do, then that's a joke."

Mullin commended OKFB and the agricultural community for speaking out against government regulations.

"Farm Bureau has done a phenomenal job of exposing the EPA and the heavy handed regulators in Washington, D.C.," Mullin said. "If it wasn't for Farm Bureau willing to stand up and fight, then this would be a different world."

To view or listen to the event, visit Oklahoma Farm Bureau's SoundCloud and YouTube pages.



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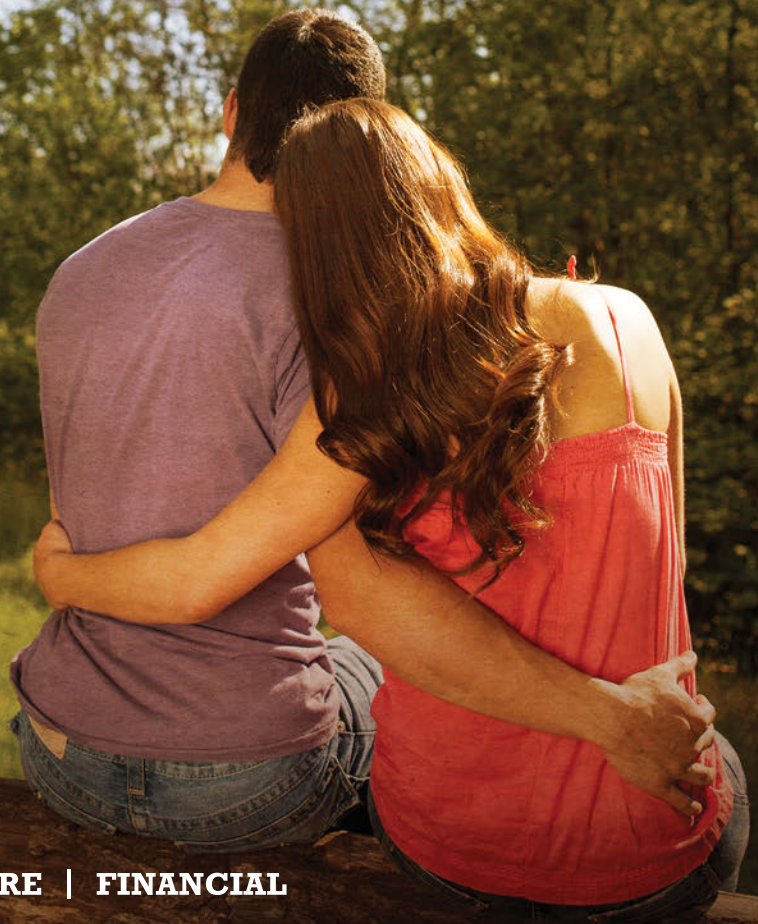
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August Area Meetings bring valuable policy discussion

Oklahoma Farm Bureau thanks members for participating in the first step of the organization's grassroots policy development process during the month of August. Active member engagement in policy development is what makes OKFB the leader in agricultural policy in our state. We appreciate your efforts and always enjoy the opportunity to visit with you.

Each district came with record attendance, prepared with great ideas for discussion, and we look forward to seeing your resolutions.

Below is a recap of main topics discussed at each district's August Area Meeting.

District 1

- Water, ad valorem taxes, oil and gas booms in western Oklahoma and wind energy

District 2

- Water, education funding, right to farm, clean water act, wind energy and wind turbines

District 3

- Statewide water quality and quantity, county road conditions and the Endangered Species Act

District 4

- Water, EPA regulations and the farm bill

District 5

- Water, mining issues and mineral property

District 6

- Wind energy, food labeling and water

District 7

- Water, energy and 2014 legislative races

District 8

- Storm shelters, water and income tax

District 9

- Wildlife management, eminent domain





District 4



District 7



District 5

“We are the state’s leader in agricultural policy, and that is because people like you participate in the process.”

— John Collison
OKFB Vice President of Public Policy



District 8




District 6



District 9

Six farm families nominated for state contest

ix Oklahoma Farm Bureau families from across the state have been nominated for the prestigious Farm Family of the Year award.

The winner will be announced during the OKFB Annual Meeting in November and will receive a plaque and an expense-paid trip to the 2015 American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

The contest honors OKFB members who best represent farming and ranching and the spirit of Oklahoma agriculture. Each family must display excellence in strong family involvement in all phases of farm management and production, innovation of farm operation and management, use of modern agricultural techniques and active leadership in Farm Bureau and their community.

Nominated families are listed below in numerical order by district.

District 1 — The Mayer Family

Tyler and Naomi Mayer began their cow/calf operation in Texas County in 2008. They began their farming practice in Hardesty by leasing several parcels of native grass and a small amount of farmland and then began taking in yearling cattle on their wheat and grass pasture. The family said they measure their success by the love they have for each other, for the land and for the life that it provides them.

Tyler is the Texas County Farm Bureau vice president and the couple served on the YF&R State Committee for four years.

District 3 — The Krehbiel Family

The Krehbiel family has a multi-generational farming operation in Hydro. Karen and her daughter Brittany, along with Karen's mother and father-in-law, run a diversified crop and livestock operation on their family farm. Karen's husband, Jeff, also was an active member of the farm family until his death in 2011.

The Krehbiels raise dorset sheep along with wheat, grain sorghum, peanuts, canola and alfalfa. Alongside production agriculture, the Krehbiels' business ventures include selling and servicing center-pivot hydraulic drive systems.

District 4 — The Fisher Family

Cotton County's Roger and Kayla Fisher have been running their farming operation in Randlett for more than 24 years. Their primary goal in their operation is beef production, but they also produce wheat, stocker cattle and run a cow/calf operation. They use minimum-till practices to reduce erosion on their land and increase productivity in their cattle to increase herd expectancy.

The Fishers have served in numerous capacities with OKFB, attending conferences and serving as county delegates. Roger currently serves as Cotton County Farm Bureau president.

District 6 — The Morris Family

Tony and Kathy Morris of Nowata County began their own dairy in 1987, but in 2005 they transitioned into running a cow/calf operation. The family says their main goal is to maximize pounds of beef per acre of land, and they strive to achieve that by feeding higher quality forages and better utilizing their resources.

Tony has served on the Nowata County Farm Bureau board for 20 years, spending the last eight as vice president. Kathy serves on the Nowata County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Team, and both have been voting delegates for the last 18 years.

District 8 — The Temple Family

Garvin County's Raymond and Mary Temple have a cow/calf operation consisting of 750 mother cows and a stocker operation of 1000-plus head of steers and heifers. The family says the most important innovation they have put in place is to never quit trying to improve what they have, and their primary goal is to leave the land better for the future than how they received it.

The Temples' OKFB involvement spans more than 50 years with Raymond serving on the Garvin County Farm Bureau board and Mary as the Garvin County Women's Chair for more than 10 years.

District 9 — The VanCoervering Family

Gene VanCoervering began his farming operation in Coyle in 1973 and it now consists of wheat, rye and nine pairs of breeding livestock. This Payne County farmer uses chemicals to control unwanted weeds and brush on his cropland and utilizes controlled burns for land management. His goal in his practice is to maximize profitability on his cropland and in his cow herd.

Gene has been on the Payne County board for 23 years, serving as president for four years. He was the District 9 caucus chairman for 15 years and served on the county resolutions committee for 30 years.

YF&R sponsors livestock judging at Oklahoma State Fair



The overall individual winner for the Junior 4-H Division was Cooper Shebestor with Alex 4-H. Also pictured are Monica Wilke, OKFB executive director, and Marty Williams, YF&R chairman.



The winning team for the Junior 4-H Division was Alex 4-H. Team members include Kooper Boatwright, Carson Mainka, Cooper Shebestor, and Nik Venable. Also pictured are Monica Wilke, OKFB executive director, and Marty Williams, YF&R chairman.



The overall individual winner for the Senior 4-H Division was Deekota Williams with Central High 4-H. Also pictured are Monica Wilke, OKFB executive director, and Marty Williams, YF&R chairman.



The winning team for the Senior 4-H Division was Central High 4-H. Team members include Conner Kern, Coy Kern, Deekota Williams and Lane Williams. Also pictured are Monica Wilke, OKFB executive director, and Marty Williams, YF&R chairman.



The overall individual winner for the Senior FFA Division was Brayden Foley with Kingfisher FFA. Also pictured are Monica Wilke, OKFB executive director, and Marty Williams, YF&R chairman.



The winning team for the Senior FFA Division was Cleveland FFA. Team members include Cody Branch, Tailor Fields, Austyn Fuss and Hannah Hardin. Also pictured are Monica Wilke, OKFB executive director, and Marty Williams, YF&R chairman.

The winning team for the Junior FFA Division was Minco FFA. Team members included Tanner Bute, Jentry Overton, Stetson Ratterman and Kiley Utsler. (Not pictured)
The overall individual winner for the Junior FFA Division was Jentry Overton with Minco FFA. (Not Pictured)

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As part of the YF&R competitions, winners in the Achievement Award, Discussion Meet and Excellence in Ag areas will receive their choice of a **2015 Chevrolet Silverado** or **GMC Sierra** truck, courtesy of GM; three national finalists in each competition will receive a **Case IH Farmall** tractor, courtesy of Case IH; as well as a **\$2,500 cash prize** and **\$500 in STIHL merchandise**.



For more information about YF&R competitive events and how you can get involved, contact your state Farm Bureau office or the American Farm Bureau Federation® at yfr@fb.org or 202-406-3600


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OKFB to award outstanding YF&R members at annual meeting

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee plans to give several awards to deserving members at the 2014 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting.

Awards and prizes are listed below. To apply, contact Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2307 or at holly.carroll@okfb.org.

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- Winner receives a John Deere Gator and a trip to the AFBF Annual Convention
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YF&R Discussion Meet

- Winner receives an iPad Mini, a \$400 Visa gift card and a trip to the AFBF Annual Convention

For a full schedule and list of awards to be given at the 2014 OKFB Annual Meeting, turn to page 22.

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YF&R sponsors county fair events



A Noble County high school student races back to her team by hopping in a bulk feed bag during the Noble County YF&R annual Farmhand Olympics Monday, Aug. 8. Eight teams of four area high school students competed against each other, completing five farm-related activities: racing in a bulk feed bag, corn husking, corn cob throwing, small bale stacking and rolling a large round bale.



The Payne County YF&R hosted the Payne County Bucket Calf Show Aug. 29 at the Payne County Fair. Participants have to complete an interview process about their calf along with showmanship.

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For any questions about the program, please contact Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2397.

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Bushels for Books is an exciting new program offered by the Young Farmers and Ranchers in cooperation with the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation. As we kick off our back-to-school season, it brings us all back to the focus of getting agriculture into classrooms across the state of Oklahoma.

With every generation becoming further removed from the farm, it is imperative that we work together to make sure schools have accurate agricultural books in front of their students. By donating a few bushels of your harvest to this program, we are able to provide books to the students who will one day be our consumers. Help us today by donating bushels from your fall harvest through your local co-op or by sending your personal donation to the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation with “Bushels for Books” in the memo.

To donate, cut out the cards to the left and take them to your local co-op when you deliver your grain. Every donation is tax deductible and helps us reach our goal of more agriculture books in our schools.

For more information, contact Holly Carroll at holly.carroll@okfb.org or at (405) 523-2307.

Wilke named to Leadership Oklahoma Class XXVIII

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Executive Director Monica Wilke has been selected to participate in the next class of Leadership Oklahoma, a statewide organization of leaders who help shape the state's future.

“I am honored to serve with such a respected group of individuals who are all interested in making Oklahoma the best it

can be,” Wilke said. “I am looking forward to learning about the many aspects of our state and to sharing information about our strong agricultural industry with my peers.”

Prior to becoming executive director of the state's largest farm organization in 2009, Wilke served as OKFB's general counsel, director of state and national affairs and a lobbyist for the Oklahoma Farm Bureau

Mutual Insurance Company. She has been active in several community organizations, including Diamond Hats, Young Professionals of Oklahoma City, Women's Leadership Exchange and the Oklahoma FFA Foundation Board. Wilke earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma State University and a juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law.



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OKFB calls on members to take beef genetics survey

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is working with Agric-Bioformatics, a budding software company with systems designed to provide genetics, nutrition and health data for cattle producers. OKFB is calling on members to complete an online survey to assist Agric-Bioformatics in determining which direction the company should take when providing beef genetic information to producers.

"Oklahoma Farm Bureau is on the ground floor of this project," said Todd Honer, director of commodities at OKFB. "We are helping to get the word out about them

because we believe our members will benefit from the service it provides."

Agric-Bioformatics is currently focused on providing beef genetics for commercial and registered cow/calf producers, but plans to broaden their scope to pigs and sheep once the company is established.

To take the survey, go to ag-boost.com and click "Take our survey." You will be guided through a series of questions concerning your operation.

For more information about Agric-Bioformatics, visit their website at www.agricbioformatics.com.

A Leadership Oklahoma class is selected each year from a wide geographic base representing diverse backgrounds. Members meet monthly visiting Seminole, Durant, Lawton/Fort Sill, Oklahoma City, McAlester, Stillwater, Tulsa, Guymon and Enid to discuss the many social, environmental and economic complexities of our state to stimulate inquiry, analysis and solutions for the public good.

"Leadership Oklahoma is very excited about the 51 people chosen for this year's program," said Bruce Benbrook, chairman and president, The Stock Exchange Bank in Woodward and chair of the Leadership Oklahoma board of directors. "Class XXVIII is an outstanding blend of leaders from a variety of fields who will contribute a wealth of knowledge to our discussions on important Oklahoma issues."

Beef for Backpacks

The Beef for Backpacks and Pork for Packs programs use donated cattle and hogs to produce nutritious beef and pork sticks for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Food for Kids program.

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— Monica Wilke
OKFB Executive Director

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Ashley Sloan
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Karli Bowles
Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Jessica Sullins
Rogers State University

Olivia Bunn
Oklahoma City Community College

Paige Thoman
OSU Institute of Technology — Okmulgee

Darcey Kliever
Northwestern Oklahoma State University

OKFB women attend Ag in the Classroom, Women in Ag Conferences

OKFB Women's Leadership Team member Margaret Ann Kinder talks with attendees at the Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom Summer Conference about the Grown For You commodity trailer and how it is bringing agricultural literacy to elementary schools across the state.



Members of the OKFB Women's Leadership Team sponsored the Oklahoma Women in Agriculture and Small Business Conference in Oklahoma City, Aug. 7-8. The women set up a booth and recruited new members from across the state to join the Women's Leadership Team.



OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP TEAM



Briarwood Elementary School



Plaza Towers Elementary School

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Team donates books to elementary schools in Moore

In Moore, Plaza Towers Elementary School and Briarwood Elementary School are both gearing up for a busy year as students return to class. However, these two schools are different than others because both of these schools were destroyed during the May 20, 2013, tornado.

After the devastation of the May 20 tornado, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Team set out to help these schools.

"We just knew we wanted to help these students after they lost everything and because of the devastation they had to go through last year," said Kitty Beavers, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Team chairman.

Along with the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Team, many other state Farm Bureau groups across the nation also wanted to help. One of those was the Fluvanna County Farm Bureau Women's Committee in Virginia which donated money to purchase agricultural books for Plaza Towers and Briarwood Elementary Schools.

The OKFB Women's Leadership Team matched their original donation and more than \$2,000 worth of accurate agricultural books were donated to the two schools.

"This is a great opportunity to teach students about where their food, fiber and fuel comes from," Beavers said. "We are always interested in showing more agriculture to students."

OKFB holds Farm Safety Day at Heart of America Farm Show

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Safety Services hosted a Farm Safety Day on Sept. 20, 2014, in conjunction with the Heart of America Farm Show at the Tulsa RV Ranch in Beggs.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau offers safety training in various programs as part of their member benefits. Programs include fire safety, school bus safety, DUI prevention, defensive driving and safety day camps for children ages fourth through sixth grade.

"We know Farm Bureau is very active in promoting farm safety for kids and we

wanted to partner with them to help kids," said Kevin Kite, farm show manager for the Tulsa RV Ranch.

About 25 students attended the program to learn more about farm safety. The program on Sept. 20 featured information regarding ATV safety, electrical safety, farm tractor safety and fire safety.

"In rural Oklahoma, we have children helping on the farm every single day," said Chris Kidd, vice president of organization and membership at OKFB. "It is important they learn what to do in situations that could

potentially be dangerous on the farm, whether it's driving a tractor, riding a four-wheeler or mowing the lawn. We find the more exposure we can give kids, the more likely they are to remember what to do in a critical situation where their safety is at stake."

Beggs resident and mother Kelli Groves said the event was something she knew she

Five-year-old Reid Groves of Beggs was one of the 25 children who participated in Oklahoma Farm Bureau Farm Safety Day at the Heart of America Farm Show on Sept. 20. Reid is the grandson of Okmulgee County Farm Bureau President Larry Harvey.



wanted her two children to participate in.

"We want to make sure our children are always safe, even when they're not in our sight" Groves said. "We greatly appreciate Farm Bureau sponsoring the event."

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Safety Service's Jennie Bruning said the farm organization is already planning to return to the Heart of America Farm Show next year for another Farm Safety Day.

"We are planning on expanding next year and actually having several days where schools can bring students out here to learn about safety," Bruning said. "It was a great success this year and we want to thank the Tulsa RV Ranch for providing lunch and asking us back next year."




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Washita County Farm Bureau hosts Ag Day for sixth graders

More than 165 sixth graders from across Washita County attended the inaugural Ag Day at the Washita County Free Fair on Sept. 5 near Cordell.

The theme of the event was “A Day as a Wheat Farmer.” Students rotated around eight different educational stations to get a first-hand look at the process wheat takes from seed to consumption.

They began with an introduction to soil and moved on to learn about preparation, financing and machinery. The participants then had the opportunity to see the process of milling, learn about livestock grazing and get a glimpse of what it takes to get the grain from the field to the elevator during harvest.

Washita County Farm Bureau plans to highlight a different commodity each year for future Ag Day events.

Top left: Sixth graders attending Ag Day at the Washita County Fair got their hands dirty while growing their own wheat using wheat seed, soil, panty hose and a plastic cup.

Bottom left: Two Washita County sixth graders learned the hands-on process of grinding wheat into flour.

Far right: Washita County Farm Bureau President Larry Peck’s educational station allowed Ag Day participants to learn facts about feed and nutrition in beef cattle.



Six counties reach membership quota so far

Farm Bureau offices across the state are preparing for the end of the membership year on Oct. 31. As it approaches, several counties have already reached their membership quota for the year.

“Oklahoma Farm Bureau is the leading agricultural organization in the state because of the dedication of our members to share the mission of OKFB with others,” said Monica Wilke, executive director for OKFB. “We are looking forward to recognizing those counties

that have continued the profitable growth of our organization at our annual meeting this November.”

Beaver, Cherokee, Cotton, Kiowa, Noble and Okfuskee counties have crossed the barrier of making membership quota while working to recruit new Farm Bureau members.

“We want to congratulate these counties for striving to meet and achieving their membership quota goals,” said Holly Carroll, vice president of field services. “Numerous

counties can still reach their quota goals before the end of the year and we encourage all counties to continue working toward that goal to finish this year strong.”

Adding one additional member to the county per year determines the membership quota for each county.

Counties that reach their membership quota goals will be recognized during the quota show at the OKFB Annual Meeting, Nov. 14-16 in Tulsa.



Commodity trailer makes its way across the state



August and September have proven to be especially busy for the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation's Grown For You commodity trailer as it made its way across Oklahoma to county fairs and schools, educating youth in at least 10 different communities.

The Grown For You mobile classroom provides an interactive look into agriculture and highlights the commodity crops grown in our state.

The trailer uses videos, presentations, and interactive games presented on four 46-inch outdoor TVs. Short videos focus on various commodity crops while demonstrations bring a hands-on element to audiences.

The trailer will continue to be present at county fairs, schools and farm shows throughout the end of the year with many locations already scheduled for 2015.

To schedule an event, contact Todd Honer at todd.honer@okfb.org.

Oklahoma Country is getting a new look

*O*klahoma Country will be getting a fresh, new look beginning with the Winter 2015 issue in January. Our communications staff is working hard to bring OKFB members a magazine full of informative and timely content. Be sure keep up with the Oklahoma Farm Bureau social media pages and our website to see when and where you can view the publication.

OKFB partnering with OSU to conduct magazine readership study

*T*he Oklahoma Farm Bureau Corporate Communications and Public Relations Division is partnering with Oklahoma State University to conduct a readership study about *Oklahoma Country*.

OSU agricultural communications graduate student Clarissa Fulton, along with adviser Shelly Sitton, is conducting the study as a part of her graduate-level research.

To obtain data for her research, Fulton will send electronic surveys via email to *Oklahoma Country* subscribers. It is important those members randomly selected to complete the survey complete it and submit it online.

This research will assist Oklahoma Farm Bureau in making sure the organization is communicating the appropriate type of content to members. OKFB wants to ensure you — our readers — benefit from the stories we tell. 00639173

Be sure to keep an eye out for a link to the survey in your email. Thank you for assisting OKFB in improving the publication!



Oklahoma Farm Bureau would like to congratulate the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service on celebrating its centennial anniversary. OKFB is proud to be a partner in agriculture with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, and we look forward to working together for many years to come. Thank you for all you do to extend knowledge and change lives.

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By Mandy Gross
FAPC Communications Services Manager

When we build it, they will come

\$1 million gift provides opportunity to develop OSU food safety program

The U.S. has the world's safest food supply. Oklahoma's food and agricultural leaders are keeping food safety a priority in food-processing facilities and supporting the education to prepare students to work in food safety and the food-processing industry.

An advisory board at OSU's Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center recognized the need to educate students in food safety, providing more than \$1 million as a lead gift toward a fundraising goal of \$3.4 million to create a faculty position focused on food safety at OSU.

"We are so grateful that FAPC's Industry Advisory Committee is embracing this opportunity to lead this fundraising effort," says Chuck Willoughby, manager of business and marketing relations at FAPC. "One hundred percent of the advisory board has committed to support this financial campaign."

The Plan

As a result of the initial gift, a curriculum proposal for the food-safety option is in the approval process and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is adding a food-safety faculty position in the Department of Animal Science.

"The potential for this academic program is exciting," says Thomas G. Coon, vice president, dean and director for OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. "There has been very good leadership from the academic department in responding to this opportunity."

John Griffin, president and CEO of Griffin Foods in Muskogee and spokesperson for FAPC's advisory board, says the committee has been discussing the need for a food-safety program for the past four years.

"It's great to see the work of the advisory board on developing a food-safety program at

OSU come to fruition," Griffin says. "Once the food-safety option is approved and implemented, OSU will be among the first to offer an undergraduate food-safety option, according to our research."

The goal of the proposed academic program is to prepare students for food-safety jobs for which they will be well trained to obtain in the food-manufacturing industry after graduation from OSU.

"Food manufacturers can invest their money to hire a qualified food-safety specialist from OSU instead of investing their time and money to train someone in food safety," Griffin says.

There is a huge demand for individuals who are specialized in food safety in the food-processing sector.

"The proposed new food-safety option will allow students to get the education they need to qualify for food-safety positions that food

manufacturers desperately need," Griffin says. "Like the movie 'Field of Dreams,' when we build it, the students will come, not just in Oklahoma, but nationally and internationally."

The Impact

Food safety is not just the responsibility of the processor.

"It starts with the farmer through to the manufacturer, then to the distributor who delivers the product to the stores," Griffin says.

"All aspects of the supply chain are monitored and inspected for the safety of the consumer."

With a growing demand for safe, quality products, the need for



Loretta Lawson, quality control technician for Griffin Foods in Muskogee, conducts seal checks of bottled mustard directly off the production line. Photo by Mandy Gross.

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food industry companies to engage in food-safety programs is more important than ever.

With the support of the advisory board, FAPC implemented a Global Food Safety Initiative program to strive for continuous improvement of food-safety management systems that ensure safe food and consumer confidence.

The FAPC-GFSI program focuses on food-industry assistance in the areas of training, auditing, pre-third-party audit preparations, education and in-plant technical assistance for food safety and quality programs.

The center's quality management specialist, Jason Young, has filled the GFSI specialist role. One of the major ways Young assists food companies is by conducting internal audits.

"Globalization of the food industry has significantly affected almost every Oklahoma food processor directly and indirectly with mandated food-safety and security regulations and policies that cut across all food-processing sectors," Willoughby says. "The FAPC-GFSI program provides services to meet the food-safety and security needs of Oklahoma's food industry."

Once a faculty member is hired, that person is expected to be instrumental in attaining global food safety.

The Leadership

The Oklahoma Legislature established the Industry Advisory Committee to serve as an advisory board for FAPC.

"The Industry Advisory Committee offers counsel, makes recommendations and takes leadership action to ensure FAPC makes sound short- and long-term plans to accomplish its mission and objectives," says Roy Escoubas, FAPC director at OSU. "I am extremely appreciative of the advisory board's dedication and commitment to the food-safety campaign."

Members of the committee are Oklahoma food industry leaders appointed by the highest

positions of the Oklahoma state government and the vice president and dean of Oklahoma State University's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Members of the advisory board who are leading the food safety campaign effort are Griffin; Nancy Addington, Associated Wholesale Grocers of Oklahoma City; Luis Bogran, Curwood, a Bemis Co. of Pauls Valley; Ed Clements, Clements Foods Co. of Oklahoma City; Gary Crane, Ralph's Packing Co. of Perkins; Scott Dvorak, Dvorak Farms of Perry; David Howard, Unitherm Food Systems of Bristow; Virgil Jurgensmeyer, J-M Farms of Miami; Rodger Kerr, Southwest Technology Center of Altus; Tommy Kramer, Durant Industrial Authority of Durant; John Patrick Lopez, Lopez Foods of Oklahoma City; David McLaughlin, AdvancePierre Foods of Enid; Allen Mills, Reasor's Inc. of Tahlequah; Paul Schatte, Head Country Food Inc. of Ponca City; and John Williams, Chef's Requested Foods of Oklahoma City.

The Future

"This is a win-win situation," Willoughby says. "Graduating students with food-safety credentials not only provides the industry with a prepared workforce, but it also provides numerous opportunities for the graduates."

Customer requirements and the new Food Safety Modernization Act are driving the need for improved, tighter food-safety systems. The demand for qualified individuals is great and will continue to grow.

"Oklahoma State University will set the standard that many universities will realize they need to follow," Griffin says. "We truly appreciate President Burns Hargis and the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources for supporting the vision for this new food-safety program and option."

"The FAPC-GFSI program provides services to meet the food-safety and security needs of Oklahoma's food industry."

— Chuck Willoughby
Manager of Business and
Marketing Relations, FAPC

The immediate focus is establishing the food-safety option under the current food-science degree and hiring the right faculty member to manage and grow the program.

It is expected that the future program will grow to provide scholarships, internships, undergraduate research opportunities, career development and a full complement of activities to enhance each student's learning experience.

The program will serve beyond food manufacturing and will include all sectors of the food industry from production agriculture to wholesale and retail distribution channels. Ingredient, packaging and equipment suppliers also are affected by food-safety issues, as are regulatory entities.

This program will encompass all food-safety needs, domestically and globally, once fully implemented.

"What is the future; what is our vision?" Griffin asks. "It's constantly evolving as OSU's commitment moves forward in opportunities to be world-renowned in food safety."

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Ingredients:

3 pounds Certified Angus Beef® ground beef

1 onion, diced

3 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 cup chili powder

1 tablespoon ground cumin

1 tablespoon ancho chili pepper

1 tablespoon coarse kosher salt

2 jalapeños, stems removed and finely minced

1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes

1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce

1 (15-ounce) can red kidney beans, rinsed

1 (15-ounce) can pinto beans, rinsed

1 (6-ounce) can tomato paste

Optional toppings: shredded sharp cheddar, sour cream, diced green



Instructions:

In a large, heavy-bottom pot, add beef, onion and garlic over medium heat. Cook, breaking up large pieces until no pink remains, approximately 10 minutes. Drain excess fat, if desired.

Add chili powder, cumin, ancho pepper, jalapeño and salt. Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Stir in tomatoes, sauce, beans and paste. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer for 2 hours, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Yields approximately 3 quarts.

SLOW-COOKED SPICED-CRANBERRY PORK ROAST

(SERVES 8)



Ingredients:

3 1/2-4 pound boneless blade pork roast

1 14-oz can jellied cranberry sauce

2/3 cup sugar

3/4 cup cranberry juice

2 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard

1 1/2 teaspoons ground cloves

1 teaspoon ground black pepper salt, to taste



Instructions:

Trim fat from pork roast, if necessary.

Place roast in 4- to 6-quart slow cooker. Use wire whisk to stir together cranberry sauce and sugar in medium bowl.

Stir in juice, mustard, cloves and pepper until well combined. Pour cranberry mixture over roast in slow cooker.

Cover slow cooker and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours or until pork roast is tender. Season roast to taste with salt; serve juices with roast.

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