

PERSPECTIVE

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OKFB celebrates Ag Day at the Capitol with Oklahoma agriculture community

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members helped share the important role agriculture plays in Oklahoma with state legislators, staff and visitors during Ag Day at the Capitol Tuesday, April 22.

The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry hosted the annual Ag Day at the Capitol event at the Oklahoma State Capitol for agriculture groups from around the state to showcase the impact agriculture has in Oklahoma while highlighting the

many commodities grown statewide.

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee hosted a booth in the Capitol rotunda alongside other agriculture groups and organizations.

WLC members shared the numerous events and activities OKFB takes on to promote and support Oklahoma's agricultural community.

The OKFB WLC also sponsored the Ag in the Classroom awards and the Teacher of the Year award, which was

presented to Jacey Duncan, a sixth-grade science and middle school STEM teacher at Oklahoma Union Public Schools, during the Ag in the Classroom awards ceremony.

The day was capped off with the presentation of Gov. Kevin Stitt's 2025 Outstanding Achievement Award in Agriculture, which was presented to Logan County Farm Bureau member John Pfeiffer.

Pfeiffer named 2025 Agriculture Hall of Fame Award winner



Logan County Farm Bureau member John H. Pfeiffer, Jr., was inducted into the Agriculture Hall of Fame as the 2025 recipient of Gov. Stitt's Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award during Ag Day at the Capitol Tuesday, April 22 at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

"Mr. John Pfeiffer truly represents the values of and principles that Oklahoma farmers and ranchers hold dear," said Blayne Arthur, Sec. of Agriculture. "He has dedicated his life to his family, taking care of the land and his livestock and serving his community and industry. Oklahoma agriculture flourishes because of hard work and leadership from people like Mr. Pfeiffer, and it is an honor to recognize him for his achievements."

Pfeiffer was presented with a trophy and a commendation from Gov. Stitt during the award presentation, which included congratulations and remarks from several members of the Oklahoma

agriculture community, including OKFB President Rodd Moesel.

John and his wife, Gaye, own and operate Pfeiffer Angus Farms, a purebred Angus cattle ranch near Mulhall. The couple has been recognized as pillars of excellence in the Angus breed and cattle industry as a whole.

Serving in leadership roles as both the president of the American Angus Association and chairman of Certified Angus Beef, Pfeiffer has worked to advance the beef industry through innovation and education, shaping the future of the Angus breed across the nation.

A 1981 CAB workshop shifted the family's focus from show-based breeding to performance-based breeding with Pfeiffer leading advancements in technology like in vitro fertilization.

Pfeiffer graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1975 and went to work as a county extension agent before

serving as an educator and principal for 18 years.

The Pfeiffers actively support local youth through 4-H and FFA, earning Pfeiffer honorary degrees from the Mulhall-Orlando FFA Chapter and Oklahoma FFA Association.

They annually welcome hundreds of visitors to their farm, sharing livestock management practices and educating diverse groups including 4-H and FFA students and livestock judging teams.

Pfeiffer adds this honor to his long list of accomplishments that includes being named Master Breeder in 2017 by Oklahoma State University, earning CAB's Ambassador Award in 2021 and being recognized as OKFB's 2023 District 3 Farm and Ranch Family of the year.

To learn more about the Pfeiffer family and the Outstanding Achievement in Agriculture Award, watch the Pfeiffer award video online at okfb.news/AgHallofFame25.



Oklahoma Country magazine arriving in mailboxes across the state

The Spring 2025 issue of *Oklahoma Country* magazine features Nowata County Farm Bureau members Scotty and Jo Herriman, who were recognized for their continued conservation efforts as the 2024 Sand County Foundation Leopold Award winners. Also featured is Coal County Farm Bureau member and District 8 YF&R Committee member Jaclyn Darling as she shares her role with Oklahoma's first beef vending machine. Also included is Blaine County Farm Bureau member Kyle Widney as he shares his family's legacy of building custom cattle chutes.

Read the magazine online at okfb.news/Spring25OklahomaCountry.

Two OKFB members to serve on governor's wildland fire response working group

Two Oklahoma Farm Bureau members have been appointed to Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt's Wildland Fire Response working group, which will develop a comprehensive set of recommendations to enhance Oklahoma's wildfire mitigation and response efforts.

Comanche County Farm Bureau Member Adam Bohl and OKFB Senior Director of Young Farmers & Ranchers and Noble County Farm Bureau member Burton Harmon will both serve on the working group.

Bohl is a fifth-generation farmer and rancher in southwestern Oklahoma near the community of Chattanooga. Bohl has served on the Chattanooga Volunteer Fire Department since 2007 and is the second generation of his family serving on that department and the third generation in his family to serve as a volunteer firefighter.

Harmon has been a member of the Sumner Volunteer Fire Department in Noble County for more than 15 years. Harmon also served as department chief for two years. In his time with OKFB, Burton has led hundreds of fire safety classes for elementary school children around the state, sharing fire safety fundamentals.

"The fires we saw last month were a tragic reminder of how quickly these

events escalate and how essential it is that our response is fast, unified and backed by every tool available," Gov. Stitt said. "This working group will ensure Oklahoma is not just reacting, but leading the way with innovative, proactive wildfire strategies."

The governor's office said the key objectives of the working group include enhancing interagency coordination, advancing wildfire mitigation efforts, leveraging grants and federal funding, partnering with the private sector and stakeholders, engaging academic research institutions and collaborating with the Oklahoma legislature.

The working group will be co-led by Oklahoma Sec. of Agriculture Blayne Arthur and Sec. of Public Safety Tricia Everest. Group members will include representatives from Oklahoma fire service agencies and associations, local and county emergency managers, agricultural policy and research professionals from Oklahoma State University, insurance industry representatives and other groups.

Gov. Stitt has directed the working group to convene within 30 days of the group's April 8 formation. The group will submit a set of formal recommendations to the governor and legislature within six months.



Nurse's Training Scholarship applications due July 10

Oklahoma nursing students can now apply for the WLC Nurse's Training Scholarship. Applications are due **Thursday, July 10**.

Applicants must be Farm Bureau members or a member of a Farm Bureau family.

The annual scholarship program awards three \$500 scholarships to students studying in a nursing program at an accredited college, university, vo-tech or trade school.

The application is available online at okfarmbureau.org/applications.

Bushels for Books applications due June 10

Applications for the WLC and OKFB Foundation for Agriculture's Bushels for Books program is now open. Applications are due **Tuesday, June 10**.

Pre-K through eighth-grade teachers, school librarians, family and consumer science instructors or OSU Extension educators can apply.

The program provides educators with grade-level-appropriate accurate-agriculture books for their class.

The application and more details are available online at okfarmbureau.org/applications.

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Comanche, Noble, Kay County Farm Bureaus take to the Capitol to visit with legislators

County Capitol visits continue during the legislative season in Oklahoma with Comanche, Noble and Kay County Farm Bureau making their voices heard at the Capitol.

Kay County brought more than 30 4-H and FFA members to speak to their legislative delegation including Sen. Roland Pederson and Rep. John Pfeiffer. Members also visited with Rep. Ken Luttrell and Sen. Bill Coleman.

Comanche County members visited with Rep. Trey Caldwell, Rep. Anthony Moore, Rep. Rande Worthen, Rep. Daniel Pae and Rep. Hasenbeck.

Noble County brought the Mulhall-Orlando FFA officer team along with several Noble County Farm Bureau members to visit with Rep. John Pfeiffer, Rep. Ty Burns and Sen. Roland Pederson.

County Farm Bureau Capitol visits give members the opportunity to visit with legislators about issues affecting their areas.

