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OKFB Ag PAC to host fundraising dinner

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is excited to host the first-ever Evening of Impact, a fundraising dinner supporting the OKFB Ag PAC political action committee, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

The newly formed OKFB Ag PAC supports state and federal candidates for office who share Farm Bureau members' rural values and who understand the important role agriculture plays in our state and our nation.

The fundraising event will start with a reception at 6 p.m., and will be followed by a dinner at 7 p.m.

The 2022 election will include political races that have wide-ranging implications for Farm Bureau members, and the OKFB Ag PAC will support candidates who uphold the beliefs and ideals of rural Oklahoma.

Tickets for the event are \$250 per person, with proceeds

helping fund the Ag PAC in the upcoming election cycle. Mail checks to OKFB Ag PAC, Attn: Steve Thompson, 2501 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. Confirmation of receipt will be sent after the check is received.

Those who are unable to attend but who wish to contribute to the Ag PAC can mail a check with their contribution of any amount to the address above.

The OKFB Ag PAC is supported solely by individual contributions, which come primarily from Farm Bureau members who elect to make voluntary contributions when renewing their membership dues. Members can also donate at any time by mailing a check to the Ag PAC.

For more information about the event or the Ag PAC, contact Steve Thompson at (405) 523-2300.

Contributions or gifts to the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Ag PAC are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.



County Farm Bureau board members to enhance leadership skills during annual meeting Nov. 5

County Farm Bureau board members are invited to hone their leadership skills during the County Board Member Training at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Friday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.

New to the annual meeting this year, the training will highlight the roles and responsibilities of the organizations' county leaders while further developing their leadership skills.

American Farm Bureau Managing Director, Leadership Development Elise Cruce will share best practices for county leaders to support the work of the county Farm Bureaus.

County board members who have been serving for decades or those who have recently been elected to serve will have the opportunity to learn about preparing for meetings, maintaining records of the organization, serving all Farm Bureau members and much more.

Lunch will be provided to all attendees. For more information, contact Justin Whitmore at (405) 523-2300.

JOIN US FOR TWO EVENINGS OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP DURING CONVENTION

Don't miss out on two nights of fun and fellowship for members of all ages as farmers and ranchers from across the state gather for Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting Nov. 5-7 at the Embassy Suites and Conference Center in Norman.

Friday, Nov. 5

Show off your knowledge of OKFB history and agriculture or sit back and enjoy a Family Feud style game at **7:30 p.m.** Eight randomly selected teams will compete to be named the top team.

Saturday, Nov. 6

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship with members, legislators and industry leaders during the OKFB Ag PAC Reception.
7 p.m. - Gather to recognize counties and members for their hard work throughout the year.

OKFB Foundation for Agriculture accepting donations for Louisiana producers affected by hurricane Ida

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is gathering donations for Louisiana farmers and ranchers affected by Hurricane Ida.

Making landfall exactly 16 years after Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ida is ranked in the top three strongest hurricanes to make landfall in Louisiana.

As recovery efforts will last into the coming months, farmers and ranchers are in need of assistance, as much of the forage, grain and fencing was carried away by water and wind.

All hurricane relief donations will be sent to the Louisiana Farm Bureau Federation Disaster Relief Fund to assist producers in the affected area.

Send checks to OKFB Foundation for Agriculture, Attn: Holly Carroll, 2501 N Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, by **November 1**. For more information, contact Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2300.



Four things to know about the YF&R discussion meets

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee is set to host a high school discussion meet and a joint collegiate and YF&R discussion meet during the organization's annual meeting Nov. 4-5 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Convention Center in Norman.

The high school discussion meet is set for Thursday, Nov. 4, at 5 p.m., and the collegiate and YF&R members will compete Friday, Nov. 5 at 10 a.m.

If you know of a young member who would be a good fit to participate in either discussion meet, they can contact Zac Swartz at (405) 523-2300, or visit the application center at okfarmbureau.org/applications. Contestants must be registered by **October 29**.

Below are a few tips and reminders that can help high school, collegiate and YF&R discussion meet participants as they prepare for convention:

1. Discuss, do not debate

The discussion meet is a panel forum, which provides participants the ability to discuss several pre-determined agriculture issues in a meeting-style format. Participants should discuss the topic and arrive to a conclusion that will provide a solution to the question posed.

2. Come to a solution

The event is designed to resemble a committee meeting, in which participants address a specific topic to come to a solution. All participants should contribute to the discussion, and participants should work cooperatively to develop ideas and solutions.

3. Use facts in the discussion

While preparing for the event, read and follow agriculture news, and use reliable sources to include facts during the event. Participants using facts and figures will be better able to support their point of view.

4. Prepare for opening and closing statements

Each participant will have the opportunity to provide a 30-second opening statement and a 1-minute closing statement covering the topic, which should be directed to the audience. While it is important to prepare for each of these statements, participants should not make the statement sound rehearsed.

The top four high school participants will receive scholarship ranging from \$1,500 to \$250 and the collegiate winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The YF&R winner will receive an all-expense paid trip the AFBF Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, to compete in the AFBF Discussion Meet, in addition to a John Deere Z355E ZTrak Mower.



Fight hunger challenges with help of Community Harvest Grant Program

Youth organizations across the state looking to fight hunger are encouraged to apply for the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's Community Harvest Grant Program. Individual 4-H chapters and FFA clubs may apply for up to \$1,000 to support a service-learning project focused on developing and implementing sustainable food production that addresses hunger in the community. Projects can include developing a community garden, creating a school pantry, hosting a class for the community and much more.

Applications must be submitted by **November 1**. For full details visit okfb.news/foundgrants21.

OKFB members can make a difference through voluntary contributions

As members renew their Oklahoma Farm Bureau memberships in the coming weeks, each member has the opportunity to help OKFB make a greater impact.

Here are the three ways members can choose to give beyond their annual membership dues when renewing their Farm Bureau membership:

Foundation for Agriculture - The OKFB Foundation for Agriculture strives to connect consumers with accurate agriculture information as well as support agriculture and rural communities within Oklahoma.

Legal Foundation - Formed to support the rights and freedoms of farmers and ranchers, the OKFB Legal Foundation promotes and protects individual liberties, private property rights and free enterprise.

Ag PAC - The Ag PAC is a political action committee formed by OKFB members to support candidates for elected positions in federal and statewide elections.

**Contributions or gifts to the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Ag PAC are not tax deductible as charitable contributions.*

Members can choose to give voluntary contributions in any amount. To learn more about each or for details on how to donate, visit okfarmbureau.org/give.

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OKFB supports the future of ag youth at Tulsa State Fair

Oklahoma Farm Bureau was proud to support each of the 150 exhibitors during the 2021 Tulsa State Fair Night of Champions Scholarship Series on Wednesday, October 6, at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds.

OKFB helped sponsor scholarships to the top exhibitors in partnership with fellow agricultural organizations and individuals. Farm Bureau provided additional scholarship money to exhibitors who are members.



Fall issue of Oklahoma Country filled with heartwarming stories



Within the pages of the fall issue of Oklahoma Farm Bureau's quarterly publication, *Oklahoma Country*, two members share their

unique stories on how they each give back in their own respective ways, covered in the two feature stories "Out of the Ashes" and "Planting Passion."

Also in this issue are details about OKFB's upcoming annual meeting, an exciting new addition to the OKFB safety services department and an update from Washington, D.C., by Rep. Frank Lucas.