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OKFB names Farm & Ranch Family Recognition recipients

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee recognized nine outstanding farm and ranch families on Saturday, Nov. 12 during OKFB's 81st annual meeting in Norman.

The OKFB WLC's Farm and Ranch Family Recognition program honors a farm and ranch family in each of OKFB's nine districts who upholds the best traditions of Oklahoma agriculture and rural Oklahoma as they raise food and fiber for our state and beyond.

"From the day-to-day work on the farm to the time they

invest in the next generation, these nine families truly represent the spirit of rural Oklahoma" said Mignon Bolay, OKFB WLC chair. "We are proud to recognize them as this year's district farm and ranch family honorees."

Each family was featured during the OKFB award session with a two-minute video feature, which told the story of each farm and ranch family.

Families were also recognized with an awards presentation on stage and received a cash award along with a custom sign to hang at their farm gate.

Meet OKFB's 2022 Farm & Ranch Families, read their stories and watch their videos on our special website at

okfb.news/FarmFam22

Garfield County Farm Bureau members honored with YF&R Achievement Award

Travis and Rylee Schnaithman were honored with the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the organization's 81st annual meeting in Norman.

The Farm Bureau Achievement Award recognizes Young Farmers and Ranchers who have excelled in their farming or ranching operation and have honed their leadership abilities through Farm Bureau and other activities and organizations.

"It's quite an honor and I feel very humbled," said Travis Schnaithman. "This is something where I've watched previous winners in past years and thought, 'I'd like to be like them and have operations on the same caliber as them.'"

The Schnaithmans are part of a multigenerational centennial farm in Garfield County where they farm

Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel (left) presents Travis Schnaithman, along with sons Mack and McCoy, of Garfield County with the 2022 OKFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Achievement Award on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the 2022 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual meeting in Norman, OK. Also pictured is JJ Francois, assistant vice president of external affairs for Hilliary Communications, who sponsored the award.



alongside Travis's father and brother. The Schnaithmans grow wheat, corn and soybeans in addition to their cow-calf operation.

As Achievement Award winners, the Schnaithmans received a John Deere Gator courtesy of Hilliary Communications. The Schnaithmans

also will receive an expense-paid trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the 2023 American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in January. The Schnaithmans will compete on a national level for the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award during the AFBF Annual Meeting.

Rogers County Farm Bureau members win OKFB YF&R Excellence in Agriculture Award

Chris and Ashley Hoskins were honored with the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award at the organization's 81st annual meeting Nov. 12 in Norman.

The award is presented to young farmers and ranchers who do not derive a majority of their income from a farming or ranching operation while excelling in agriculture and Farm Bureau involvement.

"This is really an honor for our family to be recognized," said Chris Hoskins, a Rogers County Farm Bureau member. "It is great to have an impact and a voice in the community."

Hoskins works in the construction industry as an operations manager, where he bids and schedules jobs and coordinates employee, supply and equipment schedules. He and his wife own a cow-calf operation in Rogers County, where they sell replacement heifers and offer a freezer beef program to local buyers.

"To be recognized even if you are not

a full time farmer or rancher means a lot to me," Hoskins said.

Hoskins serves on both his county and the state YF&R committees. He also serves as chairman of the Rogers County Feeding Contest.

The Hoskins family received a Polaris

ATV, courtesy of Ag Credit and Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma. They also earned a trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting Jan. 6-11 in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where they will compete for the AFBF Excellence in Agriculture Award.



Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel (left) presents Rogers County Farm Bureau members Chris and Ashley Hoskins with the 2022 OKFB Young Farmers & Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the 2022 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual meeting in Norman, OK. Also pictured are Patrick Zeka, president and chief executive officer of Oklahoma AgCredit, and John Grunewald, chief executive officer of Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, who sponsored the award prizes.

OKFB recognizes, awards county Farm Bureau administrators from each district

Oklahoma Farm Bureau recently presented its District Administrator of the Year Awards at the organization's 81st annual meeting Nov. 11-13 in Norman.

The District Administrator of the Year Award is presented to one county Farm Bureau administrator from each OKFB district for their contributions to the overall success of their county Farm Bureau organization. County administrators conduct the daily operations of the county Farm Bureau and help meet the needs of members.

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District 6

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McIntosh County

District 9

Judy Montgomery
Oklfuskee County

OKFB names YF&R Discussion Meet winners

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers named the winners of three discussion meet competitive events on Saturday, Nov. 12 during the organization's 81st annual meeting in Norman.

Dillon Johnson of Ottawa County Farm Bureau was named the winner of the 2022 YF&R Discussion Meet, and Taylor Fent of Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College was named the 2022 Collegiate Farm Bureau Discussion Meet winner.

Kennedy Clark of Minco FFA won the High School Discussion Meet, which was held Thursday, Nov. 10.

YF&R competitors participated in three rounds of panel-style discussion where each competitor's performance was evaluated on the exchange of ideas and information on predetermined topics. Participants were judged on their ability to offer constructive input, cooperation and communication while analyzing agricultural problems and developing solutions.

As the YF&R Discussion Meet winner, Johnson received a John Deere lawnmower, sponsored by P&K Equipment. Johnson also has the opportunity to compete in the national discussion meet contest at the 2023

American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting Jan. 6-11 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The collegiate winner received an expense-paid trip to the 2023 AFBF FUSION Conference March 3-6 in Jacksonville, Florida.

As the high school winner, Kennedy Clark received a \$1,500 scholarship. Carter Caves of Amber-Pocasset FFA placed second to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, Kalen Groves of Beggs FFA received a \$500 scholarship for placing third, and Caylee McPhearson of Minco FFA received a \$250 scholarship for placing fourth.



Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel (left) and OKFB Young Farmers & Ranchers coordinator Zac Swartz (right) present Dillon Johnson his award as the 2022 OKFB YF&R Discussion Meet winner on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the 2022 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Norman, OK.



Oklahoma Farm Bureau President Rodd Moesel (left) and OKFB Young Farmers & Ranchers coordinator Zac Swartz (right) present Taylor Fent her award as the 2022 OKFB Collegiate Discussion Meet winner on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the 2022 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Norman, OK.

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Payne, Rogers County Farm Bureaus recognized with County Excellence Awards

Oklahoma Farm Bureau presented the organization's first-ever OKFB County Excellence Awards to Payne and Rogers County Farm Bureaus on Saturday, Nov. 12 at the organization's 81st annual meeting in Norman.

Modeled after the American Farm Bureau Federation's County Activities of Excellence Award, this award recognizes county Farm Bureaus with the most outstanding or unique local program, activity or event.

Payne County hosted Payne County Palooza, a cattle clinic for students to learn basic cattle management practices as well as skills for the show ring. Participants visited several interactive stations, including stations on calving, ear tagging, administering vaccinations and more. Students also had the opportunity to practice their showmanship skills with their own cattle or provided animals.

Rogers County Farm Bureau hosted a steer and hog feed-out contest for Rogers County students from Pre-K through high school. Participants chose to feed either a steer or hog for 120-160 days, then the animals were processed and judged on both carcass merit and a daily rate of gain. At the conclusion of the contest, each student had the chance to learn from the judges how their animal's carcass was evaluated. Awards were given to the top-five individuals in each contest, as well as for rate of gain, carcass merit, largest ribeye and loineye bonus.

The award is given to one small and one large county Farm Bureau based on membership.

