

PERSPECTIVE

July 3, 2020

Join OKFB for August Area Meetings

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are encouraged to attend the organization's upcoming August Area Meetings, signaling the beginning of the grassroots policy development process.

Held across the state during the month of August, members will have an opportunity to consider some of the leading issues facing agriculture and rural Oklahoma as they prepare to develop organizational policy for 2021.

District 1 - West

August 3 | 6 p.m.

Hunny's Restaurant
102 N. Main St.
Guymon

District 1 - East

August 4 | 6 p.m.

Northwest Electric
2925 Williams Ave.
Woodward

District 2

August 17 | 6 p.m.

Kiowa County Farm Bureau
801 S. Broadway Ave.
Hobart

District 3

August 25 | 6 p.m.

Redlands CC Conference Center
1300 S. Country Club Rd.
El Reno

District 4 - East

August 10 | 6 p.m.

Casa Romo
120 W. Main St.
Ardmore

District 4 - West

August 13 | 6 p.m.

Comanche County Farm Bureau
502 S.W. 11th
Lawton

District 5

August 20 | 6 p.m.

TBD



District 6

August 18 | 6 p.m.

Moore Farm's Event Barn
9353 W. 500 Rd.
Pryor

District 7

August 11 | 6 p.m.

The Home Place Country Estate
272271 E. County Rd. 44
Meno

District 8

August 24 | 6 p.m.

Pottawatomie County Museum
207 N. Minnesota
Shawnee

District 9

August 6 | 6 p.m.

Creek County Fairgrounds
17808 OK-66
Kellyville

**Note: August Area Meeting dates are current as of press time but are subject to change. Please visit the OKFB website at okfarmbureau.org for the latest schedule. For more information, please contact your county's field representative.*

OKFB Foundation for Agriculture accepting applications for board position

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is accepting applications for a position representing northeast Oklahoma on its board of directors.

Voting members in good standing with OKFB are eligible to apply. The application form can be found on the foundation website at okfbfoundationforagriculture.org. Applications must be typed, printed and mailed to Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, Attn: Holly Carroll, 2501 N. Stiles Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

For more information, please contact foundation director Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2300.



Holman named an assistant director of public policy

Caylie Holman has been named an assistant director of public policy at Oklahoma Farm Bureau.

In the new role, she will work alongside the public policy staff to advocate for Farm Bureau's grassroots policy at the state Capitol.

Holman joined the organization in 2018 as the south central field representative, where she served as a liaison between county Farm Bureau organizations and the home office.

"I've enjoyed getting to know our membership, and having the

opportunity to understand how policy at the state level impacts their operations," Holman said. "It's so important for our organization to continue working to preserve our state's family farms."

Before joining Farm Bureau, Holman previously served as a legislative correspondent for Sen. James Lankford in Washington, D.C. The Tecumseh native earned a degree in communications from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She and her husband, Corey, live on a cow/calf and hay operation in Asher, Oklahoma.

OKFB YF&R shotgun shoot to take place Aug. 29

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers will host its second annual shotgun shoot Aug. 29 at Quail Ridge Hunting and Sporting Clays in McLoud, Oklahoma.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, which focuses on connecting consumers of all ages with the farmers and ranchers who produce their food and fiber.

On the day of the event, registration will begin at 8 a.m., followed by shooting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided to all event participants and will be served at 11:30 a.m. Prizes and door prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the event.

The cost to enter a team of four into the contest is \$375 and an individual entry is \$100.

For those interested in becoming a sponsor, there are two levels. All sponsor information must be submitted no later than August 7.



For more information regarding the YF&R shotgun shoot, contact Zac Swartz at (405) 523-2300. The latest registration details will be announced on the OKFB website and social media.



Watch OKFB's wheat harvest video with Martens family of Major County

As farmers across the state cut wheat throughout over the past several weeks, OKFB staff had the opportunity to visit Major County Farm Bureau member Adam Martens (pictured left) during harvest on his family's farm near Fairview, Oklahoma. Martens shared an update on harvest at his family's operation in a video which can be found on the OKFB Facebook page at facebook.com/okfarmbureau.

Kinder named to EPA advisory committee

Jimmy Kinder, Oklahoma Farm Bureau District Four Director and Cotton County Farm Bureau member, was recently appointed to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee.

Comprised of 33 individuals from a variety of sectors across the U.S., the FRRCC provides independent policy advice, information and recommendations to the EPA administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

"One of my priorities for EPA has been to restore trust for our agency among agricultural stakeholders and rural communities," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "This committee will provide valuable input on how EPA's decisions impact rural America, and I look forward to receiving the committee's recommendations."

The 33 nominees will constitute a brand new committee and will each serve two or three-year terms beginning June 15, 2020. The committee expects to meet approximately twice a year beginning in late summer of 2020.

Kinder is a fourth-generation farmer and rancher in Cotton County. He is an early adopter of no-till production practices on his farm where he grows wheat, canola and grain sorghum and raises cattle.

Learn more about the FRRCC on the EPA website at epa.gov/faca/frcc.



YF&R to host summer conference July 10-12 in OKC

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members ages 18 to 35 are invited to attend the OKFB Young Farmers and Ranchers annual summer conference July 10-12 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The three-day conference is an opportunity to meet fellow young farmers and ranchers from across the state, tour local agricultural facilities and learn more about YF&R leadership opportunities and programs.

Register at okfb.news/yfrconf20. For more information, contact Zac Swartz at (405) 523-2300

Friday, July 10

- 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Registration at Staybridge Suites hotel in Oklahoma City
- 6:30 p.m.** Cookout at Oklahoma Farm Bureau office *family welcome*

Saturday, July 11

- 8 a.m.** Load bus
- 8:30 a.m.** American Plant Products and Services tour
- 10 a.m.** Oklahoma National Stockyards Company tour
- 12 p.m.** Lunch at hotel
- 1 p.m.** Roy Lee Lindsey & Michael Kelsey
- 2 p.m.** V.J. Smith
- 3 p.m.** JanLee Rowlett & Dr. Rod Hall
- 4 p.m.** YF&R Award Panel
- 6:45 p.m.** Leave hotel for dinner
- 7 p.m.** Dinner and entertainment by Bryon White from Damn Quails

Sunday, July 12

- 10 a.m.** Service
- 11 a.m.** Adjourn

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Payne County Farm Bureau assists with food box program



Payne County Farm Bureau members, including members of the county Women's Leadership Committee and Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee, help distribute more than 130 boxes of fresh produce and dairy through the USDA Farmers to Families food box program in Cushing on June 27. The group was able to assist more than 500 families in need in the Payne County community.

