

PERSPECTIVE

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OKFB Ag PAC board members (right to left) Alan Jett, LeRoy Odell and Roger Fisher discuss candidates to support and endorse at the Ag PAC meeting on Monday, Aug. 29 in Oklahoma City.

OKFB Ag PAC endorses two additional candidates, expands financial support ahead of Nov. 8 general election

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Ag PAC endorsed two more candidates and contributed an additional \$16,900 in financial support to new and previously supported candidates leading up to the Nov. 8 general election.

New OKFB Ag PAC endorsees include Josh Brecheen for United States House District 2 and Kim David, whom the PAC previously supported for Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner. Both candidates received financial support in addition to an endorsement.

The Ag PAC awarded first-time financial support to three candidates, including Grant Green for Senate District 28, Mark Lepak for House District 9 and Clay Staires for House District 66.

The Ag PAC also gave additional financial support to several previously

supported candidates, including Kevin Stitt for governor, who was endorsed by the Ag PAC before the primary election. Other candidates receiving additional financial support include Ally Seifried, SD 2; Kristen Thompson, SD 22; Eric Roberts, HD 83; and Tammy West, HD 84.

To view a full list of endorsed and supported candidates, visit okfb.news/vote22.

The PAC is funded through voluntary contributions from OKFB members. To make a contribution to the OKFB Ag PAC and strengthen your voice on election day, contact the OKFB Public Policy Department at (405) 523-2300*.

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

Final list of Ag PAC Endorsed Candidates

Below is the full list of candidates appearing on the ballot for the Nov. 8 general election who are endorsed by the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Ag PAC. An endorsement is the highest level of support the OKFB Ag PAC gives to candidates running for elected office.

Federal candidates

James Lankford - U.S. Senate
Markwayne Mullin - U.S. Senate
Kevin Hern - U.S. House District 1
Josh Brecheen - U.S. House District 2
Frank Lucas - U.S. House District 3
Tom Cole - U.S. House District 4
Stephanie Bice - U.S. House District 5

Statewide candidates

Kevin Stitt - Governor
Cindy Byrd - State Auditor
Kim David - Corporation Commissioner

State Senate candidates

Darcy Jech - Senate District 26

State House candidates

Josh West - House District 5
Dell Kerbs - House District 26
Kyle Hilbert - House District 29
Kevin Wallace - House District 32
Anthony Moore - House District 57
Trey Caldwell - House District 63
Jon Echols - House District 90

View the full list of endorsed and supported candidates online at okfb.news/vote22

OKFB Legal Foundation praises Supreme Court in recreational marijuana ruling

The Oklahoma Supreme Court ruled Aug. 30 to uphold the state statutory procedures a state question must follow to advance to the ballot.

Proponents of State Question 820 – a measure to legalize recreational marijuana – filed a petition to circumvent Oklahoma’s state statute for initiative petitions. The Court heard oral arguments on Friday, Aug. 26 from the supporters of SQ 820 and Attorney General John O’Connor, who represented the Oklahoma Secretary of State, the Oklahoma State Election Board and Governor Kevin Stitt, who opposed the petitioners’ request to the court.

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Legal Foundation joined forces with the State Chamber Research Foundation Legal Center and the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association to submit a brief urging the Supreme Court to preserve the integrity of the state statute to ensure a fair and equal process for all state questions, both current and past.

The OKFB Legal Foundation and partners released the following statement after the court’s ruling Tuesday, Aug. 30:

The State Chamber Research Foundation Legal Center, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Legal Foundation and the Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association are pleased with the Oklahoma Supreme Court’s commonsense decision to uphold the state statute requiring a 10-day challenge period for all state question initiatives before advancing to the ballot.

This ensures the vital right of Oklahomans to petition the government through an initiative and maintains the integrity of the rules and procedures that all Oklahomans must play by, regardless of the subject matter.

Our members understand the importance and impact of a state question. We are proud of the Oklahoma Supreme Court for applying the law consistently to all citizens.

AFBF breaks down the Inflation Reduction Act’s implications for agriculture



This article is from American Farm Bureau’s Market Intel series, produced by the AFBF economic analysis team. For more Market Intel articles, visit fbf.org/market-intel.

Formerly known as the Build Back Better Act, the budget reconciliation bill, after extensive negotiations and reworking, was finalized as the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, totaling roughly \$770 billion. Since the budget reconciliation process was used, the bill only needed a simple majority in the Senate to pass, meaning it only needed 51 votes, rather than the 60 votes often

needed to avoid procedural blocks. The Senate passed the bill on Sunday, Aug. 7, along a party-line 50-50 vote requiring Vice President Harris to cast the deciding, tie-breaking vote. The House passed the bill on Friday, Aug. 12, also along party lines, 220-207.

The final bill includes nearly **\$40 billion** for agriculture, forestry and rural development. This includes nearly **\$20 billion** in funding for the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program, Conservation Stewardship Program, Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Regional Conservation Partnership Program, plus technical

assistance. In addition, it includes **\$14 billion** for rural development to support the development of renewable energy and spending on biofuels infrastructure. The bill also provides **\$4 billion** to mitigate the impacts of drought in the Western Reclamation states, with priority given to the Colorado River Basin and other basins experiencing comparable levels of long-term drought.

Read the full Market Intel analysis article from American Farm Bureau online at

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Nearly 140 shooters competed in the YF&R Shotgun Shoot Saturday, Aug. 27 at Silverleaf Shotgun Sports in Guthrie.



The first-place team included Hayden Hillary, Koy Davidson, Charlie Zimmerman and Cooper Davidson.

YF&R Shotgun Shoot raises more than \$19,000 for OKFB Foundation for Ag

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee hosted their annual shotgun shoot Aug. 27 at Silverleaf Shotgun Sports in Guthrie, raising more than \$19,000 to benefit the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture.

The group hosted nearly 140 shooters on 34 four-person teams. The event tested shooters' skills at stations mimicking real-life hunting scenarios.

The first-place team – Hayden Hillary, Koy Davidson, Charlie Zimmerman and Cooper Davidson – and second-place team – Cody Richerds, Hunter Campbell, Clay Robertson and Nolin Marcus of Murray State College – received a cash

prize. The high individual award was presented to Clay Robertson. Door prizes were also presented to competitors.

A YETI cooler was raffled to provide additional funds for the foundation.

The OKFB Foundation for Agriculture seeks to connect consumers with accurate agriculture information as well supporting agriculture and rural communities in Oklahoma.

The title sponsors of the event included John Vance, OKFB Insurance and the OKFB Women's Leadership Committee.

Comanche County Farm Bureau, Farm Credit of Western Oklahoma, Okmulgee County Farm Bureau, Pottawatomie

County Farm Bureau, Rogers County Farm Bureau and Tulsa County Farm Bureau were platinum sponsors.

The gold sponsors included Canadian County Farm Bureau, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, First Bank and Trust Company, Kay County Farm Bureau, Payne County Farm Bureau, Seminole County Farm Bureau, Shamrock Bank, Southwest Center Pivot, Warren CAT and Woodward County Farm Bureau.

Learn how to donate to the foundation at okfarmbureau.org/give. For more information about the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture, contact Holly Carroll by email at holly.carroll@aggiving.org or call (405) 523-2300.

Final Generation Bridge summer event held in OKC

The final Generation Bridge Summer Series event brought nearly 50 Farm Bureau members ages 35-50 to Remington Park in Oklahoma City for a night of fellowship and fun at the racetrack. Members enjoyed dinner before the races kicked off.



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Nurse's Training Scholarship



WLC awards four scholarships for nurse's training

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee recently awarded four scholarships to students pursuing a degree in nursing.

The recipients of the WLC Nurse's Training Scholarship are:

- Kristy Fitzl of Morris
- Victoria Gerald of Mangum
- Ariya Regnier of Cushing
- Madison Rowe of Oklahoma City

The scholarship is awarded to those who are attending an accredited college,

university or trade school, and must be an Oklahoma Farm Bureau member or a member of a Farm Bureau-member family.

The WLC recognizes the significant role nurses play in ensuring a high quality of life for all Oklahomans, especially those in rural areas. With the cost of education rising yearly, the committee is proud to provide four students with scholarships to aid in their pursuit of a career in nursing.

Upcoming OKFB dates and reminders

YF&R State Fair Livestock Judging Contest

Sept. 15

Oklahoma State Fair, Oklahoma City

Fire Department Matching Program deadline

Sept. 30

Applications must be submitted

YF&R award application deadline

Sept. 30

Achievement & Excellence awards

County resolutions due to home office

Oct. 10

Resolutions must be submitted