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OKFB YF&R members compete at the 2019 AFBF Convention in New Orleans



Emma Jumper (right) competed in the first round of the American Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers discussion meet. She discussed how to grow Farm Bureau's base of supporters and how Farm Bureau can help ensure farmers' and ranchers' access to agriculture technology.



Above: Josh Anderson, Johnston County Farm Bureau member and president, competed in the excellence in agriculture competition. He shared his upbringing on his family's farm and his current career with the Noble Research Institute.



Above: Nocona and Jordan Cook, Washita County Farm Bureau, competed on a national level for the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers Achievement Award during the AFBF Annual Meeting.

OKFB WLC members attend business session at AFBF annual meeting



Above: OKFB's delegates to the AFBF Women's Leadership Program business session. (L to R in black sweaters): Sharlene Lambring, Dist. 3; Mary Sloan, Dist. 6; Linda Fox, Dist. 1; Terry Pederson, Dist 7; and Cindy Schoenecke, Dist. 9.

Red Carpet Classic Special Needs Livestock Show gives students unique opportunity



Oklahoma Farm Bureau was proud to be a sponsor at the first-ever Red Carpet Classic Special Needs Livestock Show held at the Woodward Event Center and Fairgrounds January 9.

Sharon-Mutual FFA hosted the event for nearly 22 area special needs students. To help guide them through the petting zoo and livestock show were 52 Woodward-area FFA students from various chapters.

Right: An FFA member helps a Red Carpet Classic participant as he guides his goat through the ring.



Loof for more AFBF coverage to come in next Perspective issue

For full coverage of the American Farm Bureau Federation annual convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, make sure to check our next issue of *Perspective*.

Until then, archived live streamed videos can be found from AFBF at www.okfb.news/afbf19video or through their Facebook page.

Some of the key events to be discussed in the next issue include:

- President Trump's address to farm and ranch families across the country
- Awards of excellence for Oklahoma Farm Bureau
- OKFB's participation in the opening ceremonies



Congressional Action Tour to visit Washington, D.C., April 1-5



Travel to Washington, D.C., with Oklahoma Farm Bureau to advocate for farmers and ranchers on Capitol Hill!

The annual trip provides Farm Bureau members from across the state with a unique opportunity to promote agriculture and rural policy with the Oklahoma congressional delegation, federal agency leaders and American Farm Bureau staff in our nation's Capitol. More information will be made available in the coming weeks.

For more information regarding the Congressional Action Tour, please contact your county office or OKFB Public Policy Coordinator Emmy Karns at (405) 530-2681.

YF&R members to visit state Capitol Feb. 18

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers members will head to the Oklahoma State Capitol on the morning of Monday, Feb. 18, for their annual legislative day event.

The YF&R legislative day gives agriculturalists with diverse backgrounds ages 18-35 an opportunity to hear from lawmakers and learn about agricultural legislation moving through the state Capitol as the young leaders advocate for sound agricultural and rural policy.

After the legislative day activities, YF&R members will join OKFB members from around the state at the OKFB Leadership Conference lunch. YF&R members are encouraged to attend the conference on the afternoon of the 18th and 19th located at the Embassy Suites Hotel Downtown Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Week to be held Feb. 18-22

County Farm Bureaus across the state will celebrate and promote the grassroots organization during Farm Bureau Week held Feb. 18 through Feb. 22.

This celebration is an opportunity for county offices to promote the organization within their own communities while raising awareness of the many benefits of a Farm Bureau membership. Some county offices will be hosting open houses throughout the week for those interested in stopping by and learning more about what OKFB has to offer.

Will you be hosting a special event in your area in honor of Farm Bureau Week? If so, please send your event details to hannah.davis@okfb.org.

Schwabauer named OKFB publications specialist

Oklahoma Farm Bureau recently hired Brianna Schwabauer as the publications specialist within the farm organization.

In her position, she will assist with both design and production of OKFB's written publications, lay out print marketing materials, take photos, produce graphic designs for visual aids, and provide additional support for written content.

"Growing up in the Farm Bureau organization, I've seen first-hand what it can do for not only members, but their families as well," Schwabauer said. "I'm looking forward to being a part of that and sharing the unique stories of Oklahoma Farm Bureau members."

Schwabauer joins the OKFB staff after serving as the communications coordinator for American Farmers & Ranchers where she gained experience in photography, feature writing, social media, website management, and print publications.

Originally from Moorpark, California,

Schwabauer earned her bachelor's degree in agricultural communications from Oklahoma State University.



Be sure to attend OKFB leadership conference Feb. 18-19

Make plans to join OKFB members for this two-day conference featuring state and federal agricultural policy updates, organizational updates, a reception with state leaders and lawmakers, a visit to the state Capitol and more.

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Above: Loryn Schnaithman visits with KNID Agrifest attendees as they fill in their information for a chance to win one of several raffle prizes available.



Above: Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur and State Senator Roland Pederson visited with members at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau booth.

County Farm Bureaus see large turnout for KNID Agrifest

Members from the Enid area represented and promoted OKFB at the KNID Agrifest held in the Chisholm Trail Expo Center at the Garfield County Fairgrounds in Enid January 11-12.

The KNID Agrifest is the largest farm show in northwest Oklahoma. With more than 200 vendors in attendance, attendees were able to see some of the latest improvements to agriculture equipment, technology, and services.



Above: OKFB northwest field representative Todd Honer talks with Alfalfa County Farm Bureau board member Richard Castle.