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Perspective

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OKFB to kick off grassroots policy development at August Area Meetings

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are encouraged to gather together during the organization's annual August Area Meetings held Aug. 5 through Aug. 29 throughout the state.

The meetings signify the kickoff of OKFB's grassroots policy development, as well as an opportunity to learn about the latest organizational activities.

Plan to attend your district meeting, and make sure to invite your fellow Farm Bureau members as we continue the great tradition of providing a grassroots voice for agriculture and rural Oklahoma.

District 1

August 5 | 6 p.m.

Hunny's Restaurant
Guymon

August 6 | 6 p.m.

TBD
Woodward

District 2

August 8 | 6 p.m.

Kiowa County Farm Bureau office
Hobart

District 3

August 22 | 6 p.m.

Canadian County Farm Bureau office
El Reno

District 4

August 15 | 6 p.m.

Comanche County Farm Bureau office
Lawton

August 20 | 6 p.m.

TBD
Ardmore

District 5

August 27 | 6 p.m.

Pete's Place
Krebs

District 6

August 12 | 6 p.m.

Moore's Event Barn
Pryor

District 7

August 19 | 6 p.m.

Central National Bank Center
Enid

District 8

August 13 | 6 p.m.

Seminole County Farm Bureau office
Seminole

District 9

August 29 | 6 p.m.

Creek County Fairgrounds
Kellyville

Built Ford Proud sweepstakes offers Farm Bureau members chance to win two-year lease

Through the Built Ford Proud Sweepstakes, Oklahoma Farm Bureau members can now enter to win the grand prize of a two-year lease on a new Ford vehicle through September 30.

In addition to the grand-prize winner, two first-place winners will be selected to receive a \$1,000 gift card.

Members can enter the sweepstakes three different ways:

- go to www.fordspecialoffer.com/farmbureau/sweeps
- attend an event selected by Ford
- text the word SWEEPS to 46786.

By being a Farm Bureau member, you can also earn \$500 in Farm Bureau Bonus Cash off the purchase or lease of an eligible new Ford vehicle and \$750 in Farm Bureau Bonus Cash off the purchase or lease of an eligible new Lincoln vehicle.

DISCLAIMER: NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. A PURCHASE WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. MUST BE LEGAL RESIDENT OF U.S. OR D.C., 21 YEARS OR OLDER WITH VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE TO ENTER AND A CURRENT FARM BUREAU MEMBER. ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY. Void where prohibited. Sweepstakes ends 9/30/2019. For entry and official rules with complete eligibility, prize description and other details, visit FordFarmBureauAdvantage.com.

OKFB member named Oklahoma elementary science teacher of the year

Debra Wood, a gifted and talented elementary science teacher in Edmond, has been named the Elementary Science Teacher of the Year by the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association.

As a previous recipient of the Ag in the Classroom Teacher of the Year award,

Wood strives to show other teachers how they can incorporate agricultural concepts into their everyday lessons through experiments and activities.

"Agriculture feeds the world and this concept can be brought into any science classroom," Wood said.

OKFB board member speaks with SUNUP TV on the 2019 wheat harvest

Oklahoma Farm Bureau board member Jimmy Kinder of Cotton County had the chance to speak with SUNUP TV, produced by Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural resources.

After weeks of wind, hail and a barrage of rain, Kinder shared the challenges he and many farmers are facing this spring.

"We've taken a lot of wind damage, some hail damage, and now the big concern is having rain come in almost every 24 hours," Kinder said.

With continuous rain, farmers have had to wait further into the traditional harvest season to even step foot in their fields to avoid causing too much damage.

"We're going to leave some ruts this year," Kinder said. "In anticipation of that we've got our tandem disks ready to go and expect it will be pretty busy the rest of the summer filling in damaged fields from ruts."

The longer farmers have to wait, the

greater the concern about the quality and quantity of the crop. As they continue to wait, weeds begin to take over, potentially impacting their ability to get the crop out of the field.

"Wheat has got nine lives, and I think we are on eight right now," Kinder said.

With the unpredictability of the farming

industry, this isn't the first time most farmers have encountered something like this before.

"We've all been through droughts, floods, and sometimes all that in the same year," Kinder said. "This is just a year for us to learn how some of the varieties handle too much water."



OKFB joins ag, food groups in urging Congress to ratify USMCA

Oklahoma Farm Bureau joined more than 900 food and agriculture companies and associations June 11 in urging Senate and House leadership to move quickly to approve the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement. The American Farm Bureau Federation and more than 200 state and county Farm Bureaus also signed the letter.

Signatories noted the International Trade Commission estimates the new agreement will add \$68.2 billion to annual gross domestic product.

"Over the last 25 years, U.S. food and agricultural exports to Canada and Mexico have more than quadrupled under NAFTA – growing from \$9 billion in 1993 to nearly \$40 billion in 2018," the groups

wrote. "NAFTA has significantly helped create a reliable, high-quality supply of food products for U.S. consumers, while supporting more than 900,000 American jobs in food and agriculture and related sectors of the economy. USMCA builds on the success of the NAFTA agreement, and will ultimately lead to freer markets and fairer trade."

In response to the letter, Rep. Frank Lucas thanked the more than 900 organizations that joined together, and said he understands the beneficial impact that will be felt by Oklahoma's agricultural producers as well as producers across the country.

"I applaud my fellow Oklahomans and hope House Democrats quickly ratify USMCA in order to provide stability in an already unstable marketplace," Lucas said.

Antlerless hunt program in search of private lands

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation hosts an annual antlerless deer hunt program for youth. With a growing interest in this program, more private lands are needed to host the eager young hunters. This program is ideal for landowners wanting to manage deer numbers on their property.

If you are interested in donating your property for a day, contact Kyle Johnson with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation at 405-590-2584. Applications must be submitted by July 1, 2019.

Calendar

Nurse's Scholarship Application Deadline

July 1

Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

State Ag in the Classroom Conference

July 11 • Shawnee

Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

OKFB YF&R State Summer Conference

July 12-14 • Bartlesville

Contact: Zac Swartz 405-523-2406

OSU Big Three Field Days

July 16-18 • OSU, Stillwater

Contact: Zac Swartz 405-523-2406

State High School Discussion Meet

July 16 • OSU, Stillwater

Contact: Zac Swartz 405-523-2406

OKFB Women's Leadership State Committee Meeting

July 22 • OKFB Home Office

Lucas joins as OKFB summer intern

Camryn Lucas has recently joined Oklahoma Farm Bureau as the 2019 summer intern at the home office in Oklahoma City.

Over the summer, Lucas will learn more about Farm Bureau's efforts to serve agriculture and rural Oklahoma as she works alongside various departments throughout the organization.

Throughout the internship, she will travel with field representatives across the state, learn the inner workings of the public policy team, assist the communications team with various projects, participate in grassroots membership meetings and more.

"I am excited to learn what advocating for agriculture looks like and means on a larger scale than what I am able to do on my own," Lucas said.

A native of Central High, Oklahoma, Lucas and her family are longtime Oklahoma Farm Bureau members. She grew

up on a small sheep operation along with a few crops, such as Sudan grass and wheat. Lucas will begin her senior year in the fall and is currently studying agribusiness and agricultural economics at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Through her summer internship, Lucas said she hopes to gain more experience in serving farmers, ranchers and rural Oklahomans.

"I'm excited to connect with agriculturalists across the state," Lucas said. "I hope to make meaningful connections and gain mentors along the way."

Lucas joins Rebekah Nash who joined the communications department in mid-May. Nash will gain experience in all aspects of the communications profession including writing, graphic design, photography, and videography.



Ford announces Disaster Relief Employee Pricing Program in response to widespread flooding

Has the recent flooding across Oklahoma damaged your vehicle? Are you now in search of a new car, truck, or SUV to buy or lease? With proof of your Oklahoma Farm Bureau membership, Ford is offering a helping hand to you and your family!

With the recent and ongoing flooding that has ravaged several states, Ford has implemented the Disaster Relief Employee Pricing Program, a temporary discount program for those in need of purchasing or leasing a new vehicle.

If you have lost a vehicle to the flood waters in Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, Arkansas or Missouri and are a member of Farm Bureau, you are automatically eligible for this special pricing program only

available June 6 through September 30.

In order to qualify for this program, members must provide vehicle loss/damage insurance documentation.

Please note the following details:

- Customers are allowed one new vehicle purchase/lease for each loss/damaged vehicle.
- This program is not compatible with incentive protection.
- This program is compatible with Farm Bureau Bonus Cash.
- Dealer participation is completely voluntary.
- Dealers can claim the Disaster Relief Employee Pricing.

To take advantage of this special pricing opportunity the following documents will

be required:

- Insurance claim form with name, address, and claim number, dated after the program effective date.
- If the customer has liability insurance, please retain one of the following:
 - Liability insurance with cancellation letter including name and address.
 - Liability insurance with repair estimate including name and address.

For further questions and assistance on how to take advantage of this limited-time offer, contact your local authorized Ford dealer or the Oklahoma Farm Bureau member benefits department at 405-523-2300.

Member Benefits

Grasshopper Mowers

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members can now receive a 15 percent discount on all Grasshopper makes and models as well as implements and accessories purchased with a mower. Made in America by hard-working

people committed to craftsmanship, durability and attention to detail, Grasshopper mowers can help keep your piece of land looking its best. In addition, Grasshopper products are designed with the best features that make mowing easier, more productive and more

powerful.

To take advantage of this special members-only offer, simply present your OKFB membership card to your local dealer.

www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits

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