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Perspective

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More than 80 percent of OKAgFund-supported candidates elected

The OKAgFund, Oklahoma Farm Bureau's political action committee, achieved an 84 percent success rate in supporting candidates who were elected in the Nov. 6 general election.

The committee was 100 percent successful in backing statewide candidates who were elected including Gov.-elect Kevin Stitt, Lt. Gov.-elect Matt Pinnell and Attorney General Mike Hunter.

"We are excited about the opportunity to work with new Gov. Kevin Stitt and Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell," said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. "These bright, capable new leaders have proven already that they are good listeners, and are very interested in rural Oklahoma. We hope to work with them as they solidify their visions and develop their plan of action for our great state. We believe they will work to understand the needs of agriculture and rural Oklahoma, and work with us to grow all of Oklahoma."

In the 2018 election cycle, the OKAgFund endorsed 33 total candidates and gave \$132,750 in support of 114 candidates.

A grassroots committee comprised of OKFB members from around the state, the OKAgFund identifies candidates who demonstrate beliefs and actions that are consistent with the organization's policies, regardless of political affiliation.

The OKAgFund is supported by voluntary contributions from OKFB



members across the state as an optional portion of their membership dues.

The following OKAgFund-supported candidates were elected to the state Senate on Nov. 6: Marty Quinn, SD 2; Mark Dean Allen, SD 4; Roger Thompson, SD 8; James Leewright, SD 12; Frank Simpson, SD 14; Kim David, SD 18; Chuck Hall, SD 20; Stephanie Bice, SD 22; Darrell Weaver, SD 24; Jason Smalley, SD 28; John M. Montgomery, SD 32; John Haste, SD 36; Brent Howard, SD 38; and Brenda Stanley, SD 42.

The OKAgFund also supported the following candidates who were elected to the state House on Nov. 6: Josh West, HD 5; Ben Loring, HD 7; Tom Gann, HD 8; Mark Lepak, HD 9; Judd Strom, HD 10; Kevin McDugle, HD 12; Avery Frix, HD 13; Chris Sneed, HD 14; Randy Randleman, HD 15;

Scott Fetgatter, HD 16; Jim Grego, HD 17; Justin J.J. Humphrey, HD 19; Charles McCall, HD 22; Terry O'Donnell, HD 23; Dell Kerbs, HD 26; Zack Taylor, HD 28; Kyle Hilbert, HD 29; Garry Mize, HD 31; Kevin Wallace, HD 32; Ty Burns, HD 35; Ryan Martinez, HD 39; Chad Caldwell, HD 40; Denise Crosswhite Hader, HD 41; Jay Steagall, HD 43; Brian Hill, HD 47; Mark McBride, HD 53; Kevin West, HD 54; Todd Russ, HD 55; Kenton Patzkowsky, HD 61; Trey Caldwell, HD 63; Rande Worthen, HD 64; Toni Hasenback, HD 65; Jadine Nollan, HD 66; Lonnie Sims, HD 68; Carol Bush, HD 70; T.J. Marti, HD 75; Ross Ford, HD 76; Stan May, HD 80; Nicole Miller, HD 82; Tammy West, HD 84; Jon Echols, HD 90; Chris Kannady, HD 91; Lewis H. Moore, HD 96; Marilyn Stark, HD 100; and Robert Manger, HD 101.

Newly-elected state leaders to address Farm Bureau members during annual meeting

Gov.-elect Kevin Stitt, Lt. Gov.-elect Matt Pinnell and Attorney General Mike Hunter will bring remarks to Oklahoma Farm Bureau members during the organization's annual meeting held next week in Norman. Each leader was endorsed by the OKAgFund, OKFB's political action committee, during the recent general election. Stitt will address members in a pre-recorded video during the Saturday morning session, while Pinnell and Hunter will speak during Friday's opening session. Learn more about the OKFB annual meeting at okfb.news/strongertogether.



OKFB, ag groups welcome Ag Secretary Perdue to Oklahoma

Left: USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue addresses Oklahoma's entire congressional delegation, along with state agricultural leaders, at a round table luncheon on Oct. 31 during his visit to Oklahoma. Bottom: OKFB President Rodd Moesel encourages Perdue to continue his work to relieve Oklahoma farmers and ranchers from burdensome regulations during the round table luncheon.



OKFB Foundation for Agriculture names Holly Carroll foundation director

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture has named Holly Carroll its foundation director.

In the position, Carroll will coordinate foundation programs, represent the foundation at statewide events and activities, and build awareness of agriculture and the foundation.

"I'm excited to work with other farmers and ranchers across the state who are passionate about their industry to educate and promote agriculture to all of Oklahoma," Carroll said.

Carroll previously served Oklahoma Farm Bureau as a field representative and the Young Farmers and Ranchers coordinator.

Carroll grew up on a beef and tobacco farm in central Kentucky. She earned a degree in agricultural education from Western Kentucky University before moving to Oklahoma.



Holly Carroll

Doye receives Honorary American FFA Degree at National FFA Convention

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Executive Director Thad Doye was presented with the Honorary American FFA Degree on Oct. 26 during the National FFA Convention and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The degree is presented to individuals who have provided exceptional service to agriculture, agricultural education and FFA.

Doye was nominated by the Oklahoma FFA Association for his integral role in its Hunger Challenge program, which encourages FFA members to donate animals to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Pork for Packs and Beef for Backpacks program. Since the program's beginning, Doye has coordinated the transportation and care of donated animals.

A collaboration between the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, OKFB, Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture and other agriculture organizations, the backpack program provides protein sticks to hungry Oklahoma children. Learn more at OKFBFoundationforAgriculture.org.



OKFB Executive Director Thad Doye (second from left) poses for a photo with fellow Honorary American FFA Degree recipients Allen Miller, Jamey Allen and John Grunewald at the 2018 National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The group is flanked by Oklahoma FFA Adviser Jack Staats (far left) and Executive Secretary Trevor Lucas (far right).

Congressional delegates earn Friend of Farm Bureau Award

Five members of Oklahoma's congressional delegation recently were honored with the American Farm Bureau Federation's Friend of Farm Bureau Award for their efforts to support Oklahoma agriculture during the 115th U.S. Congress.

Sen. Jim Inhofe, along with Rep. Tom Cole, Rep. Frank Lucas, Rep. Markwayne Mullin and Rep. Steve Russell, received the award after being nominated by Oklahoma Farm Bureau and approved by the American Farm Bureau Federation board of directors.

"As Oklahoma farmers and ranchers endure low commodity prices, uncertain export markets and a challenging farm economy, we're thankful to have these five congressional delegates working on our behalf on Capitol Hill," said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. "Each of these lawmakers not only understands and values the concerns of Farm Bureau members, but also works to remove barriers that hinder Oklahoma agriculture from continuing to produce safe and affordable food."

Each award recipient earned at least a 70 percent voting record with AFBF's priority issues including the farm bill, trade, regulatory reform, immigration reform, tax reform and more. To learn more about AFBF policy priorities, visit fb.org/issues.



Foundation to host silent auction at OKFB annual meeting

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture will hold a silent auction at the 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau annual meeting in Norman to benefit the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture. The auction will include a wide variety of items from farm and ranch supplies to home decorations, many of which have been donated by county Farm Bureaus.

Bids can be placed in-person on Friday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the OKFB

annual meeting in Norman. Items can be picked up and paid for on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the foundation trade show booth. Silent auction items may be previewed on the foundation website at www.OKFBFoundationForAgriculture.org.

All proceeds from the silent auction will benefit foundation programs including Bushels for Books, Pork for Packs and Beef for Backpacks, and the Grown For You commodity trailer.

YF&R to host reunion during OKFB annual meeting

Are you a current or former OKFB Young Farmers and Ranchers member? Make sure to gather and reminisce with old and new friends at the YF&R Reunion on Friday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. during next week's annual meeting in Norman.

Member Benefits

Storm Safe Shelters

Storm Safe Shelters has been providing Oklahomans with safe havens during severe storms since 1987. Storm Safe offers OKFB members a \$100 discount on the purchase of a qualifying Storm Safe in-ground shelter. For more information, call Chris at (405) 204-9223 or visit the Storm Safe Shelters website at www.stormsafeshelters.com.

www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits

Calendar

OKFB Annual Meeting

Nov. 16-18 • Norman

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AFBF Annual Convention & IDEAg Trade Show

Jan. 11-16 • New Orleans, Louisiana

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State Legislature Convenes

Feb. 4 • Oklahoma City

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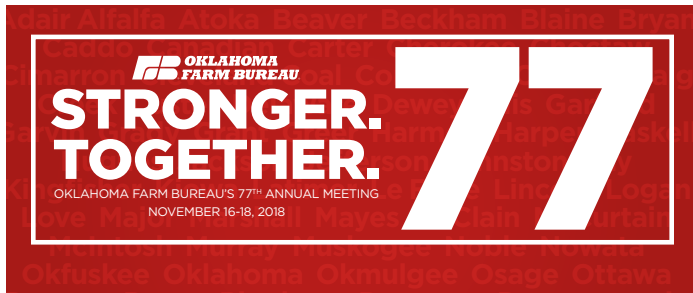
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OKFB's 77th Annual Meeting schedule at a glance



Friday, Nov. 16

8 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
 9 a.m. Registration Opens
 9 a.m. OKFB Expo Opens
 9 a.m. OKFB Foundation Silent Auction Opens
 9:30 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Orientation
 10 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round One
 10:45 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Round Two
 11:30 a.m. Women's Leadership Committee Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. Commodity Committee Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Luncheon
 12:15 p.m. YF&R Discussion Meet Finals
 1:30 p.m. Opening Session
 5:30 p.m. YF&R Dinner and Caucus
 7:30 p.m. Foundation Night Out
 8 p.m. Jason Young Band Concert

Saturday, Nov. 17

7:30 a.m. Flapjack Fundraiser*
 7:30 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Financial Review Committee Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Resolutions Committee Breakfast
 8 a.m. Registration Opens
 8:45 a.m. OKFB Insurance Policyholders Meeting
 9:30 a.m. General Session
 12 p.m. Credentials Committee Meeting
 (Credentials desk closes at 11:45 a.m.)
 12:30 p.m. WLC Gavel Club Luncheon
 1 p.m. District Caucuses (Districts 2, 5 and 8)
 1:45 p.m. General Session
 5:30 p.m. OKAgFund Reception
 7 p.m. Dinner and Awards Program
 *Flapjack Fundraiser tickets will be sold for \$15 in the OKFB Expo.

Sunday, Nov. 16

7:30 a.m. County Presidents Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. WLC Chairman's Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Breakfast of Champions
 9 a.m. Morning Devotional

Updated schedules will be posted online at okfarmbureau.org.