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Perspective

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State resolutions committee proposes 2019 policy

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau state resolutions committee met Oct. 17-18 in Oklahoma City to review resolutions for the organization's 2019 policy book.

Made up of farm and ranch members from across the state, the 37-member committee prioritized continued support for the state agriculture sales tax exemption and the eradication of feral hogs in Oklahoma. Other resolutions covered issues including free and fair international trade, county roads and bridges funding, lab-grown meat regulation, industrial hemp research and production, extension services funding and more.

OKFB members will meet to vote on the resolution committee's proposals at the 77th OKFB Annual Meeting Nov. 16-18 in Norman. After being accepted by the delegate body, the 2019 policy will guide and direct the organization's work for the next year.

For questions about resolutions and OKFB policy, please contact the Public Policy Division at 405-530-2681. Find an annual meeting schedule and additional details at www.okfb.news/strongertogether.



OKFB to host Foundation Night Out at annual convention

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members will enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun during the Foundation Night Out on Friday, Nov. 16 during the organization's 77th Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 16-18 in Norman.

New at this year's convention, the Foundation Night Out will feature a silent auction benefiting the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, along with a reception and a movie night.

With more than 60 items donated by county Farm Bureaus, the silent auction will help fund foundation programs including the Grown for You Commodity Trailer, the Beef for Backpacks and Pork for Packs programs, and the Bushels for Books program.

Silent auction bids will be open on Friday, Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. through 8 p.m. The winners will be announced during the general session on Saturday morning.

Winners may pay for and pick up the silent auction items on Saturday from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. at the foundation booth in the hospitality area. Delivery may be arranged for larger items.

The informal evening also will provide members with refreshments and movies to enjoy while catching up with Farm Bureau friends from across the state.

Learn more about the foundation at www.OKFBFoundationForAgriculture.org.

OKAgFund Voter Guide: How to vote for ag and rural Oklahoma

Oklahoma voters will head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 6 to elect the state's next governor, along with state officials, representatives and senators.

The OKAgFund, the political action committee of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, has met over the past few months to identify the candidates who best represent the values of rural Oklahoma. The OKAgFund committee is made up of nine Farm Bureau members – one from each district – who each make decisions based on the recommendations of fellow members.

The OKAgFund is supported by voluntary contributions from Farm Bureau members across the state as an optional portion of their membership dues. Find more OKFB voter resources at okfb.news/vote4ag18.

Below, find the candidates funded by the OKAgFund. Candidates receiving an endorsement – the highest level of support – are indicated by an asterisk (*).

STATEWIDE

Kevin Stitt* Governor	Cindy Byrd State Auditor
Matt Pinnell* Lieutenant Governor	Leslie Osborn* Labor Commissioner
Mike Hunter* Attorney General	Bob Anthony* Corporation Commissioner
Randy McDaniel* State Treasurer	Glen Mulready* Insurance Commissioner

SENATE

Marty Quinn SD 2	Kim David* SD 18
Mark Dean Allen* SD 4	Chuck Hall SD 20
Roger Thompson* SD 8	Stephanie Bice SD 22
Bill Coleman SD 10	Darrell Weaver SD 24
James Leewright SD 12	Darcy Jech SD 26
Frank Simpson* SD 14	Jason Smalley SD 28

SENATE (CONT'D)

John Symcox SD 30	Joe Howell SD 40
John M. Montgomery SD 32	Brenda Stanley SD 42
John Haste SD 36	Kay Floyd SD 46
Brent Howard* SD 38	

HOUSE

Johnny Tadlock HD 1	Justin J.J. Humphrey* HD 19
Tom Stites HD 2	Dustin Roberts HD 21
Josh West* HD 5	Charles McCall* HD 22
John L. Myers HD 6	Terry O'Donnell HD 23
Ben Loring HD 7	Steve Kouplén HD 24
Tom Gann* HD 8	Dell Kerbs HD 26
Mark Lepak HD 9	Danny Sterling HD 27
Kevin Stacy HD 10	Zack Taylor HD 28
Judd Strom HD 10	Kyle Hilbert HD 29
Derrell Fincher HD 11	Mark Lawson HD 30
Kevin McDugle HD 12	Garry Mize HD 31
Avery Frix HD 13	Kevin Wallace* HD 32
Chris Sneed HD 14	Aaron Means HD 34
Randy Randleman HD 15	Ty Burns HD 35
Scott Fetgatter* HD 16	Sean Roberts* HD 36
Jim Grego* HD 17	Ken Luttrell HD 37
Donnie Condit HD 18	John Pfeiffer* HD 38

HOUSE (CONT'D)

Ryan Martinez HD 39	Lonnie Sims HD 68
Chad Caldwell HD 40	Carol Bush HD 70
Denise Crosswhite Hader HD 41	Cheryl Baber HD 71
Jay Steagall HD 43	Monroe Nichols HD 72
Bryan Vinyard HD 46	T.J. Marti HD 75
Brian Hill HD 47	Ross Ford HD 76
Marcus McEntire HD 50	Todd Blackburn HD 77
Brad Boles HD 51	Karen Gilbert HD 79
Charles Ortega HD 52	Stan May HD 80
Mark McBride HD 53	Nicole Miller HD 81
Kevin West HD 54	Jason Reese HD 83
Todd Russ* HD 55	Tammy West HD 84
Harold Wright* HD 57	Matt Jackson HD 85
Carl Newton HD 58	Jon Echols* HD 90
Mike Sanders HD 59	Chris Kannady HD 91
Rhonda Baker* HD 60	Lewis H. Moore* HD 96
Kenton Patzkowsky* HD 61	Ajay Pittman HD 99
Trey Caldwell HD 63	Marilyn Stark HD 100
Rande Worthen* HD 64	Robert Manger HD 101
Toni Hasenback HD 65	
Jadine Nollan HD 66	



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OKFB's state questions analysis

From property tax laws to crime victims' rights, Oklahoma voters will have a plethora of choices to make in November's general elections. Learn more about the five state questions on the ballot, along with Oklahoma Farm Bureau policy positions, by reading OKFB's guide at okfarmbureau.org or by watching OKFB's webinar with the State Chamber of Oklahoma at youtube.com/okfarmbureau.



Jason Young Band to perform during OKFB annual meeting

Red-dirt music group the Jason Young Band will entertain Oklahoma Farm Bureau members on Friday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. during the organization's annual meeting in Norman, Oklahoma.

The concert is free-of-charge to members attending the OKFB convention and will follow the annual meeting's Foundation Night Out.

Born and raised in Edmond, Oklahoma, Young started his musical career working for Nashville recording artist Ty England. In 2003, he relocated to Tampa, Florida, where

he formed his own band while also working for other Nashville recording artists.

Young moved back to Oklahoma in 2012 and has shared the stage with artists including Turnpike Troubadours, Gary Allen, Lee Brice, Blake Shelton and more. The band's top singles include "Long Way Home," "The Moment" and "Crank It Up."

Find a tentative schedule for the annual meeting at okfarmbureau.org. For more information about attending the OKFB annual meeting, contact your county Farm Bureau office.

Members, counties to be honored during annual meeting awards program Nov. 17

Oklahoma Farm Bureau will recognize members and counties for leadership, service and excellence during an awards banquet to be held Saturday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. during organization's 77th annual meeting in Norman, Oklahoma.

This year, all county representatives are invited to attend the dinner and awards banquet. Members must RSVP for the free event to Melisa Neal by Nov. 5.

Meet AFBF WLC Chair during WLC luncheon

Oklahoma Farm Bureau women are encouraged to attend a Women's Leadership Committee luncheon featuring American Farm Bureau Federation WLC Chair Sherry Saylor on Nov. 16 at 11:30 a.m. during the OKFB annual meeting.

During the lunch, Saylor will speak about her experience with the committee and will encourage Farm Bureau women in their work to advocate for farmers and ranchers.

A native of Arizona, Saylor was elected AFBF WLC chair in 2015. As chair, she serves on the AFBF board of directors. She has represented the AFBF WLC on the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's board of directors since 2012 and has served on the Women's Leadership Committee since 1990.

Saylor has been a Farm Bureau member since 1974 and formerly held the position of state Women's Leadership Committee chair in Arizona. She and her husband, Rick, a third-generation farmer, are partners in R&S



AFBF WLC Chair Sherry Saylor

Farms, a diversified row crop farm growing alfalfa and a variety of row crops.

During the luncheon, the WLC also will honor county committees for their work over the past year, and elect an OKFB WLC chair and committee members.

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www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits

Calendar

OKFB Annual Meeting

Nov. 16-18 • Norman

Contact: Melisa Neal 405-523-2475

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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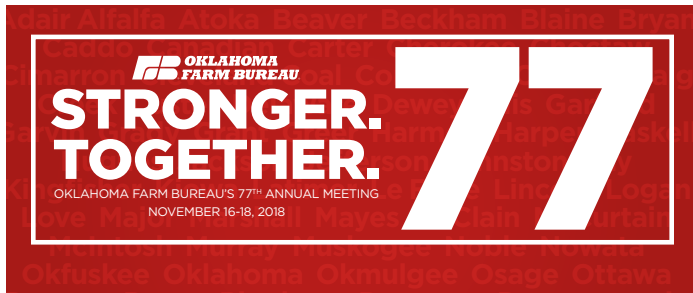
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OKFB's 77th Annual Meeting schedule at a glance



Friday, Nov. 16

8 a.m. Credentials Committee Breakfast
 9 a.m. Registration Opens
 9 a.m. OKFB Expo Opens
 9 a.m. County Farm Bureau 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. OFBMIC 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
 9:15 a.m. Morning Devotional

Updated schedules will be posted online at okfarmbureau.org.