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OKLAHOMA FARM BUREAU *Perspective*

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Farm Bureau women gather for fall conference

Nearly 80 women from across the state gathered for the 2019 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference Sept. 28 and 29 at the Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center located in Edmond.

The two-day conference featured educational workshops, exciting crafts and

activities, and a trade show. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture Blayne Arthur who shared her efforts to work for farmers, ranchers and rural Oklahomans.

Through a silent auction at the event, conference participants helped raise more than \$1,500 for the Oklahoma Farm Bureau

Foundation for Agriculture's Bushels for Books program, which provides accurate agricultural books to classrooms and school libraries across the state.

The women also helped create blankets to donate to Ronald McDonald House Charities in Oklahoma City and Tulsa to comfort children seeking medical care.



Above: Alfalfa County Farm Bureau member and District Seven WLC member Terry Pederson tests out a DUI cart from OKFB Safety Services.



Above: Conference attendees help make blankets to be donated to Ronald McDonald House Charities in Tulsa and Oklahoma City during the 2019 WLC Fall Conference.

OKFB accepting donations for foundation silent auction

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is now accepting donations for its silent auction to benefit the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture during OKFB's 2019 annual meeting to be held Nov. 8-10 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

County Farm Bureaus, members and Farm Bureau friends are invited to donate items to be auctioned off during the convention. Items can include farm and ranch equipment, jewelry, home decor and more. Proceeds from the silent auction will help fund foundation programs that support agriculture and rural Oklahoma while educating consumers about where their food comes from.

Donations will be accepted now through Oct. 31. Items can be dropped off at the OKFB home office or can be delivered by OKFB field representatives.

For questions, please contact Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2402 or Whitney Bender at (405) 523-2401.

OKFB supports Oklahoma youth at Tulsa State Fair Junior Livestock Auction Oct. 3



OKFB partnered with several organizations at the 2019 Tulsa State Fair Junior Livestock Auction Oct. 4 to benefit the future of Oklahoma agriculture. Above: In partnership with several Oklahoma organizations, OKFB purchased the Grand Champion Market Hog, exhibited by Pace Middlestaedt of Amber-Pocasset FFA (left), and the Reserve Grand Champion Market hog, exhibited by Madilyn Norvell of Amber-Pocasset 4-H (right).



Above: District Nine Director Jim Meek, Creek County Farm Bureau member Phyllis Holcomb and OKFB field representative Gage Millman review the sale order while bidding on animals.



Above: OKFB District Nine Director Jim Meek (far left) and District Seven YF&R Committee member Will Lewis (second from left) pose for a picture with the Champion Limousin Market Steer exhibited by Larahmy Blakley of Oologah FFA.



Fall issue of Oklahoma Country to reach mailboxes soon

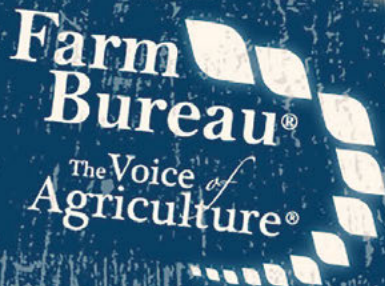
The fall issue of Oklahoma Country will start hitting mailboxes in the next few weeks, filled with exciting content.

In this issue, features will share just how far the Cloud Chief Fire Department has come in 11 years to better serve their community and follow five OKFB members who have learned to lean on one another when times are difficult.

The latest details on the upcoming 78th annual meeting Nov. 8-10 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown in

Oklahoma City will also be available.

Other highlights in this issue of Oklahoma Country include agriculture you will see this football season, what members were concerned about most during August area meetings, how one Oklahoma Farm Bureau member was shown kindness from a Farm Bureau insurance agent in a neighboring state, and the latest news on what OKFB and the OKFB Foundation for Agriculture have been up to.



AFBF Annual Convention & Trade Show

#AFBF2020

January 17-22 • 2020 ☆ Austin • TX

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members are invited to attend one of the largest annual gatherings of farmers and ranchers from across the country at the 101st American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Convention & IDEAg Trade Show on Jan. 17-22, 2020 in Austin, Texas.

The meeting is an excellent opportunity for farmers and ranchers to learn about

policies and perspectives that will affect their farm or agribusiness in 2020, participate in educational workshops to advance their leadership skills, expand their business acumen and gain insight into the trends impacting food production.

Still need convincing? Here are 10 more reasons to attend the AFBF annual convention with OKFB.

10 reasons to attend

1. Listen to informative and motivating keynote speakers as they discuss hot topics, issues in agriculture and the 2020 vision for Farm Bureau.
2. Attend more than 80 educational workshops on commodity outlooks, business acumen, leadership, emerging industry technologies and more.
3. Support ag literacy through the AFBF Foundation for Agriculture by participating in fun events like the Flapjack Fundraiser or the Foundation Night Out – with a performance by Jamey Johnson.
4. Learn more about Farm Bureau member benefits.
5. Network with exhibitors and make purchases on the trade show floor.
6. Explore local agriculture through the fun and informative Texas tours.
7. Find inspiration through the TED-style talks on the Cultivation Center stage.
8. Cheer on contestants during the many national competitions.
9. Connect with old friends and make new connections from across the nation.
10. See the sites and explore the culture of Austin, Texas.

*Let's hit
the road!*

Hit the road on a chartered bus with fellow OKFB members to the 2020 AFBF Annual Convention & Trade show in Austin, Texas. With stops along the way including a tour of the Fort Worth Stockyards and shopping at Magnolia Market, there's something for everyone!

For more information on this trip, contact Melisa Neal at 405-523-2300.

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YF&R discussion meet contestants must register by Nov. 1

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers program will host its annual discussion meet at OKFB's annual convention Nov. 8, 2019 at the Cox Convention Center located in downtown Oklahoma City.

The discussion meet is designed to replicate a committee meeting in which all participants are expected to discuss and actively contribute. Participants are evaluated on an exchange of ideas and information on a pre-determined topic in three rounds of debate-style discussion. Participants are judged on their ability to offer constructive criticism, cooperation and communication while analyzing agricultural problems and developing solutions.

The overall winner will receive a prize package including a trip to compete in the national discussion meet at the American Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Austin, Texas, in January.

Contestants may find a list of potential discussion meet topics at okfb.news/yfrdiscussionquestions19.

To be eligible to compete, participants must be an Oklahoma Farm Bureau member between the ages of 18 and 35.

Participants must complete and return the registration form to the OKFB home office by Nov. 1. Registration forms can be found at okfb.news/yfrdiscussionregistration19.

For more information, contact OKFB YF&R Coordinator Zac Swartz at 405-523-2406 or Zac.Swartz@okfb.org.

