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Perspective

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YF&R members gather in southwest Oklahoma for summer conference

Nearly 60 young agriculturalists gathered in southwest Oklahoma to tour local farms and ag-related industries, network with fellow farmers and ranchers, hear from political candidates and more during the 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers & Ranchers Conference held July 13-15 at the Quartz Mountain Resort in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

Organized and planned by the state YF&R committee, the highlight of the three-day conference was a day-long tour of various agriculture businesses and farms.

The group visited Sesaco in Hobart, where all U.S.-grown sesame is cleaned, bagged and shipped around the country

and around the world. While in Hobart, members visited the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum, a historical foundation dedicated to telling the story of the U.S. military.

Jackson County Farm Bureau member Keeff Felty led the group on a tour through the Cotton Growers Gin outside of Altus, where cotton is cleaned and processed.

Conference attendees also toured Muller Farms, owned by Jackson County Farm Bureau members Matt and Kellie Muller. With a heavy focus on conservation of natural resources, the Mullers explained their use of drip irrigation technology on their farm.

The tours ended at the Altus-Lugert Irrigation District, which provides water for farmers across the region.

During the conference, YF&R members also had the opportunity to hear from candidates in the August runoff elections including Republican gubernatorial candidates Mick Cornett and Kevin Stitt, and state labor commissioner candidate Leslie Osborn.

The conference also provided first-time attendees with a chance to learn more about Farm Bureau and leadership opportunities within the organization.

To learn how to get involved with YF&R, visit www.okfarmbureau.org/yfr.



Top Left: A group of nearly 60 young farmers, ranchers and agribusiness professionals pose for a photo at the Altus-Lugert Lake Dam during the 2018 Summer Conference held July 13-15 in southwest Oklahoma. The lake provides water for the Altus-Lugert Irrigation District that area farmers use to irrigate their crops. Bottom Left: YF&R members Corey Holman, Ethan Theis and Jennifer Howard learn to use siphon tubes along an irrigation ditch to irrigate crops on the farm of Jackson County Farm Bureau members Matt and Kellie Muller outside of Altus. Bottom Right: Jackson County Farm Bureau member Keeff Felty teaches the conference attendees about labels on cotton bales at a local cotton storage facility.



WLC sponsors 2018 AITC summer conference

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee helped sponsor and facilitate the 2018 Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom summer conference held July 13 at the Metro Technology Center in Oklahoma City.

Nearly 340 Oklahoma educators attended the conference, which featured 18 different workshops on a variety of topics including branding cattle, soybean production, harvesting berries and more.

The workshops were led by expert teachers who incorporate AITC lessons in their classrooms. The OKFB WLC presented gift cards to the schools that sent the most teachers to the conference. The women also assisted presenters in facilitating various workshops.

To learn more about AITC, visit www.agclassroom.org/ok or the Oklahoma Ag in the Classroom Facebook page.



The OKFB WLC assisted with the 2018 Oklahoma AITC summer conference July 13 in Oklahoma City. Pictured (L-R): Paula Sawatzky, District Two; Kitty Beavers, Chair; Misty Dowell, District Eight; Cindy Schoenecke, District Nine; Mignon Bolay, District Seven; Sandra Berry, District Four; and WLC Coordinator Marcia Irvin. Not pictured: Linda Fox, District One; Sharlene Lambring, District Three; and Mary Sloan, District Six.

OKFB president advocates for farmers and ranchers on Capitol Hill



During a recent visit to Washington, D.C. for an American Farm Bureau conference, OKFB President Rodd Moesel went to Capitol Hill to discuss critical agriculture issues, including trade tariffs and regulatory reform, with Oklahoma's Congressional Delegation including Sen. James Lankford (left) and Sen. Jim Inhofe (right). Moesel also caught up with Rep. Tom Cole and Rep. Frank Lucas during his trip.

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View more photos from the 2018 YF&R Summer Conference in southwest Oklahoma

Last week, nearly 60 young farmers and ranchers gathered in southwest Oklahoma for the 2018 OKFB YF&R Summer Conference. The group toured local farms and ag-related industries, heard from political candidates, learned about organizational leadership opportunities, and much more! Find more photos on the OKFB Facebook page.



Register for the 2018 WLC Fall Conference by Aug. 27

Gather with Farm Bureau women from across the state Sept. 28-29 in Edmond for the 2018 Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference! The event will feature special speakers, breakout sessions, a trade show, entertainment and more. Find a tentative agenda and the registration form on the OKFB website at okfarmbureau.org/applications.



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Seminole County Farm Bureau presents college scholarships to local students



The Seminole County Farm Bureau recently presented \$2,000 scholarships to two local graduating high school seniors. The scholarships were presented by Seminole County Farm Bureau President Pat Porter to Devon Williamson (left) and Jackson Granger (right).

Noble, Payne County Farm Bureaus host ice cream social and candidate forum



Noble and Payne County Farm Bureaus hosted an ice cream social and candidate forum on July 9 in Perry. Left: Farm Bureau members visit with Special District Judge Lee Turner. Bottom Left: Rep. John Pfeiffer speaks to the crowd during the candidate forum. Members were able to hear from 10 candidates. Bottom Right: Members are served ice cream and other desserts by the county Women's Leadership Committees.



Join OKFB for 2018 August Area Meetings

District One

August 6 | 6 p.m.
Hunny's, Guymon

August 7 | 6 p.m.
Big Dan's, Woodward

District Two

August 14 | 6 p.m.
Kiowa County Farm Bureau, Hobart

District Three

August 16 | 6 p.m.
Canadian County Farm Bureau, El Reno

District Four

August 9 | 6 p.m.
Wright's Steakhouse, Duncan

District Five

August 21 | 12 p.m.
Pete's Place, Krebs

District Six

August 21 | 6 p.m.
Moore's Event Barn, Pryor

District Seven

August 13 | 6 p.m.
Central National Bank Center, Enid

District Eight

August 20 | 6 p.m.
Seminole County Farm Bureau, Seminole

District Nine

August 23 | 6 p.m.
Creek County Fairgrounds, Kellyville

Member Benefits

Office Depot

OKFB members can now receive savings of up to 80 percent on office and school supplies from Office Depot. Shop online or go to the nearest Office Depot location to take advantage of these special discounted prices on products and services. All online orders are delivered next day with free shipping on orders over \$50. Visit okfb.ctcshares.com to print your Office Depot savings card today!

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Calendar

OKFB August Area Meetings

August 6-23

Contact: Ron Justice 405-523-2344

State Farm and Ranch Family Recognition Award Application Due

August 15

Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

YF&R State Fair Livestock Judging Contest

September 16 • Oklahoma City

Contact: Zac Swartz 405-205-0070

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High school students selected for YF&R youth leadership program

Twelve Oklahoma high school students recently were chosen to attend the Oklahoma Youth Leading Agriculture leadership conference to be held July 23-25 in Oklahoma City.

The OYLA conference is a three-day annual event hosted by OKFB's Young Farmers & Ranchers to prepare high school students for a future career in agriculture and to advance youth leadership.

The students chosen to attend the

conference include Gracie Allen, Rogers County; Kyra Bentley, Harper County; Rayanne Bowman, Payne County; Krista Carroll, Johnston County; Gage Clemmer, Comanche County; Cade Jenlink, Alfalfa County; LaBreska Jones, Tulsa County; Bree Kisling, Garfield County; Lucas Morrow, Pontotoc County; Morgan Nipp, Carter County; Allison Rhodes, Caddo County; and Peyton Smith, Payne County.

Conference participants are chosen

through an application process. The students include some of Oklahoma's most promising high school agriculturalists.

This year's OYLA students are interested in a wide variety of agriculture career fields and have plans to pursue degrees including agricultural communications, agribusiness, agricultural education, animal science, engineering, political science, ranch management and veterinary medicine.



Check your mailbox for Summer 2018 issue of Oklahoma Country

The latest issue of Oklahoma Country magazine is arriving in mailboxes this week! The Summer 2018 edition features the story of a Mayes County dairy farm, highlights the winners of a prestigious conservation award, showcases a partnership by the agricultural community to feed hungry children, introduces members to OKFB's new executive director, and much more. Find the issue online on the "Publications" page at www.okfarmbureau.org.