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# Perspective

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## Bushels for Books

Providing accurate agriculture books to educate today's youth



## OKFB WLC, Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation now accepting donated crops for Bushels for Books program

**A**s wheat harvest continues across the state, Oklahoma farmers are invited to donate bushels of harvested crops to the Bushels for Books program.

A partnership of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee and the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation, the program each year accepts donated crops and monetary contributions to provide Oklahoma schools with bushel baskets of agriculture books.

To donate harvested crops, farmers present a completed Bushels for Books form to their local co-op or grain elevator to designate the amount of bushels they wish to donate to the program. Forms may be found on the foundation's website at [www.OKFarmingAndRanchingFoundation.org/bushels-for-books](http://www.OKFarmingAndRanchingFoundation.org/bushels-for-books).

Educators and schools may apply to receive agriculture books from the program by completing and returning the application

by September 14. The books cover various agriculture topics and are chosen by the OKFB WLC from the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture's book library.

The books will be presented to educators during the 2018 OKFB Annual Meeting on Nov. 17 in Norman, Oklahoma.

For more information about the program, please contact WLC Coordinator Marcia Irvin at 405-523-2405.

## Save the date! 2018 OKFB Annual Meeting to be held Nov. 16-18 in Norman

**T**he 2018 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting will be held Nov. 16-18 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Norman, Oklahoma. The three-day convention is the largest gathering of OKFB members and features awards presentations, engaging speakers, educational workshops, a trade show, policy sessions, fellowship and much more! Contact your county Farm Bureau office to learn how to attend.



# YF&R now accepting applications for youth leadership conference

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers Committee is now accepting applications for its Oklahoma Youth Leading Agriculture program held July 23-25 in Oklahoma City.

OYLA is a unique three-day summer leadership conference designed for high school students completing their senior year in 2019.

The conference will include special leadership classes, exciting speakers, team building, fellowship, and visits to agriculture-related industries. Selected students should be among the top, well-rounded students in their class, and should have an interest in furthering their education at the post-secondary level.

OYLA participants will stay in Oklahoma City with conference activities located at the OKFB home office and around the Oklahoma City metro area.

The cost to attend the conference is \$100 to be paid by the county Farm Bureau.

Applications for the conference are



High school seniors graduating in 2019 are eligible to attend the OYLA conference July 23-26.

available at county Farm Bureau offices or may be downloaded at [www.okfarmbureau.org/applications](http://www.okfarmbureau.org/applications). To be considered for the program, applications must be completed and postmarked by July 6, 2018. Only one

student per school will be accepted.

For more information, contact OKFB YF&R Coordinator Zac Swartz at [zac.swartz@okfb.org](mailto:zac.swartz@okfb.org) or 405-523-2406.

# House lawmakers eye late June for second attempt at 2018 farm bill

With the House's failure to pass the farm bill in mid-May, a second vote on the legislation will likely be pushed to late June. Meanwhile, Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts is said to be targeting early June for his panel to begin work on its version of the measure.

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said farmers across the country were quick to share their confusion and outrage over House lawmakers' rejection of the Agriculture and

Nutrition Act of 2018 (H.R. 2).

"They are facing very real financial challenges," Duvall said in a statement. "We call on all members of Congress not to use farmers and ranchers as pawns in a political game. The risk management tools of the farm bill are too important, particularly at a time of depressed farm prices. We urge the House to pass H.R. 2 as soon as possible."

OKFB President Rodd Moesel also was disappointed in the House's rejection of H.R. 2.

"The commodity and conservation programs within the farm bill provide stability to our state's farmers and ranchers that directly impacts their planning and everyday business decisions," Moesel said in a statement. "The farm bill's failure creates an unreliable business environment for farmers and ranchers in an already struggling farm economy."

To learn more about the House's version of the 2018 farm bill, visit [www.agriculture.house.gov/farmbill](http://www.agriculture.house.gov/farmbill).

## Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online



Hear Congressman Frank Lucas discuss the progress of the 2018 farm bill

OKFB recently had an opportunity to discuss the 2018 farm bill and its failure in the House with Oklahoma's Rep. Frank Lucas. As a former House Ag Committee chairman, Lucas provided his insight into a path forward for the critical agriculture and food legislation. Watch our interview with Lucas on the OKAgPolicy Facebook page.



Random Photo Friday

Do you love pictures of cattle at sunset? We do, too! Check out our most recent random photo Friday picture on Instagram, featuring cattle grazing in a pasture at sunset near Perry, Oklahoma. We captured the photo in a Noble County pasture last weekend.



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## YF&R to host conference July 13-15 in southwest Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers will host its annual summer conference July 13-15 at the Quartz Mountain Resort in Lone Wolf.

OKFB members attending the conference will meet fellow young farmers and ranchers from across the state, tour local agricultural facilities, and learn about YF&R leadership opportunities and programs.

All conference participants will be entered into a drawing to win a free trip to Washington, D.C. for the 2019 OKFB Congressional Action Tour.

Conference registration is \$20 per person and includes meals, tours, entertainment and childcare. Rooms at the resort are \$130 per night, including breakfast.

To attend, submit the registration form and payment no later than June 25. Those interested in attending should contact their county Farm Bureau for potential sponsorship opportunities. County Farm Bureaus sponsoring first-time attendees of the conference will be reimbursed by the OKFB YF&R committee.

Find the registration form, a conference agenda and more information on the OKFB website.



## Kiowa County Farm Bureau names fourth-grade essay contest winners

Left: Three fourth-grade students in Kiowa County are presented with certificates and a cash award from the Kiowa County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee as winners of its 2018 essay contest. Students from Hobart, Mountain View and Snyder entered the essay contest with the prompt asking, "How can you tell the farming story to others?" The county board, WLC and insurance agents also honored teachers of the year from Hobart and Snyder with \$100 cash, a certificate and a Farm Bureau lawn chair.

## OKFB communications honored for outstanding graphic design work

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Corporate Communications Division recently was presented with an award for its graphic design work during the American Farm Bureau Federation's National Communication Conference held May 15-17, 2018 in Washington, D.C.

Hannah Davis was awarded the honor for Best Graphic Design for Membership Promotion for design of the 2017 OKFB Policy Development Guide. The book was distributed to members during last year's August Area Meetings and was designed to assist in the resolutions process.



## Member Benefits

### Choice Hotels International

Taking a family vacation this summer? Make sure to use your OKFB membership to save money on a hotel! Save up to 20 percent off your next stay at thousands of Choice Hotel locations when you call in advance. To obtain the special rate ID, look on the back of your membership card or contact your county office. Use the ID to book by visiting [choicehotels.com](http://choicehotels.com) or calling 1-800-4CHOICE.

[www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits](http://www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits)

## Calendar

### On the Road with Ag in the Classroom

June 12-14 • Oklahoma

Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

### Nurse's Scholarship Application Deadline

July 1

Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

### YF&R Summer Conference

July 13-15 • Altus

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## Woodward County Farm Bureau presents three college scholarships

**T**he Woodward County Farm Bureau recently awarded college scholarships to three local students. Leslie Smith of Woodward and Logan Maher of Mooreland received Woodward County Farm Bureau scholarships. Lexi Vanderwork of Woodward is the recipient of the Duane Mote Memorial Scholarship. All three recipients will pursue agriculture-related degrees at Oklahoma State University.

The county awards scholarships yearly to Woodward County Farm Bureau members who are pursuing a degree in the field of agriculture.



Oklahoma Farm Bureau  
Women's Leadership Committee  
Nurse's Training  
**Scholarship**  
Applications Due July 1

## OKFB WLC offers \$500 nurse's scholarships

**T**he Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee is accepting applications for its 2018 nurse's scholarship program now through July 1.

The annual scholarship program awards three \$500 scholarships to students studying nursing at an accredited college, university, vo-tech or trade school.

Applicants must be Oklahoma Farm Bureau members or a member of a Farm Bureau member family.

The WLC understands the important role nurses and health care professionals

play in ensuring a high quality of life for all residents across our state, and especially rural residents. With the cost of education increasing yearly, the committee is proud to provide three students with scholarship funds to help pursue their dreams in nursing.

Full details are available in the application, which is available as a PDF file at [www.okfarmbureau.org/applications](http://www.okfarmbureau.org/applications).

For more information, contact WLC Coordinator Marcia Irvin at 405-523-2405.