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OKFB fire safety trailer saves lives

A recent house fire in rural Beckham County proved the value of Oklahoma Farm Bureau's fire safety training when 11-year-old Aiden Brown put into practice what he had learned during a demonstration at his school.

The fifth grader, and his 7-year-old sister Abigail, had just returned home from school when Aiden discovered the fire and quickly made sure his sister was safely outside when he alerted the fire department.

Only weeks before, David Turner, OKFB safety specialist, had set up the fire safety trailer outside the Sayre Elementary School where the students were taught what to do in a situation just like this.

"We teach them to get out, go to their designated safe spot and call the authorities," Turner said.

Sayre Fire Department Chief Robert Ahrens said the Farm Bureau fire safety training saves lives.

"I can't say enough good things about the trailer and David's training," Ahrens said. "He does a great job of relating to the kids as they seem to retain the information. I really do think the trailer makes a difference in people's lives."

The fire official added he wants Turner to



OKFB's fire safety trailer travels across the state to teach children about home evacuation, smoke detectors, common household hazards which create fires and what to do in case of a fire.

make a return visit with the trailer to train the older children and possibly adults.

"I'm so grateful Farm Bureau goes to schools with their fire safety trailer," said Melisa Brown, mother to Aiden and Abigail. "My kids are safe today because of that training. It's a great program."

The Farm Bureau Safety Trailer is a 34-foot mobile classroom, with a kitchen, living room and bedroom. This program features safety lessons targeted to grade

school students. Students learn to crawl out of a smoke simulated area, feeling their way around heated doors which simulate flames or heat. Children can practice escaping from either the first or the second floor. The realistic smoke simulation provides a non-toxic atmosphere.

Basic topics include: home evacuation, smoke detectors, common household hazards which create fires and what to do in case of a fire.

Women's Leadership Committee Winter Rally

Dec. 5-6, 2014

NCED Conference Center Hotel

Norman, Oklahoma

Registration forms due Nov. 18

Register now for OKFB Women's rally

The Women's Leadership Committee will be hosting their annual Winter Rally Dec. 5-6 at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel in Norman.

The event will feature a trade show and silent auction for all participants. There will also be multiple speakers and breakout sessions including Ag in the Classroom, safe shopping and a weather update.

All participants are responsible for

making their own room reservation, by Nov. 17, at the NCED Conference Center and Hotel. For more information, you can visit their website or call them at (405) 366-4752.

Registration forms are due by Nov. 18 to Marcia Irvin at 2501 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

For more information on the rally or if you have any questions, contact Marcia Irvin at (405) 523-2405 or (405) 323-7602.

2014 District Farm Families



District 1 – The Mayer Family

T Tyler and Naomi Mayer began their cow/calf operation in Texas County in 2008. They began their farming practice in Hardesty by leasing several parcels of native grass and a small amount of farmland and then began taking in yearling cattle on their wheat and grass pasture.

The family said they measure their success by the love they have for each other, for the land and for the life that it provides them.

Tyler is the Texas County Farm Bureau vice president and the couple served on the YF&R State Committee for four years.



District 3 – The Krehbiel Family

T he Krehbiel family has a multi-generational farming operation in Hydro. Karen and her daughter Brittany, along with Karen's mother- and father-in-law, run a diversified crop and livestock operation on their family farm. Karen's husband, Jeff, also was an active member of the farm family until his death in 2011.

The Krehbiels raise dorset sheep along with wheat, grain sorghum, peanuts, canola and alfalfa. Alongside production agriculture, the Krehbiels' business ventures include selling and servicing center-pivot hydraulic drive systems.



District 4 – The Fisher Family

C otton County's Roger and Kayla Fisher have been running their farming operation in Randlett for more than 24 years.

Their primary goal in their operation is beef production, but they also produce wheat and stocker cattle and run a cow/calf operation. They use minimum-till practices to reduce erosion on their land and increase productivity in their cattle to increase herd expectancy.

The Fishers have served in numerous capacities with OKFB, attending conferences and serving as county delegates. Roger currently serves as Cotton County Farm Bureau president.

All Around Oklahoma Agriculture – Water transfer and storage becomes a growing issue

Jim Carlton, staff reporter with the Wall Street Journal, recently wrote about the cities of Phoenix and Tucson sharing an underground water storage system. OKFB's Sam Knipp visits with Carlton about the topic of water transfer and storage. Visit soundcloud.com/okfarmbureau to listen.



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Keep up with all things related to OKFB's 2014 Annual Meeting in real time using the hashtag #okfb14 on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. OKFB will be providing updates about award winners, resolutions and several other happenings at convention. Join the conversation!



Convention awards to be announced online

All information regarding winners at the 2014 OKFB Annual Meeting will be released on the OKFB website after winners are announced at the convention. Be sure to check back Friday and Saturday evening to see the winners of these prestigious awards!



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District 6 – The Morris Family

Tony and Kathy Morris of Nowata County began their own dairy in 1987, but in 2005 they transitioned into running a cow/calf operation.

The family says their main goal is to maximize pounds of beef per acre of land, and they strive to achieve that by feeding higher quality forages and better utilizing their resources.

Tony has served on the Nowata County Farm Bureau board for 20 years, spending the last eight as vice president. Kathy serves on the Nowata County Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Team, and both have been voting delegates for the last 18 years.



District 8 – The Temple Family

Garvin County's Raymond and Mary Temple have a cow/calf operation consisting of 750 mother cows and a stocker operation of 1000-plus head of steers and heifers. The family says the most important innovation they have put in place is to never quit trying to improve what they have, and their primary goal is to leave the land better for the future than how they received it.

The Temples' OKFB involvement spans more than 50 years with Raymond serving on the Garvin County Farm Bureau board and Mary as the Garvin County Women's Chair for more than 10 years.



District 9 – The VanCoervering Family

Gene VanCoervering began his farming operation in Coyle in 1973 and it now consists of wheat, rye and nine pairs of breeding livestock.

This Payne County farmer uses chemicals to control unwanted weeds and brush on his cropland and utilizes controlled burns for land management. His goal in his practice is to maximize profitability on his cropland and in his cow herd.

Gene has been on the Payne County board for 23 years, serving as president for four years. He was the District 9 caucus chairman for 15 years and served on the county resolutions committee for 30 years.



Three FFA members from the Fairview FFA Chapter earned a national award in the Agricultural Communications Career Development Event. The competition, which aims to prepare students for careers in journalism, radio and TV broadcast, web design and marketing, was held at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, in late October. Team members (pictured left to right) Maggie Martens, Ashley Tucker and Bethany Niles all have Farm Bureau ties in their local community. Their agricultural education instructor and FFA advisor is Jerrod Lundry.

Member Benefits

KJD Enterprises – K/D front-end loaders

KJD Enterprises offers a \$150 dollar cash rebate to all OKFB members who are the end user upon the purchase of a new K/D front-end loader. Call 1-888-641-0420 toll free for instructions and a rebate voucher.

OKFB highlights a benefit in each issue of Perspective as a reminder of the savings available to OKFB members. You can find a complete list of savings on the Oklahoma Farm Bureau website.

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Calendar

2014 OKFB Annual Meeting

Nov. 14-16 – Tulsa
Contact: Melisa Neal (405) 523-2475

OKFB Leadership Team Winter Rally

Dec. 5-6 – Norman
Contact: Marcia Irvin (405) 523-2405

2015 AFBF Convention

Jan. 11-14 – San Diego, California
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Online registration open for AFBF's 96th Annual Convention

Online registration is now open for the American Farm Bureau Federation's 96th Annual Convention and IDEAg Trade Show, which will be held Jan. 10-14, 2015, in San Diego.

Before registering online, farmer and rancher members should check with their state Farm Bureau office to see if they have already been registered. The full Farm Bureau member registration fee is \$100 and includes the IDEAg Trade Show and Young Farmer & Rancher competitive events (Saturday, Jan. 10 through Monday, Jan. 12), general sessions, workshops and the American Farm Bureau Foundation for

Agriculture Silent Auction.

Non-members may pay \$10 in advance for a one-day registration to attend the IDEAg Trade Show and Foundation Silent Auction on Saturday, Jan. 10.

"The 96th Annual Convention and IDEAg Trade Show offers a preview of the future of agriculture," said John Hawkins, AFBF's senior director of conventions and events. "The IDEAg Interconnectivity Conference, thought-provoking educational workshops, and precision agriculture and technology displays will provide exciting opportunities for attendees to get a sneak peek at what's next in agriculture."

About 7,000 Farm Bureau members from across the nation are expected to gather for the convention, where they will hear from distinguished leaders and participate in a grassroots policy setting process that will guide the American Farm Bureau Federation through 2015.

AFBF President Bob Stallman will give his annual "State of Farm Bureau" address to members at the opening general session of the convention on Jan. 11. On Jan. 12, Commander Rorke Denver will give the general session keynote address, and acclaimed late night TV host Jay Leno will give the closing session keynote address.

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