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Rep. Scooter Park



Rep. John Pfeiffer

Eleven state legislators receive the 2017 OKFB Champion Award from OKFB District Five Director and Vice President Gary Crawley during the 2018 OKFB Leadership Conference on March 5 in Oklahoma City. Not pictured: Senate President Pro Tem Mike Schulz, Sen. Greg Treat, Rep. Mike Sanders and Rep. Kevin Wallace.

## OKFB honors eleven state legislator with 2017 OKFB Champion Award

Eleven state legislators were honored with the 2017 Oklahoma Farm Bureau Champion Award during the OKFB Leadership Conference March 5 in Oklahoma City.

The award is presented to state lawmakers who went above and beyond to uphold agriculture and rural Oklahoma during the 2017 legislative session.

“As a grassroots farm organization,

we exist to fight for the betterment of agriculture and rural Oklahoma,” said Rodd Moesel, OKFB president. “We are proud to honor these 11 individuals who have worked tirelessly to support family farmers and ranchers across the state.”

The 2017 OKFB Champion Award recipients include Senate President Pro Tem Mike Schulz, Sen. Larry Boggs, Sen. Casey Murdock, Sen. Lonnie Paxton, Sen. Roland

Pederson, Sen. Roger Thompson, Sen. Greg Treat, Rep. Scooter Park, Rep. John Pfeiffer, Rep. Mike Sanders and Rep. Kevin Wallace.

Award recipients received a plaque in recognition of their service to agriculture and rural Oklahoma. Champions are nominated by county Farm Bureaus and the OKFB board of directors.



## Watch OKFB’s gubernatorial candidate panel on Facebook live

Left: Oklahoma Farm Bureau members hear from five of Oklahoma’s gubernatorial candidates during a panel at the 2018 OKFB Leadership Conference March 5. Drew Edmondson, Gary Jones, Todd Lamb, Gary Richardson and Kevin Stitt all participated in the panel, sharing their plans for the future of Oklahoma along with their views on agriculture and rural policy.

Visit the OKFB Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/okfarmbureau](http://www.facebook.com/okfarmbureau) to watch the full video of the panel and see photos from the event.

# Caddo County Farm Bureau donates more than \$12,000 to local community during Oklahoma Farm Bureau Week

In celebration of Oklahoma Farm Bureau Week, Caddo County Farm Bureau donated more than \$12,000 to senior nutrition centers, 4-H and FFA programs, and fire departments throughout the county.

Senior nutrition centers in Anadarko, Apache, Binger, Carnegie, Cement, Cyril, Fort Cobb and Hinton each received \$500 to help fund nutrition programs in the county. The centers provide meals for senior citizens free-of-charge.

“We try to support the community in any way that we can,” said Wayne Taggart, Caddo County Farm Bureau president. “Our rural communities are really the ones that feed the nation. By giving back to our local communities, we can tie together those that produce the food and those that eat the food.”

Outside of funding from the county, the senior nutrition centers rely on fundraisers and donations from the community.

“People like Farm Bureau donating \$500, you can’t beat that,” said Ron Roberts of the



*Caddo County Farm Bureau President Wayne Taggart (far left) and member Lance Shenold (far right) present \$500 checks to eight senior nutrition centers throughout the county in celebration of OKFB Week. The county also donated to local fire departments and 4-H and FFA programs.*

Apache Senior Nutrition Center.

Roberts said he plans to use the funds to purchase a new dishwasher for the center.

Each 4-H and FFA chapter in the county

also received \$100 from Caddo County Farm Bureau, while each county rural fire department received \$250.



## Farm Bureau members head to Washington, D.C. April 16-20

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members will travel to Washington, D.C., April 16-20 to promote Oklahoma agriculture during the organization’s annual Congressional Action Tour.

The weeklong trip allows members to bring the concerns of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers to Capitol Hill. Members will meet with Oklahoma’s Congressional delegation, along with officials of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. For more information on the trip, visit [okfarmbureau.org](http://okfarmbureau.org).

## Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online



YF&R \$1,000 scholarship application deadline extended to March 20

The application deadline for the OKFB YF&R’s nine \$1,000 college scholarships has been extended to March 20! Applications must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2018 and may be found on the OKFB website. For more information, contact OKFB Y&R Coordinator Zac Swartz at 405-205-0070.



Proud supporters of the Oklahoma Youth Expo

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is proud to support the state’s agriculture and rural youth as platinum sponsors of the “World’s Largest Junior Livestock Show.” Look for OKFB’s promotional video that was shown throughout the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds this week on the OKFB Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/okfarmbureau](http://www.facebook.com/okfarmbureau).



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## District Seven members visit state Capitol



*Top: A group of members from District Seven pose for a photo with Sen. AJ Griffin (center) during a visit to the state Capitol on Feb. 27. Middle Left: Sen. Roland Pederson (left), a former OKFB board member, visits with OKFB District Seven Director Keith Kisling (second from left) and other members from District Seven in his office at the state Capitol. Middle Right: Sen. Casey Murdock (center) visits with Farm Bureau members from District Seven. Bottom: District Seven members pose with Sen. Roland Pederson (center) on the Senate floor.*

## YF&R Golf Classic to be held May 4

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers will host its 16th Annual YF&R Golf Classic on May 4 at the Cedar Valley Golf Club in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Event proceeds will benefit the OKFB Legal Foundation, which defends the rights of Oklahoma farmers and ranchers.

Check-in begins at 7:30 a.m. with tee off at 9 a.m. The cost is \$350 per team of four or \$90 per individual. Mulligans are available for \$10 each with a maximum of three per player. Tournament costs must be paid in advance.

Hole sponsorships are available at three levels:

### Platinum – \$1,000

Includes green fees for four players, meals and door prizes, two mulligans per player and a sponsored hole.

### Gold – \$750

Includes green fees for four players, meals and door prizes, one mulligan per player and a sponsored hole.

### Silver – \$500

Includes green fees for four players, meals and door prizes and a sponsored hole.

To register for the tournament, contact YF&R Coordinator Zac Swartz at 405-205-0070.

## Member Benefits

### Alamo Rent-A-Car

Traveling for spring break? Save up to 20 percent and take advantage of additional coupons on rental cars at Alamo! Get to the fun faster with self-serve check-in. Skip the counter, check-in at the kiosk and drive away. All you need is a valid driver's license and a major credit card. Visit the member benefits page of the OKFB website for details on how to access the Alamo discounts.

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

## Calendar

### Farm City Festival

March 27 • Oklahoma City  
Contact: Marcia Irvin 405-523-2405

### Ag Day at the Capitol

April 10 • Oklahoma City  
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### Congressional Action Tour

April 17-20 s• Washington, D.C.  
Contact: Tasha Duncan 405-530-2681

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## Farm Bureau shares grassroots efforts with Oklahoma FFA state officers



*Left: OKFB's Bray Haven (left), Interim Executive Director Thad Doye (center) and Zac Swartz (right) pose with four Oklahoma FFA state officers during a visit to the OKFB state office. Top Right: OKFB Interim Executive Director Thad Doye (right) shares about the grassroots organization's work to defend Oklahoma farmers and ranchers with Oklahoma FFA President Ridge Hughbanks (far left), Northeast Area Vice President Beecher Owens, Southeast Area Vice President Cole Eschete, Oklahoma FFA Reporter Brooklan Light and Oklahoma FFA Foundation Executive Director Holly Blakey. OKFB is a proud supporter of the Oklahoma FFA Association.*