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Perspective

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Counties hold annual meetings across the state

Several county Farm Bureaus held their annual meetings this past month. During these meetings, members conducted their regular business and passed resolutions that help form state Farm Bureau policy. Many guest speakers talked about a variety of topics, such as the Right to Farm and other upcoming state questions, veterinary feed directives, legislative issues, and last year's Oklahoma Honor Flight. Members also enjoyed delicious meals and heard about each county's activities during the past year.



Comanche County



Beaver County



Noble County



Caddo County

Moe Bandy to perform at OKFB 75th Convention

Country music singer Moe Bandy will entertain Oklahoma Farm Bureau members at the 2016 Annual Meeting following the OKFB banquet at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Members can purchase banquet tickets for \$32 in the trade show area of the convention center.

One of the most popular country singers of the 1970s, Moe Bandy released his first hit song "I Just Started Hatin' Cheatin' Songs Today" in 1972, which would eventually climb to a top 20 hit on the national scene. Bandy released several popular songs in the next few years, including "It's a Cheatin' Situation," which became a #3 hit and won the Song of the Year award from

the Academy of Country Music.

Bandy released another Top Ten hit, "Americana," in 1988, which became the campaign theme song for presidential candidate George Bush. After Bush was elected, Bandy played at the Presidential Inauguration as well as playing at the White House twice in 1989.

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Founded in 1942, Oklahoma Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization of farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing issues and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement in each of Oklahoma's 77 counties. As the state's largest general farm organization, OFB is committed to improving the lives of rural Oklahomans through advocacy, education and member benefits. To learn more, visit <http://www.okfarmbureau.org/>.

Susie McEntire to return to OKFB convention to speak, sing at memorial and worship service

Susie McEntire, country gospel singer, will entertain members again for this year's 75th Oklahoma Farm Bureau Annual Meeting memorial and worship service.

Returning for a second consecutive year at the OKFB convention, McEntire will speak during the memorial worship service on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 9:15 a.m.

McEntire, the younger sister of country music singer Reba McEntire, was raised on an Oklahoma ranch. She began singing as a teenager with her siblings, Pake and Reba. After graduating from Oklahoma State University, McEntire continued singing with her country superstar sister.

The two sisters performed concerts for sold-out crowds and made television appearances on various programs such as "Hee Haw" and "The Grand Ole Opry." After several years, Susie decided to begin singing gospel music.

Over the years, Susie has garnered much acclaim from peers and fans alike with numerous awards and nominations from TNN, GMA and CCMA. She also has been named Artist of the Year several times and scored four No. 1 singles in the field of Positive Country Music.



Singer Susie McEntire sings songs of praise and shares thoughtful encouraging words with OKFB members during the vespers and memorial service held during the 2015 OKFB Annual Convention.

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Reminder: OKFB YF&R competitive events entries due Oct. 14

Oklahoma Farm Bureau's Young Farmers & Ranchers program is looking for bright young Farm Bureau agriculturalists ages 18-35 to compete in a variety of programs for recognition for their contributions to agriculture.

Applications for the YF&R competitive events, which include the Achievement

Award, the Excellence in Agriculture Award, the Discussion Meet and the Charles Roff Award are due Friday, Oct. 14, 2016. The competitive events are open to OKFB members ages 18-35.

Winners will be recognized at the 75th-annual OKFB convention awards program held on Friday, Nov. 11. Prizes will

be presented along with the awards for each event.

Applications can be found at the applications center page on OKFB's website. For questions or more information, contact Brittany Mikles at (405) 205-0066.

Oklahoma Farm Bureau Online

"Farm Families Support SQ777 Facebook Challenge"

Have you heard about the "Farm Families Support SQ777 Facebook Challenge"? Initiated by OKFB members Josh and Kim Emerson, the challenge was created to help spread the word about the Right to Farm. Learn how you can join the challenge by finding the link on the OKFB Facebook page.

OKFB member Travis Schnaithman featured on NPR's Hear and Now

Did you catch OKFB member Travis Schnaithman on the NPR's Hear and Now, which was broadcasted nationally? Listen to Schnaithman speak about the importance of State Question 777 by finding the link on the OKFB Twitter page.



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Bushels for Books applications due Oct. 24

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers and the Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation Bushels for Books applications are now available.

The Bushels for Books program awards teachers and school librarians with bushel baskets of accurate agriculture books to be used in classrooms and school libraries.

"This is a great way to bring agriculture into school classrooms across the state," said Jeramy Rich, Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation president. "We are honored to provide these resources to

teachers to help them incorporate agriculture into their classroom lessons."

2016 Bushels for Books applications must be submitted no later than Monday, Oct. 24th to: Oklahoma Farming and Ranching Foundation, Attn: Amanda Rosholt, 2501 N. Stiles, Oklahoma City, OK 73105. You may also submit applications by email to amanda.rosholt@aggiving.org.

One application per school will be accepted. Multiple teachers are encouraged to apply together since books cover various grade levels. Most of the books are appropriate for Pre-K to 4th grade. Each entry will

receive one book for applying.

Awards will be presented during the Bushels for Books Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast at the Oklahoma Farm Bureau state annual meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12.

Contact Amanda Rosholt with questions at [Amanda.Rosholt@aggiving.org](mailto:amanda.rosholt@aggiving.org) or (405) 202-1463.



OSU DASNR presents commemorative medallion to OKFB for support of endowed professorship



During our state board meeting Thursday, Sept. 29, Oklahoma State University Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Vice President Dr. Thomas Coon (pictured right) presented OKFB President Tom Buchanan (left) with a commemorative medallion for OKFB's support of an endowed professorship, which OKFB sponsored along with the Oklahoma 4-H Foundation.

Dr. Jeff Sallee, Oklahoma Farm Bureau and 4-H Foundation endowed professor (center), spoke to the board about his role in the new position as he works with 4-H educators developing Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs throughout the state to help develop the next generation of leaders in agriculture and industry.

Member Benefits

Farm Bureau Bank

Did you know Farm Bureau Bank offers OKFB members exclusive access to a broad array of financial services? Checking, loans, CDs, money markets and credit cards are just a sampling of the services available only to members. For more information, call 800-492-3276 or visit only at www.farmbureaubank.com.

www.okfarmbureau.org/benefits

Calendar

State Resolutions Meeting

October 18-19 • Oklahoma City
Contact: Tasha Duncan (405) 530-2681

Get on Tap with 777

October 20 • James E. McNellie's, Tulsa
Contact: Mark Yates (405) 606-9700

Women's Leadership Committee Fall Conference

October 28-29 • TBA
Contact: Marcia Irvin (405) 523-2405

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OKFB receives commemorative plaque from OSU athletics



Left: Oklahoma Farm Bureau received a commemorative plaque from the Oklahoma State University athletics for being a game day sponsor Oct. 1 during the OSU vs. Texas football game. OKFB Executive Director Monica Wilke and OSU Collegiate Farm Bureau President Tyler Schnaithman were on the field at halftime to accept the plaque. Above: Before the game, the Oklahoma Farm Bureau's booth offered information on the organization and the upcoming State Question 777 vote.

State Question 777 corner

The latest news on Oklahoma's Right to Farm amendment, SQ 777, which will appear on the general election ballot on November 8, 2016.

OKFB to host "Get on Tap with 777" in Tulsa

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is set to host "Get on Tap with 777" October 20 at 5:30 p.m. at James E. McNellie's in Tulsa.

At the event, participants will have the opportunity to learn more about State Question 777, or the Right to Farm bill. Guests will enjoy free drinks and appetizers.

State Question 777 is a state constitutional amendment to protect Oklahoma's

farmers and ranchers by creating additional constitutional protections they currently lack and need. The state question will appear on the general election ballot Nov. 8, 2016. For more information about the Right to Farm, visit OklahomaRightToFarm.com.

For more information about the event, visit the OKFB Facebook events page or okfarmbureau.com.

Right to Farm signs

Do you live in town or in a residential area? Please put up a Right to Farm sign in your yard! If you need a yard sign or a large fence sign, contact your local Farm Bureau or Tasha Duncan at 405-530-2681. A special thank you to each of you who already have signs displayed on your property!