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OKFB members kick off grassroots policy development process with August Area Meetings

Oklahoma Farm Bureau members convened for a series of 11 August Area Meetings to discuss issues, challenges and opportunities facing agriculture and rural Oklahoma in preparation for the organization's grassroots policy development season.

More than 400 members and guests attended the meetings where top issues raised by OKFB members included water

issues, animal ID tags, rural broadband, the farm bill, tax policy, the upcoming national election and spam phone calls.

OKFB members also heard organizational updates and reports from district Young Farmers & Ranchers representatives, Women's Leadership Committee district representatives, various OKFB department staff and organizational leaders.

Farm Bureau members will now take the ideas discussed during the meetings and craft policy resolutions to be considered at their county resolutions meetings.

Resolutions that are passed by county Farm Bureaus will be presented for consideration at the OKFB state resolutions meeting, which will be held Oct. 22-23 in Oklahoma City.

YF&R to host State Fair livestock judging contest Sept. 19

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Young Farmers and Ranchers committee is set to host the 2024 Oklahoma State Fair Livestock Judging Contest Thursday, Sept. 19, at the state fairgrounds in Oklahoma City.

The annual competition offers 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to showcase their livestock judging skills in both market and breeding classes of beef, sheep and swine. While no oral reasons will be given during the competition, participants will be asked to answer at least one set of questions.

Students in third through seventh grade will compete as juniors, and students in grades eighth through 12th grade will compete as seniors. Students can compete as individuals and in teams.

The high individual and high team members of each division will be presented with an award and premium. Second- and third-place individuals and first- through third-place teams will also receive an award.



Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Performance Arena Grandstand Sept. 19. The contest will begin at 10 a.m. in the Barn 8 Arena. Participants should come prepared with a pencil.

FFA chapters and 4-H clubs can receive complimentary gate admission by filling out a survey before Sept. 10. Late registration will be available after this deadline and on the day of the contest.

For more information, visit the **Oklahoma State Fair Competition Guide:** okfb.news/contestguide

To access the survey for early registration, visit: okfb.news/2024LJregistration

Registration for 2024 OKFB High School Discussion Meet now open

Oklahoma Farm Bureau is set to host the 2024 High School Discussion Meet Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Redlands Community College in El Reno. The high school discussion meet is open to all high school students, with a registration limit of two students per school.

The OKFB High School Discussion meet is a panel-style discussion where students are given questions about agricultural topics to discuss and create solutions that will benefit agriculture. The questions that will be used for the event can be found on the high school discussion meet application on the OKFB website at: okfb.news/HSDiscussionMeet.

Applications must be submitted by October 1. After registering, students will receive a discussion meet manual. Awards will be presented to the top four contestants at the OKFB Convention on November 8 during the 1:30 p.m. session.



For more information about the High School Discussion Meet, access the application here: okfb.news/HSDiscussionMeet

OKFB Foundation for Ag selling tickets for a chance to win a Henry rifle



Henry Golden Boy 22 mag

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a Henry Golden Boy lever-action rifle in .22 WMR valued at \$722 MSRP.

Tickets are available for a donation of \$20 each, and can be purchased from OKFB field representatives or by contacting foundation Director Holly Carroll at (405) 523-2300.

The drawing for the rifle will take place at the OKFB annual meeting in

Oklahoma City in early November.

Ticket holders do not have to be present to win. By purchasing a ticket, the ticket holder is bound to the terms and conditions of the drawing, which are available on the reverse side of each ticket stub. The ticket purchase price is not tax deductible.

Funds raised will support the foundation's educational and philanthropic efforts in the agriculture community and rural Oklahoma.



Oklahoma Farm Bureau
**Women's
Leadership
Committee**

OKFB Women's Leadership Committee awards three \$500 scholarships to nursing students

The Oklahoma Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Committee has awarded three \$500 scholarships to students from Farm Bureau member families who are pursuing a career in nursing.

The scholarships were awarded to Karley Smart of Seiling, Chelsey Summerlin of Chandler and Raylea Burrows of Ramona.

"The Women's Leadership Committee understands the challenges students face when financing their education," said Mignon Bolay, OKFB WLC chair. "We are proud to support these young ladies throughout their educational journeys to provide quality healthcare across rural communities."

Smart, a Woodward County Farm Bureau member, is a high school senior concurrently studying nursing

at Redlands Community College. Summerlin is a Lincoln County Farm Bureau member studying at the University of Oklahoma to become a registered nurse. Burrows is a Nowata County Farm Bureau member studying at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, where she has completed her nursing degree and is enrolled in the registered nursing program.

The OKFB WLC provides their annual nurse's training scholarships to help Farm Bureau members complete their education in nursing so they can provide much-needed healthcare services to fellow Oklahomans. Applicants must be enrolled half-time or more in a nurse's training program at an accredited college, university, technical school or trade school.



FOUNDATION FOR
AGRICULTURE

Foundation for Ag grant applications now open

Growing with the Foundation Grant

Introduce students to the world of horticulture by applying for the Growing with the Foundation Grant Program. The recipient will receive a \$10,000 grant to help in purchasing supplies for a school greenhouse. By learning to grow their own food, students will be able to see sustainable models that they can implement in their homes and neighborhood.

Community Harvest Grant

Youth organizations across the state looking to fight hunger are encouraged to apply for the Community Harvest Grant Program. Individual 4-H chapters and FFA clubs may apply for up to \$1,000 to support a service-learning project focused on developing and implementing sustainable food production that addresses hunger in the community. Projects can include developing a community garden, creating a school pantry, hosting a class for the community and much more.

Access the applications online:
okfb.news/applications

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County Farm Bureau convention committee assignments

The counties listed below will serve on one of the three member-led committees at the 2024 Oklahoma Farm Bureau convention Nov. 8-10 in Oklahoma City. The OKFB state resolutions committee will also serve at OKFB's state resolutions committee meeting, which prepares policy for presentation at the OKFB annual meeting. The OKFB state resolutions

committee meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 22 and Wednesday, Oct. 23 at the Oklahoma City Embassy Suites Downtown Medical Center.

For questions about the state resolutions meeting, please contact the OKFB public policy department at (405) 523-2300. For questions about the financials or credentials committee, contact Melissa Neal at (405) 523-2300.



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