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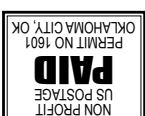
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Oklahoma Family Farmer

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AFR announces 72nd annual youth speech contest

Hundreds of Oklahoma youth will have the chance to sharpen their speech presentation skills during the 72nd annual AFR Youth Speech Contest. The annual event begins with the southwest district contest Nov. 3 and concludes with the state contest, Dec. 3 in Stillwater.

“This is a great opportunity for students to develop basic skills and expand their knowledge,” said Micaela Danker, AFR youth development coordinator. “Over the years, many of the speech contestants have gone on to successful careers in agriculture and business.

District contest registrations will begin at 4 p.m. and the contest briefing will begin at 4:30 p.m. Judges and speakers will then disperse to assigned classrooms for competition. Immediately following competition, a meal will be served. Awards, special recognition and final comments will conclude the contest.

A complete list of rules can be found at: <https://www.iafr.com/news/72nd-annual-speech-contest>.

The first three participants placing in each category and division at district contests will receive awards. The first three participants placing in each category and division at the state contest will receive awards and scholarships.

For more information please contact: Micaela Danker, Youth Development Coordinator, (405) 218-5561 or by e-mail mdanker@afrmic.com.

DIVISIONS

- Novice Division: Students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Time Limit: 2-4 minutes. Novice speakers may only compete in the AFR/OFU Category.
- Junior Division: Students in grades 7 and 8. Time Limit: 4-6 minutes.
- Intermediate Division: Students in grades 9 and 10. Time Limit: 4-6 minutes.
- Senior Division: Students in grades 11 and 12. Time Limit: 4-6 minutes.

CATEGORIES

NOTE: Changes have been made this year. Agriscience and Natural Resources have been combined.

- **AFR/OFU**
Participants may speak on the history or current activities of American Farmers & Ranchers/Oklahoma Farmers Union, and its fight to support agriculture and rural families through legislation, cooperation and educational opportunities.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**
Participants may choose any current issues that deal with their student organization. Topics such as leadership, personal development and growth, goal setting and team work, community activities, competitions, etc. Organizations should be limited to 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, TSA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.
- **AGRISCIENCE & NATURAL RESOURCES**
Participants may choose any current issues such as soil, water, air, rural water, wildlife, forestry, aquaculture, conservation, recreation, recycling, energy, environment, agronomy, biotechnology, genetics, engineering, farm safety and food production. Participants may also choose an animal science related topic dealing with dairy, equine, poultry, sheep, swine, beef, specialty animals, etc.
- **AGRIBUSINESS**
Participants may choose any current issue that deals with topics such as cooperatives, value-added products, sales, service, entrepreneurship, marketing, finance, commodities, advertising, international trade, economic development, politics, animal rights/animal welfare, etc.
- Speeches pertaining to SQ 777, Right to Farm, may be made to fit in any category.

2016 Speech Contest Dates

Southwest
Thursday, Nov. 3
Cache High School

Northwest
Tuesday, Nov. 8
Autry Tech Center – Enid

Central
Thursday, Nov. 10
Tecumseh High School

Northeast
Monday, Nov. 14
Lone Star School – Sapulpa

Southeast
Tuesday, Nov. 15
Eastern Oklahoma State College – Wilburton

State Finals
Saturday, Dec. 3
Oklahoma State University
Classroom Building – Room 313
Registration: 9:30 a.m. Contest Begins at: 10 a.m.

Judge's Registration Form

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____

Email: _____ **FFA Chapter/4-H Club:** _____

CONTEST
Select where you would like to judge. You may choose as many as you like.

_____ Cache High School – Nov. 3

_____ Autry Tech Center – Nov. 8

_____ Tecumseh High School – Nov. 10

_____ Lone Star School, Sapulpa – Nov. 14

_____ EOOSC, Wilburton – Nov. 15

_____ State Finals, Stillwater – Dec. 3

DIVISIONS
Select only one age division.

_____ Novice (Grades 4-6; AFR category only)

_____ Junior (Grades 7 & 8)

_____ Intermediate (Grades 9 & 10)

_____ Senior (Grades 11 & 12)

CATEGORY
Select your first, second and third choices.

_____ American Farmers & Ranchers

_____ Student Organizations

_____ Science & Natural Resources

_____ Agribusiness

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Or email your choices for contest,
category and division to
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DON'T FORGET!

All district contest judge's orientation
will begin at 4 p.m. and dinner after the
contest. The state judge's orientation
breakfast will begin at 8 a.m.



The Jon and Natalie Leeds family proudly supports State Question 777.

STATE QUESTION 777

Story by Sam Knipp
American Farmers & Ranchers

Farmers want your support on Right to Farm amendment

For Jon Leeds, passing State Question 777, Right to Farm, is a matter of providing for his family and protecting their future. Leeds is a fourth generation family farmer from Webbers Falls, Okla.

The Right to Farm constitutional amendment will be on the November general election ballot. This will amend the state's Constitution to protect family farmers and ranchers from unreasonable government interference and attacks by out of state special interests.

"It will give me the confidence to provide for my family and not be hindered by regulations that could restrict production," Leeds said. "The right to farm amendment will allow me to continue to feed others as well as my own family."

Leeds says it will help everybody.

"We often take our food supply for granted," Leeds said, "but, in reality, without science based research, future food production could be limited. I'm concerned that without the protection of Right to

Farm, we could see severe restrictions on GMO's and other advanced food production technologies."

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Jon Leeds
Fourth Generation Family Farmer

Leeds' family has been farming the fertile Arkansas River Valley land around Webbers Falls and Ft. Gibson for more than 90 years. They produce corn, soybeans and wheat. They have a vested interest in protecting the land, the environment and the tradition of food production.

"This is our life," Leeds said. "I want my kids to continue this business and have the opportunity to feed the world."

THE LEGACY

Supporters of State Question 777 believe if we are to feed tomorrow's families, there must be a sustainable mechanism in place

to help make that a reality.

"For me, as a farmer, this is all about protecting my family's legacy," Jean Lam said.

Lam operates the family farm near Pauls Valley. The farm was first established by her great

grandfather, Jess W. Lam, more than 100 years ago. Lam graduated from Stanford University with a degree in American studies focusing on American Indians and the law.

"This is where my roots are," Lam said. "This (farming and ranching) is an opportunity, a gift, that I want to ensure is available for future generations to pursue, and passing Right to Farm will help make that a reality."

THE BROADER VIEW

Terry Detrick views the state question from a broad perspective.

"This is as much a food and consumer issue as it is farm issue," Detrick said. "If we want to continue providing an affordable, safe and abundant food supply, we must reduce obstacles rather than increase unnecessary regulations. Right to Farm will help us reduce obstacles. That's why I believe this is important for everyone, not just farmers and ranchers."

Detrick, who farms near Ames, is president of American Farmers & Ranchers. The organization has joined other farm and commodity groups to strongly support the ballot measure.

"We must stand united if we hope to pass Right to Farm."

A LOOK AT OKLAHOMA'S 2016 STATE QUESTIONS

STATE QUESTION 776

This measure adds a new section to the Oklahoma Constitution, Section 9A of Article 2. The new Section deals with the death penalty. The Section establishes State constitutional mandates relating to the death penalty and methods of execution. Under these constitutional requirements:

- The Legislature is expressly empowered to designate any method of execution not prohibited by the United States Constitution.
- Death sentences shall not be reduced because a method of execution is ruled to be invalid.
- When an execution method is declared invalid, the death penalty imposed shall remain in force until it can be carried out using any valid execution method, and
- The imposition of a death penalty under Oklahoma law—as distinguished from a method of execution—shall not be deemed to be or constitute the infliction of cruel or unusual punishment under Oklahoma's Constitution, nor to contravene any provision of the Oklahoma Constitution.

STATE QUESTION 779

This measure adds a new Article to the Oklahoma Constitution. The article creates a limited purpose fund to increase funding for public education. It increases State sales and use taxes by one cent per dollar to provide revenue for the fund. The revenue to be used for public education shall be allocated: 69.50% for common school districts, 19.25% for the institutions under the authority of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, 3.25% for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and 8% for the State Department of Education. It requires teacher salary increases funded by this measure raise teacher salaries by at least \$5,000 over the salaries paid in the year prior to adoption of this measure. It requires an annual audit of school districts' use of monies. It prohibits school districts' use of these funds for increasing superintendents' salaries or adding superintendent positions. It requires that monies from the fund not supplant or replace other educational funding. If the Oklahoma Board of Equalization determines funding has been replaced, the Legislature may not make any appropriations until the amount of replaced funding is returned to the fund. The article takes effect on July 1 after its passage.

STATE QUESTION 780

This measure amends existing Oklahoma laws and would change the classification of certain drug possession and property crimes from felony to misdemeanor. It would make possession of a limited quantity of drugs a misdemeanor. The amendment also changes the classification of certain drug possession crimes which are currently considered felonies and cases where the defendant has a prior drug possession conviction. The proposed amendment would reclassify these drug possession cases as misdemeanors. The amendment would increase the threshold dollar amount used for determining whether certain property crimes are considered a felony or misdemeanor. Currently, the threshold is \$500. The amendment would increase the amount to \$1000. Property crimes covered by this change include; false declaration of a pawn ticket, embezzlement, larceny, grand larceny, theft, receiving or concealing stolen property, taking domesticated fish or game, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, or issuing bogus checks. This measure would become effective July 1, 2017.

STATE QUESTION 781

This measure creates the County Community Safety Investment Fund, only if voters approve State Question 780, the Oklahoma Smart Justice Reform Act. This measure would create a fund, consisting of any calculated savings or averted costs that accrued to the State from the implementation of the Oklahoma Smart Justice Reform Act in reclassifying certain property crimes and drug possession as misdemeanors. The measure requires the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to use either actual data or its best estimate to determine how much money was saved on a yearly basis. The amount determined to be saved must be deposited into the Fund and distributed to counties in proportion to their population to provide community rehabilitative programs, such as mental health and substance abuse services. This measure will not become effective if State Question 780, the Oklahoma Smart Justice Reform Act, is not approved by the people. The measure will become effective on July 1 immediately following its passage.

STATE QUESTION 790

This measure would remove Article 2, Section 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution, which prohibits the government from using public money or property for the direct or indirect benefit of any religion or religious institution. Article 2, Section 5 has been interpreted by the Oklahoma courts as requiring the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from the grounds of the State Capitol. If this measure repealing Article 2, Section 5 is passed, the government would still be required to comply with the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution, which is a similar constitutional provision that prevents the government from endorsing a religion or becoming overly involved with religion.

STATE QUESTION 792

This measure repeals Article 28 of the Oklahoma Constitution and restructures the laws governing alcoholic beverages through a new Article 28A and other laws the Legislature will create if the measure passes. The new Article 28A provides that with exceptions, a person or company can have an ownership interest in only one area of the alcoholic beverage business—manufacturing, wholesaling, or retailing. Some restrictions apply to the sales of manufacturers, brewers, winemakers, and wholesalers. Subject to limitations, the Legislature may authorize direct shipments to consumers of wine. Retail locations like grocery stores may sell wine and beer. Liquor stores may sell products other than alcoholic beverages in limited amounts. The Legislature must create licenses for retail locations, liquor stores, and places serving alcoholic beverages and may create other licenses. Certain licensees must meet residency requirements. Felons cannot be licensees. The Legislature must designate days and hours when alcoholic beverages may be sold and may impose taxes on sales. Municipalities may levy an occupation tax. If authorized, a state lodge may sell individual alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption but no other state involvement in the alcoholic beverage business is allowed. With one exception, the measure will take effect October 1, 2018.

BALLOT TITLE FOR STATE QUESTION NO. 777

This measure adds Section 38 to Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution.

The new Section creates state constitutional rights. It creates the following guaranteed rights to engage in farming and ranching.

- The right to make use of agricultural technology
- The right to make use of livestock procedures, and
- The right to make use of ranching practices.

These constitutional rights receive extra protection under this measure that not all constitutional rights receive. This extra protection is a limit on lawmakers' ability to interfere with the exercise of these rights. Under this extra protection, no law can interfere with these rights, unless the law is justified by a compelling state interest—a clearly identified state interest of the highest order. Additionally, the law must be necessary to serve that compelling state interest.

The measure—and the protections identified above—do not apply to and do not impact state laws related to:

- Trespass,
- Eminent domain,
- Dominance of mineral interests,
- Easements
- Any state statutes and political subdivision ordinances enacted before December 31, 2014.

SHALL THE PROPOSAL BE APPROVED?

**FOR THE PROPOSAL – YES
AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – NO**

Oklahoma's **RIGHT** to Farm





A group of AFR leaders and staff lobbied Congress, Sept. 12-14. From left, Paul Jackson, Terry Detrick, Steve Thompson, Ray Miller and Dustin Tackett.



USDA Chief Economist Rob Johansson, left, talks with AFR Sec. Paul Jackson, about the gloomy ag economic outlook.



U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas (OK-3), left, listens to AFR leaders Ray Miller, Terry Detrick and Dustin Tackett.



U.S. Sen. James Lankford told the AFR group, increasing ag exports and reducing government regulations would help ease the sluggish farm economy.



AFR leaders visited with U.S. Rep. Steve Russell (OK-5), center, in his Washington, D.C. office. From left, Ray Miller, Paul Jackson, Rep. Russell, Terry Detrick, Steve Thompson, and Dustin Tackett.

Message to Congress: We're hurting in farm country!

The crashing farm economy was front and center in conversations between AFR leaders and Congress during a three-day lobbying effort in Washington, D.C., Sept. 12-14.

“We wanted Congress to know the true impact of the low commodity prices,” said Terry Detrick, AFR president. “Many farmers are concerned the wheat crop they are planting right now will be a losing proposition.”

U.S. Department of Agriculture market projections reinforce those concerns. During an issue briefing, USDA Chief Economist Rob Johansson told the group the outlook is gloomy.

“When you have record production, both on the grain and livestock side, that’s going to put down pressure on the prices,” Johansson said. “Producers are going to have to scale back on production; there is just no other way around it.”

One possible solution to low prices is expanded export demand. The controversial Trans Pacific Partnership, or TPP, now before Congress, is receiving muted support and many predict it will not pass this year. During a meeting with U.S. Rep. Steve Russell (OK-5), the AFR group learned why TPP is not being greeted with open arms.

“You have to look at these trade agreements as a foreign policy issue and a national security issue as much as an economic issue,” Russell said. “If it

is approved, the member voting states could alter the terms of the agreement amongst themselves without our Congress having oversight. I’m very concerned about that, as we must maintain our sovereignty. If you make an agreement, you can’t go back and change it without all of the agreed partners.

“I hope this will not pass this year. As a small business owner I am all about free trade but I am also about the United States of America and our workers, our farmers and ranchers. There is a smart way to trade without giving away our national sovereignty.”

The new farm bill was also on the discussion list. USDA Sec. Tom Vilsack had a suggestion for farm leaders when they talk to Congress about the farm bill.

“When you talk to your congressman, I want you to open by telling them what you need, rather than how much money can

be saved,” Vilsack said.

At the end of the day, AFR leader Dustin Tackett, Ft. Cobb, said the trip was definitely worth the effort.

“I think it’s been a real positive trip as we have been able to establish relationships with our Congressmen,” Tackett said. “I think it has a great impact on Congress when they see us taking time away from our farms and businesses to come to Washington, D.C. I think more people should get involved and see how the political process works.”

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Dustin Tackett
AFR Member, Ft. Cobb



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LEAD Program partners with OCA Range Round-Up

The AFR LEAD program was a proud sponsor of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association Range Round-Up Children's Ranch Rodeo, Aug. 27. The 32nd Annual OCA Range Round-Up features 12 historic Oklahoma ranch teams in head to head competition for bruises and bragging rights. Some call the event, "cowboys helping kids", and for good reason since the selected charity has been the Children's Miracle Network, Supporting Children's Medical Research Institute for 19 years. In that time more than \$420,000 has been raised to help children. The LEAD program assisted in bringing kids from the Oklahoma Children's Hospital to the Range Round-Up to experience the cowboy way. Participants were able to ride horses, learn to rope, barrel race and even brand a cow hide. They had the chance to spend time and talk to real ranch cowboys. Everyone got to take home a bag filled with travel items, after getting a signed picture with their favorite cowboy.

About 20 children who have benefited from the Children's Hospital Foundation along with their families attended the event.

"The OCA Range Round-Up is a ranch rodeo with a mission – Cowboys Helping Kids," said Tim Drummond Range Round-Up Committee Chair. "It's become tradition to spend time with the children we support and their families. Honestly, it's my favorite part of the entire weekend," Drummond said. "It really gives me and the other cowboys a visual of what this event is all about."



Two future AFR members enjoyed the OCA Range Round-Up in August.

This year there was a tie for the Champion Team honors. McCoy Ranch and Beebe Livestock tied with Drummond Land and Cattle. Tim Drummond is a member of the Drummond and Cattle team.

"Knowing that we are raising money for children's medical research and that it stays here in Oklahoma to help our own is an incentive and makes competing worth the while," Drummond said.

"Thank you to all the fans who attended the event, cheered the cowboys on and supported such a worthy

cause," concluded Drummond.

"We appreciate the partnership we have with AFR and thank them for helping us make those kids feel special."

AFR LEAD members were able to enjoy the event with a social mixer for new recruits during the performance.

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2016 STATE LEAD CONFERENCE AGENDA

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| 9 a.m. | Tour Remington Park Stable Side
<i>Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association</i> |
| 10:30 a.m. | Horse Industry in Oklahoma
<i>Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association</i> |
| 11 a.m. | Networking Opportunity |
| 11:30 a.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30 p.m. | How to Influence as a Leader
<i>Dr. Bill Weeks, Oklahoma State University</i> |
| 2:15 p.m. | Chickasaw Nation Economic Impact and Agriculture Department
<i>Dakota Cole, Chickasaw Nation Department of Treasury</i> |
| 2:45 p.m. | Moving Oklahoma Ag Forward Through AFR |
| 3:30 p.m. | Discussion of 2016 Oklahoma State Questions |
| 6 p.m. | Dinner and Social Event at the Thoroughbred Races |



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: More than 100 interim studies keep lawmakers busy

More than 100 interim studies have been approved by House and Senate leaders covering everything from feral hogs to uninsured motorists.

“These interim studies give us an idea of what type of legislation will be introduced in the next session,” Tommy Thomas, AFR lobbyist, said.

For example, if the study is focused on roof repair regulations, the legislator requesting the study can determine how much support there is for the issue.

“If he (legislator) talks to those who are concerned about the issue, he might be able to resolve the issue without introducing additional legislation,” Thomas said. “It’s basically a fact-finding mission that is enormously helpful to all parties involved.”

Among the studies of most interest to farmers and ranchers, is a measure by District 17 State Rep. Brian Renegar and District 36 Rep. Sean Roberts to study the most efficient methods to control or eradicate feral hogs. During this past legislative session AFR supported Gov. Fallin’s veto of SB 1142 that would have allowed night hunting of feral hogs. Gov. Fallin also announced parameters for emergency rules that will streamline the removal of feral swine and preserve public safety. Following Gov. Fallin’s action, AFR President Terry Detrick issued the following statement in response:

“American Farmers & Ranchers applauds Governor Fallin for her veto of SB 1142 and subsequent executive actions to responsibly address the feral hog problem in our state. We look forward to

working with the Department of Wildlife Conservation in the development of a process that is beneficial for Oklahoma landowners.”

Other interim House studies include one by District 24 Rep. Steve Kouplen focusing on oil and gas: examining restrictions on the location of habitable structures and the owner of the habitable structure’s property rights.

District 99 Rep. George Young wants to study the benefits of Teach for America in our schools and what has been the perceived and measurable result.

District 55 Rep. David Perryman received permission to study rural fire protection as an economic tool.

On the Senate side, a study requested by District 11 Sen. Kevin Mathews to teach urban youth to grow and sell produce in food “deserts” was approved.

District 10 Sen. Eddie Fields wants to study rural fire and water issues, and examine how the State of Oklahoma can attract and encourage growth diversification and recruitment of new business and industry.

There are also studies on uninsured motorists, drones, civil asset forfeiture and law enforcement consolidation.

“I would be surprised if all these studies actually



happen,” Thomas said. “Some of the legislators requesting these studies have serious re-election campaigns to focus on. But we still have to be vigilant and pay attention.”

For a complete listing of the interim studies, go to <http://oklegislature.gov/>



RAIN MAKES GRAIN

Story by Samantha Smith
Oklahoma Agricultural Cooperative Council

With a record breaking summer harvest, where do farmers turn when **elevators are full** and **no one is selling**?

With grain production at an all-time high and wheat prices at a nearly all time low, farmers are feeling the pressure when it comes to what they will do with the fall crops once they are harvested.

Cooperative elevators across the state are almost at capacity, and after the bountiful summer harvest, bin space is hard to come by. They are full of the wheat that farmers cannot afford to sell.

“Right now, you can’t really sell wheat and make any money,” said Ernie Theilen, general manager at Garber Cooperative Association.

His co-op in Garber, Oklahoma, brought in more than 1.95 million bushels of wheat during the summer harvest — much more than they anticipated.

“Wheat prices are low, and there’s a lot of carry in the market,” said Tom McCreight, CEO of Equity Marketing Alliance, well-known in the co-op world as EMA. “Wheat prices to the farmer per bushel will barely meet their production costs, and in some cases, they don’t. They’re trying to hold the grain as long as they possibly can.”

A carry in the market means wheat is in an inverse. Deferred futures are higher and bring more money than if farmers were to sell their wheat right now.

“It will pay to hold wheat and sell the markets that are bringing more money nearby, which would be your fall crops,” McCreight said. “They have more value today than they have in the future, where wheat has more value in the future than it does in the nearby.”

Holding the wheat crop is a good business decision for most farmers, he said.

“They’re making good decisions to hold grain if

they don’t necessarily need the cash to put in another crop or pay bills,” McCreight said. “Usually the markets will tell us what we need to do, and right now they’re telling us to hold it.”

EMA works with 17 of its member cooperatives to move grain in order to make space for farmers to store their crops. They serve as the marketing arm of the co-ops they serve.

“We are licensed commodity hedge brokers” McCreight said. “We buy grain directly from the producer, hold it and then hedge it out into the future trying to capture those carries.”

Theilen, whose co-op is a member of the marketing alliance, said EMA has been working hard to move grain from co-ops across the state into long-term storage bunkers.

“A lot of wheat is going on the ground in bunkers under tarps,” Theilen said. “We’re getting wheat in from Blackwell, Lamont, Hunter — different places from EMA — so they can make space at their elevators as well.”

The process of moving grain from the elevator to the bunker can take some time. Co-ops must get electricity to the area where the bunker will be built, get the space set up with aeration tubes, and then start dumping wheat in trucks and unloading them into the bunkers.

The lack of space, Theilen said, has some farmers

worried that they won’t have a place to bring their fall crops.

“A lot of farmers are concerned about where they’re going to take their fall crops,” he said, “because space is limited and nobody wants to move wheat out right now because they don’t want to take a loss.”

However, he said, co-ops will find a way to take the grain.

“**Time is what we need to bring wheat prices back to a more realistic value.**”

Tom McCreight
Equity Marketing Alliance

“We’re farmer owned and we’re going to do what it takes to take their fall crops and make space for it,” Theilen said. “We just need farmers to be patient with us, because it takes a little bit of time to move grain from the elevator to the ground, but we are working on it.”

With huge wheat supplies worldwide, McCreight says he doesn’t anticipate the price will get better for quite some time.

“It will probably be 18-24 months before we really see a significant change in the value per bushel on a local basis,” he said.

“Time is what we need to bring wheat prices back to a more realistic value.”

But the grim outlook will not keep co-ops from serving their members, McCreight said.

“We will be fine,” he said. “Farmers will find a place to dump and to store their grain just as they always have.”

Convention candidate filing and bylaw deadlines announced

By Paul Jackson
AFR State Secretary

The AFR/OFU Bylaws require a candidate for a particular Director or Officer position to file in writing with the Secretary between one hundred and twenty (120) calendar days and ninety (90) calendar days prior to the next Annual Meeting thereby making the filing period thirty (30) calendar days. The AFR/OFU Convention is scheduled for Feb 17-18, 2017.

OCTOBER 19, 2016:

Deadline for resignation notification of intent to file by current officer or director filing for any seat other than the current position held.

OCTOBER 20-NOVEMBER 18, 2016:

Board officer and director candidates filing period. (Filing is during normal business hours, Monday – Friday 8 AM to 4:45 PM.)

NOVEMBER 18, 2016:

Deadline for filing for an elected position. (Completed packet must be received by 4:45 PM). NOTE: Office is closed on the 90th day, Saturday, Nov. 19th.

NOVEMBER 18, 2016:

Deadline for submitting changes to bylaws to be considered by the bylaws committee, 90 days before the first day of convention. (Must be received by 4:45 PM)

NOTE: Office is closed on the 90th day, Saturday, Nov. 19th.

DECEMBER 1, 2016:

Deadline for submitting local and county resolutions to the State Office to be considered by the State Policy Committee.

JANUARY 1, 2017:

Deadline for AFR/OFU Membership Memorial Roll submission.

The following elected positions will be presented for a vote at the 2017 AFR/OFU State Convention. All elected positions are three-year terms unless otherwise noted.

STATE SECRETARY:

Currently held by Paul Jackson, Ringling and is a full time position based in Oklahoma City.

DISTRICT 1 INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR:

Currently held by Terry Peach, Mutual

DISTRICT 4 INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR:

Currently held by Bob Holley, Hugo

DISTRICT 3 AGENT DIRECTOR:

Currently held by Justin Cowan, Locust Grove

NEW SEATS UP FOR ELECTION AT 2017 CONVENTION

These seats were opened as a result of Bylaws changes to increase the size of the board to allow for more representation:

District 1 Agent Director (1 year)

State-Wide At-large Independent Director (2 years)



Participants in the annual AFR Women's conference gathered for a group photo, Aug. 6, at the Wyndham Hotel, Oklahoma City. The conference was held in conjunction with the Oklahoma Women in Agriculture and Small Business Conference in Moore.

AFR holds State Women's Conference

AFR recently hosted ladies to attend the Statewide Oklahoma Women in Agriculture and Small Business Conference in Moore. Ladies enjoyed a two day event with keynote speakers such as Dr. Temple Grandin and Michelle Miller, "The Farm Babe" both dynamic speakers. The following day was the annual AFR Women's Cooperative Conference "Paint Your Path" was held on August 6. Ladies enjoyed a day of fellowship and learning about advocating for agriculture and women with Betty Thompson, Deputy Commissioner, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry. Cara Ferrell, owner, Ferrell Consulting, spoke to the group about networking & development for women in the workplace. "Girl Talk"

discussed how to communicate with confidence, making direct statements without hedging and asserting themselves through language without appearing aggressive. After the initial workshops ladies enjoyed a networking opportunity with each other throughout lunch to practice what they learned. Everyone took turns practicing some safety techniques from Kerry Spencer, Owner of Tactical Training Specialist after lunch. To wrap up the day everyone painted their own painting led by a professional artist from Wine and Palette. Suzanne Gilbert, Women's Cooperative Council Chair invited ladies to get involved in upcoming Women's Cooperative Events. The Southwest Women's Retreat will take

place in the Anadarko area on September 24, 2016. The last retreat will take place November 5, 2016 for the Southeast Women's Retreat in the Shawnee area. Both events will feature local museums and agribusinesses. All four Women's Retreats and the State Women's Conference are open to anyone in the state. Suzanne also talked about upcoming openings on the State Women's Council.

Applications are due November 30th to serve on the State Women's Cooperative Council. Contact Megan Albright, AFR Adult Education Coordinator for more information or go to <https://www.iafr.com/womens-cooperative-state-council-application>.

We're preparing next generation leaders!

Oklahoma youth attend AFR Leadership Summit

Home. What does that word mean to you? This question was posed to the 191 students who attended the annual AFR Leadership Summit, July 24-30.

Most people would immediately think of a building for human habitation, but at Leadership Summit, students were challenged with the idea — home is not necessarily a place, but the people you surround yourself with.

Sixty-eight students attended the three-day teen session for 7th-9th graders, and 123 students attended the four-day senior session for 10th-12th graders. Each day students would attend general sessions and participate in activities, facilitated by Marty Jones and Trevor Lucas. Students discussed self-worth, different types of leaders, connecting with family and friends, and investing in others. Students learned that all of these factors can influence your “home.”

Most of the general sessions focused on building leadership skills, but a couple of sessions included discussing important agricultural topics. Students had the opportunity to learn about cooperatives by participating in the Co-Op Store, which acted as the concession stand at Leadership Summit. Campers voted five students to serve on the Co-Op Store Board. These five students had the responsibility of stocking the store, selling products and completing transactions. At the senior session, campers listened

to AFR member, Jean Lam, as she spoke about SQ 777 — The Right to Farm. Students were educated on the importance of voting yes as well as how they could get involved.

One of the highlights of Leadership Summit is the hands-on service project. AFR partnered with Stamp Out Starvation, a non-profit organization to package meals for people around the world. With an attitude of service, students packed rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and chicken flavoring into a bag containing six servings.

“I loved that we all worked together to make an impact, said Brooklan Light, senior session camper. “The really neat part about packaging the meals, was everyone had to do their part, and it took every single person working as a team to accomplish our goal.”

Teen session campers packaged more than 38,000 meals and senior session campers packaged more than

70,000, reaching a grand total of more than 108,000 nutritious meals.

“
When you are surrounded by the people of AFR, you are home, because of how they make you feel. They welcome you and take time to invest in your life.”

Emilie James
AFR Senior Session Camper

A reception on the last night of Senior Leadership Summit highlighted the AFR Youth Program. The retiring youth council said their farewells, and introduced the 2016-2017 AFR Youth Advisory Council. The new council members include Emilie James, Altus; Justin Dewbre, Dibble; Lane Brown, Guthrie; Hayes Maher, Mooreland; and Brooklan Light, Garber.

Leadership Summit is here and gone, but the lessons learned, impacts made and friendships gained have not been forgotten.

After the completion of Leadership Summit, Emilie James, senior session camper, was asked the question again, “What does home mean to you?”

“When you are surrounded by the people of AFR, you are home, because of how they make you feel, she said. “They welcome you and take time to invest in your life.”



Teen session participants learned team building skills.



Marty Jones teaches leadership skills to teen session participants.



Colton Humble is interviewed by KOCO-TV during the senior session of AFR Leadership Summit.



Senior session participants played galactic galaxy with glow stick necklaces.



Both the teen and senior sessions of AFR Leadership Summit worked with the Stamp Out Starvation project to prepare meals.



The 2015-16 AFR Youth Advisory Council, back row, poses with the 2016-17 Youth Advisory Council, front row. From left, back row, Ashley Tucker, Macee Hammack, Guess Leonard, Grant Wilber and Madi Baughman. Front row, Emilie James, Justin Dewbre, Lane Brown, Hayes Maher, and Brooklan Light.

2016-2017 Youth Advisory Council announced

Nervous anticipation hung heavy in the air as Guess Leonard, 2015-2016 youth advisory council member, approached the microphone.

“Now for the moment many of you have been anxiously awaiting, the revealing of the 2016-2017 AFR Youth Advisory Council,” said Leonard.

Sitting in the audience with their peers at the 2016 AFR Leadership Summit Reception, were ten youth council candidates waiting to be selected. Only five students would have their names called.

“My heart was racing a million miles an hour,” said Emilie James, youth council candidate.

As the 2015-2016 Youth Advisory Council stood on stage, they ripped open the letter containing the names of the selected candidates. They silently read the names, and one by one walked around the pavilion, up and down the aisles, until they finally reached the new council member and congratulated them in front of everyone.

“I was shaking and really anxious, said Justin Dewbre, youth council candidate, “but when I saw Macee Hammack turn around and come get me it was unreal – like everything you had dreamed of had

finally come true.”

Each new council member selected was brought in front of the audience for a candle ceremony symbolizing the new transitions.

The five new members of the 2016-2017 AFR Youth Advisory Council are Emilie James, Altus; Justin Dewbre, Dibble; Lane Brown, Guthrie; Hayes Maher, Mooreland; and Brooklan Light, Garber.

The selection process consists of a written application, an interview and a speech given in front of camp participants. Students attending Leadership Summit then have the opportunity to vote, adding to the scores of the application and interview.

These five council members have now been elected to serve and represent AFR youth across Oklahoma.

“I am excited about the opportunity to create an impact on AFR, and influence the members, because of the enormous impact they have had on me, said Light.

The council members will participate and plan many youth activities throughout the year. Each member will assist AFR staff at their district speech contest as well as the state speech contest. They will

also serve as poster contest judges and help at the AFR Convention. The biggest responsibility though, is planning and facilitating AFR Leadership Summit.

“I have come to Leadership Summit for many years, and noticed the impact council members made on me, said Maher. “They brought me out of my comfort zone, and I would love to be able to make the same difference.”

At Leadership Summit, council members will have the opportunity to meet campers and act as group leaders during sessions.

“The campers inspire me daily to want to make a difference,” said James.

The year has only begun for these five council members. They will have a busy time serving AFR and the youth.

“I’m very excited for this upcoming year to get to know the people I am serving with and hopefully create new and long-lasting friendships,” said Brown. “I think this will be a life-changing experience to be a part of the youth council and serve AFR.”

COUNTY AND LOCAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

ADAIR COUNTY

Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 5:15 PM

Location will be announced when you call to RSVP
Peoples Insurance, (918) 696-7191

ALFALFA COUNTY

Saturday, Oct. 22, Registration: 11:30 a.m., Noon: lunch
Farmers Table

201 ½ S. Oklahoma

Cherokee

RSVP by Tuesday, October 18 to: Nichols Agency,
(580) 883-5969; Oma Gay Nichols (580) 822-5554;
Brooks Agency, (580) 327-5353

CADDO COUNTY

Thursday, Oct. 20, dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Fort Cobb High School Cafeteria

Contact: Dustin Tackett (405) 643-9933

CANADIAN COUNTY

Tuesday, Oct. 25, doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m.

Redlands College (between Redlands and Bible
Baptist Church,

go west to dead end, turn north into parking lot and
enter that building.)

RSVP by 4 p.m., Oct. 19, to: Wiedemann Agency,
(405)262-5388; Yukon office, (405)354-7920.

CLEVELAND COUNTY

Local 762

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Preble Insurance Agency

515 W. Gray Street

Norman

COMANCHE COUNTY

Tuesday, Oct. 18, dinner, 6 p.m.

Worly Center, Room 301

Lawton

RSVP by 5 p.m., Oct. 14 to your agents: Dismuke
Agency, Lawton, 357-1110; Humble Agency, Cache,
429-3608; David Kolker, Elgin, 492-4280.

COTTON COUNTY

Monday, Nov. 14, dinner at 7 p.m.

Cotton Electric Civic Room

226 N. Broadway

Walters

RSVP: Scherler Insurance Agency (580) 875-6000

CREEK COUNTY

Thursday, Oct. 13, business meeting, 6:30 p.m., dinner
at 7 p.m.

Creek County fair barn

RSVP by 5 p.m., Oct. 7 to: Brown Ins. Agency, Sapulpa,
(918) 512-8380; Dowdy Ins. Agency, Bristow, (918)
367-9950.

CUSTER COUNTY

Thursday, Oct. 20, dinner at 6 p.m.

TC's Country Kitchen (Ramada Inn)

2140 W. Gary Blvd.

Clinton

RSVP your local agents: Jessy Barger, Weatherford
Insurance Agency, (580)772-8500; Donna Newsome,
Newsome Agency, (580)323-0444; Jessie Masquelier,
Sandy Land Insurance Agency, (580)661-3171.

DEWEY COUNTY

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Dewey County Fair Building

West Main Street and Sexton

Taloga

RSVP by Oct. 19 to your local insurance agents: Robert
Acre, Canton, 886-2584; Shannon Ball, Vici, 995-4968;
Pam Livingston, Seiling, (580)922-6141; Jackie Price,
Leedey, (580)821-0986.

GARFIELD COUNTY

Friday, Oct. 14, dinner at 6 p.m.

Oakwood Christian Church

401 N. Oakwood

Enid

RSVP by 5 p.m., Oct. 7 to: Bolenbaugh Agency, 242-
2818; Detrick Agency, 796-2100.

GARVIN COUNTY

Tuesday, Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m., Wynnewood Insurance

Agency,

Call (580) 665-2018 or (580) 238-5589

GRADY COUNTY

Monday, Oct. 17, dinner at 7 p.m.

Canadian Valley Technology Center

1401 Michigan St.

Chickasha

RSVP by Oct. 10 to local AFR agents: Rattermans, (405)
352-5200; Shebesters, (405)224-4450; Kyle Jones,
(580) 476-3289; Jackson McLane, (405)453-7800.

HARPER COUNTY

Thursday, Nov. 10, member business meeting, 7 p.m.

Laverne Insurance office

224 S Broadway

Laverne

HASKELL COUNTY

Monday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.

Stigler High School Auditorium

N.W. 7th Street

Stigler

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Saturday, Nov. 5, BBQ dinner at 6 p.m.

Family Life Center, Calvary Baptist Church, 9700 S.
Highway 377

Tishomingo

Door prizes included!

KIOWA COUNTY

Monday, Sept. 26, 6 p.m.

Western Technology Center

1000 S. Bailey

Hobart

RSVP by 5 p.m., Sept. 23, to Lee Horton,
(580) 450-5231.

LINCOLN COUNTY

Thursday, Oct. 27, dinner at 6 p.m.

Agri Civic Center, Lincoln County Fairgrounds

811 Manvel

Chandler

RSVP with your agent by Oct. 24.

LOGAN COUNTY

Thursday, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.

Granny Had One Catering

312 W. Oklahoma Ave.

Guthrie

LOVE COUNTY

Saturday, Nov. 12, BBQ dinner at 6 p.m.

Marietta School Cafeteria

800 SW 4th Street

Marietta

Resolutions Committee meets at 5 p.m.

Pearman Ins. Agency - (580)276-3672, Thackerville,
or Harper Ins. Agency - (580)276-5129, Marietta.

Graduate student continues down food safety path

An Oklahoma State University graduate student is one step closer to pursuing his passion because of the experiences he has gained working at Oklahoma State University's Robert M. Kerr Food & Agricultural Products Center.

Praveen Yerramsetti, a food science doctoral student, has gained experience in food safety by helping Jason Young, FAPC quality management specialist, develop model food safety procedures and support to assist Oklahoma food companies.

"Working side-by-side with Jason in the world of food safety and auditing afforded me an internship during the summer of 2015 with Head Country Food Products, which led to a permanent position," Yerramsetti said. "I assisted Head Country in its BRC audit and helped the company achieve the highest rating of AA. This experience was second-to-none."

Yerramsetti also is assisting Young with FAPC's Oklahoma Audit Alliance. The program allows participating food companies in Oklahoma to send their food safety professionals to do internal auditing at other facilities.

"FAPC's industry-supported Global Food Safety System program has been invaluable as it has provided financial assistance to Praveen as a student at FAPC," Young said, "This has given him the opportunity to develop into a food safety professional."

Yerramsetti recently was awarded a 2016 Graduate College Summer Fellowship, which includes a \$4,000 scholarship and a two-hour tuition waiver for a summer course. In addition, Yerramsetti and his research will be featured on the OSU Graduate College website.

"I feel ecstatic and honored to receive this prestigious award," Yerramsetti said.

Tim Bowser, FAPC food process engineer and Yerramsetti's academic advisor, said he is an asset to OSU and FAPC.

"Praveen is an energetic, dedicated, intelligent, hard-working individual," Bowser said. "When you combine these traits with his leadership skills and integrity, you have a rare combination that we are fortunate to have at FAPC and OSU."

Bowser said Yerramsetti deserves this award



By Melanie Jackson
FAPC Graduate Student

because of his on- and off-campus achievements.

"He is actively involved with FAPC, our clients and the community in efforts to achieve higher quality and continuous improvement in every aspect of business and life," Bowser said. "His work provides a benefit to everyone."

Yerramsetti will use this fellowship to continue researching the effects of nitrogen in barbecue sauce.

"I would love to have a career in food safety and auditing," Yerramsetti said.

FAPC, a part of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, helps to discover, develop, and deliver technical and business information that stimulates and supports the growth of value-added food and agricultural products and processing in Oklahoma.

COUNTY AND LOCAL ANNUAL MEETINGS

McCLAIN COUNTY

Saturday, Nov. 5, dinner at 5 p.m.
Newcastle High School cafeteria
101 N. Main
Newcastle
RSVP: Richey Ins. Agency, Blanchard (405)485-9400;
Harryman Ins. Agency, Newcastle (405)387-4416;
Heart of OK Ins., Purcell (405)527-2153 by Oct. 31.

McCURTAIN COUNTY

Locals 295 and 591
Monday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m. (Refreshments only)
Sooner Insurance Agency
919 S.E. Washington, Idabel
Contact: Jim Campbell (580) 286-5555
or Ryan Plemmons (580) 584-2192

MURRAY COUNTY

Saturday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.
Pappy's
38449 Highway 7
Davis
RSVP to: Allbritten Agency, (580) 655-2035
Davis Tag & Insurance Agency, (580) 369-2783

MUSKOGEE COUNTY

Saturday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.
Muskogee 4-H Building
Muskogee Fairgrounds (donuts and coffee)
RSVP by Friday, Sept. 30th to
Ogden Ins. – Muskogee – 687-1321
Haskell Ins. – Haskell – 482-5286
Ramsey Ins. – Warner – 463-5345

OKLAHOMA COUNTY

Saturday, Nov. 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Midwest City Community Center
200 N. Midwest Blvd.
Midwest City
Locals 150, 327, 789 and 928 will hold annual meetings
directly after Oklahoma County meeting.

OKMULGEE COUNTY

Tuesday, October 25, dinner at 6:15 p.m.
Silverado Steakhouse
Tulsa RV Ranch
2538 Hwy 75
Must RSVP: Finley Insurance Agency, (918) 756-5100

OTTAWA COUNTY

Local 79
Monday, Dec. 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Charlie's Chicken
2400 N. Main
Miami

PAYNE COUNTY

Thursday, Oct. 20, doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Payne County Expo Center
4518 Expo CR E.
Stillwater
RSVP by noon, Oct. 17 to Porter Agency, (405)372-4169 or 372-0585; Perkins Agency, (405)547-2971;
Cushing Agency, (918) 225-1751 or Schieffer &
Schieffer Agency, (918) 352-9406.

PAWNEE COUNTY

Saturday, Nov. 5, lunch at 1 p.m.
Hickory House
1210 West Caddo St.
Cleveland
RSVP (918) 358-5221

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

Tuesday, Nov. 1, dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center
Hwy 177 and Independence
Shawnee
RSVP by Oct. 28 to: Curtis Stanford, Shawnee,
(405)273-7095; Williamson, Prague, (405)567-4959;
Gilbert, Tecumseh, (405)598-2590; Jeff Mize,
Earlsboro, (405)997-5760

ROGERS MILLS COUNTY

Friday, Oct. 14, dinner at 6 p.m.
Community Building
Durham

SEMINOLE COUNTY

Monday, Oct. 31, dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Wewoka Trading Post
North end of Wewoka Ave. and Main St., two blocks
north of courthouse.
RSVP by Oct. 27 to Your Hometown Insurance,
Wewoka, (405) 257-2100; Lane Insurance Agency,
Konowa, (580) 925-3785

STEPHENS COUNTY

Monday, Oct. 3, dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Immediate Family Only
Stephens County Fairgrounds
2002 S. 13th St.
Duncan
RSVP with your agent by noon, Sept. 27. Graham
Insurance Agency, (580) 658-3077; Harris Ins. Agency,
(580)225-2147; Rochell Ins. Agency, (580) 439-8823
Stephens County Local 669 will hold a business
meeting Nov. 2, 9 a.m., Harris Insurance Agency,
Duncan.

TULSA COUNTY

Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 6:30 p.m.
Historic Burnett Mansion
320 S. Main
Sapulpa
AFR will provide the meat, but we suggest you bring a
covered dish.
RSVP by Nov. 25 to: Stephen or Margaret Gund, (918)
366-8711

WAGONER COUNTY

Tuesday, Oct. 18, dinner at 6:30 p.m.
OSU Extension Service Office
30058 E. 147th St. S.
Coweta
Contact: Coweta Insurance Agency (918) 486-2101 or
Rowe Insurance Agency (918) 485-2405

WOODS COUNTY

Thursday, Oct. 20, registration at 6:30 p.m., dinner at
7 p.m.
Moose Lodge Building, 302 7th Street
Alva
RSVP by noon, Oct. 14 to Troy Brooks, (580)327-5353



SLOW-COOKED WHISKEY-MOLASSES SHREDDED BEEF

TOTAL RECIPE TIME: HIGH 4.5 HOURS; LOW 8.5 HOURS

MAKES 8 SERVINGS

INGREDIENTS

1 beef Bottom Round Roast or beef Chuck Center Roast (2 1/2 to 3 pounds), cut into 1-inch pieces
1/2 cup whiskey
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 (6 ounce can) tomato paste
4 tablespoons packed brown sugar, divided
1/4 cup molasses
1-1/2 teaspoons salt
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
2 cups each shredded carrots and diced granny smith apple

INSTRUCTIONS

- Place roast in 4-1/2 to 5-1/2 quart slow cooker. Combine whiskey, 1/4 cup vinegar, tomato paste, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, molasses, salt and pepper; pour over roast. Cover and cook on HIGH 4 to 6 hours or on LOW 8 to 10 hours, or until beef is, fork-tender.
- Remove roast from slow cooker; shred with 2 forks. Skim fat from sauce as needed. Return beef to slow cooker.
- To make the slaw: Combine remaining 2 tablespoons cider vinegar, 2 tablespoons brown sugar and mustard in large bowl. Add carrots and apples; mix well. Season with salt and black pepper as desired. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve beef with slaw.



HELP AFR REACH ITS GOAL OF 50,000 MEALS IN 2016 WITH THE:

“DRIVE AWAY HUNGER”

FOOD DRIVE

MAKE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS BY DECEMBER 9

Thank you for being a part of the AFR Women's Cooperative's efforts to fight hunger in 2016!



The “Drive Away Hunger with AFR” campaign is asking members to bring canned goods as well as financial contributions to their local and county meetings. Please contact your local food bank for more information regarding your local area's needs.

a 16oz canned food = 1 pound = .8 meals

NEEDED ITEMS:

Beans, Soup, Sauce, Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Canned Fruits, Canned Vegetables, Brown Rice, Pasta & Peanut Butter

CANNOT ACCEPT:

Rusty Cans, Perishable Items, Opened Items, Alcoholic Beverages, Homemade or Glass Items

iafr.com/drive-away-hunger

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



For additional information, please contact Megan Albright, Adult Education Coordinator at 405.218.5416 or malbright@afrmic.com

AFR Women's Cooperative Council launches 2016 “Drive Away Hunger” Food Drive

Did you know that one in six Oklahomans struggles with hunger?

How about that one in four children in Oklahoma struggles with hunger every day?

Oklahoma is one of the hungriest states in the nation! Therefore, the AFR Women's Cooperative Council kicked off the 2016 “Drive Away Hunger” with AFR Food Drive in August.

For 2016 the council is encouraging members to bring canned goods as well as financial contributions to their local and county meetings.

Suzanne Gilbert, AFR Women's Cooperative Council Chair said “We saw such a great response and innovation from the 2015 food drive we felt we should continue the good work another year. In fact this year's food drive idea came from the Women's Cooperative Outstanding

Service Award recipient, Lincoln County 41. They simply asked members to bring canned good items to their county meeting last fall. During the meeting they passed the hat and asked for donations at that meeting. The council felt this was a great event that is easily replicated throughout the state. We hope your

local and county meetings will be as successful as Lincoln County was last year donating 2,708 meals to their local food bank.”

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Suzanne Gilbert
AFR Women's Cooperative Council

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Albright your donation amounts by December 9, 2016.

For more information on how to get involved go to iafr.com/drive-away-hunger or contact Megan Albright, Adult Education Coordinator at 405.218.5416 or malbright@afrmic.com.



AFR Day at the Dodgers

The LEAD program recently hosted a day at the Oklahoma City Dodgers Baseball game for 200 members across the state. The day included free hot dogs, drinks and snacks before the game with information about SQ 777 Oklahoma's Right to Farm and a panel that spoke about the LEAD program. “Everyone had a great time and was able to enjoy time spent with family and AFR friends new and old from across the state,” said Trent Boles, State LEAD council member. Stay on the lookout for upcoming LEAD events to participate in around the state.

AFR agents show appreciation for loyal customers



Suzanne, second from left, and Randy Gilbert, right, take a moment for a quick photo with AFR leadership.

GILBERT – OPEN HOUSE

Randy and Suzanne Gilbert with Gilbert Insurance Agency held an open house, Wednesday, April 20, in honor of their customers. People flowed in and out throughout the day, enjoying good food and fresh kettle corn. They could also enter to win some giveaways!

“We’re glad everybody came out,” said Suzanne Gilbert. “We appreciate the support of the home office to help make it such a great event!”

Various members of AFR leadership were present to show their support and enjoy good company.



Justin Richard's daughter holds down the fort during the Emergency Preparedness and Safety Expo.

COWETA – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND SAFETY EXPO

Justin Richards with Coweta Insurance Agency participated in the 5th Annual Wagoner County Emergency Preparedness and Safety Expo on Saturday, March 26. This was their third year to participate in the community event.

“We were thankful for the opportunity to serve our community by giving out answers and information pertaining to insurance and what to do after an emergency situation arises,” said Richards.

This community wide event’s goal is to arm the public with valuable information that can help them prepare for and recover from various emergency situations.

“Our agency has been a part of this community for over 60 years,” said Richards. “We want to assure the community that we will be here when and if they need us.”



AFR employees assist the Brown Insurance Agency hand out food and goodies to customers.

BROWN – OPEN HOUSE

Johnnie and Julie Brown with Brown Insurance Agency held an open house, Saturday, June 4, to showcase their new location in downtown Sapulpa. Visitors were able to enjoy freshly grilled hot dogs and small giveaways.

“We just want to thank AFR for the great job they did with our open house and for the support they always give,” said Julie Brown. “We had a great turnout and lots of fun, [we] couldn’t have pulled it off without their help.”

The Route 66 Blow Out was also in full swing down the street where people could enjoy other activities including vintage cars and a salsa tasting contest!

The Brown Insurance Agency is now located at 1 South Main Street.



Firing up the grill to kick off their open house at Robinson Agency's new office location.

ROBINSON – OPEN HOUSE/ANNIVERSARY

Janet Robinson with Robinson Agency held an open house, Friday, April 1, to showcase their new location and celebrate their 35 year anniversary!

“It’s good to show your appreciation to your customers and your community,” said Robinson. “We’ll definitely do it again.”

They have always held a Christmas open house. However, the new location will not allow them to continue it, giving them the opportunity to begin a new tradition of holding an open house on their anniversary date.

The Robinson Agency is now located at 511 E. Broadway in Hollis.



Getting ready for the festivities to begin at Frontier Days with Harper Insurance Agency.

HARPER – FRONTIER DAYS

Johnny and Sandy Harper with Harper Insurance Agency paired up with AFR to participate in Love County Frontier Days in Marietta on Friday, June 3. Family and friends enjoyed a night filled with memories as they ate kettle corn and played games.

“We’re trying to give back to our community more,” said Sandy Harper. “We like to give back to our insureds because without them we wouldn’t be here.”

Frontier Days is a weekend-long festival complete with live music, a parade, various food booths, carnival rides, a hot dog eating contest and a 5k run.



Pearman Insurance takes a break to look at the accomplishments of their hard work.

PEARMAN – BONE FAMILY BENEFIT

Dean and Melodie Schaffer with Pearman Insurance held a benefit dinner and auction for the Bone family Saturday, July 23, in Thackerville. Various donations were accepted for the auction, which raised over \$15,000 to assist the family with medical expenses. Mr. Jerry Bone has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma along with a progressive form of Parkinson’s disease.

“Words cannot express the appreciation and the love [the Bone family] feels for this community,” said Melodie Schaffer.

AFR assisted by donating kettle corn and auctions items while Local AFR Chapter 300 purchased the briskets for the dinner.



National Farmers Union President visits Oklahoma during the summer

Larry Hicks, left, explains to NFU President Roger Johnson, how the fluctuating levels of the Red River, impact his farm and ranch near Marietta, in Love County. Johnson visited farms and businesses in central and southern Oklahoma during a brief tour earlier this summer.

AFR TODAY

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For Sale-1962 Dodge 500 wheat truck, 16' steel bed and sides, two way hoist, 318 V8, 5 speed with two speed axle, engine and trans rebuilt less than 3000 miles ago, paint good, good roll-over tarp, slick, usable truck. Also have tailgate drill fill auger to go on back, asking \$6000. Alva, OK. Call 580/829-3153.

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Free help understanding Medicare and Medicare supplements for AFR/OFU members 65 or older. Including Parts A, B, C, and D, Open Enrollment, Guarantee Issue, sign up times, etc. Call Melodie 580/276-3672.

For Sale-Home in Eakly. Well kept. Nice front and back porch. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage with pantry inside, basement and outdoor building for storage. Close to Ft. Cobb Lake. \$85,000. Call 405/687-0375.

Household Items

For Sale- Gulbrason Piano, good condition. \$200. Call 405/201-8552.

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Hay, Feed & Seed

For Sale-1st & 2nd Cutting Horse quality small sq. Alfalfa \$8 each, small sq. Bermuda \$6 each, small sq. Straw \$4 each. Pocasset, OK. Call 405/459-6543 or 405/574-5571.

For Sale-Alfalfa Hay. 3x4x8 squares. \$165/ton. Asher, OK. Call 580/421-2355.

OBITUARIES

J.R. HOWARD



J.R. Howard, 82, Roosevelt, passed away Friday, June 17, 2016, in Lawton.

J.R. Howard was born Dec. 26, 1933, in Calumet to Marvin and Genia Howard. He was an Ag Teacher at Nash for six years and taught the remaining time in Roosevelt.

The J.R. Howard family have been AFR members since 1983. J.R. served as Kiowa County President, 1997-2009, and then served as a county board member. He was a delegate to the 2009 NFU convention in Washington, D.C.; served on the Policy Committee for the 2014 convention; and was a dedicated contributor to the AFR PAC. In addition, he judged numerous AFR speech contests for rural youth.

His loyalty, dedication and service to OFU/AFR will be greatly missed.

Survivors include wife, Joanne, of the home; four children: Brenda Haynie, Marlow, Beverly Lile and husband Phillip, Roosevelt, Terrell Howard, Higgins, Texas, and Jay Howard, Roosevelt; grandchildren: Mickey Haynie and wife Christa, Laura and Bo Hayes, Carlee Haynie, Lori and Joe Bagley, Kevin Lile, Tristan Howard and Kelcie Howard; great-grandchildren: Kamron Lile, Kyson Lile, Kendalynn Young, Emma Jo Hayes, Hunter Smith, Braxton Haynie, Brielle Haynie, Kylie Ellison, Kearslyn Lile and Kruz Lile; sister-in-law, Norma Jean Cook, Tucson, Ariz.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

PAUL TEEL



Paul Jackson Teel, age 88, was born at home in the Dodge community on August 2, 1927, to Ollie and Grady Teel. His joyous reunion in Heaven was on July 2, 2016.

Paul attended elementary school at Dodge and later graduated as salutatorian of Grove High School's Class of 1944. After working on the

family farm briefly, he answered his country's call toward the end of World War II and enlisted in the United States Navy. That military stint took him to San Diego, New Orleans, and Norman, Oklahoma.

Upon arrival back to Delaware County, a pretty Grove High School basketball player caught Paul's eye, and he and Peggy Jane Hampton began dating. After high school graduation, Peggy worked in Rochester, Minnesota, living with an aunt and uncle. Paul knew that Peggy was the love of his life, so he drove his new blue Chevrolet car all the way up north to talk Peggy into coming back to Oklahoma. They were then married on August 6, 1949. On their 64th wedding anniversary, Peggy went home to be with the Lord where she waited for Paul.

Paul Teel was a devoted Christian who loved the Lord. He was a member of Dodge Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and a long-time adult Sunday school teacher. One of his passions in life was the outreach of The Gideons' International. Paul was a charter member of the Delaware County Camp, served as treasurer, distributed Bibles many places, and also was a speaker at area churches, sharing the purposes of this ministry. Paul served terms on the Grove Public School Board of Education and was past-president and member of the Delaware County Cattlemen's Association. He was also a charter member and past president of the Grove Kiwanis

Club as well as a member of the American Legion Post #178.

In July of 1959, Paul began work as an insurance agent for Oklahoma Farmers' Union (now American Farmers and Ranchers). Paul and Peggy opened the Teel Insurance Agency and were both active agents for forty-five years. Paul made numerous trips to Oklahoma City and across the nation as he served on the Board of Directors of OFU for two terms.

During Paul's lifetime, he farmed a few years but primarily ran a cow-calf operation on their Cowskin Ranch. He enjoyed the cattle business, and just a week before his death he got to check his cattle one more time.

Fishing, golf, and hunting were pastimes that Paul enjoyed. Nothing was better than catching enough crappie at the dock for a meal or getting out on Grand Lake in the boat to pull in a bass. He was an avid fan of St. Louis Cardinal baseball and Oklahoma State University sports.

Paul was preceded in death by his wife Peggy, his parents, and his brother Kenneth Teel.

He is survived by two daughters: Sue Moore and husband Sterling of Reydon, Oklahoma; and Carol Stinnett and husband Steve of Grove, Oklahoma. He was "Grandpa" to four grandchildren: Stacy Webb and husband Stephen of San Angelo, Texas; Shawn Moore and wife Whitney of Reydon, Oklahoma; Seth Stinnett of Grove; and Micah Stinnett and wife Cassi of Grove. Paul was blessed by six great grandchildren: Grady and Karsen Webb, Channing and Brecken Stinnett, and Bronson and Lanie Jane Moore. He was also a beloved uncle, cousin, and friend to many.

The family requests donations be made to the Gideon's International at www.gideons.org. Online condolences may be made at www.nicholsfuneralandcremation.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols Funeral & Cremation Services of Grove, OK.

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Wanted-Deck or fence jobs near Shawnee or Prague. Phyllis, 918/866-2468 or Rowdy, 405/706-5233.

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Wanted-Old gas pumps, car dealership and farm equipment signs and memorabilia. Call 580/530-9067.

Wanted-Any Oklahoma Farmers Union memorabilia (pictures, agency signs, elevator items, old charters, etc.). Call 405/218-5559.

Wanted-looking for John Deere model 45 combine, 1960-63. Call (580) 366-9895.

NOVEMBER 5, 2016

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It's time to vote!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT
TERRY DETRICK

Happy Fall, everyone. We had a teaser mid-August but that's Oklahoma Weather. I'm happy to report that our insurance company has survived the heaviest storm season of 2016 (April, May, June) with reasonable success. Hopefully nothing catastrophic happens between now and end of year.

Late summer and fall brings a number of youth activities for AFR. Fairs, community activities, school starting, and sports are exciting times for families. If you're involved in these activities as a family it can get hectic, but enjoy the blessings. Your gift of young kids will be over before you know it. Agents and members, you should get this just in the nick of time before the Tulsa Premium Auction. Please remember to tell us if there are any AFR insured young people who make the sale. We may not buy the animal if there is a local bank or business who wants it but we can push the bid to an average premium.

Some of you may have seen or read the coverage AFR got on TV, Journal Record, or the Ron Hays/Mike Dain Farm Reports regarding a press conference at the State Capitol on Immigration reform. I was honored to be asked if I would present testimony representing the Oklahoma Agricultural Community. AFR's grassroots Policy favors immigration reform which: "Supports a documented guest worker program for immigrant laborers—A system that results in these individuals paying taxes, obeying all laws and have the option of returning to their home country."

This is an issue for Oklahoma Agriculture seasonally and also longer term for other labor intensive jobs. In states where vegetables, fruits and nuts are produced, it is a big problem. I find it shocking that thousands of acres of America's farmland goes unplanted and millions of dollars of produce rots in the field each year because of a shortage of labor.

Because of this, foreign imports of food products, not produced under U.S. safety standards, has increased 80% since 2000. Much of the time it is simpler under current policy for immigrants to come into this country illegally than legally. Our current system is not working. Politically it seems to be on the front burner of both mainstream presidential candidates, but?

By the time you get this we will be drawing very near to the November elections. This country was founded on principles of faith, character, strength, and a conviction to do what's right even when no one is watching. It speaks volumes when recent polls show on both Presidential Candidates, a vote for either is mostly a vote against the other. Shocking!

When I was a public school principal, I used to have a little booklet entitled "Discipline, Democracy and You!" If a teacher sent a student to my office who maybe hadn't really been bad but just constantly causing disruptions, I would set the student in the library and have him/her read this booklet then we'd discuss it. There were two things that stood out in that booklet. 1) "A democracy which provides so many freedoms also provides the freedom to self-destruct." 2) "A democracy cannot survive in a nation that does not have God as its conscience."

Also on the ballot in November will be State Question 777 referred to as the "Right to Farm" constitutional amendment. Please pay close attention to the article in this paper describing it. Prior to the November vote, you are going to be hammered with TV Ads full of all kinds of false information funded by the anti-777 group, intended solely to create fears and confusion. In actuality, issues they bring up the most (water, antibiotics, GMO's, corporate ownership, municipal zoning, animal rights etc.) already are

governed and controlled by current law, some of which are Federal and apart from state jurisdiction and SQ 777 will have zero affect. But those ads, paid for in large part by animal rights activists, many of which are out of state, are fact-less and intended only to confuse voters.

Enough space is not available to explain all the crazy ideas much of our agriculturally uninformed society subscribes to that would devastate production agriculture and limit affordable consumer choices at the grocery store. I'm not worried about laws our current legislature might make but what kind of a legislature will we have 20 years from now when the voting public is so far removed from the farm they have no understanding of it but have by then become legislators.

Farmers and Ranchers are the original conservationists and environmentalists and consumers today are reaping the benefits. Please understand that. Please have faith in the fact that the leadership of every legitimate farm organization in the state supports 777. Our current sitting legislature, seeing what's happening in other states, saw the need for this protection and voted to put it on the ballot for future protection by a vote of something like 129 to 7. Those on the other side who want you confused don't have to have facts, just anything to confuse voters.

Go to www.OklahomaRightToFarm.com for more factual information.

As a citizen of this great country, we all have an obligation to inform ourselves of the candidates, the state questions, and with God as your conscience, vote! Meanwhile, keep a smile on your face and love in your heart.

- Terry



AFR Golf Tournament raises \$8,000 for State Question 777

On July 11th the AFR LEAD program hosted a golf tournament to raise funds for Oklahoma's Right to Farm SQ 777. The event was a smashing success profiting more than \$8,000 for the cause.

Participants came from all over the state including the Clements Insurance Agency in Lindsay, Porters Insurance Agency in Edmond and RE McGuire Insurance Agency in Hugo. We so appreciate all the support from everyone that attended.

The winners included: 2nd flight- 1st place- Durbin Larimore, Bialick Attorney Team of Andy Gunn, Kaci Trojan, Hayden King and Matthew Craig. 2nd Flight- 2nd place- ServiceMaster team of Tommy Petty, Brent Wellborn, Todd Munday and Jimmy Smith. 1st flight- 1st place- ACB Bank Team of Kent Wilkerson, Wayne Heffington, Jonny Mclvain and Adam Smith. 1st flight- 2nd place- Meridian Claims Service Team of Wes Buell, Brent Dobber, Jared

McAtee and Justin McGavok. Longest Drive Contest Winner Reed Sims, Putting Contest- Michael Putthoff and Closest to Pin- Charles Holland.

Sponsors included: Gold Sponsors- The Greens Country Club, First Oklahoma Ag Network and Willis Re. Silver Sponsors- Griffen Communications and Durbin Larimore Bialick Attorneys. Bronze Sponsors- Porters Insurance Agency, Oklahoma Pork Council, ServiceMasters and J.A. King Precision Measurement Professionals. Hole Sponsors- Tactical Training Specialists, Insurica, Jeff Beeler Attorneys & Counselors at Law, Hub International, Diffie Ford Lincoln and Fastsigns. Additional sponsors included: Wegener Group, Farmers Exchange Bank, Central National Bank, Aetna, Meridian Claims Service, ACB Bank and Oklahoma Youth Expo.

Thank you to everyone that participated in making the first annual AFR Golf Tournament a success.