

TEXAS FARM BUREAU 83rd ANNUAL MEETING

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President's Message



Russell W. Boening President Texas Farm Bureau

The member-families of Texas Farm Bureau will return to one of our favorite convention cities this year–San Antonio. The Alamo City is the cradle of Texas liberty and it holds a special place in the hearts of Texans everywhere.

There is a lot to see in San Antonio, but we also have important work to do. Voting delegates will shape the policy that will guide our efforts in the coming year. It's up to us to provide the direction for our organization. It is always gratifying to see how seriously you take that obligation. It is

part of what makes us successful.

As the state convention comes to order, we will celebrate a membership achievement that, personally, means a lot to me. Achieving a membership gain in 2016 was, at times, a struggle. We wouldn't have made it without the efforts of everyone from every company, division and county in our organization. As president, you all have my heartfelt gratitude for all the work you did to achieve our goal.

We have many achievements to celebrate as well. Even more important are the goals we have ahead of us. I look forward to the policy discussions as we set the stage for what we always expect in Texas Farm Bureau–another successful year. I'm looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio.

Board of Directors

		Dallam County
District 2	Dan B. Smith	Floyd County
District 3	Michael White	Wilbarger County
District 4	Ben F. Wible	Grayson County
District 5	Mark Chamblee	Smith County
District 6	Val Stephens	Dawson County
District 7	Jessica Richmond	Comanche County
District 8	Neil F. Walter	Coryell County
District 9	Larry Joiner	Angelina County
District 10) Ronnie Muennink	Medina County
District 11	Robert E. Reed	Matagorda County
District 12	Zachary X. Yanta	Karnes County
District 13	Scott Frazier	Nueces County

District Caucuses

District 1	Room 11
District 2	Room 7
District 3	Room 6
District 4	Salon J
District 5	
District 6	Room 12
District 7	Room 8
District 8	Salon I
District 9	Rooms 13 & 14
District 10	
District 11	
District 12	Salon L
District 13	Room 4

Texas Farm Bureau 83rd Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

All activities will be at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter Hotel

Saturday, December 3

Salon E

Discussion Meet Finals	2:00 p.m.
Free Enterprise Speech Contest	3:00 p.m.

YF&R Social (40 and under)6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Dave & Buster's Rivercenter Mall, 2nd Floor

Sunday, December 4

Texas Farm Bureau 83rd Annual Meeting Schedule of Events

Distinguished Service Award **Pioneer Recognition** Media Awards Membership Recognition County Activities of Excellence Award Public Relations Awards Outstanding Ag in the Classroom Teacher Award Lunch on your own YF&R Silent Auction closes.....1:20 p.m. Salon E Welcome YF&R Recognition President's Address Most Outstanding County Farm Bureau Award YF&R Live Auction Vernie Glasson Reception 3:30 p.m. (See locations, page 5) The Buckhorn Museum-The Toepperwein Room (Senior cabinet members only-ticketed event)

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Texas Farm Bureau 83rd Annual Meeting Schedule of Events (Continued)

Salons I & J Ladies LuncheonNoon-1:30 p.m.

Salons G,H,K,L & M Voting Delegate Luncheon.....Noon-1:30 p.m.

Coffee Breaks sponsored by: Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company

Distinguished Service Award



Vernie Glasson

Vernie R. Glasson III retired in July 2016 as Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Texas Farm Bureau and its affiliated companies. He was named to the organization's top position in 1989 by its board of directors. He worked under five different Presidents and dozens of farmers and ranchers who served on the board of directors.

Glasson helped shape Texas Farm Bureau for the many changes affecting rural Texas and agriculture. He emphasized building the organization's financial strength and becoming a

major influence in Texas politics.

Glasson is a native of San Patricio County, where he grew up on a cotton and grain farm. He graduated from Texas A&I University in Kingsville, joined the U.S. Air Force and served a tour of duty in Vietnam.

He began his Farm Bureau career in 1973, working as a field representative and a commodity director before moving to Washington, D.C. as a lobbyist for the American Farm Bureau Federation. He led the national legislative team for AFBF.

He rejoined Texas Farm Bureau in 1984 and was instrumental in the formation of TFB's political action committee, AGFUND.

Glasson and his wife, Ann, continue to reside in the Waco area. They have four grown children with families and seven grandchildren. In retirement, they spend a lot of time working on their farm in Coryell County.

AFBF County Activities of Excellence Awards Program

This year, one of our county Farm Bureaus was selected as a winner of the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) County Activities of Excellence (CAE) Awards Program.

Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization that has been effective for more than 90 years, thanks to the innovative, action-oriented programs developed by county Farm Bureaus. The AFBF County Activities of Excellence Awards are designed to celebrate and recognize unique volunteer-driven programming at the local level. County Farm Bureaus across the nation are encouraged to enter their successful activity in this contest.

This year, 154 county Farm Bureaus across the nation entered their activity to be judged. The top 24 counties selected will display their winning activity during the AFBF Annual Convention Tradeshow in Phoenix, Arizona. The county also receives a \$2,250 cash award. This cash award will be applied toward the cost of travel and exhibiting at the AFBF Annual Convention. Cherokee County will be representing Texas Farm Bureau.

County Activities of Excellence Awards Program

This marks the third year of a statewide County Activities of Excellence Awards Program. This program coincides with the American Farm Bureau Federation CAE contest. Judging done by other states selected the top three out of 16 Texas counties that submitted entries. The top three counties are Cherokee, McCulloch and Shelby. Be sure to visit their displays in the foyer to learn more about their activity. Each of these counties will receive cash awards of \$1,250.

2016 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Finalists

The Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Contest is designed to identify, recognize and reward exceptional young agricultural farmers and ranchers from across the state. This contest gives young farmers and ranchers an opportunity to highlight the growth and development of their agricultural operations.

Layne and Jamie Chapman



The Chapmans grow irrigated and dryland cotton, corn and using no-till farming wheat They methods. also run stockers on their wheat pasture to help offset the volatility of the grain market. Layne is vice president of the Wilbarger County Farm Bureau and the couple previously served as chairs of the Texas Farm Bureau

Young Farmer & Rancher Advisory Committee. Jamie also owns Pepperberries, a gift shop in downtown Vernon. The couple has one son, Jaxon.

Marcus and Amy Halfmann



Marcus and Amy Halfmann grow cotton, wheat and hay in Midland County. They raise cattle as well. Marcus also has a custom farm business and uses cotton burrs, or gin trash, to create his own compost. Amy is a dietitian and consults with individuals, as well as local nursing homes and a head start program. Marcus is vice president of the Midland

County Farm Bureau. The Halfmanns have a son, Byler, daughter, Blakley; and are expecting a third child next year.

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2016 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher Finalists

Matt and Jessica Hanslik



Matt and Jessica Hanslik have a cow-calf operation and raise purebred Charolais bulls. They are part owners of an all-natural fertilizer company, grow corn and hay and also raise cattle through a family partnership. The fertilizer company recycles dry poultry litter from a shell egg facility and provides custom application

for farms and ranches. Jessica is a regional sales manager for a local shell egg producer. Matt serves on the Lavaca County Farm Bureau board. The couple has one daughter, Blakely.

2016 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher District Winners

District 1

Jesse and Karri Wieners

Jesse and Karri Wieners of Carson County grow cotton, milo and wheat, along with forage sorghum and alfalfa. They sell bulk hay across four states and sell their compressed box hay worldwide. They specialize in premium alfalfa that is delivered direct from their farm to feed stores. They supply premium feed to more than 100 ranches and two oilfield contractors use their straw bales for erosion and grass seeding. They also custom bale hay and custom strip cotton. The Wieners have three children.

2016 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher District Winners

District 2

Alton and Adrienne Synatschk

Alton and Adrienne Synatschk of Lamb County grow corn, cotton, sunflower, milo and irrigated and dryland wheat, and raise cattle. They also operate a custom spraying business. They run cow/calf pairs year round, on grass in the summer and on corn stalks in the winter. They run stocker calves on wheat during the winter months. The Synatschks have three children.

District 4

Clint and Angela Rutledge

Clint and Angela Rutledge of Grayson County grow corn, wheat, soybeans and milo, and raise cattle. They also are a hay seed dealer. Their cow/calf operation consists mostly of Angus-cross cows and Angus bulls. They manage pastures and Bermuda grass meadows for the cattle and sudan hay grazer for forage in the winter. The Rutledges have two children.

District 5

Gregg and Cristole Beverly

Gregg and Cristole Beverly of Van Zandt County grow hay and raise cattle. They grow coastal Bermuda and Tifton hay. Gregg provides mechanic services on equipment for several local farmers. Gregg also works as a fireman. They assumed operation of the family hay business in 2007. The Beverlys have three children.

2016 Outstanding Young Farmer & Rancher District Winners

District 8

Ryan and Santanna Bay

Ryan and Santanna Bay of Coryell County grow pecans. Their operation includes growing, harvesting, processing and shelling of pecans for direct-to-consumer marketing. They also custom harvest and provide orchard management for many landowners in their area. The Bays provide custom pecan cracking and shelling for the public, as well as pecan accumulating for sales to larger shelling facilities and exporters. The Bays have two children.

District 9

Kent and Shayla Willmott

Kent and Shayla Willmott of Anderson County grow hay and raise cattle. Calves are raised for beef, with a select number of heifers held back each year for herd replacement. The hay operation generates square and round horse-quality hay that is marketed in feed stores throughout the southern U.S., and they provide cowquality hay to local customers. The Willmotts have one child.

District 11

Tommy and Samantha Paben

Tommy and Samantha Paben of Waller County grow corn, soybeans and hay, and raise cattle. Tommy is a sixth generation farmer/rancher in an area where it's getting harder to compete with urban encroachment. The Pabens operate 400 acres of their own, manage his family's cow/calf operation and are in partnership in a stocker operation where they buy calves and background them. The Pabens have two children.

2016 Excellence in Agriculture Finalists

The Excellence in Agriculture contest is an opportunity to recognize young people who are employed in an agriculturalrelated profession or are involved in agriculture, but earn the majority of their income from a non-farm source. This contest allows those people who work in agriculture and support farmers and ranchers to showcase what they do and demonstrate how their involvement in agriculture benefits the industry.

Scott and Sara Holloway



Scott is a sales representative for Alltech, and Sara is a veterinarian at a rural, mixed animal practice—Cross Timbers Veterinary Hospital—in Bowie. She also helps to teach vet students at the local high school. The couple has a cowcalf operation and grows highquality coastal hay. Scott is vice president of the Montague

County Farm Bureau. The couple has one son, Coleman, and a daughter, Charley Jane.

Justin and Kacy Mitchell



Kacy is a rental equipment sales representative for ASCO Equipment, and Justin is a lease operator for XTO Energy. The couple raises commercial cattle and high-quality forage. They also operate a pecan orchard and have grown watermelons in recent years. They served on the Texas Farm Bureau Young Farmer & Rancher Advisory Commit-

tee, and Justin is a member of the current AgLead XIII class. Kacy serves on the board of the Smith County Farm Bureau.

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2016 Excellence in Agriculture Finalists

Ryan and Jessica Railsback



Ryan manages the wildlife and cattle operations as the ranch foreman at Paraiso Escondido Ranch in Cisco. Jessica is a loan officer for Central Texas Farm Credit. They also raise Red Angus cattle in partnership with the ranch's owner. They are members of the Stephens County Farm Bureau and

attend and assist with AgriLife Extension programs. The couple has one son, Reed, and one daughter, Kendall.

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Agriculture in the Classroom Outstanding Teacher



Hillarie Rollins is a first grade teacher at Forest Ridge Elementary School in College Station. She graduated from Sam Houston State University in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies EC-4. She has been teaching for 8 years. She previously taught kindergarten at Kemp Elementary for four years.

Rollins grew up in an urban community setting like most of her students. It wasn't until she continued her education as an adult that she

realized the full impact of agriculture in everyday life. She realized most students do not have access to farms and they don't understand where their food comes from or how clothes are made. She uses her experience to help expose her students to agricultural concepts from a young age and to set a strong foundation for learning through creative hands-on activities and lesson plans in the classroom. She believes it is very crucial for children to understand and have exposure to the impact of American agriculture on their lives and their communities.

Rollins sparks interest and passion for agriculture education in her students and co-workers through planting and taking care of vegetable and flower gardens, and incubating chicks and watching them hatch.

Rollins credits the TFB Summer Ag Institute as a very valuable experience to help her gain the tools and skills she uses to incorporate agriculture into her classroom.

2016 Free Enterprise Speech Contestants

Noah Evans	Hemphill	District 1
Savana Ware	Crosby	District 2
M'Lynn Prewitt	Clay	District 3
Alyali Marcano	Dallas	District 4
Sheyenne Mitchell	Hopkins	District 5
Landyn Young	Howard	District 6
Riley McKinzie	Erath	District 7
Marshall Halfmann	Falls	District 8
Sarah Alders	Nacogdoches	District 9
Jacie Henefey	Medina	District 10
Sarah Parks	Austin	District 11
Cahil Murchison	Caldwell	District 12
Lauren Carrell	Live Oak	District 13

District 1



Dylan Davidson Childress County

District 2



Serena Harbour Hutchinson County



Laura Corder Randall County



Ashton Link Lynn County



Landry Vieth Archer County



Kaitlyn Gibson Wise County



Katherine Jones Wise County

District 4



Hannah Dast Denton County



Hannah Celella Kaufman County

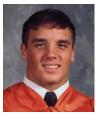


Peyton Thomas Parker County

District 5



Natalie Oud Franklin County



Stephen Mathews Harrison County



Jhett Jackson Wood County



Ashley Luce Howard County



Bailey Hooten Tom Green County



Ashley Wilde Tom Green County

District 7



London Jones Erath County



Tarah Moore Erath County



Adam Multer Runnels County

District 8



Raynie Bentke Burleson County



Samantha Merrifield McLennan County



Savannah Garcia Milam County



Kailand Hodge Polk County



Kathryn Giese San Jacinto County



Tori Hughes Trinity County

District 10



Kylie Patterson Bexar County



Payton Miner Comal County



Maegan McKay Medina County

District 11



Nathan Anders Fayette County



Caitlan Rabun Grimes County



Sara Zahn Wharton County



Cory Mabry Calhoun County



Kassidy Bego Goliad County



Rayanne Muenich Victoria County

District 13



Kenneth Miller Cameron County



Aaron Gonzalez Hidalgo County



Kailey Keach Live Oak County

YF&R Scholarship Winners



Hailey Wright District 1 Collingsworth County



Alicia Straley District 2 Castro County



Mardi Wisdom District 3 Foard County



Trenton Uptmore District 4 Hill County



Natalie Oud District 5 Franklin County



Carlie Hollingsworth District 6 Howard County



Justin Been District 7 Comanche County



Tanner Stefka District 8 Burleson County

YF&R Scholarship Winners



Victoria Martin District 9 Houston County



Johnna Pieniazek District 10 Bexar County



Jacob Supak District 11 Wharton County



Jeffrey Nemec District 12 DeWitt County



Bailey Scogin District 13 Willacy County

YF&R for Enrolled College Student Scholarship Winners



Rylee Rushing District 4 Collin County

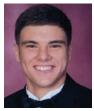


Josh Haddox District 9 Nacogdoches County



Cody Garrett District 12 DeWitt County

Dick Mitchell Memorial Scholarship Winner



Kenneth Miller District 13 Cameron County

S.M. True Jr. Agricultural Scholar Award



McCalley Cunningham District 8 Travis County

District Memorial/Honorary Scholarship Winners

Don Sugarek Memorial Scholarship



Hailey Wright District 1 Collingsworth

Joe Kapavik Memorial Scholarship



Ty Tidwell District 4 Navarro County

Ab Hunter Memorial Scholarship



Conner McKinzie District 7 Erath County

S.M. True Jr. Memorial Scholarship



Hannah Cockerell District 2 Lubbock County

John W. "Pete" Gipson Memorial Scholarship



Colby Gipson District 5 Upshur County

Barney and Christine Groves Honorary Scholarship



Tanner Stefka District 8 Burleson County

Adam Berend Memorial Scholarship



Laura Howell District 3 Baylor County

David Stubblefield Honorary Scholarship



Emily Niehues District 6 Tom Green County

Harold Hughes Memorial Scholarship



Aaron Milligan District 9 Angelina County

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District Memorial/Honorary Scholarship Winners

Dennis Dean Honorary Scholarship



Valarie Verstuyft District 10 Uvalde County

Ira Lapham Honorary Scholarship



Colton Leopold District 11 Colorado County

Don Sugarek Memorial Scholarship



Austin Akin District 12 Wilson County

Lindsey Koening Honorary Scholarship



Bailey Scogin District 13 Willacy County

Applications for these scholarships are available via Texas Farm Bureau's website, <u>www.texasfarmbureau.org</u>. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2017.

2016 Pioneer Award Winners



District 1 Don Ray Crook Childress County



District 5 Donald Herbert Metch Van Zandt County



District 2 Elmo Orange Snelling Hale County



District 6 John E. Stephens Coke-Sterling County



District 3 Arnold Koester Young County (posthumously)



District 7 Earl Wesley Behrens McCulloch County



District 4 Don Smelley Parker County



District 8 Daniel Bernard (Dan) Dierschke Travis County

2016 Pioneer Award Winners



District 9 Maxie Eaves Shelby County



District 13 Dwayne W. Bair Hidalgo County



District 10 Alice Ruby Wiemers Medina County (posthumously)



Staff Vernie R. Glasson III



District 11 Curt Mowery III Brazoria-Galveston County



District 12 Ray Joy Pfannstiel Guadalupe County

2016 Top Ten Counties

lotal Members	
Collin County	
Brazoria-Galveston County	12,393
Fort Bend County	
Jefferson County	10,017
Harris County	
Ellis County	8,739
McLennan County	
Bell County	7,187
Bexar County	7,018
Nueces County	6,771
New Members	
Collin County	
Brazoria-Galveston County	
Fort Bend County	
Harris County	
McLennan County	
Jefferson County	
Ellis County	
Grayson County	
Bexar County	
Bell County	
Total Gain	
Grayson County	
Gregg County	
Brazoria-Galveston County	
Wilson County	
Johnson County	
Bexar County	
Robertson County	
Smith County	
Kendall County	
McLennan County	

2016 Top Ten Counties

Renewal Percentage

Throckmorton County	
Yoakum County	94.86 %
Dickens County	
Coleman County	
San Saba County	
Motley County	
Collingsworth County	
Gonzales County	93.26 %
Kimble County	
Mills County	

Continuous Gain

DeWitt County	67 Years
Franklin County	36 Years
Erath County	30 Years
Live Oak County	30 Years
Henderson County	27 Years
Atascosa County	25 Years
Bell County	25 Years
Comal County	25 Years
Gillespie County	25 Years
Hill County	25 Years
Medina County	25 Years
Navarro County	25 Years
Tyler County	25 Years

2016 Resolutions Committee

Michael White, District 3 Ronnie Muennink, District 10 Dan B. Smith, District 2 Bud Hardin, Johnson County	Vice Chairman Secretary
DISTRICT 1	
Shane Harris Trent Cadra Landon Friemel	Wheeler County
DISTRICT 2 Tanner Smith Jim Blankenship	
DISTRICT 3 Glenn Thorman Keith Colteryahn Steven Sparkman	Cooke County
DISTRICT 4 Ben Wible Scott Renfro Lee Calvert	Grayson County
DISTRICT 5 Justin Mitchell Eric Lum Dennis Smith	Bowie County
DISTRICT 6 Val Stephens Warren Cude Terry Caffey	Pecos-Reeves County

2016 Resolutions Committee

DISTRICT 7	
Robert Atwood	Taylor County
Lewis Lehman	Brown County
DISTRICT 8	
Neil Walter	Coryell County
Larry Hoelscher	Falls County
Kenton Lilie	Burleson County
DISTRICT 9	
Chuck Conner	Angelina County
Donald Sloan	Anderson County
Bennie Whitworth	Rusk County
DISTRICT 10	
D.J. Gembler	Uvalde County
Peggy Matli	Gillespie County
DISTRICT 11	
Wallace Brown	Fayette County
Larry Bumpurs	Montgomery County
Ricky Schroeder	Grimes County
DISTRICT 12	
Zachary Yanta	
Mike Brzozowski	Gonzales County
Dan Nunley	Calhoun County
DISTRICT 13	
Benton England	Hidalgo County
Chris Sparks	Cameron County
Lloyd Stewart Jr.	Live Oak County

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* See us in the member services exhibit area.

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