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President's Message

By Dylan Wells, MCFB President

Greetings, Marion County Farm Bureau Members And Supporters,

As seed is being sown, water is flying and we are tending to crops between track meets, baseball and softball games of family members and the rest of the end of school activities, we have an active special session going on in the legislature in Salem. I am not going to go into politics, but I will say in leading up to November, if we have any conversation with family, friends, neighbors or others you interact with we need to encourage them to vote. Only 1 in 3 people cast votes in this year's primaries. Now I know that more than 1 in 3 people that talk to me gripe and complain about what is going on in Salem at our Capital, so where are they? If we want something to happen we are going to have to vote. I know many say, "My vote does not count" or "Portland decides any ways, why bother." If we can rally the rest of the state to vote I believe we can do something. With that being said, please encourage those in your circle to vote in November.

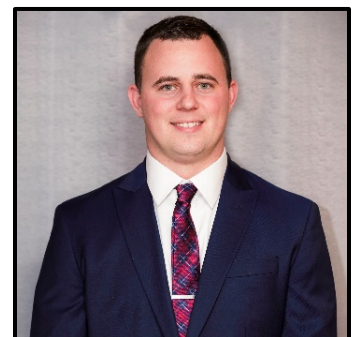
On a more local level, the Marion County Farm Bureau has been very busy and active in our community. I want to thank all of you for volunteering with the Oregon Ag Fest, Marion County Fair, St. Paul Rodeo, Ag in the classroom and so much more. These are all events you can find a member of Marion County Farm Bureau donating time to educate people in our community on agriculture. We need this more now than ever! Fewer and fewer kids are growing up on the farm. The knowledge of where their food comes from benefits our crop and livestock production.

This year we have focused on a drive to increase our membership. This movement started with Oregon Farm Bureau President Barry Bushue declaring he will pay for the membership dues for the person that brings in the most new members. Along with his declaration, last month the MCFB Board has approved the leading Marion County member to refer the most members by the membership cut off date in October will receive a \$100.00 prize!

As of last count Marion County has the most new members of any county in the state! Currently, member Matt Dunbar, with Kirsch Family Farms out of St. Paul, is leading the MCFB competition! So, remember let's get out and increase the reach of our wonderful organization that does so much for our agriculture community!

Thank you!

Dylan Wells
Autumn Harvest, Inc



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Save The Date! AFBF Annual Meeting Jan 11-16, 2019

Please save the date and join the American Farm Bureau Federation as they celebrate their centennial. The 100th Annual Convention & IDEAg Trade Show will be held January 11-16, 2019 in New Orleans, LA.

The AFBF Annual Convention events will take place at the New Orleans Convention Center located at 900 Convention Center Blvd. Oregon will be housed at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside which is the headquarters hotel located at 2 Poydras Street. Visit the AFBF website at www.fb.org/events/afbf-annual-convention for more information about the Conference.

If you plan on attending, please contact Tiffany Niño before December 1, 2018 at (503) 399-1701 or tiffany@oregonfb.org

Marion County Road Resurfacing 2018

The projects below have been selected to be resurfaced during the 2018 construction season.

To be completed by June 22, 2018:

- Blanchet Av NE from Main St (St Paul) to Riverside Dr

To be completed by June 30, 2018:

- Arndt Rd NE from St Hy 551 to Boones Ferry Rd
- Boones Ferry Rd NE from 40' S of Bridge #5133 to 40' N of Bridge #5133
- Scotts Mills Park Parking Lot
- State St SE from E of 74th Av to W of 78th Av

To be completed between July 2, 2018 and September 28, 2018:

- Albus Rd SE from Leverman Rd to Bridge Project Paving Joint
- Auburn Rd NE from Cordon Rd Edge of Travel Ln to Hampden Ln
- Brownell Dr SE from Shaw Hy to 52' W of CL Mon on St Hy 214
- Center St NE from Cordon Rd Travel Ln Inlay to 10' E of Phone Ped @ #5566 Fruitland Rd
- Hampden Ln NE from Center St to Auburn Rd
- Leverman Rd SE from Mill Creek Rd to Dead End
- Mill Creek Rd SE from 65' W of RxR Tracks to Golf Club Rd SB inlay
- Mt Angel-Gervais Rd NE from 430' W of Howell Prairie Rd W Leg to Mt. Angel City Limit
- Old Mehama Rd SE from 74' E of St Hy 22 C/L to 32' W of St Hy 22 C/L
- Shaw Hy SE from St Hy 22 WB On-Ramp to St. Hy 214
- Silverton Rd NE from Salem CL to W Prop. Line #4180
- Sunnyview Rd NE from Cordon Rd Travel Ln Inlay to 190' E of 82nd Av CL

This schedule can also be found at:
www.co.marion.or.us/PW/Engineering/Projects/Pages/Resurf18.aspx

Hazelnut Presentation at Oregon Ag Fest Special Day 2018

By: Dana Estensen

The "What We're Made Of" essay contest sponsored by Oregon Ag Fest is designed to get students talking about the products that are grown and raised locally, and learn about unique food, fiber and flora grown in the area. The contest is for students in 3rd through 5th grade. This year there were 16 essay contest winners and the winners and their classmates were treated to a special educational and fun activity day at the Oregon fairgrounds on Thursday, April 26th.

Marion County Farm Bureau board members Bruce Chapin and Dana Estensen put together a power point presentation on hazelnuts and presented it to each of the classes as part of the OFB Ag Education Committee booth. 372 students, 76 chaperones, and 15 group leaders enjoyed learning all about hazelnuts. Each teacher also received a bag with hazelnut information and educational materials.

The power point presentation included information on propagation, planting, pests, diseases, harvest and processing as well as nutrition, end products and by products. A potted hazelnut tree, a pheromone trap, dried catkins, and hazelnut products helped to deliver the lesson. At the end of the presentation, the students and adults had a better understanding of hazelnut farming/processing and agriculture – our goal – but also learned that hazelnuts are nutritious and taste great!



MCFB directors Dana Estensen on the left and Bruce Chapin on the right

TRIBUTE TO OREGON AGRICULTURE AT VOLCANOES STADIUM, JULY 8

Farm Bureau members are invited to take a break from summer harvest with a fun, complementary evening of baseball, dinner, and a salute to Oregon agriculture!

Oregon Farm Bureau, COUNTRY Financial, and George Packing Company invite Farm Bureau members, family, and their guests to a special tribute to Oregon agriculture during the baseball game on Sunday, July 8, at the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer.

Thanks to generous sponsors, this event is free of charge to attendees!

What: Baseball game and dinner with Farm Bureau members and supporters

When: Sunday, July 8, game starts at 5 p.m.

Where: Salem-Keizer Volcanoes Stadium, 6700 Field Of Dreams Way NE, Keizer, OR 97303

Cost: Free for Farm Bureau members, family, and their friends, thanks to our generous sponsors!

RSVP: Please RSVP by June 29 to tiffany@oregonfb.org with the number of tickets you need and under what name to hold the tickets.

Tickets: Tickets will be distributed at the entry of the ballpark.



Farm equipment shares the roads

While driving on a rural road, particularly during the summer and fall when many farmers harvest their crops, you may encounter farm equipment. It may be a single vehicle, like a combine, or a tractor with an implement in tow. Farm equipment is often wider than a typical car and can even be wider than the lane. Large equipment is designed to travel at speeds of only 15 to 25 miles per hour. Sometimes farm equipment must drive on highways to move between fields. Just as motorists can use public roadways, farmers can legally operate farm equipment on these same roads. Caution, courtesy, and special attention to the following tips will help ensure the safety of motorists, passengers, and operators of slow moving equipment.

Tips for farmers

Farmers have a role in rural road safety, too. Here are tips to alleviate some hazards when taking wide equipment onto the road:



BE SEEN AND BE SAFE.

- ▲ Oregon law requires you to place a slow moving vehicle reflector on any machine that travels the road slower than 25 mph.
- ▲ Always point the triangle up, keep the SMV emblem clean to maximize reflectivity, and replace the emblem when it fades, normally every 2 to 3 years.
- ▲ Mark the edges of tractors and machines with reflective tape and reflectors. Consider installing retrofit lighting on older machinery to increase visibility.
- ▲ Turn on your lights, but turn off rear spotlights when going onto the road. From a distance spotlights can be mistaken for headlights.
- ▲ Be aware of heavy traffic patterns.
- ▲ Use pilot cars, one in front and one in back, if you are going a considerable distance. Hang a brightly colored flag out the window of these pilot vehicles.
- ▲ Consider installing mirrors on equipment so you can see motorists around you. Be careful where the mirrors are placed.
- ▲ When moving multiple farm implements down the highway, leave enough space between each vehicle for cars to pass.
- ▲ Source: oregonfb.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/smv_brochure.pdf



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“Agriculture... is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals & happiness.”

Thomas Jefferson, Aug 14, 1787

MCFB Board Meetings

*Information subject to change.
Contact staff to confirm details.*

June 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

1320 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR

No Meeting in July

August 9, 2018, 6:30pm

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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Other Events

June 18, 2018

Young Farmers & Ranchers
Discussion Meet Practice
Dallas, OR

July 8, 2018

Volcanoes Baseball Game
Keizer, OR

July 12-15, 2018

Marion County Fair
Salem, OR

Marion County Farm Bureau Announces Scholarship Winners

The Marion County Farm Bureau received numerous outstanding scholarship applications this year. The committee was elated to see so much interest in the scholarship programs The Marion County Farm Bureau has worked so hard to develop and support. However, that popularity also meant the selection committee had a very difficult time selecting winners. With that being said, the Marion County Farm Bureau Scholarship Committee is excited to announce the following scholarship winners:

Mary Petzel Memorial Scholarship

Abigail Berhorst *of Yamhill*

Yesenia De La Cerda-Flores *of Umatilla*

Rachel Dolby *of Stayton*

Madelynn Knutson *of Aumsville*

Samuel Kuschnick *of Brooks*

Scott Miller Memorial Scholarship

Sofie Bogdanove *of Salem*

Elizabeth Brentano *of St. Paul*

Thomas Markley *of Salem*

Grant Roth *of Salem*

Daniel Schurter *of Silverton*

The Scholarship Committee would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all applicants. They wish they had the money to fund every request! They look forward to next year's selection process and are eager to see these programs continue to grow and prosper!

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