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Good Day Marion County Farm Bureau Members,

We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel on most crops in the valley. I did say most, some are just kicking off! Crops such as mine, pumpkins, are starting to move in the market. It is always an exciting time for me when I start getting those phone calls inquiring about what's going on with pumpkins. As fall is starting to come upon us and the list of winter projects is starting to lengthen, especially all of the projects that have to happen before the rain sets in while we are busy soaking up the last of Summer, do not forget to show some gratitude to those that have helped us to get through the busy season. I know that with out those friends, family and our valued labor force I could not do what I do.

Also with Fall approaching it means that we are getting closer and closer to election season. I would really urge you to please just get out and vote. Your voice does matter. If you need help feel free to reach out to me, we have a network of people at the County and State level to help you make informed voting decisions on all issues that touch the agriculture industry.

As your President, things have been busy! We have a solar siting committee working on putting an ordinance recommendation with Marion County. Earlier this Spring we had the Willamette Country Music Festival try to move their event to Jefferson; that was a fight which went our way. We have the Detroit Lake dam issue ongoing. As well as the allocation of water in the Willamette River System. There are a lot of things that your membership is helping to combat. I thank you all for being members. It makes my duty interesting to help with all of these different issues.

We are always in need of new members. Have you talked to your neighbor and checked to see if they are a Farm Bureau member? Have the conversation about things that have been taken care of by Farm Bureau advocates that would have cost us a lot more than the \$125 dollars a year in membership if they weren't there to be a voice for farmers in Marion County. Do you have children ages 16 – 35 that are farming with you? Sign them up! Marion County is holding a competition for the person who refers the most new members! Not only that but if you have the most new members in Oregon Farm Bureau, President Barry Bushue will pay for your membership for the year.

My parting thoughts are short and simple - Marion County Farmers are busy! We need to get our friends, family and neighbors to get out and vote in November and let's grow our likeminded community of farmers to help protect our way of living.

Thank You,

Dylan Wells  
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# Rock Around the CLOCK

SAVE THE DATE!

## Marion County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting

Join us as we turn back time and hop into the 1950s for a fun filled night!

**When:** Tuesday November 6, 2018

**Where:** The Oregon Gardens – Silverton

More info to follow...

\*Theme attire is encouraged, but not required!

**Oregon Farm Bureau Statement on Latest WOTUS Ruling SALEM, OREGON, August 16, 2018** – The following statement may be attributed to Oregon Farm Bureau Public Policy Counsel Mary Anne Cooper.

“Despite outcry from thousands of farm and ranch families from across the nation, today’s ruling by the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina means that the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule is now in effect in Oregon.

“Under the 2015 WOTUS rule, EPA could force farmers and ranchers to apply for a costly permit to do even the most basic work on their land, or potentially be hit with enormous fines and frivolous lawsuits. These permits could be required for plowing, planting, applying pesticides and fertilizers, and other normal farming activities on dry farm fields.

“The 2015 WOTUS rule goes far beyond congressional intent and the lawful bounds of the Clean Water Act as articulated by previous Supreme Court decisions. At best, it is a solution in search of a problem. At worst, it is a federal land grab designed to give DEQ and EPA control over Oregon’s farmland far beyond what the law calls for.

To read more please visit: [oregonfb.org/wotusruling082018](http://oregonfb.org/wotusruling082018)

## MCFB Members receive 2018 Century Farm & Ranch Award

By: Andréa Kuenzi, Program Coordinator, [cfr@oregonfb.org](mailto:cfr@oregonfb.org)

**J.G. Kuenzi Farm, H.M.K :** Founded in Marion County in 1917 by Johann Gottlieb (J.G. Kuenzi) Applicant is Kuenzi Brothers Farms, LLC—Lyle & Nelson Kuenzi In 1917, Johann Gottlieb Kuenzi traded a 50-acre Mt. Pleasant farm for the 217-acre Trenton Hibbard farm near Silverton. Trenton Hibbard was an early pioneer in the Silverton area. Lyle & Nelson Kuenzi’s grandfather, Harvey M. Kuenzi milked a few cows, had some hogs, chickens, and sheep. He raised corn for silage, oats and wheat, clover for hay and seed. When his son James (Jim) took over the farm in 1967, he raised hogs—farrow to fat hogs. He also added grass seed, raspberries, & marionberries. When Lyle & Nelson Kuenzi entered the farming operation, blueberries, & other varieties of blackberries were added to the crop list. Lyle and Nelson are great grandsons of the Founder Johann Gottlieb (J.G.) Kuenzi.



**Beitel Farm:** Founded in Marion County in 1915 by Alois & Cecilia Beitel. Applicant is John Beitel.

The farm was founded in 1915 by Alois and Cecilia Beitel. The farm was a typical farm from the early 1900’s with cows, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and maybe ducks being raised. Horses provided the horsepower to farm the land, producing food in the form of oats, hay, dry land corn silage and a little wheat to feed the animals. In 2017, John J formed an LLC with his wife Debbie, and their son, John R to start a transition to the next generation. John R graduated from OSU in 2015 with a degree in crop science. The grass seed crops continue to be the main crop of the farm along with some rotational crops such as turnips and peas to break up weed cycles. John J. is the grandson of the founder.

## Sesquicentennial Awards

**Mullen Farms:** Founded in Marion County in 1852 by Robert Keaton & Mary Mullen. Applicant is Gerald & Kathleen and James and Nadine Mullen. Charles S. Mullen Sr. was born in the farmhouse and he purchased it from his siblings in 1920. He lived there for 101 years. Early crops were hay, oats, barley, clover, hops, wheat, dairy cattle, chicken, hogs & sheep. Today the farm raises grass seed, snap beans, sweet corn, squash, wheat, clover, hazelnuts, and vegetable seeds. Cattle, hogs, goats, and chickens are also raised for family consumption. Gerald and James are great grandsons of the founder.

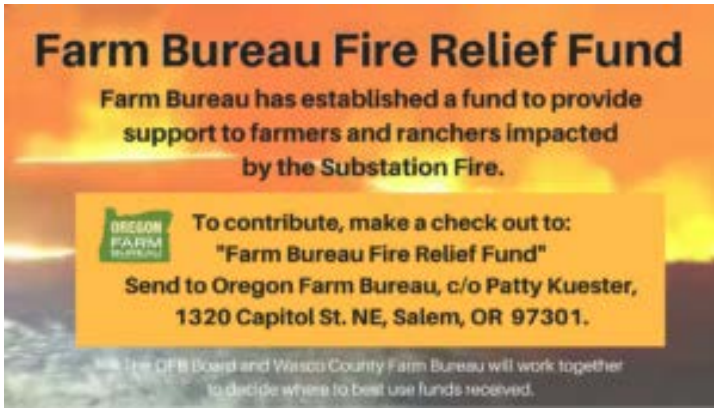
Read more about award winners at: [centuryfarm.oregonfb.org](http://centuryfarm.oregonfb.org)

## Young Canadian Farmers Visit Berries Northwest

By: Anne Krahmer

We had four Young Farmer & Rancher (YF&R) members from Canada come down to visit our Berries Northwest packing house on July 13th. The packing house is where we pack our fresh fruit that is sold under the Driscoll label. This was the first time these farmers had ever experienced the process of fresh fruit being packed.

They were able to see how we pack a finished commodity as well as how we store them. We discussed the costs associated with growing, picking, and packing the fruit. The farmers were amazed at how much work went into producing blueberries. They were very thankful to have the opportunity to come down and be able to learn about this process.



## Please Join MCFB and support the Oregon Farm Bureau Fire Relief Fund

The Oregon Farm Bureau has established a fund to provide support to farmers and ranchers impacted by the recent Substation Fire.

The Marion County Farm Bureau Board of Directors voted in their August meeting to donate \$1000 to the Farm Bureau Fire Relief Fund. Please help us help those who have been so devastatingly impacted by these fires by donating what you can to the Farm Bureau Fire Relief Fund.

To contribute, make a check out to "Farm Bureau Fire Relief Fund" and send to Oregon Farm Bureau, c/o Patty Kuester, 1320 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

The Oregon Farm Bureau Board of Directors, in consultation with Wasco County Farm Bureau, will decide how to best use funds received.

For those wanting to help the family of John Ruby, the farmer who died while cutting a fire line to protect a neighbor's place, Columbia Bank in The Dalles has a fund specifically for that family. Columbia Bank, 316 E 3rd St, The Dalles, OR 97058, 541.298.6647.

## #DYK that new voting and supporting members can join Farm Bureau online?

If you're at a fair, with a friend, on the job, etc. and you want to sign up a new member, go to [oregonfb.org/join/](http://oregonfb.org/join/).

New voting and supporting members can quickly and easily sign up with a credit card.

We challenge all in Farm Bureau to sign up at least one new voting or supporting member this year! Help make our organization grow!  
If you have questions e-mail Melissa Armour or call her at (503) 399-1701, ext. 326.

Oregon Farm Bureau just launched online membership renewal too! To renew go to: [membership.oregonfb.org/membership-renewal/](http://membership.oregonfb.org/membership-renewal/)



## The Marion County Farm Bureau endorses the following candidates for election to office



These candidates have demonstrated actions that align with the mission and goals of the Marion County Farm Bureau and support the agriculture industry in our county.

The board voted unanimously to endorse the following:

- For Marion County Circuit Court Judge - **Dan Wren**
- For Marion County Commissioner Position 1 - **Kevin Cameron**
- For House District 20 - **Selma Pierce**

The board also embraced Ballot **Measure 104** which ensures that any legislation that raises revenue require a three-fifth majority vote.

Stay tuned to our Facebook Page for more endorsements as the election nears...



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#### **MCFB Board Meetings**

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

**September 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR

**October 10, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.  
1320 Capitol St NE, Salem, OR

**November 6, 2018**

Annual Meeting  
The Oregon Gardens

#### **Other Events**

**October 6, 2018**

Oregon Bounty Event  
State Capitol – Salem, OR

**December 4-6, 2018**

OFB Annual Meeting  
Salem, OR

Have you signed up to receive your  
newsletter via email, yet?

If not, please do so at on our homepage at  
[www.marioncofarm.com](http://www.marioncofarm.com) and stay in the know!



Please remember to update our contact information!  
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