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From the President

Happy Holidays,

I am hoping you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday.

In today's world I have a lot to be thankful for. My wife and kids are at the top of the list for me as well as being able to serve you members for another year.

I was re-elected early November to serve as the 2020-2021 Marion County President. I am also thankful for the great board that has been working through many things this year including, Zoom meetings, Worker housing issues with Covid, Covid in general and many more issues that your board has stepped up and addressed.

As 2020 draws to a close I am hopeful for what the new year will bring. Despite the challenges this year has thrown at us I am amazed and inspired by the resilience of the Ag community. Thank you all for everything you do.

The State Annual Convention is going virtual for our House of Delegates coming up December 9th and 10th. This is where policy is set and revamped for publishing in the Oregon Farm Bureau Policy Book.

It is something that is a thing to witness. As well as the State Convention the National Convention is going virtual as well in January.

I wish everyone a happy holidays and as always please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.



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Pumpkin Pie in a Bag

Pumpkin Pie in a Bag is a fun, at-home activity for the whole family that's perfect for the holiday season! This activity is presented by the OFB Ag Education Committee.



Equipment:

- Heavy Duty Gallon Ziploc Bag
- Measuring cup
- Cupcake Liners

Ingredients:

- 1 3/4 cups cold milk
- 2 boxes 3.4oz. Jell-o vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 can 15oz. solid-pack pumpkin puree
- gingersnap cookies, graham crackers or Nilla wafers*
- *1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
if you do not use gingersnap cookies whipped cream (optional)

Instructions:

1. Pour milk and instant pudding mix into the freezer bag. Remove the air and seal the bag shut.
2. Squeeze and knead the bag with your hands until the milk and pudding are well blended. This should take about one minute.
3. Add the pumpkin puree to the bag.
**Note: If not using gingersnap cookies, add pumpkin pie spice now. Remove the air and seal the bag shut again.*
4. Squeeze and knead the bag with your hands until the mixture is blended. This should take about two minutes.
5. Place a cookie in the bottom of each cupcake liner.
6. Cut off a small corner of the freezer bag and carefully squeeze about 2 Tablespoons of pie filling on top of each cookie. Garnish with whip cream (optional)

See more online at: www.oregonfb.org/pumpkinpieinabag/



Farm Bureau volunteers with nearly \$1,100 in groceries on their way to Portland Ronald McDonald House Charities.

WAC donates \$3K to Portland's Ronald McDonald Houses

Marion County Women's Chair, Jessie DeJager, along with other members of the OFB Women's Advisory Council shopped for groceries to donate to Portland's two Ronald McDonald House Charities, which provide a home-away-from-home for families with a child being treated at a nearby hospital.

Each house received nearly \$1,100 in groceries to fill its pantry, and a \$400 gift card to purchase more food in the future. The tradition of Farm Bureau donating food to Oregon's Ronald McDonald House Charities stems back nearly 50 years. Funds for the project come from WAC fundraising activities and donations by County Farm Bureaus across Oregon.

Thank you to all the fantastic Farm Bureau volunteers who made this day happen: Anne Rigor, Kristie Glaser, Jessie DeJager, Brooke Glaser, Kendra Glaser, and Brandon Glaser.

2020 Coloring Contest Winners Announced

Three Marion County residents placed in Oregon Farm Bureaus Coloring Contest.

Greta Davidson, age 10, of Salem, took third place overall.

Elodie Pronenko, age 6, of Salem, and Daniel Fogelson, age 3, of Donald, were age division winners.

Jesus A. Luna, age 9, of Sisters, and Kendra Glaser, age 13, of Shedd, won first and second place overall respectively.



Greta Davidson's third place winning entry.

Congratulations to all the winners! You can see all the winning entries online at: www.oregonfb.com/coloringcontest/

Zielinski Appointed Board of Ag Member

from Oregon Department of Agriculture

Oregon Governor Kate Brown has appointed Josh Zielinski of Salem and Elin D. Miller of Roseburg to serve on the Oregon State Board of Agriculture. Both appointments were effective October 29, 2020 and each will serve a four-year term.



Zielinski

Josh Zielinski is a manager and owner of a mid-sized nursery and farming operation in the Willamette Valley. Zielinski provides a voice for the production of many crops including: grass seed, specialty seed, vegetable row crops, hops and hazelnuts.

A native of Oregon, Zielinski grew up working on his family's farm. After attending college in southern California and studying a year abroad in Argentina, he returned home to join the family business.

When he is not running the family farm, Zielinski serves on

the Oregon Association of Nurseries Board and Chemeketa Community College Horticultural Advisory Committee. He enjoys camping, hiking and gardening with his wife Kattie, who works in the wine industry.

Miller, Gov. Brown's other new appointee owns Umpqua Vineyards and farm hazelnuts in Douglas County with her husband, Bill. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Oregon Wine Council and is a member of the Fall Creek Farm and Nursery Board.

The Oregon State Board of Agriculture advises the director and ODA regarding the implementation and administration of programs and the development of policies designed to improve the agricultural industry statewide.

The 10-member board is made up of nine governor appointees and the chair of the Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The ODA director and dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University serve as non-voting ex-officio members of the board.

MCFB Holds Annual Meeting

We held our annual meeting on November 18. Members of the board and members met to discuss the state of the organization and hold elections.

Despite the pandemic, in the 2019-20 year we were able to continue support of all programs and organizations as in past years and finish the year in good financial standing.

Dylan Wells was re-elected President for another term along with Stuart Olson as Vice President. Greg Bennett, Kathleen Carl, Keith Ditchen, Richard Hostetter, and Anne Kraemer-Steinkamp were all re-elected as directors.

Thank you to everyone who joined us. We couldn't do it without our members.

American FB's Convention Goes Virtual

from American Farm Bureau Federation

The American Farm Bureau Federation announced that its 102nd Annual Convention will be held online following the cancellation of all events through Jan. 31, 2021, at the San Diego Convention Center where the convention was scheduled to take place.

"Our top priority at every Farm Bureau gathering is the safety of our attendees and staff," AFBF President Zippy Duvall said.

The 2021 AFBF Virtual Convention, to be held Jan. 10-13, 2021, will bring together farmers, ranchers and industry experts to discuss the top issues facing agriculture, including the impact of COVID-19, sustainability and the future of the supply chain, and will feature keynote speakers who inspire and motivate grassroots action.



"Our convention theme this year is 'Stronger Together,'" Duvall said. "I can think of nothing more fitting to spotlight how the agriculture community has come together keep growing the products our nation depends on while supporting our friends and neighbors throughout this public health crisis."

Registration for the 2021 American Farm Bureau Virtual Convention will open later this year and will be free to all attendees. Further details on the event can be found at fb.org/events.

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Applications Available for MCFB Scholarships

Do you know any high school seniors or college students in need of some financial support in their next academic year?



Applications are available now for the Mary Petzel and Scott Miller Memorial Scholarships. Awards range up to \$2500 and include a one-year supporting membership to the Marion County Farm Bureau.

Learn more on our website: marioncofarm.com.

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