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Farm Bureau Scholarships Awarded

Marion County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce the winners of the Scott Miller and Mary Petzel Memorial Scholarships for 2022. There were more applications than ever before and the scholarship committee had a difficult time deciding on the final recipients. They were very impressed with all of the applicants - what a special group of bright, thoughtful, creative, and hardworking young people.

Scott Miller Memorial Scholarship Ainsley Goughnour from St. Paul will be a freshman at the University of Idaho in the fall. Her major will be Agribusiness and Communications preparing her for a career in Marketing for the Ag Industry.

Maggie Roth from Salem will be a graduate student at Oregon State this fall. Her major of BioResource Research and Biology with a minor in Spanish will prepare her for a career as a Physician Assistant.

Samuel Schuster grew up on his family's farm in Gervais. He is starting his college career as a freshman at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln this fall. His major will be Mechanical Engineering leading to his future occupation as a NASA Engineer.

Sofia Zielinski will be a senior at Linfield College in the fall. She is enrolled in Wine Studies and Studio Art and grew up on her family's farm in Salem. Her career goal is Vineyard/Business Management.

Turner Lear from Gervais will be a senior at Oregon State University this fall. His major is Animal Science which will prepare him for his goal of being a Large and Small Animal Veterinarian.



Oregon Farm Bureau District 15 Director Bruce Chapin presented scholarships to Kaydance Sabin and Samuel Schuster at the Salem-Keizer FFA annual banquet on May 25.

Nathan Redman-Brown from Scotts Mills will be entering his junior year at George Fox University. His career options include Agribusiness Analyst/Financial Planner and he is pursuing a major of Financial Planning, Business Administration and Finance.

Mary Petzel Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Redman-Brown from Scotts Mills will be a freshman at Chemeketa in the Fall. He is on his career path to be a Firefighter while working on a major of Firefighting/Paramedic.

Leah Twede from Salem will be entering her freshman year at Corban University this fall. She will double major in Agriculture Science and Biology and she is looking forward to a career in Regenerative Agroecology.

Kaydance Sabin from Salem will be a freshman at Oregon State university this Fall. Her major of Animal Sciences will prepare her for her occupation in the veterinary field.

Kathryn Schurter was raised in Silverton and will be a junior at the Oregon Institute of Technology this fall. She is studying to receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Dental Hygiene to use in her career as a Dental Hygienist.

Elizabeth Schmitz grew up in Scotts Mills and will be continuing her education at the University of Hawaii Hilo this fall as a junior. Her major is Tropical Agroecology, and she is also working towards a certificate in Entomology-Beekeeping.



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A Message from the President

Hello Marion County Farm Bureau members!

The past six months of my term have flown by. We were fortunate to have American Farm Bureau President, Zippy Duvall and his wife Jennifer visit Oregon in mid-April. Here in Marion County, they toured Bruce Chapin's hazelnut orchards and processing facility and one of our vineyards. Many of our members had the opportunity to participate in the tours, lunch and/ or dinner. They had the chance to ask questions and engage in interesting discussions regarding the various issues we all face as farmers in Marion County and Oregon as a whole. Big thanks to Angi Bailey, Dave Dillon, and the OFB staff.

Thank you to our scholarship committee who selected another great group of scholarship recipients this year. Also, thank you to Jessie DeJager for volunteering her time to help shop and donate groceries and supplies to the Ronald McDonald houses. It is so important to give back to the communities we live in.

It has certainly been a slow and challenging start to the growing season. Our vineyards around Salem are behind in growth but got through the cold, wet weather in pretty good shape. Our vineyards in Yamhill County have crop loss from the unusually cold temperatures in mid-April, some significant. It will be a while until we know the true extent. Let's HOPE we have nice weather for the rest of the growing season. That's our current mantra - HOPE!

We had some Safety Compliance Officers from OSHA stop by one of our vineyards last week, unannounced. Their rational for the inspection was that they noticed a large group of workers and wanted to check if we were complying with the field sanitation requirements. As you all know, we must provide the following within ¹/₄ mile or a five-minute walk: drinking water (correct temperature, correct amounts, potable) along with single use cups; toilets (clean and toilet paper); and hand washing facilities (potable water, soap, single use towels, and garbage container).

In addition, they requested information (which of course becomes available to the public) including Safety Committee minutes, OSHA 300 Injury/Illness Logs and Summary, water analyses results, and our Company Safety Policy. They should get back to us in 2-3 weeks and "close" the inspection/investigation. Our approach was to be courteous and comply with their requests and not become frustrated; after all, we need to keep farming!



Photo from OFB Facebook

Marion County's WAC representative Jessie DeJager (center) joined other WAC volunteers in May who shopped and donated about \$1,700 in groceries and supplies to the Springfield Ronald McDonald House.

Some good news! We are no longer required to provide COVID-19 workplace training. We do need to continue both Wildfire Smoke and Heat Illness training annually and for new employees and supervisors. There are new OSHA Heat Illness Rules that require three written plans to be created and implemented as well as specific written documentation of our compliance. These rules become effective on June 15, 2022. The new Oregon OSHA Wildfire Smoke protection rule goes into effect on July 1, 2022. If you need additional N95 respirators, a good place to check is with Marion County Extension at 503-588-5301.

There is a lot of information on these rules on the OSHA website. A better option is to join FEELDS! Roberta Gruber does a fantastic job of keeping members updated on wage & hour, safety, immigration and any other rules. She keeps us in compliance by deciphering the rules and providing the information we need to keep our employees safe, paid correctly and properly trained. She holds monthly webinars on a range of topics that are always helpful. For more information you can contact her at roberta@ oregonfb.org or (503) 510-6458, or visit the FEELDS page at www.oregonfb.org/FEELDS.

On a sad note, Anne Marie Moss, longtime Oregon Farm Bureau Communications Director, passed away on April 22 after a long battle with metastatic breast cancer. She did an incredible job at Oregon Farm Bureau but was also an amazing person. She was a beloved friend and colleague and touched many lives with her helpful and positive attitude. In her memory, Marion County Farm Bureau donated \$2000 to the Anne Marie Moss Scholarship started by Oregon Farm Bureau. Our sincere condolences to her family, friends and community.

Dana Estensen Marion County Farm Bureau President

Join us at the St. Paul 4th of July Rodeo!

Have you attended the Rodeo in years past? How about seeing things from the other side and being in the 4th of July Rodeo Parade!

YF&R and Marion County Farm Bureau want to have a presence at the St. Paul Rodeo this year. If you know how to ride a horse we would love to have lots of riders to show support, and if you can't ride a horse we would love to have some tractors or walkers handing out candy and pamphlets. We also hope to have a truck with a sound system playing information about YF&R and Farm Bureau.

If you are at all interested please contact Claire Zielinski, YF&R Representative for Marion County, at clairezielinski21@gmail.com. Afterwards make sure to check out the Food Stalls, Saloon, Bull Pen, and the 4th of July Rodeo show! Rodeo is a sport rooted in Ranching and Farming it will be a great opportunity to show people unity in the Marion County farming community.

Young Farmers & Ranchers wants you!

If you are interested in joining YF&R reach out to Claire Zielinski or the office staff to be added to our email list. clairezielinski21@gmail.com or office@marioncofarm.com



Marion & Clackamas County

YF&R Meeting!

June 12th 2-3 pm

At Topwire Hop Project

8668 Crosby Rd NE, Woodburn, OR 97071 Join us at Topwire on June 12th to enjoy a tour of Crosby Hops, drink beer, and socialize and discuss issues happening in both Marion and Clackamas County. RSVP at ClaireZielinski21@gmail.com.

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MCFB Board Meetings

June 8, 6:30 p.m. 1320 Capital St NE, Salem, OR

Other Events

YF&R Meeting June 12, 2 p.m. Topwire Hop Project Woodburn, OR

OFB Member Briefing June 24, 7 a.m. Zoom oregonfb.org/events-2

Marion County Fair July 8-10 Oregon State Fairgrounds Salem, OR

Save the Date

You are cordially invited to our Annual Meeting

