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CPR/First Aid Class Offered this Month

Are you and your foremen CPR/First Aid/AED certified? Please join us and renew your certification or get certified Friday, March 17, 2023. Class offered in both English and Spanish.

Friday, March 17, 2023
8-11 am

Oregon Farm Bureau
1320 Capitol St. NE, Salem

Each MCFB member receives 2 free registrations. Additional registrations and non-members cost \$60 each, payable at the door.

This class will provide you with current safety information that is detailed, easy to understand and fun. The content of this class covers both general first aid. Your certification is good for 2 years in both first aid and in CPR. CPR covers adult, child and infant resuscitation. We teach AED usage and cover airway obstruction for adult, child and infant as well. Our first aid segment covers a wide variety of medical illnesses and physical injuries.

Nothing is more important to us than having you leave with both knowledge and confidence. The life you save might just be your own or someone close to you!

Class space is limited, so please do not delay in registering! Register online: www.marioncofarm.com/events



photo by Dana Estensen

Marion County Represented at Annual OFB Meeting

At the Annual Oregon Farm Bureau meeting in Hood River last December, MCFB delegates were Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp, Bob Dettwyler (above right), Claire Zielinski, and Dana Estensen. Andy Steinkamp, Kathleen Carl (above left), and Gail Dettwyler (above center) were alternate delegates. Read more about Marion County's representation at the annual meeting in the President's Letter on the next page.



SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR PRODUCERS

Marion SWCD, Oregon Agricultural Trust, special guest experts, and producers will cover succession basics, working with an attorney, and stories of successful transfers.



Conservation Club



marionswcd.net/events

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A Message from the President

Hello there! Dana Estensen here, your Marion County Farm Bureau president. I hope you all are enjoying the wintery weather.

The 2023 Oregon Legislative session has begun, and Farm Bureau staff and Farm Bureau members are busy engaging with Legislators and their staff and testifying on various issues – in person, via zoom, and by written testimony.

An easy way to keep in the loop is to sign up for Voter’s Voice at oregonfb.org/advocacy. When you sign up, you’ll receive alerts on issues that need our advocacy and helpful information along with talking points to help you “craft” relevant testimony. You can also search for legislation and look up your elected officials by your address.

Our policy book (found online at oregonfb.org/policybook) guides OFB staff and Farm Bureau members in their advocacy work at the Oregon Legislature and with other organizations throughout the state and nationally. Policy is reviewed yearly by county Farm Bureaus and OFB committees.

New policies and changes to policies are submitted to be presented at the Oregon Farm Bureau Annual meeting as part of the grassroots effort that is the foundation of Farm Bureau. Each December, the OFB Annual meeting convenes and members from County Farm Bureaus across the state meet to work through and revise the policy book as needed and elect our officer team.

At the Annual OFB meeting in Hood River last December, MCFB delegates were Anne Krahmer-Steinkamp, Bob Dettwyler, Claire Zielinski, and myself with Andy Steinkamp, Kathleen Carl, and Gail Dettwyler joining as alternate delegates. John Zielinski (3rd Vice President) and Bruce Chapin (District 15 Board Representative) attended as members of the OFB Board.

Jesse DeJager along with Kathleen Carl represented MCFB as members of the Women’s Advisory Council and Claire Zielinski continues her role as the District 15 representative for the Young Farmer and Rancher State Committee while Matt Dunbar is an at-large representative.

Guest speakers at Hood River included AFBF President Zippy Duvall, via Zoom, along with staff from both OFB and AFBF. John Zielinski was re-elected to 3rd Vice President and in his role will continue working with the OFB committees, acting as a delegate for Oregon at the AFBF Annual Meeting as well as working on other responsibilities as part of the leadership team.

At the OFB convention, Marion County was also recognized, through the Agro Awards program, for excellence in achievements and activities in the following areas: Local Government Activities, State Government Activities, National Government Activities, Policy Development & Resolutions, Farm Bureau Women’s Committee, Health & Safety, Membership Acquisition & Retention, Young Farmers & Ranchers, Information/Publicity and/or Community Relations and Outreach and Special Programs. Congratulations on a job well done!

We also met our membership goal and, by a few percentage points, beat out Baker County to win our County-to-County membership challenge. Three of our members were recognized as being in the top 10 responders to the action alerts for Voter’s Voice (sign up at oregonfb.org/advocacy).

We appreciate the many MCFB members submitting testimony and testifying in person. It’s so important to have our Ag voice heard and we appreciate your time. Thank you!



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Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program

1/2022

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE | OREGON DEPARTMENT OF STATE LANDS | OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE



Maintenance of agricultural drainage channels is critical for much of Oregon agriculture. The Agricultural Drainage Channel Maintenance Program regulates maintenance of agricultural drainage channels to protect aquatic resources.

Landowners and water districts that want to maintain their channels can now request a notice from the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). For eligible channels, the notice is a user-friendly, fast, and free alternative to permits from the Oregon Department of State Lands.

Eligible channels must be:

Traditionally maintained: The channel has been historically maintained for agricultural drainage and provided drainage within the past five years.

Dry at time of work: The channel must be dry at the time of work. Maintenance must begin and be completed during the regional dry maintenance time period.

Not ESH: The channel cannot be designated as Essential Indigenous Anadromous Salmonid Habitat (ESH).

The Notice addresses activities related to cleaning and placement (temporary and permanent) of dredged materials (spoils). The notice includes requirements related to timing of work, equipment use, and treatment of vegetation to protect the ecological functions of the channel and adjacent, undisturbed wetlands.

Landowners and water districts must have a valid Notice or DSL permit prior to maintaining most channels.



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Email: agchannelmaintenance@oda.oregon.gov
Website: <https://oda.direct/AgChannelMaintenance>
Sign up for updates: <https://oda.direct/AgChannelUpdates>

MCFB Scholarships Available

We are now accepting scholarship applications for the 2023-24 school year. High school seniors and undergraduates are welcome to apply. Awards range up to \$2500.

Applications for the 2023-24 school year are now open. Deadline is May 1, 2023.

Three scholarships available:

- Mary Petzel Scholarship
- Scott Miller Memorial
- Roger DeJager Scholarship (*new this year*)

Scholarship applications will be judged by a panel of Marion County Farm Bureau members and judged on accuracy, neatness and organization, financial need, agricultural experience, and GPA.

Full eligibility requirements and submission information available on our website:

www.marioncofarm.com/scholarships/

Share with the students in your life!



Take Action in the Oregon Legislature

Do you receive Action Alerts from Oregon Farm Bureau? It's important to let our voice be heard. We're stronger together! Help agriculture's voice be heard in the legislature this session.

Action Alerts let you know when important issues that directly affect farmers, ranchers, and growers are being discussed and how you can take action. It takes less than a minute and can make an impact for years to come.

Sign-up for alerts online: oregonfb.org/advocacy

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**MCFB
Board Meetings**
Information subject to change.
Contact staff to confirm details.

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

Other Events
CPR Class
March 18, 8:00 a.m.
1320 Capital St NE,
Salem, OR

Succession Workshop
April 4, 4:00 p.m.
Salem, OR

MCFB Scholarship
Deadline
May 1

OFB Monthly Member Briefings

To keep Farm Bureau voting members better informed about what is going on in Salem and Washington D.C., OFB will host Monthly Member Briefings via Zoom.

These hour-long meetings will feature OFB staff, and sometimes special guest officials, giving need-to-know updates about the most pressing issues facing Farm Bureau members, with plenty of time for questions.

Voting Farm Bureau members, please mark your calendars for the following briefing dates:

Friday, March 24th at 7:00 am
Friday, April 28th at 7:00 am
Friday, May 26th at 7:00 am
Friday, June 23rd at 7:00 am

Get the zoom link here: oregonfb.org/monthlybriefing



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