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Malheur County Farm Bureau donates $10K to county fairgrounds

Malheur County Farm Bureau presented $10,000 to the Malheur County Fairgrounds for the reconstruction of buildings that were destroyed during the record-breaking severe winter weather, including iconic Girvin Hall.

The funds originated from Scotts Miracle-Gro, which entrusted Malheur County Farm Bureau to distribute monies in a way most beneficial to residents in this rural part of southeast Oregon.

“The Malheur County Farm Bureau Board of Directors voted to give the entire sum to the Malheur County Fairgrounds so the funds could benefit the community at large,” said Jeana Hall, president of Malheur County Farm Bureau.

“So many of us in Malheur County have used the fairgrounds through 4-H, FFA, Farm Bureau, the county fair, and other events. It’s part of our culture and our heritage. We felt it was important to help rebuild those facilities as soon as possible,” said Hall.

Malheur County Fair Manager Lynelle Christiani said, “The Malheur County Fair Board is so grateful to have received this donation from Malheur County Farm Bureau for $10,000. The level of our appreciation may be beyond words. The Fair Board and I realize that the Malheur County Fairgrounds is not everyone’s priority, and we are so touched when someone steps up and helps out. It gives us the boost we need to keep going on this uphill journey we’re facing. This donation allows the Fair Board to breathe easier. It will allow us to fully focus on preparing for fair and not just the financial wreckage created by the winter storms.”

The donation was presented to the Fair Board by Malheur County Farm Bureau on June 19. The funds will be dedicated solely to the reconstruction of buildings that were destroyed during the winter.

“We thank Scotts Miracle-Gro for generously contributing the funds used to make this happen and for entrusting Malheur County Farm Bureau to decide where the money would be best spent,” said Hall. “We look forward to the day when Malheur County Fairgrounds will be
repaired and back to doing a great job of serving our community."

PHOTO: Malheur County Farm Bureau President Jeana Hall (left) presented Malheur County Fair Manager Lynelle Christiani (middle) and Fair Board Chair Shad Hansen (right) $10,000 for the reconstruction of buildings that were destroyed during the severe winter storms.

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The state’s largest general farm organization, Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization representing the interests of the state’s farmers and ranchers in the public and policymaking arenas. First established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties and has nearly 7,000 member families that are professionally engaged in agriculture.