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Harney County’s Johnson Earns Outstanding County Farm Bureau Secretary Award

December 22, 2017, PENDLETON, OREGON: Gabrielle Johnson of Harney County Farm Bureau, was honored with the 2017 Outstanding County Farm Bureau Secretary Award on December 7 during the 85th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Annual Meeting in Pendleton. The award was presented by Harney County Farm Bureau President Rusty Inglis.

The Outstanding County Secretary Award recognizes effort and dedication above and beyond the normal duties of a secretary serving a County Farm Bureau.

“I am very honored to recognize Gabrielle with this award,” said Harney County Farm Bureau President Rusty Inglis. “Her dedication and hard work benefit Harney County Farm Bureau in so many ways.”

Johnson juggles not only the many duties of Harney County Farm Bureau secretary — which in her case includes preparing reports, taking board minutes, responding to emails, organizing mailings, receiving scholarship applications, handling meeting logistics, among other essential tasks — but she also serves as the organization’s treasurer.

Thanks to her attention to detail, Johnson keeps Harney County Farm Bureau fiscally sound and on budget by keeping a close eye on financial transactions, paying the bills, presenting regular financial reports to the board, and tending to the bank accounts as if they were her own, said Inglis.

“In fact, Gabrielle does such an excellent job in so many capacities, some of us refer to her as ‘the county president in disguise,’” said Inglis.

On top of her work for Farm Bureau, Johnson is a volunteer at her church, secretary for Harney County Little League, and is coordinator for the High Desert Youth Range Camp, as well as the Science in the Sagebrush Steppe College Range Camp.

“Gabrielle believes in supporting youth, she believes in her community, and she believes in Farm Bureau,” said Inglis.

Above all this, Johnson is a caring mother and a loving wife.
PHOTO: The 2017 Outstanding County Farm Bureau Secretary Award went to Gabrielle Johnson of Harney County Farm Bureau. The award was presented by Harney CFB President Rusty Inglis (left) and OFB Membership Comm. Chair Logan Kerns (right).

See press releases of all awards given at the 2017 OFB Annual Meeting: http://bit.ly/2CXEoMx

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Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is a grassroots, nonpartisan, nonprofit, general farm organization representing the interests of farming and ranching families in the public and policymaking arenas. First established in Oregon in 1919, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties and has 7,000 farm and ranch family members.

Oregon Farm Bureau President Barry Bushue is a third-generation farmer raising a variety of vegetables and berries at a nearly century-old farm near Boring, Oregon. He is OFB’s 15th president.