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Multnomah County Farm Bureau Wins State Award

Multnomah County Farm Bureau was honored with the 2019 County Farm Bureau Action Award on Dec. 12, 2019, during the 87th Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) Convention at the Salishan Resort in Gleneden Beach.

“This year, the award recognizes a proactive grassroots effort by Multnomah County Farm Bureau to bridge the urban/rural divide by developing a relationship with a new state legislator,” said Mary Anne Brady, chair of the OFB Membership & Recognition Committee.

In 2018, Oregon House District 52 got a new state representative when Rep. Anna Williams was elected.

Because so much of public policy directly impacts families who work in agriculture, it was important for Farm Bureau members in the district to connect with the freshman legislator.

Multnomah County Farm Bureau members reached out to Rep. Williams, met with her and her staff in Salem, and hosted her on a farm tour in her district — all the while answering the representative’s questions about how and why farmers and ranchers do what they do in terms of growing food and other ag products, taking care of the land, and striving to keep multigenerational farms vital, viable, and sustainable.

“Because of this effort, Multnomah County Farm Bureau members have established a foundation of mutual trust and respect with Rep. Williams and others they’ve connected with at the state capitol. We applaud them for participating in the legislative process and for sharing the story of agriculture so effectively,” said Brady.

PHOTO 1: Multnomah County Farm Bureau President Larry Bailey accepted the 2019 Oregon Farm Bureau County Farm Bureau Action Award from outgoing OFB President Sharon Waterman on Dec. 12, 2019, during the 87th OFB Convention.


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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 at the county level in 1919 and the state level in 1932, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 counties.

Oregon Farm Bureau President Barb Iverson, elected on Dec. 12, 2019, comes from a multigenerational family farm from Woodburn, raising industrial hemp, grass seed, squash, vetch seed, hazelnuts, wine and table grapes, and operating the Wooden Shoe Tulip Festival, which attracts over 160,000 visitors each year.