

OREGON WOMEN FOR AG "LET 'ER BUCK"

This year's September Board Meeting was hosted by the Eastern Oregon Chapter in Pendleton, Oregon at the 113th Pendleton Roundup!

Friday morning came bright and early with breakfast at the VFW Outdoor Cowboy Breakfast where we enjoyed bluegrass music and chatting with friends. Mid-morning brought us to downtown Pendleton to board our wagon for the Westward Ho! Parade. The parade route had rows of onlookers sometimes 4 rows deep! We handed out Playdough and sour straws with labels describing what crop is used to make them.

After the parade we headed to the annual Governors Luncheon hosted by the Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition. State Representative Cliff Bentz was the keynote speaker. The loudest of the Roundup traditions occurred at 1:15 pm as the navy jets did a fly over across the Roundup Grounds.

Our Board Meeting was held at the Blue Mountain Community College campus with our guest



OWA members pose with Happy Canyon Princesses. Left to right: Debbie Burns, Sarah Puls, Bethany Woodall, Gina Gray, Princess Lauren, Princess Layla, Gina Tyhius, Kathy Ferge, Grayson Wallis, Josie Miles

speaker John Burt from Farmers Ending Hunger. The mission of the organization is to eliminate hunger in Oregon by increasing the amount of high-quality food available to hungry local communities through a partnership of farmers, food processors, Oregon Food Bank and the public. He described how farmers donate portions of their crops to the organization and the process it takes to get the Food Bank.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and we hope everyone can join us next year during the second full week of September!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



SARAH PULS STATE PRESIDENT president@owaonline.org

Hello everyone, I hope you all had a great summer I know I am ready for fall! For the first time the OWA state board took July and August off from our normal monthly board meetings. This was a nice break and a good change for our association.

The highlight this past quarter was being able to come together in Pendleton for our September state board meeting hosted by Eastern Oregon chapter. We participated in the Westward Ho! Parade, attended the Governors luncheon hosted by Eastern Oregon Women's Collation, and held our September board meeting at Blue Mountain Community College.

Thank you to Eastern Oregon Chapter and all their members who organized this and hosted those who made it from across the state. I encourage you all to put this meeting on your calendar for next year, it a great way to meet our Eastern Oregon chapter members in person and hear about all the great things they are doing for our organization.

Let' er Buck! ~Sarah

OWA is seeking a **Public Relations** Committee chairperson!

If you have an interest in public relations and love Oregon agriculture, this is a great position for you! This committee has a nice budget and just needs the right person to lead it!

If interested, please contact Sarah Puls at president@owaonline.org

OWA Photo Contest

Do you take lots of pictures of your farm, animals, and crops? Three winners will be chosen and the top photo will be mounted on canvas and sold in the 2025 OWA Auction. Honorable mentions will also be displayed at the auction.

Photos should be submitted a description. Contact Kristi Miller with questions.

SEND SUBMISSIONS TO with name, address, email, and MILLERK@DSWEBNET.COM **BY NOVEMBER 1.**

OWA WELCOMED 4 NEW MEMBERS DURING THE LAST QUARTER. JOIN US IN WELCOMING THESE WOMEN TO **OUR ORGANIZATION.**

> **CENTRAL OREGON** Heather Honeywell

> **EASTERN OREGON Rylie Strokes Grayson Wells**

> **LINN-BENTON** Lindsay Westbrook

OWA AWARD NOMINATIONS

Each year, OWA recognizes two individuals who have made an incredible impact on the organization and/or the agricultural industry.

LEAVEN AWARD

The LEAVEN award recognizes those who have faithfully served OWA and have positively influenced the organization and its members.

SERVICE TO AG AWARD

This award seeks to recognize an individual outside of the organization who has been committed to advocated for and promoting agriculture.

Email <u>info@owaonline.org</u> for nomination forms.

Nominations due January 17 via chapter presidents.



Bottom Row Left to Right: Bethany Woodall, Josie Miles, Gina Tyhius, Grayson Wallis Top Row Left to Right: Gina Gray, Kathy Ferge, Debbie Burns, Sarah Puls, Dawn Alexander, Carole Richard

First Auction Meeting

The first auction meeting will be held on Monday, October 14 at 6 pm via Zoom. Email Bethany Woodall for more information or to ensure you are on notification email lists for meetings this year, <u>EasternOregonOWA@gmail.com</u>

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Please contact your chapter president for the most up to date information on upcoming chapter meetings.

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CHAPTER UPDATES FROM ACROSS THE STATE

CENTRAL OREGON

Our chapter has been very active this season! We have been participating in the First Thursday event in Madras. Our booth has been popular with people asking great questions about local crops, picking up our new stickers and the kids answering ag trivia questions for a prize!

We spent 4 days at the Jefferson County Fair partnering with the Tri-County Cattlewomen. It was great to connect with the community! We passed out beef jerky, licorice and mini-sized Play-Doh. Our 2024 t-shirts, kitchen towels and our new stickers were popular. Carole, Heather, and Dawn attended the Oregon State Fair to work in the OWA booth. After our shift, it was such a nice treat to get an ice cream cone from the Oregon Dairy Women! Speaking of t-shirts, we have a new



2025 design and color! Check out the order form located on <u>page 13</u> of this newsletter! We are looking forward to working with a local FFA Chapter, and working on gaining new members.

Dawn Alexander Central Oregon Chapter Member



Central Oregon Chapter's display at the Jefferson County Fair.

EASTERN OREGON

The Eastern Oregon Chapter has spent the summer working on our scholarship fundraiser and preparing to host the state meeting at the Pendleton Round-Up.

This year's prize is an Ironwood XL BBQ from Traeger. The grill is newly redesigned and is fully insulated. It comes with pellets, utensil set, cooler from Lockwood Potato, and a \$100 gift certificate to Hines Meat company in Pendleton, OR. All of the items in our prize pack were donated so all of the proceeds from our raffle will be able to go to next year's scholarships. If you would like to purchase a \$20 ticket please email Bethany at <u>EasternOregonOWA@gmail.com</u>.

The drawing will be held during our annual Chapter Social at the Echo Corn Maze on October 18th. You do not have to be present to win.

Bethany Woodall Eastern Oregon Chapter President

LINN-BENTON

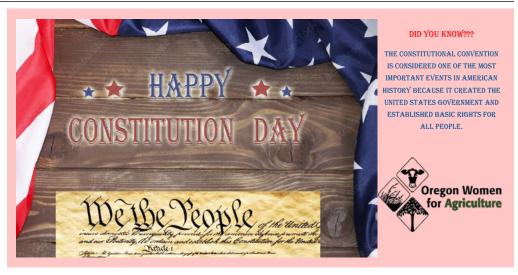
Linn Benton had an eventful summer filled with activities that highlighted their ongoing commitment to supporting and promoting agriculture in Oregon. Although there was no formal meeting in July, the organization made the most of the season with several key events and contributions.

The summer kicked off with a successful May social, which saw a fantastic turnout. We were excited to learn more about the summer Ag Institute and honor Bob Schroeder with the Oregon Women for Agriculture Service to Ag award. Members gathered to connect, share ideas, and strengthen their community bonds. The energy and enthusiasm at the social set a positive tone for the months ahead.

In July, our chapter upheld the cherished tradition of awarding herdsmanship honors at the Linn County Fair. The "Golden Broom" awards, which recognize excellence in animal care and presentation, were once again sponsored by LBOWA. This long-standing tradition is a testament to the organization's fostering good dedication to practices and encouraging youth agriculture. involvement in

August was another busy month, with OWA members actively participating in the Oregon State Fair. They hosted a booth, engaging with fairgoers to share information about the importance of agriculture in Oregon. In addition, members also lent a helping hand by serving in the Oregon Dairy Women's booth.

As the cooler months approach, LBOWA looks forward to continuing



Part of the newspaper spread which celebrated Constitution Day in the Polk County Itemizer-Observer.

its mission of advocating for agriculture and supporting the agricultural community across the state.

Kjer Kizer Linn-Benton Chapter Vice President

POLK

We continued to meet monthly throughout the summer, on the second Monday of the Month at Westside Pacific Family Restaurant in Rickreall.

Chapter members distributed OWA coloring sheets at the Dallas Farmers Market and other local farm stands throughout the summer and fall months.

On September 12th we held a Stop the Bleed class at OSU Extension in Dallas with 13 participants!

We collaborated with the Polk County Itemizer-Observer on a two-page spread that celebrates Constitution Day, which is Tuesday, September 17th. It included several articles including a Kid's Outline of the Charters of Freedom and a coloring contest page for kids that ends on Thanksgiving. We reached out to local businesses to help us pay for the ad and have joined the Dallas Chamber of Commerce. We hope that being a member will bring new opportunities.

Our next project will be the Festival of Trees. Watch for more details in our next update!

Diann Washburn Polk Chapter President



Stop the Bleed class hosted by Polk County Chapter.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Tami Kerr, Chair, Linn-Benton

Eastern Oregon - Kathy Ferge Lane County – Jenny Hitner and Marie Bowers Marion-Clackamas – Tricia Chastain Polk – Diann Washburn and Kathy Hadley Yamhill – Tara Lomacz and Helle Ruddenklau At Large – Abby Fitts OWA Exec Committee - Jenny Hitner

At the federal level, the Legislative Committee signed on to support a bipartisan Farm Bill Coalition letter and an ESA risk assessment reform letter. As a stakeholder group, we joined efforts to request EPA improve its process for assessing potential risks that pesticides may pose to endangered species and their critical habitats.

At the state level, OWA joined a large coalition to oppose Ballot Measure 118. It will be on the ballot in November and, if approved, would be one of the most drastic tax changes in Oregon history.

Labeled as the "Oregon Rebate," Measure 118 would be a new 3% gross receipts tax (a tax on sales rather than income) on corporations with Oregon sales exceeding \$25 million. The state would collect the There are open positions on the Legislative Committee for Central Oregon and the Columbia Gorge Chapters. Let <u>Tami Kerr</u> know if you are interested in serving your chapter in this capacity!

Decisions are often time sensitive. Committee members need to be responsive to emails and decisive. Different points of view are welcome however, decisions need to be based on OWA's Approved Policy Positions.

tax — estimated at \$6.8 billion per year — and send each Oregonian, regardless of age or income, a \$1,600 check.

Measure 118 would reduce available funding for schools and other essential services. Governor Kotek, Democratic and Republican legislative leaders and labor unions all oppose Measure 118.

When sales are taxed, consumers face higher prices. There's no such thing as free money, and there's no guarantee anyone gets their "rebate." Future legislatures could amend this law at any time, use the money for something else, or increase the tax rate.

Visit <u>NOonMeasure118.com</u> to learn more about the effort to defeat this costly tax on sales. AG-PAC has been very active this summer. Over the course of two days, approximately 25 candidates seeking endorsements and contributions from Oregon's natural resource sector were interviewed. The interviews covered a range of topics, including land use, agricultural overtime, water, transportation, the Corporate Activity Tax (CAT), and Measure 118. OWA was represented by Tami Kerr, Diann Washburn and Jenny Hitner.

Educate yourself on the upcoming November 5 election – ballot measures and candidates running for office at the local, state, and federal level. Consider making a financial contribution to the candidates you support.

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2024 OREGON STATE FAIR

By Pam Toews, Linn-Benton

Thank you to all who volunteered in our OWA booth at the 2024 Oregon State Fair. Over 40 members, relatives and friends manned the booth during the fair. It was a wonderful success and we were able to share so much information with attendees.

This year we updated the volunteer information for those who manned the booth and created a notebook with detailed information on the Oregon products featured in the seed identification game which was fun and often challenging for both kids and adults. We offered OWA pencils, coloring books, vegetable and flower seed packets and a variety of OWA and animal stickers—something for everyone.

Several attendees expressed an interest in membership and a few farmers asked about how to arrange for a crop ID sign.

Again, thank you to all who helped, and we look forward to 2025 Oregon State Fair.

Oregon State Fair 2024 Committee: Barb Hauge, Kristi Miller, Pam Toews, Betty Jo Smith.



Linn-Benton members Pam Toews, Betty Jo Smith and Debbie Prouty.



Linn-Benton member Cheryl Ray engages fairgoers with a seed identification game, an activity enjoyed by children and adults alike.



Members from Central Oregon, from left to right, Dawn Alexander, Carole Richard and Heather Honeywell made the trip to Salem for a shift.



Lane member AshlyAnn Lemhouse in the booth.

BACK TO SCHOOL FOR OREGON AITC

By Jade Davidson, Oregon AITC & Linn-Benton



Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom is excited to ring in the new school year with two new staff members, Hanna Van De Walle

and Anita Spaeth. Hanna, who is a former intern of Agriculture in the Classroom, joins us as the Education Programs Coordinator. Anita, who has a background in environmental and arts education, joins us as the Washington County Programs Coordinator. Please reach out and welcome our new team members!



Hanna VanDeWalle, Education Programs Coordinator



Anita Spaeth, Washington County Programs Coordinator

Programs Overview

We had a busy summer full of agriculture, of course! We attended both Summer Agriculture Institute in Corvallis as well as Cultivating the Next Generation in Medford. We enjoyed connecting with new teachers and sharing about our work in promoting agricultural literacy.

We launched our 2024-2025 calendar with our annual calendar art reception at the Oregon State Fair. Nine of the 13 calendar art winners joined us for this special event, each sharing what they learned about Oregon agriculture. If you would like a copy of this year's calendar, head over to our website to order yours today: <u>oregonaitc.org/calendar/</u>.

We are excited to start up our programming again! This month, we are offering two workshops and even a popcorn virtual field trip featuring Sun Gold Farm in Forest Grove. Later this fall, we'll be offering other exciting opportunities in partnership with the Dairy and Beef Councils. And, we are also working on our 2025 Literacy Project.

This past year, we reached over 900 classrooms and almost 20,000 students! Thank you Oregon Women for Agriculture members for your volunteer efforts. We could not have done this without you!

Annual Fall Harvest Dinner

We are excited to host our annual Fall Harvest Dinner and Auction at the CH2M Hill Alumni Center at Oregon State on October 26, 2024! This year, we have ten awesome sponsors as well as tremendous continued support from Oregon Women for Agriculture. Thank you all for your generosity toward our program! For additional information, please visit our website at <u>oregonaitc.org/</u> <u>fall-harvest-dinner/</u>. This is sure to be a fun-filled night – we hope to see you there!

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Oregon

and Fields & Forests Gala

Thursday, November 7th , 2024

We have been busy making plans for the upcoming annual OFS Conference. It will be held on Thursday, November 7th at the Salem Convention Center. Here's what we have confirmed so far:

- Implementing EPA's Workplan to Protect Threatened and Endangered Species: Implications for Agriculture - Dr. Rebecca Haynie, CropLife America
- How to comply with new EPA regulations on Endangered Species: Bulletins Live Two Training -Dr. Dani Lightle, Oregonians for Food & Shelter
- Shaping the Future of Oregon's Crops: New Research Developments in Plant Biotechnology at Oregon State University - Dr. Beth Rowan, Oregon State University
- Oregon Department of Agriculture Insights: Updates on Pesticide and Water Quality Program Efforts -Isaak Stapleton, Oregon Department of Agriculture
- Sowing Seeds of Truth: Misinformation on Pesticide Use Harms Natural Resources - Dr. Andrea Love, Immunologic
- Policy Panel: Issues coming in 2025 impacting natural resource industries - Panel moderated by Rocky Dallum, Tonkon Torp

You will leave this conference with new information and a glimpse of the future - and we will be seeking a variety of recertification and education credits as well.

The Fields and Forests Gala begins as the conference concludes with a reception and dinner, and an opportunity to engage further with other OFS members.

Tickets are available for only the Conference, or only the Gala, but we hope you'll seize the opportunity and join us for the full day and evening with a combo ticket! Don't miss this chance to engage with colleagues from across the natural resource sector and make new connections with professionals who share common goals.

Tickets and sponsorships are available until October 31st. Here's the link to the Conference site: https://ofsonline.ejoinme.org/2024

We look forward to seeing you in November!

Katie, Diann & Dani



OWA SIGMA ALPHA SCHOLARSHIP

Lauren Henkens an Oregon State University senior was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from OWA this past summer. Members of the Oregon State University Sigma Alpha Agriculture Sorority entering their senior year were eligible to apply.

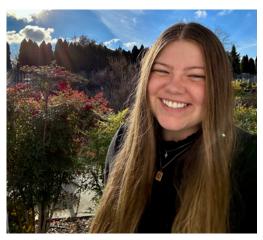
Lauren is originally from Wilton, California and is pursuing a degree in Agriculture and Food Business Management.

Selection for the winner of this scholarship was based on applicants' essay response to the question "What is one of the biggest challenges you see in agriculture today and what is your vision for meeting that challenge?" Read on for Lauren's response.

Climate change presents one of the biggest and most urgent challenges in agriculture today due to its significant environmental impact. This includes not only changing weather patterns but also a rise in extreme weather events and shifts in growing seasons, all of which have the potential to severely impact crop yields and livestock productivity. In a recent research paper that I conducted, I delved into the impact of climate change on the wine industry. What I found was extremely concerning. One of the main issues identified was the shifting weather patterns affecting long-established growing regions With the worldwide. climate progressively growing warmer and wetter, the traditional areas for growing certain wine grape varietals are struggling to maintain

their output levels and the quality of their crops. Additionally, the wine industry is being adversely affected by worsening wildfires, which not only result in the direct loss of crops but also impact crop quality and yields due to smoke exposure. It's crucial to note that it's not just the wine industry experiencing these issues; climate change is impacting the entire agriculture industry at large. This requires everyone involved to adapt and alter their standard practices to account for the changing weather patterns differing climate and events.

My vision for addressing this challenge is to raise awareness about the impact of climate change on the agriculture industry and to help farmers and ranchers adapt their practices to cope with these changes. The agriculture industry is the backbone of our society, and I believe it's crucial to support the individuals and businesses that contribute to it. I envision creating educational campaigns, organizing utilizing events. and digital platforms to spread knowledge about the effects of climate change providing agriculture. on By resources and guidance on sustainable farming practices, I aim to empower farmers and ranchers to make informed decisions for the future of their businesses and the planet. In addition to education, I am passionate about helping farmers and ranchers market their products effectively. These hardworking individuals often face challenges in promoting their businesses while managing the day-to-day demands of agricultural work. I want to assist



Lauren Henkens, 2024 OWA Scholarship Recipient

them in developing marketing strategies and connecting with potential partners and customers, allowing them to focus on their core expertise. As I pursue a career in marketing for an agribusiness, I aim to advocate for the industry's current challenges and inform people about how they can support sustainable agriculture. I also plan to work on initiatives that help agribusinesses and the industry as a whole adapt to climate change by identifying and implementing effective solutions. Transparency is key in building trust and support for the agriculture industry. I intend to keep the public, and customers informed about the actions being taken by the industry and agribusinesses to address climate change and other challenges, fostering a sense of accountability and collaboration. By combining my passion for marketing and advertising with my dedication to the agriculture industry, I am excited to play a part in creating positive change and shaping a resilient and sustainable future for farmers, ranchers, and our global food system.

\$500 Thornton FFA Collegiate Scholarships

Are you a former Oregon FFA member majoring in agriculture at an Oregon college?

Several \$500 undergraduate & Ag. Ed. Master's scholarships are available for spring term.

Check out this great scholarship opportunity on the Oregon FFA website. <u>https://oregonffa.com/scholarships-2/</u>

Applications are due February 4, 2025.



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to work the OWA booth at the Willamette Valley Ag Expo November 12th through 14th and the Linn County Expo Center. Assistance is needed with setup on the 11th as well.

Click the link below or scan the QR code to access the sign up form.

SIGN UP HERE





The summer months were busy with fair booths in Clatsop and Douglas counties. Union county held their 23rd Annual Benchwarmer's golf classic to raise funds for their chapter. Lane county participated in the Philomath Frolic and the Landing chapter managed two weekends at the end of July and first weekend in August, at the Great Oregon Steamup in Brooks.

The Portland and Douglas County chapters are each holding their own social event this month and plans are underway for our annual auction in February.

OWIT's Talk About Trees program ended the school year teaching over 61,000 participants. Our contract with OFRI was renewed for another two years and we plan to hire 2-3 new facilitators.

October is Forest Products Month. OWIT will celebrate with radio ads, television ads with KEZI, movie theater ads, and distributing coffee sleeves and coasters with fun forest facts printed on them. It's a month long celebration to bring awareness on how we use our forests.

For more information about OWIT and TAT please visit OWIT's website at <u>www.orwit.org</u>, on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

Diann Washburn OWIT State Treasurer



OTHER AGRICULTURE YOUTH MINI GRANT PROGRAM

Applications due October 15!



Non-profit Organizations

Clubs and Youth Program

Non-profit Organizations

Eligible entities and projects must:

- Be agriculturally related projects or initiatives
- Benefit students, student organizations, nonprofit organizations, classrooms, clubs, etc.
- Be located within the state of Oregon
- Directly benefit youth (up through college-age)
- Align with Oregon Women for Agriculture's mission "Working Together to Communicate the Story of Today's Agriculture"

Timeline Application Deadline: October 15, 2024

Projects must be planned for completion anytime between January 1, 2025 and September 1, 2025

Application and Additional Information

Visit <u>owaonline.org/mini-grant</u> for complete application and program information including previous recipient summaries.



For more information: owaonline.org/mini-grant oregonwomen@gmail.com

OWA T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE NOW

Oregon Women for Agriculture t-shirts are available through the Central Oregon Chapter. There are two designs to choose from. Shirts cost \$20 each plus shipping. See the next page for the order form and contact information.

Orders due October 31!



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OREGON WOMEN FOR AGRICULTURE • FOUNDED IN 1969

OWA seeks to help educate the public about issues critical to agriculture. We look to stay active in legislative issues important to ag and natural resources, promote OWA and agriculture through social media, involve our members in committees and events, and support ag education programs that promote awareness to both children and adults.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our organization, please see the form on the next page.

OUR PURPOSE

- To educate and inform our members and the public about the importance of agriculture to the economy and to the environment.
- To engage all facets of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns.
- To do everything possible to see that agricultural interests are heard and dealt with fairly.
- To support and encourage research that will benefit agriculture.

WHO WE ARE

- Individuals from all walks of life who realize the importance of agriculture.
- Teachers, students, professionals, farmers, ranchers, business owners, and more.
- Caring farmers and farm families who manage our land wisely to contribute to America's bountiful food supply.
- Working tirelessly on the issues that concern agriculture.

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Upcoming OWA State Board Meetings

OCTOBER 18- YAMHILL DECEMBER 6- MARION/CLACKAMAS

Contact info@owaonline.org to request more info for each meeting or visit the members area of the website.

Upcoming	Events
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- October 15- Youth Mini Grant Applications Due
- October 18- State Board Meeting
- November 1- Photo Contest Entries Due
- November 12-14- Willamette Valley Ag Expo, Albany
- November 14-17- AAW National Convention Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
- December 6- State Board Meeting/Budget Meeting
- December 15- Winter Cultivator Content Deadline

For a full calendar of upcoming events and meetings visit <u>owaonline.org/events.</u>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OWA State Convention Febrauary 13-15, 2025 at the Salem Convention Center

OWA Membership Application

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