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Boshart Trucking
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Tangent**

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**February 21 • Oregon Women in Timber, Talk About Tree auction,
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**April 21st • OWA Auction/Dinner - 4pm
Linn County Fairgrounds**

**March 2nd-3rd • EOWA Tractor Driving Class
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Oregon Women Bring Home Awards



President's Award recipients



Ag Day 365 recipients



OWA Attendees

At the American Agri-Women convention Nov 15-18th, 2017, Oregon Women for Agriculture won First Place for Most New Members plus 2nd Place for Most Members. Several OWA Members were recognized for contributions to AAW. Additionally, three members of the Oregon affiliate Kristi Miller, Mallory Phelan and Arwen McGilvra were honored for their part in the Ag Day 365 campaign. Ag Day 365 was a yearlong advocacy initiative started by American Agri-Women during the 2016 National Convention and formally kicked-off at National Ag Day

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President's Corner

President, Debbie Crocker

Happy New Year!! 2018 promises to be another great year for Oregon Women for Agriculture. Our members have completed projects in 2017 and are busy planning to educate the public about Oregon agriculture in their local communities in 2018.

The October State board meeting was hosted by the wonderful ladies of the Eastern Oregon chapter at the Northwest Farm Credit Office in Pendleton. The December State board meeting was at the Capital Press in Salem. The Annual meeting was very productive. Dona Coon was approved funding to set up a permanent OWA display at the Antique Powerland Museum, very exciting! Helle Ruddenklau, Mary Hood and Katie Glaser make up the committee reviewing the OWA By-Laws, Position Statements and Policy Statements. They will present their recommended updates at the January 19th State Board meeting. Plan on attending if you would like to give input.

The AITC Fall Festival Dinner, was a fun evening raising funds for AITC. It was great to see so many OWA members there supporting AITC. The OWA booth at the Northwest Ag Expo was successful. Aglink hosted Denim and Diamonds which continues to recognize those who go above and beyond to advocate for agriculture. Oregon Women in Timber (OWIT) auction is February 21st in Eugene.

OWA was well represented at the AAW 2017 National Convention in November at Bloomington, Minnesota, 10 members, including myself, networked and enjoyed the Minnesota Agri-Women hospitality. The 2018 AAW convention is at Springfield, Illinois, November 14-18th, and promises to be just as informative and enriching as this year.

The position of State Vice-President, currently being served by Helle Ruddenklau, will be open when she becomes President at the OWA State Convention in February. If you are interested in serving as OWA Vice-President, please let me know soon.

2018 OWA convention, Connecting Women Leaders, in Astoria, February 15-17th, 2018, is fast approaching. The Yamhill County chapter has organized interesting tours and guest speakers. It is a great opportunity to visit with women leaders from other natural resource industries. Remember to book your room before Jan. 15th.

OWA First Vice-President Position Opening

Are you interested in being more involved with Oregon Women for Agriculture? Here is your opportunity to be part of the OWA leadership team! The position of First Vice President on the State Board is open for nominations.

The First Vice President serves for two years under the President before moving into the office of President herself. Plus, in the absence or disability of the president, or upon her request, the First Vice President shall serve in her stead. Her duties shall include that of program chair of special events. If you are interested please contact Debbie Crocker.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Stefanie Suess, Junction City • Lane County Chapter

Amy Kaser, The Dalles • Columbia Gorge Chapter

Jenny Hitner, Shedd • Lane County Chapter

Meghan Tuttle, Eugene • Lane County Chapter

Marvie Tish, Junction City • Lane County Chapter

Kathryn Ferge, Echo • Eastern Oregon Chapter

OWA is fortunate to be the host of the 2019 AAW National Convention, November 7-9th @ the Embassy Suites in Tigard. All members are encouraged to be involved with the planning, "Many hands make light work". The first planning meeting is January 5th and the next meeting is February 15th at the State Convention. Let me know if you are interested in helping.

The 2018 OWA Auction is coming up and we need everyone to collect donations, personally donate and volunteer time and energy. OWA has important projects that we fund. All the funding comes from the auction. Get involved now, then all you need to do is buy your dinner tickets and know you did your part. Send your donation slips ASAP. We need you.

Our members are a great group with skills and positive outlook. As you read through the Cultivator, it is obvious that we are making a difference. Thank You!! Wishing you and your family good health, happiness, success and prosperity in the coming year!

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Oregon Women for Agriculture • 1969-2017

OWA defines a family farm as: a form of business enterprise in which the entrepreneurial decisions are made by a family engaged in the production of food, feed, fiber, fuel, forest products and/or flora for profit, which provides a major source of income and capital for reinvestment.

OWA Goals:

- To educate and inform the membership and the public about the importance of agriculture to the economy and to the environment.
- To engage all phases of Oregon agriculture having mutual concerns.
- To communicate the story of today's agriculture.
- To do everything possible to see that agricultural interests are heard and dealt with fairly.
- To support and encourage research that will benefit agriculture. OWA defines sustainable agriculture as using farm practices and resources that produce safe, high quality food and other products for America and the world resulting in profitable operations that improve the land and environment for future generations.

CHAPTER MEETING DATES AND INFORMATION

Central Oregon: 1st Monday, Noon
@ NW Farm Credit Services, Redmond
Every other month:
Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec
President: Jessica Hanna
541.408.5232 • auntjessa@hotmail.com

Lane: First Friday, 8:15 am,
@ Citizens Bank, Junction City
Every other month October - June
President: Sarah Fay
541.736.2021 • sfay@citizensbank.com

Linn-Benton: 2nd Tuesday, 6pm
President: Dona Coon
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Marion/Clackamas: 2nd Monday, Noon
@ NW Farm Credit Services,
Salem (N. of Costco).
No meetings in July and August
President: Mallory Phelan
541.990.9521 mallory@aglink.org

Polk: 2nd Monday, Noon
@ area restaurants
President: Diann Washburn
503-370-8092 • diann@ofsonline.org

Yamhill: 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
@ Citizens Bank, McMinnville
No meetings in July-Aug & Dec
President: Susie Kreder
503.864.2077 • bigal@onlinemac.com

Columbia Gorge: 2nd Tuesday, 5:30pm
@ Casa El Mirador, The Dalles
Jan, March, May, Sept & Dec
President: Cindy Brown
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Eastern Oregon: 2nd Tuesday, 6 pm
locations rotate between Umatilla
& Morrow counties.
President: Josie Miles
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To join OWA, mail application and dues to the address below.
Dues are \$45. per year for membership in OWA, AAW and your
county chapter, or as an at large member (where we don't have
county chapters). See membership form in this issue.

Mail correspondence to:
Oregon Women for Agriculture
630 Hickory Street, NW Suite 120; PMB 50
Albany, Oregon 97321
www.owaonline.org

What's happening around the State

Columbia Gorge

The Columbia Gorge chapter meet for a fall social on Wednesday, November 15 at Freebridge Brewery in The Dalles with 10 participants.

The fun started with everyone identifying the agricultural products in our pizza, beer, wine and water and noting that local grain is used in the pizza crust and beer!

Chapter members greeted potential new members and gave an overview of all the activities our chapter does and what OWA does at the state level, as well as an invitation for everyone to attend state convention in Astoria in February.

Our local newspaper, The Dalles Chronicle, recently interviewed chapter President Cindy Brown and Vice President Deanna Sudan for an upcoming feature on Oregon Women in Agriculture in a Farm & Ranch Special Edition.

In August 2018, our chapter will take over the steak feed at Dufur Vintage Days (formerly the Dufur Threshing Bee).

Our next meeting will be in January 2018.

Cindy Brown, President

Marion-Clackamas

Fall harvest has just flown by for the Marion-Clackamas ladies. We had the most successful pie card

fundraiser to date, selling more than 100 pies from Willamette Valley Pie Company! Thanks to their generosity, we're able to help further OWA's ag education outreach efforts. Thank you to all our members who sold and those who purchased from us!

We wrapped up our Oregon Trail Farms guide promotion for the year, which included a growing reach on our Facebook page to promote our participating farms. We had 13 farm stands in the greater Salem region in our guide this year and have already received inquiries from others after seeing our Facebook posts. A big shoutout to Lauren Olson and Beth Sell for spearheading this project in 2017. To learn more you can follow us on Facebook @OregonTrailFarms or visit www.oregontrailfarms.com.

This fall we began moving our meetings around our counties to various locations which included Wilco Headquarters and Capital Press in Salem. We most recently had our December social which included a potluck lunch and holiday crafts. Make sure to check the OWA website chapter page and chapter emails for locations in 2018.

We are sponsoring the SAIF Agri-Business Banquet dinner on January 19th and look forward to seeing many mid-valley folks there!

Something new we will be doing, following the lead of the State

Board, is funding up to 4 Marion-Clackamas members' registration fees for the 2018 OWA Convention in February! We're very excited to have many members attend and learn about seafood and forestry thanks to Yamhill County's planning. Please contact Chapter President Mallory Phelan at mallory@aglink.org if you've never been to Convention and are interested in attending.

It was certainly a big year for our chapter in 2017, which included planning the OWA Convention and State Fair booth. We are so grateful to all of our members who have actively contributed to the success of all our projects and events this year. Thank you for making it an amazing year!

Mallory Phelan, President

Polk County

Fall continued to be busy for the Polk county ladies! We reached out to Polk, Marion and Benton county high schools to encourage students to write an essay for our 2017 Constitutional Essay contest. As of today, we have received nine entries! A definite increase from past years. Prizes awarded will be \$250 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Also, each entry will receive a \$5 Dutch Bros card and a pocket Constitution. A bonus prize of a \$10 Dutch Bros. Card will be given to students that submit a creative meme on the Constitution to be

published on Facebook or other social media. Contest information and rules are available on the OWA website and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/PolkCountyWomenforAg.

In October, we were asked if we could help out with an educational booth about agriculture jobs for the Willamette Promise, Career Connect Expo at the Polk county fairgrounds. We agreed and our "Explore Opportunities in Agriculture" display board came in handy along with our brochures created for the fair detailing a few of the many jobs available in agriculture. Yamhill county OWA participated in a similar event a week later at the Yamhill county fairgrounds and used our display board and brochures too. Our group felt it was a positive event and looks forward to doing it again next year. Here's a picture Carol Marx, Arlene Kovash and Abby Fitts in front of our booth

In December we decided to skip

our monthly meeting and enjoy getting to know each other better with a Christmas Potluck at the home of Arlene Kovash. She treated us to a lesson in simple quilting with a demonstration on how to make your own mug rug (aka coaster). We had a great time!

In January we will make plans to help with the Mid-Valley Winter AgFest that takes place at the Polk County Fairgrounds on Saturday February 24th and Sunday February 25th. Polk OWA will manage a booth and is considering hosting a matinee showing of "Food Evolution" at the Polk County Fairgrounds the day before AgFest, on Friday February 23rd. Watch our website and facebook page for more details.

Mid-Valley Winter AgFest is a family friendly event with fun educational events for both kids and adults. Saturday Market Vendors and Local Farms will also be on hand to sell food and hand-

crafted products. Check out the website for more information <http://mvw-agfest.com/>

Polk OWA meets on the second Monday of each month at 11:30 AM at the Eola Inn, Rock n Rogers Restaurant in

west Salem. All are welcome to join us for lunch or just come for the meeting!

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to another awesome year in OWA!

Diann Washburn, President

Lane County

Lane County hosted our second annual Membership drive/social November 16th at Amici Italian Restaurant in Springfield. We had a wonderful night enjoying great food, good drinks and excellent conversation with ladies that are excited about Ag.

Dona Coon gave an overview of the activities on the State Level and the benefits and training OWA can offer. Angie Gibson talked about Ag in the Classroom and how we can make a difference in a child's life by teaching our youth about Agriculture. Our current members introduced themselves along with how they are related to Ag. We had 18 ladies attended (7 members and 11 guests) and have signed up 5 new members from this event.

Thank you to all the Lane County Members for your hard work in 2017. We are looking forward to starting 2018 working hard to gather items for the OWA Auction in April, planning our next fundraiser and getting volunteers and schools set up for Ag in the Classroom.

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Carol Marx, Arlene Kovash and Abby Fitts, Polk Co.

...Bring Home Awards

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in Washington D.C. Mrs. McGilvra was also honored with the organizations President's Award along with Lynn Woolf of Kansas. President Doris Mold, MN, remarked on the great amount of work McGilvra and Woolf did for the all-volunteer organization during the year, and thanked them for being "the wind beneath her wings". American Agri-Women is the nation's largest coalition of farm, ranch and agri-business women. American Agri-Women began in 1974 with members of Oregon Women for Agriculture and women from three other states joining together to create a national organization to represent women involved in agriculture and agri-business.

The "Ag Day is Every Day" campaign, or #AgDay365, is inspired by and builds on the important connections made between the

public and farm and ranch producers on National Ag Day, which is celebrated in March and organized by the Agriculture Council of America.

About American Agri-Women
American Agri-Women (AAW) promotes the welfare of our national security through a safe and reliable food, fiber and mineral supply. Since 1974, AAW members have worked together to educate consumers; advocate for agriculture; and offer networking and professional development opportunities. For more information, or to join, visit AmericanAgriWomen.org. Find AAW on social media at: facebook.com/AgriWomen and twitter.com/Women4Ag.

OWA to host the 2019 AAW National Convention

**November 7-9th
The Embassy Suites in Tigard**

Over 100 AAW women from around the US will be coming to Oregon for the 3 day convention.

Planning meeting:
February 15th- 3pm(1st day of OWA State Convention), Holiday Inn Express, Astoria.

If you are interested in helping, but unable to attend meetings, please contact Debbie Crocker-dcrocker@99w.us.

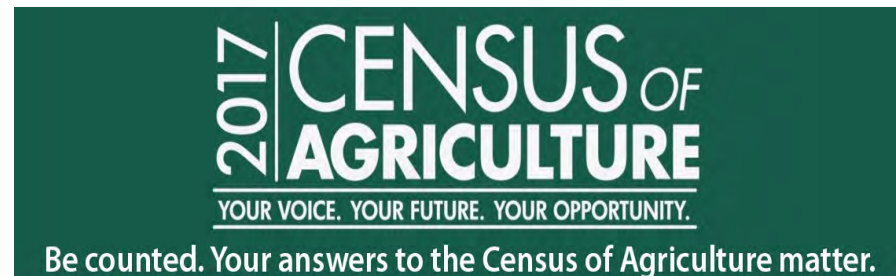
Around the State...

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I am happy to announce that our chapter is growing. We are up to 29 paid members going into 2018.

Lane County OWA meets on the first Friday, 8:15 am at Citizens Bank in Junction City. We meet every other month October - June We are trying an evening meeting starting January 18th for members that are not able to attend the Morning meetings.

Mary Howarth, Secretary



Attendees of the Lane County Membership Drive

Trucking in America - the ELD mandate

While it's been a long time coming, the ELD mandate implementation date was December 18, 2017. Most carriers and drivers will be required to have electronic logging devices installed and in-use by the time you are reading this.

What you need to know: The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued its final rule in December, 2015, requiring the use of Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) to record hours of service (HoS) for commercial drivers.

December 18, 2017: Use of ELDs is mandatory. FMCSA is directing all States begin enforcement of the ELD rule on December 18, 2017. At that time when inspectors discover an interstate driver who does not have an ELD when required, they will record a violation. There are NO Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) points associated with this violation. This violation will simply document the lack of a required ELD without accessing CSA points to the motor carrier. Drivers will not be placed out-of-service until April 1, 2018.

Many in Oregon who rely on agricultural exports, and moving their goods to international markets through the ports of Tacoma and Seattle, have reported issues with both the HoS and ELD mandates. Because of many rural farm and processing locations



*Courtesy of
Deanna Dyksterhuis, Historian*

Back in the day, newsprint and three television networks were the only way to communicate our story (other than exhibits at shopping malls which required lots of volunteers!).

OWA chapters prepared beautifully wrapped Baskets (baby items, food samples and OWA educational materials) for the first baby born on National Agriculture Day in their local hospitals. Always! a cute photo of mom and baby and an excellent story.

Our "Market Basket" was another successful communications tool. OSU economist Stan Miles figured the farmers' share of a full grocery cart. The chosen customer, grocery clerk and surrounding news people were astonished to discover the farmers' share was a very small percentage of the total grocery bill. Good visuals! Great story!

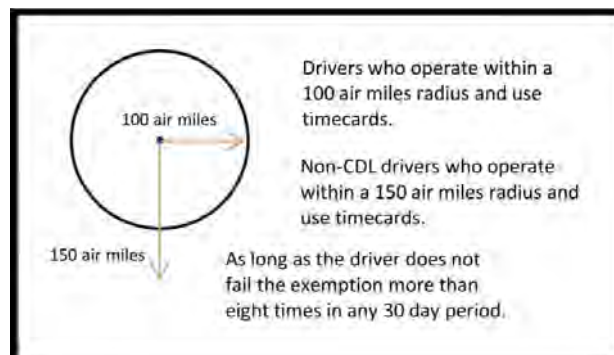
and their distance from nearest ports, falling within the HoS guidelines has been an almost daily struggle. The newest mandates of the ELD's have exasperated these struggles with their lack of flexibility for break times. Most terminals on the West Coast continue to have too-high turn times for drayage trucks. Drayage drivers are being held up at these terminals on a constant basis, and this in turn decreases the probability the truck driver returns to its destination within the HoS deadlines.

One idea I have come up with is to tell the story of the port truck driver. This story has been sent to AgTC (Agriculture Transportation Coalition) members, and will be sent to FMCSA asking for additional language to help the port-truck-driving industry specifically. If there are any ideas or comments, please contact Shelly at shelly@bosharttrucking.com.

Shelly Boshart Davis, Linn County

ELD Exemptions

See the story of a Port Truck Driver on page 14



**TEXT photos
to Jessica
Jansen
for the
website!
971-832-2096**

Oregon Ag in the Classroom

Apples to Oregon Selected as 2018 Literacy Book

Apples to Oregon: Being the (Slightly) True Narrative of How a Brave Pioneer Father Brought Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Grapes and Cherries (And Children) Across the Plains by Oregon author Deborah Hopkinson will be the 2018 featured book!

Apples to Oregon is a tall tale that celebrates the heroic journey of a pioneer family and their infant orchard over the long and often dangerous Oregon Trail.

The delightful illustrations and descriptive language are sure to capture the imaginations of students of all ages.

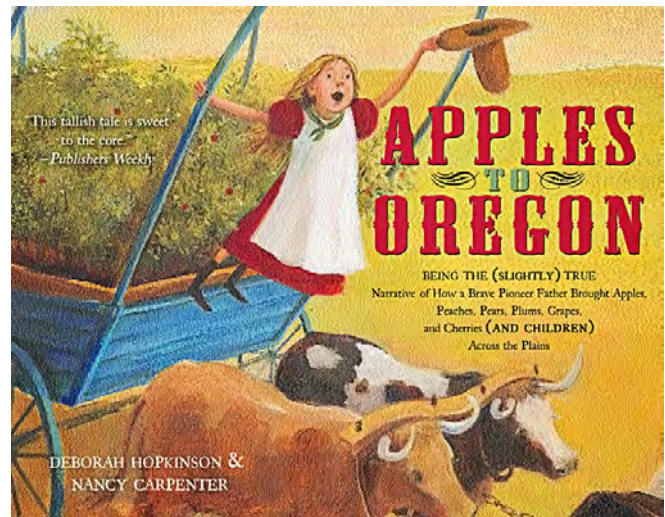
The book is based on the true story of Henderson Luelling, who in 1837 brought his family of ten, plus 700 of his best fruit trees and berry bushes, over the Oregon Trail to the Portland area. His was the first nursery in the state. This was Oregon AITC's 2009 Literacy Project book and has been a favorite among volunteers and teachers alike, we are excited to bring it back!

How the Literacy Project Works

AITC provides training to volunteers who contact local schools and set up time to visit and read to students in grades K-4. Volunteers then do a hands-on activity with student to reinforce the message of the book and share their personal connection to agriculture.

All the materials are free, completely prepared for volunteers and each classroom receives a copy of the book. There is no cost to volunteers or teachers. Start to finish, the program takes 45 minutes. Reading sessions run from March 5 - June 8, 2018.

Last spring, with the help of 740 volunteers, the project reached 22,295 students in 856 classrooms across the state.



Spring Volunteer Training - AITC staff will be host a training session for volunteers at this year's annual Oregon Women for Agriculture Convention. All members are invited to attend and learn more about the project. If you are interested in signing up to become a volunteer, visit the AITC website, give us a call or send Danielle Meyersick or myself and email. Videos and volunteer instruction information will be posted by mid-February!

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Auction News

We will host our 31st annual fundraiser "Oregon Agriculture: Good Things are Growing" on Saturday, April 21, 2018. Last year, over 1,000 people attended the event, and the funds raised by dinner ticket sales, raffle tickets, and silent and oral auction items are used to support the many projects of OWA.

The success of the auction is because of the members and volunteers that work together to make it happen.

Remember, as a member you collect the donations. Examples of successful items are: fishing or hunting trips, wine tastings, homemade goods, tickets to sporting events or concerts, art, crafts, gift certificates, etc.

Please collect donation items early and send a copy of your donation slip to Debbie at owaauction@gmail.com.

Next Meeting:
February 12th, 6:30 pm

Meetings will be held at Rock-n-Rogers at Farrol's Restaurant in Rickreall (just south of the Polk County Fairgrounds) starting at 6:30 pm.

**Auction
Planning
Meeting
Feb. 12th
6:30 pm**



2018 OWA State Convention

Please join us at the OWA State Convention in beautiful Astoria for a fun and informational weekend Thursday – Saturday, February 15-17, 2018.

It is with pleasure that Yamhill County Women for Agriculture invites you to attend the 2018 Oregon Women for Agriculture convention, Connecting Women Leaders. It will take place in scenic Astoria February 15-17, 2018.

Come see what the coast has to offer. Our tentative program will allow you to visit with women leaders from other natural resource industries, learn about shipping on the Columbia, listen to fishermen poetry, see why the OSU Seafood Lab has become a world leader in Surimi innovation and take a tour through a lumber mill.

This is in addition to the opportunity to visit with OWA mem-

bers from throughout the state, engage in good discussions during the Thursday evening town hall.

We ask each county to bring two door prizes and then join us in Astoria!

Cost: \$85
The Holiday Express & Suites,
204 W Marine Dr., Astoria, OR

Please call The Holiday Inn Express at 503-325-6222 to make your reservations as soon as possible. We have a block of rooms reserved through January 15th, 2018– let them know you are with OWA when you make the reservation. It is a busy weekend in Astoria, thus we have been warned that our members and attendees should not wait to book their hotel rooms! For further information please contact Teresa Smith at 503-472-1794.

Registration Form on page 12

Bayer Agvocate Training at National Convention

The Bayer Agvocate program is all about training people to amplify their voice and empower their future. "At Crop Science, a division of Bayer, our values run deep, as does our sense of responsibility and commitment to making our world a better place. We demonstrate this commitment every day by supporting modern agriculture, food production, and the innovation needed to feed a hungry world."

The Wednesday evening session of the American Agri-Women National Convention was a hand-on training for agvocates. Participants practiced giving an elevator speech, learned about bridging (bringing an off-topic question back to the key message), flagging (a way to call attention to the key message), how to respond to myths, and how to respond positively to the media.

Participants were encouraged to take the message home and replicate it, to train others to be agvocates. Plus, they were given some material with information to help them share the message about the importance of modern agriculture. With easy to understand and beautifully laid out information on everything from farming innovation, to pollinators to water usage. It's a tool that can be used again and again.

The Oregon participants may hold an advocacy training for OWA members. Watch for more information coming soon.

Learn more at <https://www.cropscience.bayer.us/our-commitment/agvocate>
Or Get Involved, join the Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/agvocate/>

Arwen McGilvra, Linn-Benton

ATTENTION CHAPTER MEMBERS

Please send information updates and news to Jessica Jansen to be posted on the website
jessicabudge@gmail.com
Want to see your updates faster? Volunteer to manage your Chapters page!
Contact Arwen McGilvra for information.
the.tech.chef@gmail.com



National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Certification Class

The National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program (NSTMOP) is a project of Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture (HOSTA) for youth ages 14 and 15.

March 2-3, 2018

Friday 4:00-7:00pm
Saturday 8:00am-7:00pm
Morrow County Grain Growers
Lexington, OR

Applications are due **February 12, 2018**. Requests for applications can be sent to: EasternOregonOWA@gmail.com.
Class size is limited to 15 students and the cost is \$75.00 (includes materials & meals).

By successfully completing this certification program, 14 and 15 year old youth may legally operate farm tractors and powered machinery for hire which they otherwise would not be allowed to operate under the U.S. Department of Labor's Hazardous Occupations Order in Agriculture.

Nationally Certified Instructor - Daniel Bolen

Priority may be granted to students who can prove summer employment.



Update from Oregon Women in Timber



OWIT would like to thank OWA for purchasing a table for the Talk About Trees annual auction, held during the Oregon Logging Conference, February 21st at the Eugene Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. We look forward to seeing you at the auction!

A new event at the Oregon Logging Conference is its first “Future Forestry Workers Career Day”. It will be held on Friday, February 23rd at the Lane County Fairgrounds from 9:00 to 1:00 PM. The event is free and lunch is provided by OLC and OWIT. Transportation for schools can be reimbursed by the Oregon Forest Resources Institute. This is a great opportunity for students to get-up-close and personal with today’s high tech equipment used in the logging and forestry industry as well as meet forestry professionals. Students will be able to:

- Learn about and climb on state-of-the-art equipment
- Chat one-on-one with Forestry professionals who can answer their questions or be a potential employer!
- Learn what Employment opportunities are available and skills required for each job
- Talk with colleges that offer forestry degrees

Please share this information with your local high schools. Registration forms need to be returned by February 1st and is limited to the first 300 students. Contact diann@ofsonline.org or www.orwit.org for more information and registration forms.

We have some sad news to share with you. Long time OWIT member, Jane Newton, passed away on November 26th. Many of you may remember her from the 1980’s and 90’s when she was very active educating folks about why foresters use pesticides and field burning as tools to manage forests. She was one of OWIT’s founding members and an advocate for agriculture. She and a few others stand out in my mind as mentors who spoke to my generation about the importance of telling others our story. Her enthusiasm was infectious and she made an impression on many. She will be missed! Her memorial service is Saturday, January 20th at 11:00 AM at the First Presbyterian Church in Corvallis on 8th and Monroe Street. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.demossdurdan.com.



*Diann Washburn
Oregon Women in Timber*

Oregon Makes it to Final Round at AFB Convention



The 2018 American Farm Bureau Convention took place in Nashville this year. Almost 30 Farm Bureau members from Oregon are among the crowd of 7,000 farmers and ranchers from across the country.

In the Young Farmers & Ranchers Discussion Meet, Oregon’s Jenny Freeborn made a strong closing statement summarizing the four key points from the group’s discussion about how Farm Bureau can help maintain farmers’ and ranchers’ buying power in a time of increasing ag supplier consolidation. Freeborn placed second in the Discussion Meet! Her prize, a Case IH Farmall tractor. Way to go Jenny!

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**Oregon Women
for Agriculture**

2018 Convention Registration

Connecting Women Leaders

February 15th – 17th, 2018

Holiday Inn Express & Suites – Astoria, OR

Name _____

Chapter (circle one)

Central Oregon

Lane

Polk

Columbia Gorge

Linn-Benton

Yamhill

Eastern Oregon

Marion-Clackamas

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

Do you plan on staying at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites? YES NO MAYBE

☐ **\$85 – Early Registration** Postmarked by Jan. 16h

☐ **\$100 – Late Registration** After Jan. 16th

☐ **\$40 – Extra Dinner Guest on Friday** Name _____

☐ Please list any dietary restrictions _____

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2017 Oregon Cattlemen's Association Convention is a Success

From OCA President, Nathan Jackson:

The 2017 Annual Convention has come and gone, and was a great success. As an Association, we are blessed to have incredibly capable, dedicated staff, without whom this event would not go off nearly as well, if at all. I urge each of you to let our staff and volunteers know how much you appreciate their work. Our sponsors and vendors are also critical to the success of our Convention each year. Without their financial and organizational support, the Convention would simply be impossible to put on. Please take a moment to explore what each of these groups has to offer, and how they can be a part of your successful business.

The Convention was jam-packed with events and speakers, with wide-ranging topics that had something for every producer and every sector of our industry. Thursday kicked off with our Cattlemen's College, a perennial event that brings education to our producers, and would not be possible without the great support of Zoetis. The speakers this year continued the tradition of excellence at the Cattlemen's College, with presentations sponsored by Purina, Zinpro, and Zoetis. Thursday also had myriad other opportunities for education and updates, and the day was capped by a fantastic evening at Deschutes Brewery hosted by the Oregon CattleWomen.

Friday was another busy day at the Convention, with presentations about land and resource management and how those factors influence our members, financial and accounting considerations, and other timely topics of interest to our members. Committee meetings were a big part of Friday's programming, and your involvement in our policy committees is essential for shaping the direction and goals of this Association. Please be a part of a committee that piques your interest. To find out more, contact the Committee Chair, your County President, or any other member of your OCA leadership team.

The last day of the Convention, Saturday, continued with presentations and Committee meetings in the morning, followed by business meetings of both the OCA and OCW in the afternoon. At the business meeting, we received updates on the finances of the



Nathan Jackson, left, was elected president of the OCA, taking over from past president John O'Keeffe

Association, updated our policy book, heard reports from our Committee Chairs and District Vice-Presidents, and elected officers of the Association. We also had a robust discussion about how to re-engage with our strategic plan, and use that previous work to drive the Association to accomplish our stated goals. While we did not agree to institute a standing committee for that purpose, we once again demonstrated one of the strengths of our Association, as evidenced by our ability to disagree honestly, and without hard feelings.

Saturday ended with the President's Banquet, where we honored industry members and supporters, and passed the gavel of leadership. I am humbled by the honor you have given me by electing me to lead this Association. It is the people of the Association, the culture that binds us, and the faith that guides us all, that give me confidence and excitement about the future of our industry, and of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. Over the next two years, the Association will focus on strengthening the connection with our members and county associations, becoming an even more effective organization, and revising and following our strategic plan. The hard work and dedication of our members and staff have gotten us to where we are today, and will carry us into the future. For that invaluable resource, we can all be thankful.

I wish each of you health and prosperity in this New Year. I am excited about the prospects for our Association, and once again thank you all for your support and confidence in your entire leadership team.

A Day in the Life of a Port Truck Driver

4:00am	Start day in Tangent, Oregon.
4:10am	Per ELD's, starting 14 hour day; pre-trip and paperwork.
4:30am	GOAL - leave Tangent.
6:00/6:30am	GOAL - be driving through Portland - able to best miss traffic/congestion. Smooth sailing from Vancouver to Olympia (hopefully).
8:00am	GOAL - arrive Olympia, will start hitting some traffic.
9:00am	Hit traffic in Tacoma, but starting to die off - hopefully catching the end of it.
9:30am	GOAL - arrive Seattle. The last 4-5 miles will take at least 15 minutes.
9:30/10:00am	GOAL - get to the port - in this case, Terminal 18 in Seattle, Washington. Gate 1 - 12 lanes with scales Gate 4 - Less lanes, only 4 scales Gate 3 - Less lanes, only 2 scales Scenario A: Arrive Gate 1, no line; get through in 10 minutes. Scenario B: Arrive Gate 1, long lines, wait, guard motions to go to Gate 4; get through Gate 4 easily; get through in 30 minutes. Scenario C: Arrive Gate 1, long lines, wait, guard motions to go to Gate 4; long lines, wait at Gate 4, guard motions to go to Gate 3; long lines at Gate 3, wait, possibly guard motions to go back to Gate 1; get through in 1-2 hours. Scenario D: Wait at many different gates and get very frustrated. *Note - in all above scenarios, more trucks are arriving constantly as the day goes on. Above scenarios: Average time to get through the gates: 45 minutes Best case scenario: 10 minutes Worst case scenario: 2.5 hours
10:15-11:00am	The GOAL - get through the gates into the container terminal. Once inside the container terminal - head to the reefer (refrigerated cargo) area to get the gen-set (generator attached to chassis or container to keep the container cold) removed. Average time: 10 minutes Head to get the reefer container removed - sometimes 10 trucks in line, sometimes 0 trucks. Average time: 20 minutes Best case scenario: 5 minutes Worst case scenario: 2 hours
<i>NOTE: If the gen-set is not taken off by 11:45am, then we are now dealing with lunch breaks and we will be sitting until 1/1:15. Even though lunch breaks are supposed to be one hour, they start leaving at 11:45, and are not back to work until about 1:15. This happens about 20% of the time. If this happens, trucks aren't leaving Seattle until 2-2:30. If we don't leave Seattle until then, we now hit traffic in Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, and Portland. This obviously increases driver frustration, the probability our drivers won't get home in the allotted 14 hours (which also increases frustration), and sitting in traffic increases fuel usage, labor, "trucks on the road" during heavy congestion on freeway system, and emissions. We now have the option to use the "16 hour rule" - which can help in some situations. Except when we use this rule, the driver cannot run this route the next day because he/she will have to start later in the morning the next day, which gives them less of a chance to make it back home the next night. Also a problem with this rule specifically for our business, there is a "stop start restriction" to use this where a driver has to have started/stopped their day at the same location for the previous five days. We have two business locations 30 miles apart where many of our drivers start at both of these locations any given day. They are almost always unable to use the "16 hour rule" because they have started their day at both of our locations over the previous five days.</i>	
1:00pm	GOAL - be leaving Seattle. Traffic in Seattle, Tacoma and then Olympia is minimal.
4:30pm	GOAL - be driving through Portland. This timing is not ideal, but is better than any later time. Anything later than 4:30pm is more traffic.
6:00pm	GOAL - be finishing the day at Tangent. 14 hours.
THE ASK: 1. Exemption to not log port time or during lunch breaks at the terminal. The drivers are sitting, resting, not driving, and cannot do anything about it. 2. Exemption when in a "geo-fence" area, traveling under 3 mph up to 2 hours. 3. An extra "16-hour" rule per X amount of days - and removing the "start/stop restriction".	

Per my drivers, the options above would "take the pressure off".

MAJOR VARIABLE: Simply, the ports. We have no control over what happens when we choose a terminal. This terminal could have a 25 minute turn time one day, and the next day could be 4 hours. The trucks and drivers are 4.5 hours from home, and simply want to get home, avoiding traffic as much as possible. (As I am writing this, I am also dealing with three trucks that got caught in what appears to be a labor slow-down effort at Husky Terminal in Tacoma, Washington. It is 2:37pm and all 3 truck arrived before 9:00am and have not left the terminal yet.)

Other variables: Accidents, weather. On the Interstate 5 corridor, accidents are common but inclement weather (i.e. snow) is not. Although, many port drivers starting in Eastern/Central Washington and Eastern Oregon deal with snow/icy roads often and this is a major variable in driving to the ports.

Summary: The HoS rules disproportionately affect rural and agricultural communities and businesses. Our facilities are based in a rural setting for obvious reasons - this is where the farm land is. Rail is not an option for many reasons. For us in Oregon, the loss of container service at Terminal 6 in Port of Portland has affected us in many ways - HoS being one of them. Some sort of language that gives us any extra time, or to exempt port hours, would be more than just welcome - it could be the difference between staying in business with our current routes/customers, and losing it. Driver turnover and the truck driving pool getting older are both real issues the truck industry is dealing with. Road rage, car accidents, and automobile drivers not paying attention are all on the rise. Port/terminal congestion and challenges are a daily occurrence. Because of these huge problems, we need to do all we can in order to keep driver's well-being our top priority. Taking some pressure off counting the minutes and being frustrated at the ports every minute that ticks by would go a long way in their happiness, and us being able to keep our business (literally) rolling in order to keep almost 50 people (and their families) employed.

Future Forestry Workers Career Day

In conjunction with the 2018 Oregon Logging Conference on Friday, February 23rd, the Oregon Logging Conference Foundation will host the first Future Forestry Workers Career Day! This is an opportunity for students to get-up-close and personal with today's high tech equipment used in the logging and forestry industry as well as meet forestry professionals.

Students will be able to:

- * Learn about and climb on state-of-the art equipment.
- * Chat one-on-one with Forestry professionals who can answer their questions or be a potential employer!
- * Learn what employment opportunities are available and skills required for each job.
- * Talk with colleges that offer forestry degrees.
- * And much, much more!

When: Friday, February 23, 2018, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Oregon Logging Conference Lane Event Center and Fairgrounds, Eugene, OR

Lunch provided by OLC

Cost: FREE

Attached you will find a registration form and other resources with details on this event. Please return form by Feb. 1, 2018 - limited to first 300 students
Transportation: Oregon Forest Resources Institute can reimburse your district for bus cost.

Apply online at www.LearnForests.org

OR Contact: Oregon Logging Conference, (541) 686-9191

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.
Thank you and we look forward to hosting your students at this exciting event.
Best regards,

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Please check with your County Chapter to see how you can become involved at a local level. There's always something interesting and fun going on!!

Dues: \$45.00 (includes AAW)

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After falling from the top perch of Oregon agriculture for the past two years, greenhouse and nursery products have recaptured the number one position among Oregon's diverse agricultural commodities in terms of production value. Cattle and calves have returned to runner-up status after a couple of strong years while the rest of Oregon ag's top ten list contains the same names as last year with a slightly altered order.