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Washington Co. Farm Bureau gives \$10,000 to the Yes on 49 campaign in memory of one of its members — and another \$10,000 to the Washington County Fair Boosters

The Washington County Farm Bureau is honoring the life of Don Logan, an active Farm Bureau member, forester, and land use advocate, by donating \$10,000 in his name to the Yes on Measure 49 campaign, and another \$10,000 to the Washington County Fair Boosters.

At its monthly meeting on October 16, the Washington Co. Farm Bureau Board of Directors decided there would be no better way to honor their fellow volunteer leader than by giving to causes he was passionate about: land use planning and keeping the tradition of the county fair alive.

Logan's family owns approximately 650 acres of farmland in Dixie Mountain, north of North Plains, and primarily raises Christmas trees and timber.

Logan was very active in land use conservation for decades, starting as a supporter of SB 100, the 1973 bill that led to adoption of statewide land use planning goals and created protections for farm and forest land. In the 1980s, he successfully fought off some development projects that were slated near his farming operation. Logan was an active opponent to Measure 37, but a proponent of Measure 49, which he thought offered a fair compromise between conservation and construction.

The week before he passed away, Washington Co. Farm Bureau Vice President Keith Fishbach visited the Logan family on behalf of the organization.

"Don's wife Elaine had mentioned to Keith that she wished their farm had a Yes on 49 sign," says Dave Vanasche, a Washington Co. Farm Bureau Board Member. "So when we went to Don's funeral service, I took a couple of those black-and-white signs along and put them in his barnyard and house yard. Don's sons thought it was wonderful and said that they knew it was one of us 'Farm Bureau boys' who had placed them there. Just as those Yes on 49 signs say, Don loved Oregon and Oregon's land use plan."

This is the second \$10,000 donation by the Washington Co. Farm Bureau to the Yes on Measure 49 campaign. The organization had joined some other Willamette Valley county Farm Bureaus in donating to the effort several months ago.

Logan was also very active with the Washington County Fair Boosters, a citizens' advisory group that oversees the annual event. The group works to raise money for much-needed renovations at the fairgrounds and to protect the 100-acre property from the occasional interested developer.

In this spirit, the county Farm Bureau is also donating \$10,000 in Logan's name to the Washington County Fair Boosters.

Logan gave his time and energy to other organizations as well, including the 1,000 Friends Farm Advisory Committee, the Small Woodlands Assn., and the Rural Road Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee.

Logan was 77 when he died after a battle with cancer. He is survived by his wife Elaine and sons David and Dan and their wives.

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* Note to Editors: Please capitalize "Farm Bureau" in all cases. *

About Oregon Farm Bureau

Farm Bureau is a non-partisan, independent, nongovernmental, voluntary organization of farming and ranching families united for the purpose of finding positive solutions to the challenges facing the agriculture and natural resource communities.

Oregon Farm Bureau traces its roots to 1919 when the Umatilla County Farm Bureau was established in the heart of the state's wheat country. OFB was formally incorporated in 1932. In December 2007, the organization will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 Oregon counties. Today, OFB has over 54,000 total member families, making it the largest general agricultural organization in the state. About 8,800 member families are professionally engaged in agriculture. Barry Bushue, an east Multnomah County berry and nursery producer, is OFB's 15th president.

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