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Farm Bureau presents Baxter Black on Dec. 6 in Pendleton

Oregon Farm Bureau will celebrate its 75th Anniversary by presenting a special public performance of America's favorite cowboy poet, Baxter Black, at the Pendleton Convention Center on December 6.

A performer, rancher, and former large animal veterinarian, Baxter Black's shows appeal to all ages and feature a winning combination of country poetry, rural wisdom, and down-home humor. Once called by the *New York Times*, "probably the nation's most successful living poet," Black also writes a nationally syndicated column, is regularly featured on National Public Radio, and has appeared at hundreds of public events and on television.

This will be the first time that Baxter has ever visited Pendleton. Sponsors of this historic show are Oregon Farm Bureau, Umatilla-Morrow County Farm Bureau, Country Insurance & Financial Services Eastern Oregon Agency, and KWHT/KUMA Radio.

Farm Bureau is proud to invite the public to this exceptional Baxter Black performance, in honor of Oregon Farm Bureau's Diamond Anniversary. The show will start at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate in Pendleton. (Doors open around 8:00 p.m.)

General Admission Seating tickets cost \$16 and are available through the Pendleton Convention Center box office. Call (541) 276-6569 or (800) 863-9358.

The show will be part of Oregon Farm Bureau's 75th Anniversary State Convention, which will take place Dec. 4-6, also at the Pendleton Convention Center. In 1932, the organization was founded by a group of agricultural producers during a meeting at a farmhouse in nearby Pilot Rock. Farm Bureau's first state office was established soon afterward in Pendleton.

Today, Farm Bureau is organized in all 36 Oregon counties and has more than 8,000 member families that are professionally engaged in agriculture. Barry Bushue, an east Multnomah County berry and nursery stock producer, is OFB's 15th president.

For more information about the OFB 75th Anniversary Convention or the history of Oregon Farm Bureau, please contact Anne Marie Moss.

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