

# Dettwyler

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providing convincing input with his first-hand accounts.

One colorful aside, Bushue noted that a Farm Bureau membership recruitment indirectly introduced Dettwyler to his wife, Gail. In 1990, Gail Ziesch, a member of the Marion County Farm Bureau Board at that time, was working on expanding the local grassroots membership.

“I said, ‘I’m going to visit the boys at Blue Line Farms. They should be Farm Bureau members,’” said Gail. “I gave Bob a pitch, and I guess I was pretty effective. He decided to join, and a bit later, called me for a dinner date.”

The Dettwylers will celebrate their 26th wedding anniversary in February, and to this day can be spotted at almost every Farm Bureau function held in Marion County.

Beyond the Farm Bureau, Dettwyler was a founding member of the Pudding Watershed Council and has served

the Pratum Co-op, Oregon Ryegrass Commission, Oregon Grass Seed Bargaining Association, and Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District, among other ag organizations.

“Bob is known and admired for his consistency, loyalty, and kindness. He’s a reliable go-to person for Marion County Farm Bureau and we’re grateful for his decades of service,” Bushue said.

» In other OFB news from the annual meeting, Marion County Farm Bureau was honored with a County Farm Bureau Action Award.

Farm Bureau officials said the award is given to a County Farm Bureau that has successfully developed an innovative project or program in the political or public education arena within the last two years. In Marion County’s case, the bureau demonstrated the county’s rich agricultural resources to state and local officials by cruising them to the source.

“Since 2013, Marion County Farm Bureau has organized agriculture-themed bus tours to proactively connect with elected officials, candidates, and legislative staff,” Bushue said.

The county hosts a full-day bus tour highlighting different agricultural commodities, processors, distributors, and ag research facilities in the Willamette Valley, which provides decision-makers a greater understanding of and respect for Oregon agriculture and its challenges.

OFB officials said the tours have been well received and attended.

“These ag tours have successfully established Marion County Farm Bureau as a go-to resource when local government officials have questions about Oregon agriculture and the impacts of public policy on farmers and ranchers,” Bushue said. “The program has excited members, the media, and the public. It has been a successful program by any measure.”

» Wilco Farm Stores CEO Doug Hoffman was honored with the Oregon Farm Bureau President’s Award, which recognizes an individual who “contributes in extraordinary ways to Oregon agriculture, and therefore to Farm Bureau members.”

» “I am proud to give the OFB President’s Award to Doug Hoffman,” Bushue said. “He has spent his entire career supporting farm and ranch families across several states and adding value to countless agricultural businesses.”

## Courtney honors K-9 dog

Sen. Peter Courtney has delivered many retirement letters thanking

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officials and officers for their work. Friday was the first time the recipient had four legs, a wagging tail and a penchant for light-up chew toys.

The letter of gratitude was addressed to “Donja the Dog,” who is retiring after seven years on patrol with the Marion County Sheriff’s Office.

Donja , a 10-year-old Belgian malinois/German shepherd mix from Holland, sat in the Oregon Senate Chamber with her handler, Senior Deputy Jon Gadberry. “Humans, especially those in law enforcement, need dogs,” Courtney said. “We need them to protect us, to alert us to danger, to help capture the bad guys ... of which, I’ve heard, you’ve captured more than 100.”

Post-patrol life has been treating Donja well. Another deputy celebrated her retirement by buying her a steak — her favorite food.

—Whitney M. Woodworth

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### OBITUARY

Lilly May Gould

Aug. 4, 1942 — Jan. 21, 2017



Lilly May Gould, 74, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 21, 2017. She was born in Silverton, the daughter of Ernest and Lena (Stadeli) Kuenzi. She married Robert Gould on Sept. 13, 1964. They had built their home in the Silverton countryside, where they raised their two children, Katie and John. They attended the Silverton First Baptist Church for 30 years.

Lilly was extremely proud of her family. She was very deep in her faith, raising her children and grandchildren to love the Lord. She enjoyed camping, fishing and traveling. But she really loved having her family close. She was known to be thoughtful and kind to everyone she was around. She could make a friend in any situation, in any circumstance, and in any place. She was generous with her time, and would love to visit for hours. She was a great friend to all who knew her.

Survivors include her husband, Robert; children Katie (Steve) Miller and John (Ashli) Gould; grandchildren Boone (Becky) Miller, Josiah (Kalia) Miller, Lauri



NATALIE PATE

The Oregon State Board of Education met to discuss a temporary waiver that districts can request due to inclement weather.

## Oregon allows schools to cut hours lost to snow days

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STATESMAN JOURNAL

Oregon school districts now have a little leeway when it comes to coping with instructional hours lost to snow days and delays.

The Oregon State Board of Education unanimously approved a temporary rule Thursday that will allow districts to request up to 14 hours to count as missed instructional time.

District boards will have to request permission from Deputy Superintendent Salam Noor to excuse those hours. If they are requesting a full waiver — which is meant for schools in extreme circumstances — the state board will vote on the request.

“I have heard from many district officials who say that the flexibility available in previous years would be helpful this year as they cope with a much more severe winter than normal,” Noor said.

“We know that districts value instructional time, just as we do, but recent storms ... hit some districts harder than others,” he said. “Ultimately it will be up to each district to come up with a plan best suited to its situation to make up as much lost class time as possible.”

The 14-hour rule was changed in the past in order to make sure school calendars provided as much class time as possible. The board voted unanimously in 2015 to change the rule.

“As a Board, we know that one of the keys to increasing our graduation rate is making sure students are in class as much as possible, which is why we have focused on strengthening instructional time expectations in recent years,” said Board Chair Charles R. Martinez, Jr.

“But we also know some districts are running out of options to respond to the unprecedented weather events so far this year,” he said. “With this one-time, temporary action we have ensured that there is accountability by requiring a public hearing and written justification at the district level, coupled with approval at the state level on a case-by-case basis.”

In Oregon, students in kindergarten through eighth grade must get 900 instructional hours. Grade 12 requires 966 hours and grades nine to 11 require the most

Miller, Taylor (Drew) Brannon, Tessa (Kyle) Ludwig, Thomas Gould and Timothy Gould. She also had three great grandchildren, with one on the way. She had seven brothers and sisters: Lawrence Kuenzi, Anna (Leonard) Edelman, Raymond (Eileen) Kuenzi, Mabel (Glen) Yutzie, Eldon (Mary) Kuenzi, Pauline Kuenzi, and Dale (Sandra) Kuenzi.

Funeral services were held at First Baptist Church in Silverton, and she was interred at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Jan. 28.

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instructional time, at 990 hours. Districts can decide to make up time from closures and delays even if they have not run out of extra time.

Emily Nazarov, the legislative coordinator for the Oregon Department of Education, said they spoke with members of the education community, including parents, to gauge public opinion on the subject.

She said there was a mix of responses, with some parents against the idea of valuable time for the students being taken away and some in support since they did not want days added.

House Representative Jodi Hack (R-Salem) did not approve of the board’s decision.

“I am extremely disappointed that the board took this action and did not give school districts the option of thinking outside the box to come up with alternative solutions for making up lost days,” she said in a statement.

Hack encouraged community members to contact their local school board members and encourage them to think outside the box to create alternative solutions for making up the snow days.

“Alternative solutions might include extending the school day by 15 to 30 minutes, limiting parent-teacher conferences to evenings or shortening spring break to be a four-day weekend rather than a week,” she said. “Decisions like these do nothing to increase student achievement in Oregon.”

Some districts, including Silver Falls, Dallas and Woodburn, are not, at this time, planning to request permission or a waiver.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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