

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX

Board Meeting

December 7, 2005

Floral Building
Washington County Fair Complex
873 NE 34th Avenue
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Regular Session – 4:30 p.m.
Executive Session – 5:30 p.m.*

* If necessary.

AGENDA



NOTICE OF MEETING

Washington County Fair Complex Board of Directors
Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at 4:30 p.m.
Executive Session: December 7, 2005, at 5:30 p.m.*
Floral Building
Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

A. Richard Vial, Chair
Herbert Hirst, Vice Chair
Kathy Christy, Secretary
Dan Logan, Member
W. Rafe Flagg, Treasurer
Kathy Schmidlkofer, Member
Ken Madden, Member

Standing Committees

Air Show & Airport Interface

Herbert Hirst, Board Member

Booster/Coalition Liaison

Kathy Schmidlkofer, Board Member
Dan Logan, Board Member

Development Committee

Rich Vial, Chair
Herbert Hirst, Board Member
W. Rafe Flagg, Board Member

Fair Visioning Committee

Kathy Christy, Chair
Dan Logan, Board Member
Ken Madden, Board Member

232 Days to the 2006 Washington County Fair & Rodeo

- A. **Call the Regular Meeting to Order:** All matters noticed and listed on this agenda, in any category, may be considered for action in any order at the discretion of the Board Chair. Items not so noticed may be discussed at the discretion of the Board Chair, but cannot be considered for action.
- B. **Public Welcome – Audience Time:** This time is provided for members of the audience to comment on any item(s) not on the regular agenda. At the discretion of the Board Chair, each individual's comments may be limited to two minutes. Audience members, when recognized by the Board Chair, may also comment at the time agenda topics are being discussed by the Board. It is requested that those addressing the Board state their full name, address and organization represented. Individuals providing written testimony are requested to provide 15 copies.
- C. **Consent Agenda:** All Consent Agenda items shall be approved without discussion and with one motion except those items removed from the Consent Agenda by a Board member or a member of the public attending the meeting so requesting. If a matter is removed, it shall then be considered, discussed and voted on individually, after the Consent Agenda has been approved.
1. Financial Statements
 - A. Budget Overview – October 2005
 - B. Balance Sheet – October 2005
 - C. Other, if any
 2. Fair Board Minutes – November 2005
 3. Facility Use Schedule – December 2005
 4. Other, if any

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D. Special Reports

1. Air Show & Airport Interface Committee – Herbert Hirst, Board Member
2. Fair Visioning Committee – Kathy Christy, Board Members
3. Booster/Coalition Liaison, Kathy Schmidlkofer, Board Member
4. Treasurer’s Report – W. Rafe Flagg, Board Member
5. Operations Report – Don G. Hillman, Executive Director
6. Other, if any

E. Old Business

1. Redevelopment Update, if any
2. Booster Competitive Exhibits MOU Recommendation – Staff
3. Booster Amphitheatre MOU Recommendation – Staff
4. Other, if any

F. New Business

1. Other, if any

G. Announcements

1. Calendar of Events
2. Other, if any

H. Correspondence

1. Letters and Cards, if any
2. Other, if any

I. Board Oral Communications

J. Other Matters of Information

1. Booster Meeting Minutes – November 2005
2. 4H Report – OSU Extension Service
3. Booster Report – Dave Rohrer, President
4. Newspaper Articles, if any
5. Other, if any

K. Adjourn

*Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.610-192.690 to discuss Real Estate matters and/or Personnel issues immediately following the regular Fair Complex Board meeting, if deemed necessary.

CONSENT ITEMS

County of Washington

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FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: December 1, 2005

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

From: Don G. Hillman, Executive Director
Washington County Fair Complex

Re: October 2005 Financial Statements

Find attached the October 2005 Budget Overview and Balance Sheets. They were produced by the Washington County Finance Department's WIZARD program and reflect accounting activity for October 2005.

At the conclusion of October, most fairtime expenses have been paid. We still had about \$70,000 in revenue to be received applicable for fairtime. In November, we received the State of Oregon payment of \$46,000, that is usually received in January. With the receipt of the remaining sponsorship monies from Bi-Mart, we should be at approximately \$457,000 or 97% of fairtime budgeted revenues.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX
Budget Overview FYE 6/30/2006
October

	Description	October 2004	July 2005	August 2005	September 2005	October 2005	Year to Date 2005/06	Budget 2005/06	%	
1	Opening Balance	\$ -	\$ 456,459	\$ 394,385	\$ 460,962	\$ 427,737	\$ 456,459	\$ 376,372		
2	Interim Operating Revenues									
3										
4										
5	Parking	\$ -	\$ 38	\$ -	\$ 21,050	\$ -	\$ 21,088	\$ 23,000	92%	No July 4th Parking.
6	RV Park	332	-	860	1,060	1,040	2,960	17,500	17%	
7	Rentals	18,312	20,254	11,519	30,123	35,116	97,012	200,000	49%	
8	Concessions	100	1,132	1,543	486	801	3,962	6,000	66%	No St. Mathews-Dog Show.
9	Misc Income	297	883	1,701	612	2,824	6,020	4,500	134%	Pre-Paid Event Security.
10										
11	Total Interim Operating Revenues	\$ 19,041	\$ 22,307	\$ 15,623	\$ 53,331	\$ 39,781	\$ 131,042	\$ 251,000	52%	
12	Interim Operating Expenses									
13	Personal Services	\$ 38,147	\$ 11,599	\$ 25,601	\$ 43,167	\$ 27,250	107,617	\$ 349,098	31%	Includes Dev. Activities.
14	Supplies	201	1,858	3,941	532	1,081	7,412	22,000	34%	
15	Professional Services	473	5,671	1,780	132	919	8,502	8,000	106%	Pre-Paid Event Security.
16	Advertising	395	-	181	242	302	725	7,000	10%	
17	Communications (ATM)	-	-	44	87	-	131	500	26%	
18	Utilities	44	30	3,018	4,850	2,378	10,276	77,000	13%	
19	Repair and Maintenance	3,124	97	4,540	1,209	2,363	8,209	51,000	16%	
20	Rentals	2,271	439	346	439	215	1,439	6,500	22%	
21	Dues and Memberships	215	120	-	50	-	170	1,500	11%	
22	Training and Travel	55	-	62	-	29	91	1,400	7%	
23	Insurance	-	-	13,539	-	-	13,539	14,575	93%	Split Between Fair & Interim.
24	Postage	28	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0%	
25	Printing internal	49	-	237	-	-	237	1,000	24%	
26	Telephones	778	858	-	486	613	1,957	6,500	30%	
27	Special Expenses	494	116	481	584	740	1,921	5,000	38%	
28	County Legal	(680)	-	-	-	338	338	5,000	7%	
29	County Indirect Cost	769	1,242	1,242	1,242	1,242	4,968	14,908	33%	Split Between Fair & Interim.
30										
31										
32	Total Interim Operating Expenses	\$ 46,363	\$ 22,030	\$ 55,012	\$ 53,020	\$ 37,470	\$ 167,532	\$ 571,981	29%	
33										
34	Net Interim Revenues/Expenses	\$ (27,322)	\$ 277	\$ (39,389)	\$ 311	\$ 2,311	\$ (36,490)	\$ (320,981)		

	Description	October 2004	July 2005	August 2005	September 2005	October 2005	Year to Date 2005/06	Budget 2005/06	%	
35	Fair Revenues									
36										
37	Commercial Booth Rentals	\$ -	\$ 73,575	\$ 4,500	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 78,575	\$ 100,000	79%	Includes Trade-outs/Polk County. Received in November 2005. Higher Than Expected MAX Ridership. No Paid Concerts in 2005. On Target/\$28,000 Still Outstanding. Combined Best of Two Units. Farm Implement Fees - Boosters. Contracted to Boosters. New Food Layout per Fire Marshall.
38	Dept of Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,000	0%	
39	Parking Fees	-	805	73,744	116	-	74,665	79,000	95%	
40	Admissions	652	2,825	21,960	14	-	24,799	26,000	95%	
41	Sponsorships	11,250	35,653	7,970	9,000	(10,690)	41,933	67,500	62%	
42	Carnival Income	-	-	77,361	-	-	77,361	67,000	115%	
43	Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	0%	
44	Entry Fees	-	40	-	-	-	40	3,300	1%	
45	Concessions	-	13,759	68,429	918	-	83,106	79,000	105%	
46	Other Revenues	-	320	2,823	150	-	3,293	8,400	39%	
47										
48	Total Fair Revenues	\$ 11,902	\$ 126,977	\$ 256,787	\$ 10,698	\$ (10,690)	\$ 383,772	\$ 469,700	82%	
49	Fair Expenses									
50	Personal Services	\$ 16,950	\$ 7,759	\$ 24,785	\$ 18,473	\$ 11,782	\$ 62,799	\$ 166,770	38%	Security, Parking, Cleanup, etc. Includes Pioneer Square Event. Some Savings - Rental Generators. Bleachers/Generators-Food Court. Split Between Fair & Interim. Tent and Canopy Invoice Paid in Oct. Contracted to Boosters. Split Between Fair & Interim.
51	Supplies	16	1,386	5,011	1,765	-	8,162	6,000	136%	
52	Professional Services	750	12,782	29,151	12,090	8,834	62,857	65,000	97%	
53	Advertising, Promotions, etc.	-	-	93,019	2,645	-	95,664	100,000	96%	
54	Printing	-	1,045	-	-	-	1,045	3,000	35%	
55	Utilities	-	-	2,574	4,165	-	6,739	11,000	61%	
56	Repair & Maintenance	-	-	2,147	15	103	2,265	5,000	45%	
57	Rentals	-	6,538	4,026	-	14,755	25,319	15,000	169%	
58	Dues and memberships	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0%	
59	Travel and Training	613	-	-	869	1,060	1,929	4,500	43%	
60	Insurance	-	-	13,539	-	-	13,539	14,575	93%	
61	Postage	-	-	120	-	-	120	900	13%	
62	Telephone	-	-	742	-	-	742	2,500	30%	
63	County Legal	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	0%	
64	Other/Special Expenses	1,325	113,573	(7,645)	(27,894)	31,424	109,458	113,425	97%	
65	Awards	-	-	300	27,784	-	28,084	46,150	61%	
66	Indirect	510	1,242	1,242	1,242	1,242	4,968	14,905	33%	
67										
68	Total Fairtime Expenses	\$ 20,164	\$ 144,325	\$ 169,011	\$ 41,154	\$ 69,200	\$ 423,690	\$ 570,225	74%	
69										
70	Net Fairtime Revenues/Expenses	\$ (8,262)	\$ (17,348)	\$ 87,776	\$ (30,456)	\$ (79,890)	\$ (39,918)	\$ (100,525)		

	Description	October 2004	July 2005	August 2005	September 2005	October 2005	Year to Date 2005/06	Budget 2005/06	%	
69	Rodeo Revenues									
70	Admissions	\$ -	\$ 4,216	\$ 26,700	\$ -	\$ (920)	29,996	\$ 30,000	100%	Admissions: \$10-2005 & \$12/15-2004. \$5,500 Still Outstanding. No Fundraising Activities.
71	Sponsorships	6,900	5,450	16,225	-	16,190	37,865	36,500	104%	
72	Queen Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	0%	
73	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
74										
75	Total Rodeo Revenues	\$ 6,900	\$ 9,666	\$ 42,925	\$ -	\$ 15,270	\$ 67,861	\$ 70,500		
76										
77	Rodeo Expenses									
78	Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 720	\$ -	\$ -	720	\$ 1,500	48%	Includes EMT, Security, etc. Includes Sponsor Requested Hospitality. Higher Bleacher Rental Costs. Includes Sponsor Fees.
79	Professional Services	-	95	1,006	8,016	41,195	50,312	48,000	105%	
80	Advertising	-	1,330	7,228	200	-	8,758	1,500	584%	
81	Rentals	1,325	5,463	1,018	-	333	6,814	5,000	136%	
82	Training and Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
83	Other Misc Expenses	-	48,722	318	40	(38,554)	10,526	12,190	86%	
84	Awards/Prizes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%	
85										
86	Total Rodeo Expenses	\$ 1,325	\$ 55,610	\$ 10,290	\$ 8,256	\$ 2,974	\$ 77,130	\$ 68,190	113%	
87										
88	Net Rodeo Revenues/Expenses	\$ 5,575	\$ (45,944)	\$ 32,635	\$ (8,256)	\$ 12,296	\$ (9,269)	\$ 2,310		
89										
89										
90	Frite Lites									
91										
92	Frite Lite Revenue	\$ 16,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 30,020	\$ 34,020	\$ 65,000	52%	Final Numbers in November.
93	Frite Lite Expenses	\$ 25,480	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,505	\$ 40,000	9%	
94										
95	Net Frite Lites Revenues/Expenses	\$ (8,950)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,895	\$ 26,620	\$ 30,515	\$ 25,000		

96	Non-Operating									
97										
98	Non-Operating Revenues									
99	Hotel/Motel Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,642	\$ 8,762	\$ 113,994	\$ 130,398	\$ 518,000	25%	Includes Bleacher Loan from County.
100	Transfer from General Fund	118,142	123,901	-	-	-	123,901	125,000	99%	
101	Interest	458	966	1,262	967	292	3,487	5,000	70%	
102										
103	Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$118,600	\$124,867	\$8,904	\$9,729	\$114,286	\$257,786	\$648,000	40%	
104										
105	Non-Operating Expenses									
106										
107	Purchase/Lease	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 11,595	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 13,434	\$ 130,034	10%	Property/Mower/Lights/Bleachers. Bleachers and General Equipment. Salaries included in Interim Activities.
108	Equipment	-	122,546	7,724	-	-	130,270	140,000	93%	
109	Development Reserve	2,997	767	4,030	6,345	9,150	20,292	65,000	31%	
110										
111	Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$3,610	\$123,926	\$23,349	\$6,958	\$9,763	\$163,996	\$335,034	49%	
112										
113	Net Non-Operating Revenues/Expense:	\$114,990	\$941	(\$14,445)	\$2,771	\$104,523	\$93,790	\$312,966		
114										
115	Net Fair Complex Revenues/Expenses	\$76,031	(\$62,074)	\$66,577	(\$31,735)	\$65,860	\$38,628	(\$81,230)		
116										
117	Ending Fund Balance/Contingency	\$76,031	\$394,385	\$460,962	\$429,227	\$493,597	\$495,087	\$295,142		
Adjustment to October BFB (\$1,488.86) for prior period adjustments.										

**Washington County Fair Complex
Balance Sheet
October 2005**

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash

Fairplex..Petty cash..	\$ 250
Fairplex..Cash drawer..	1,000
Fairplex..Cash drawer.Frite Lites.	-
Fairplex..General Cash Account..	106,727
Fairplex..USNB WASHCO ACH Clearing..	-
Fairplex..CCB-General Account..	3,937
Fairplex..CCB-Money Market Account..	363,883
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Account..	1,708
Fairplex..Gasb 31 cash general port..	-
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Cash Drawer..	6,840
Total Cash	\$ 484,344

Accounts Receivable

Fairplex..Accounts receivable - Sub..	\$ 12,714
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Prepays

Prepaid items	\$ 13,044
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Total current Assets

\$ 510,102

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Accounts Payable..	\$ (4,358)
Fairplex..Accounts payable- other..	-
Fairplex..Deposits payable-subsidia..	(300)
Fairplex..Retainage payable..	-
Total Payables	\$ (4,658)

Other Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Amounts due to others..	\$ (772)
Fairplex..Conversion Account..	-
Fairplex..Payroll payable..	-
Fairplex..Due to other funds..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue- unavail..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Main Exhibit Hall.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Cloverleaf Building.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Grounds/General.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Advertising Inco.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Airshow Income.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Commercial Exhib.	11,350
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Concession Reven.	(2,400)
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Sponsorship Inco.	(7,200)
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Facilities Renta.	(12,825)
Total Deferred Revenues	\$ (11,846)

Total Liabilities

\$ (16,504)

Equity

Fairplex..Fund Balance..	\$ (427,737)
Net (Income)/Loss for the Period	(65,861)
Net Equity	\$ (493,598)

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$ (510,102)

Minutes
Washington County Fair Complex Board
Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Convened: 4:30 pm

FAIR COMPLEX BOARD:

Chair Rich Vial
Vice Chair Herb Hirst
Board Member W. Rafe Flagg
Board Member Kathy Christy
Board Member Kathy Schmidkofer
Board Member Ken Madden
Board Member Dan Logan - Absent

STAFF:

Don Hillman, Executive Director
Lisa DuPre, Marketing/Events Director
Leah Perkins, Fair Coordinator

PRESS:

Michelle Mandell, *Oregonian*

Chair Vial called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., and welcomed the audience. Chair Vial then called for audience time for people wishing to address to board on items not on the agenda.

Jim Clymore – Reported that he had the Booster Petition available for signing at his Pumpkin Patch during the month of October; that he gathered 330 signature with 190 of those individuals residing east of 185th Avenue; and that not one person said “no” to signing the petition. Mr. Clymore further stated that the Fair Complex Board is unfairly pushing the Opus Plan on residents of Washington County.

1. **Consent Agenda**

Chair Vial asked the Board and the public if any item were requested to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Motion by Board Member Hirst to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Board Member Flagg. Motion carried 5-0.

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2. **Special Reports**

A. **Airshow & Airport Report** – Board Member Hirst reported that the Airshow Committee is preparing to go to ICAS to sign acts. The Blue Angels wanted to come during the week of Fair, so the Airshow Committee turned them down. No particular date is currently being targeted.

B. **Fair Visioning Committee Report** – Board Member Christy reported that the committee has met and they are coming up with ideas such as how to involve the local wine industry and the nurserymen, and having a Skateboard Park at the fair. Commissioner Duyck would like to see a member of the Boosters on the committee. The next meeting is in January.

C. **Boosters/Coalition Liaison Report** – Board Member Schmidkofer had nothing to add to the Boosters minutes in the Board packet.

D. **Treasurer Report** – Board Member Flagg noted that about 90% of the expenses from the fair are included, should have a more complete picture by next months meeting.

E. **Operations Report** – Executive Director Hillman referred to page 9 for the Operations Report. Hillman gave an update on Frite Lites. Also noted that the old water heater in the Livestock Restrooms is being replaced and that the sinks in this facility do not have hot water at the tap. Currently working with the Fire Marshall on Fire & Life Safety issues.

F. **Other, if any** – None

3. **Old Business**

A. **Redevelopment Update** – Chair Vial reported that the Development Committee met with County Commissioners Brian and Duyck regarding the City Planning Committee issues. Board Members Hirst and Flagg will be meeting with County Commissioner Brian and Duyck as well as members of the Boosters regarding the proposed development.

Board Member Christy joined meeting in progress at 4:48 p.m.

B. **Other, if any** – None

4. **New Business**

A. **Booster Competitive Exhibits MOU – Staff Recommendation** – Executive Director Hillman referred to the Board Packet memo. Chair Vial asked if the memo had been sent to the Boosters. Executive Director Hillman reported that he did. Chair Vial wants the Boosters to review the staff recommendations and be able to ask question. The Board will take action at next months meeting on this item and engage in a discussion at that time.

B. **Booster Amphitheater MOU – Staff Recommendations** – Executive Director Hillman referred to the Board Packet memo. Staff suggests that the Boosters, or any other group that

would like to produce concerts in the Amphitheater, be allowed to do. Chair Vial asked that the Boosters review the staff recommendations and be able to ask question. The board will take action at next months meeting on this item and engage in a discussion at that time.

C. Sponsorship/Amphitheater Report – Executive Director Hillman referred to report in the Board Packet. Hillman gave a summary of how the fairtime sponsorship, advertising and promotions operate with Amato Communication. Discussion ensued. Chair Vial asked to include the Amphitheater sponsorship issue to the Amphitheater MOU discussion next month.

D. 2006-07 Budget Discussion – Executive Director Hillman gave a summary of the staff report. Discussion ensued. Chair Vial asked staff to continue to refine the budget. Chair Vial suggested that the draft budget is not provided early enough for public comments. Would like staff to have the final proposed budget prepared by the January Board meeting to be available to the public and then be adopted at the February meeting.

Board Member Flagg was excused at 5:35

C. Other, if any – Board Member Hirst read an article regarding the Washington County Tourism Summit that was held two weeks ago. The summit had an involved discussion on the future plans for the Hotel/Motel tax.

5. **Announcements** – None other than what was in the packet.
6. **Correspondence** - None other than what was in the packet.
7. **Board Oral Communications** -
8. **Other Matters of Information** -
 - A. **Newspaper Articles, if any**
 - B. **Website Activity**
 - C. **Other, if Any**

Chair Vial re-opened public comment time.

Judy Marsh – Provided a letter from Robin Baggenstos regarding her experiences at the fair.

Mike Steward – Requested via a printed e-mail that the Boosters Vision be included on the Fair Complex website. Discussion with Chair Vial ensued. Steward invited the Fair Complex Board to the Boosters meeting where he would ask for a full recall of Chair Vial and Executive Director Hillman. Fair Complex Board members commented on Mike Steward's comments.

Tom Black – Wants to know if the Fair Complex Board has considered having an outdoor farmers market during the winter. Also asked about the Sports field lease status.

With no further business before the Board, Chair Vial adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Motion by Board Member Christy to Adjourn. Second by Board Member Hirst. Motion carried 4-0.

Don G. Hillman
Recording Secretary

Rich Vial
Board Chair



WASHINGTON COUNTY

OREGON

Fair Complex

December-2005 Schedule

(No-charge events are highlighted)

Saturday, December 03, 2005

Main Exhibit-South Private Party

Sunday, December 04, 2005

Floral Building 4-H Meeting

Monday, December 05, 2005

Friendship Plaza Smoke School

Tuesday, December 06, 2005

Friendship Plaza Smoke School
Available Space 4-H Night

Wednesday, December 07, 2005

Cloverleaf Building Martial Arts Class
Floral Building Fair Board Meeting
Available Space 4-H Night

Saturday, December 10, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Hmong New Year Celebration

Sunday, December 11, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Hmong New Year Celebration

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

Available Space 4-H Night

Wednesday, December 14, 2005

Main Exhibit-South Tool Sale
Main Exhibit-North Blue Cross/Blue Shield Event
Cloverleaf Building Martial Arts Class
Available Space 4-H Night

Thursday, December 15, 2005

Main Exhibit-North Food Distribution Prep
Main Exhibit-South Tool Sale

Friday, December 16, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Food Distribution Prep

Monday, December 19, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Food Distribution Prep

Tuesday, December 20, 2005

Available Space 4-H Night
Main Exhibit Hall Food Distribution Day

Wednesday, December 21, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Food Distribution Day
Available Space 4-H Night

Thursday, December 22, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Food Distribution Day

Tuesday, December 27, 2005

Available Space 4-H Night

Wednesday, December 28, 2005

Available Space 4-H Night

SPECIAL REPORTS

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MEMORANDUM

Date: December 1, 2005

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

From: Don G. Hillman, Executive Director
Washington County Fair Complex

Re: November Operations Report

December Staff Schedule – Staffing for the month of December will be minimal due to holidays, annual leaves and comp time drawdown. Generally, the Fair Complex staff of seven will be reduced on most days to two, one staff person in the front office and one staff person on grounds. There maybe only one staff person assigned if operations dictate.

Livestock Restrooms – We have requested an estimate to renovate/update the shower facilities and provide hot water to the washbasins. The plumbing system supporting the showers is outdated, and staff has indicated that when originally built in 1978, used or outdated materials were used in the plumbing of the showers.

It should be noted that the hot water heater only services the showers in that when this facility was built, it was never plumbed to have hot water to the individual washbasins.

OLD BUSINESS

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 27, 2005

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

From: Don G. Hillman, Executive Director
Washington County Fair Complex

Re: Booster Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Staff Recommendation

Recommendations - Staff recommends that the Competitive Exhibits program be brought back under staff's direction and control. This is not to say, that the Boosters efforts were not valued, but future Booster involvement should be structured and focused over a shorter period of time, and under the supervision of the staff.

Discussion – The Booster involvement in overseeing the 2005 Competitive Exhibits Program evolved out of a series of discussions and conversations wherein the Boosters, headed by it's Coalition Committee, were critical of the direction taken by the Fair Complex Board and staff.

The Fair Complex Board, on the recommendation of staff, entered in to a MOU granting the Boosters exclusive management and production of the 2005 Competitive Exhibits Program.

Unlike traditional volunteer groups currently assisting with the annual County Fair, and whose duties are very structured and focused, the Booster involvement occurred over an extended period of time, included many disciplines (contracting, finance, etc.) and involved many superintendents, judges, contractors, and participants. As such, the Booster's involvement added another organizational layer to manage, required additional staff hours to coordinate, and lines of responsibilities blurred as to whether staff or Boosters were responsible for various activities before, during or after the County Fair.

In summary, it was stated that the Booster's had an army of experienced, knowledgeable volunteers; however, no such army ever materialized. Its clear from a staff perspective that volunteers, especially in such a multi-disciplined program environment, cannot take the place of a few, well trained, dedicated, experienced full-time employees.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 27, 2005

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

From: Don G. Hillman, Executive Director
Washington County Fair Complex

Re: Amphitheatre Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Staff Recommendation

Recommendations - Staff recommends that the Amphitheatre program continue to be operated under special arrangements with the Boosters; that the program be funded outside the Fair Complex budget; and that no additional food and/or beverage concessions are allowed inside the Amphitheatre.

Discussion – Like their involvement in the Competitive Exhibits Program, the Boosters involvement in the 2005 Amphitheatre Program evolved out of a series of discussion and conversations wherein the Boosters, headed by it's Coalition Committee, were critical of the direction taken by the Fair Complex Board and staff regarding the lack of programming in the Amphitheatre.

The Fair Complex Board, on the recommendation of staff, entered in to a (MOU) granting the Boosters exclusive management and production of the 2005 Amphitheatre Program.

Unlike the Competitive Exhibits Program, duties associated with the Amphitheatre Program were very structured and focused, do not add another organizational layer to manage, or require additional staff hours to coordinate.

As to the issue of additional concessions stands being located in the Amphitheatre, staff cannot recall at anytime in the past when additional concession stands were placed in the Amphitheatre. Furthermore, additional concession stands do not increase overall food or beverage sales; but at a certain point, can reduce sales at other concession stands, especially duplicative type of food or beverage found elsewhere on the grounds.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar of Events
December 2005 – April 2006

Date	Event	Location
December		
7	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
7	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
26	Holiday	Office Closed
January		
2	Holiday	Office Closed
4	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
4	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
5 – 8	OFA Annual Convention	Portland, OR
9-12	WFA Annual Convention	San Diego, CA
16	Martin Luther King Holiday	Office Closed
February		
1	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
1	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
20	Presidents Day	Office Closed
March		
1	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
1	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
April		
5	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
5	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)

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WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BOOSTERS

Meeting Minutes - November 2, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Judy Marsh. All present introduced themselves. Ed Kristovich, Past-President was thanked for his years of service to the Boosters. Prior meeting minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: A letter was received from Co. Commissioner Andy Duyck stating that the Boosters would get \$2500 from the Intel funds provided to the county.

- Received \$500. donation from a Booster
- Discussed costs for preparing "Fairgrounds Boosters Development Proposal"
- Draft letter to Fair Staff requesting itemized full financial accounting of Frite Lites since the inception of this activity. (Boosters contributed \$10,000)

Secretary's report: We have a total of 160 members - (146 individuals & 14 business/org)

Fair Board meeting report was given by Fair Board member Kathy Schmidkofer, in the absence of Don Hillman.

Meeting with County Commissioners: Mike Steward reported on meeting to be held with 2 County Commissioners, 2 Fair Board members-Herb Hirst and Rafe Flagg, plus Lyle Spiesschaert & Mike, on Nov 9. At future meetings Mike, Lyle, and Booster president Dave Rohrer will be the official representatives of the Boosters.

Motions made and seconded:

- To investigate steps necessary to replace a Fair Board member. *Motion passed*
(Inez G, Brian H & Debbie VR will check on process)
- Washington County Fairgrounds Boosters have vote of no confidence in Fair Board President & Vice-President, and the Director of the Fair Complex *Motion passed*
- To have the Boosters Executive Committee review and recommend 2 candidates that best represent the Booster views, from those that have applied for Fair Board positions.
Motion passed

Letterhead/Logo for Boosters - Dale Scheller asked to have Boosters get their own stationary with appropriate letter head.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Day, Secretary

Next FAIR BOARD MEETING
12/7/05 4:30 PM Floral Bldg

NEXT BOOSTERS MEETING: DEC. 7, 2005 7:00 pm, in Floral Building

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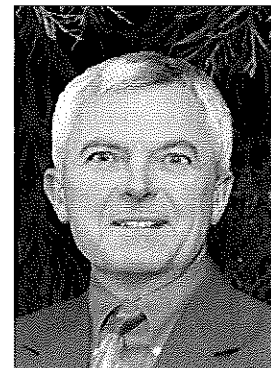
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October/November 2005

OSU Extension Service engages the people of Oregon with research-based knowledge and education that focuses on strengthening communities and economies, sustaining natural resources, and promoting healthy families and individuals.

Scott Reed assumes OSU Extension Service leadership

Dr. Scott Reed is the new dean and director of the OSU Extension Service. He leaves behind the position of associate dean of the College of Forestry and Extension forestry program leader to take on expanded challenges and duties.



"Scott Reed has the right blend of leadership, vision, and experience at many levels to help the OSU Extension Service become a model program for the 21st century," OSU President Ed Ray said.

"Our challenge is to match our knowledge base to the issues of Oregon's people and to use Extension's mission of education to apply research to solving the state's problems," Scott said. "Extension best serves Oregon when we utilize OSU's education and research to empower people and communities to make better decisions that ultimately lead to a better future."

Scott is a graduate of Michigan State University, and completed his Ph.D. in Forest Economics and Policy from the University of Minnesota. Extension dean and director provides leadership for vision, direction, and priorities for the OSU Extension Service. There are 550 Extension staff and faculty located on the OSU campus and throughout the state. Scott joined OSU College of Forestry in 1990.

Washington County Extension staff receive awards

A number of Extension staff recently received national and statewide recognition.

Jeanne Brandt and Lynn Steele were recognized with a first-place regional award for their timely publication on *Household Mold*. This low-literacy fact sheet has been translated to four languages and provides simple instructions for addressing mold problems.

Scott Leavengood received one of three "Search for Excellence" awards presented in Oregon this year. Scott's spreadsheet on *Estimating Shrink and Swell in Wood Products* has been used by woodworking professionals around the world. Likewise a number of firms right here in Washington County have used Scott's program to build and finish wood products.

This year a new award was given to one statewide team for collaborative efforts. The team consisting of Janice Smiley, Maureen Quinn, Jenny Ahlers, Diane Gutman, Rebecca Gammons, and Aidee Quezada received the award. The program resulting from their efforts, *Start Smart Eating and Reading*, has been provided to over 900 school children in Washington County.

Janice Smiley also received a Program Distinguished Service Award from the Extension association. She was recognized for years of superior efforts related to nutrition and health. *Congratulations to all!*

EXTENSION EVENTS

Oktoberfest – pest management workshops, NWREC, Aurora. 503-678-1264 Ext. 10
Oct. 6 Beyond ladybeetles, biological control
Oct. 13 Avoidance techniques, IPM
Oct. 20 Potential nursery impacts of research studies
Oct. 27 Weed 'em out: weed management

Using Medicines Wisely
(Educational program and consultations with OSU Pharmacy Interns)

October 20, Pacific Pointe Retirement Inn
November 2, Beaverton Community Center
November 10, Rosewood Park Retirement Residence
All programs begin at 2 p.m., consultations follow.

October 24 & 25, Wood Tech 2005, CAPITAL Center, Beaverton.
<http://wood.oregonstate.edu/woodtech/index.php>

November 3, Household Mold
7 p.m., Public Services Building, Hillsboro.
Free public program.

November 8, Beef Cattle Nutrition workshop,
6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Canby, call 503-623-8395.

November 9, "There's No Place Like Home."
National Aging in Place Week educational event. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Sunset Presbyterian Church, Beaverton.

December 2 and 9, Parent Relationships and What They Mean to Children. 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., satellite teleconference at the Public Services Building, Hillsboro. Free.

Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) meetings. Monthly meetings in most areas of the county. Call 503-725-2124 for meeting information in your neighborhood or visit the web site at <http://www.oregonstate.edu/extension/washington/citizen.htm>

RESOURCES

Oregon's Legal Guide for Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children – a quick guide to legal issues and possible solutions faced by those who are parenting related children.

A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home. Pick up a free copy of this popular EPA publication.

Call 503-725-2300 to request a mailed copy of these resources or pick up a copy at the Washington County Extension office.

2005 4-H Tech Wizard summer day camps



Two hundred fifty low-income elementary youth in six different locations participated in the 6th annual 4-H Tech Wizard summer day camp program. Campers rotated through five stations each day – computer literacy; Lego robotics; nutrition education; C.A.R.E. (Cyber Awareness Responsibility and Ethics program presented by the Hillsboro

Police department); GPS; and physical activity. The day camp program was made possible through generous grants from Hewlett-Packard, Intel, PGE Foundation, and Extension's Nutrition Education Program (NEP). Community partners included: Peter Boscow Elementary School in Hillsboro, Hillsboro Police Department West Precinct, Wyndhaven Apartments, Sunset Gardens Apartments, Montebello Apartments, Amberwood Apartments, and Centro Cultural. To receive an informational DVD about the program, please contact the Washington County 4-H office at 503-725-2110 or email 4-H.Wash.Co@oregonstate.edu.



Nutrition education offered at summer lunches

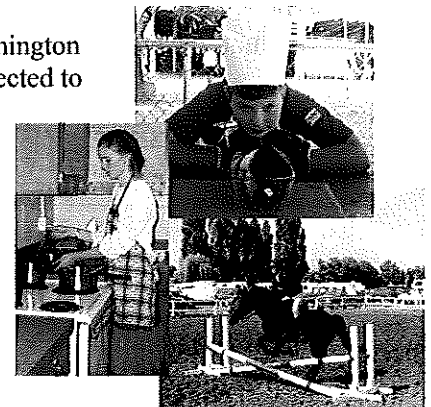
Several hundred Washington County children, at a dozen sites, received nutrition education along with their USDA summer lunches. The results of the effective collaboration mean more local kids know how to fix new, nutritious recipes at home. Extension's Nutrition Education Program (NEP) delivered *Snack Attack* nutrition experiences at sites for community meals. Families expressed appreciation for having two opportunities at the same location. Children learned how to choose healthy foods for snacks, to cut up fruits and vegetables including strawberries and collard greens, and how to incorporate them in snacks and meals. Successes include veggie omelets and fruit salad. The summer effort is part of an overall nutrition and health outreach designed to help our county's young residents make positive health choices.



Over 5,000 4-H entries at the Washington County Fair!

There were 1,825 blue ribbon winners and 319 champions in the 4-H division of the 2005 Washington County Fair. Of these 4-H entries, 636 were selected to represent Washington County at the Oregon State Fair.

Fair time is an exciting time for hundreds of 4-H members. It is a time to share what they have learned during the year, get feedback on their entries from a judge, find out about other projects for next year, and develop memories for a lifetime.



Home weatherization will reduce energy bills

Up to 40 percent of winter home heat loss can be the result of cold air infiltration, especially through leaking windows and door casings. Caulking and weatherstripping can help you save on heating bills and make homes more comfortable. You can do it yourself. For a pamphlet with instructions and explanations of what products are available, and additional information on home weatherization, contact the Extension office.

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CONCERTS

Local acts didn't draw crowds at state fair

Music formula needs work, poll finds

ANGELA YEAGER
Statesman Journal
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Name factor and upbeat, high-energy music seemed to be the key ingredients that many fairgoers and vendors felt was missing from the mix at this year's Oregon State Fair.

The Oregon State Fair debuted a new entertainment schedule this year, which placed free Oregon musical acts on the Center Stage, as opposed to having paid concerts with national names in the L.B. Day Amphitheater.

The focus on Oregon music was an effort to achieve several goals: spend less money on entertainment, highlight local talent and also provide free concerts to the public.

Diane Childs, marketing manager for the fair, said exit polls found that people who attended the fair found the free entertainment to be a good value and were happy with the mix.

But phone surveys done with people who didn't attend the fair at all also found that many Oregonians say they aren't finding reasons to go to the fair, Childs said.

"We had 10 different stages with 55 different acts," she said.

"People who went said it significantly increased their value. People say they want affordability, but they also are telling us we need to have compelling things that will make them set aside time to come to the fair."

Ashley Radke, 18, and Amy Hubert, 18, both had jobs at the fair this year and strolled around the fairgrounds during their breaks. This year, they weren't happy with the musical lineup and said they would have liked to see more emo and punk bands included in the lineup.

"There isn't enough diversity," Radke said.

"All they have is folk music. When we go to the IKE Box, we hear bands we like. Everything here is boring."

The mix of acts on Center Stage was a concern among many of the vendors that have booths near the stage.

Bob Jackson of food vendor company Jackson Enterprises said he believed the lack of entertainment with a big draw was hurting sales at his food stand, located next to Center Stage. His main complaint was that too much of the music was quiet and slow.

Send in your ideas

The Oregon State Fair wants the public's ideas on what they can do to improve the annual event. They want helpful suggestions and ideas for entertainment options that would increase attendance.

To send in ideas: e-mail: fair.ideas@state.or.us

Regular mail: Oregon State Fair, 2330 17th St. NE, Salem, OR 97303

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"This music is not appropriate for the fair," he said. "It is way too sedate. Some of this stuff puts people to sleep. They can't hold a crowd, and it doesn't draw anyone from other parts of the fairgrounds. Now, Paul deLay, he got the crowd going. But for most people, people aren't going to drive and pay high gas prices to see an unknown."

Kevin Staggs, an employee with Casey's Cafe, said lines of patrons clamoring for the business' famous curly fries didn't seem as long as in years past.

"It's been steady, but not huge," he said during a lull in his fair-booth business from the crowds. "It's been very full for the family acts. The talent show fills the stands. The Severin Sisters and Paul deLay got the crowd going, and the hypnotist show is very popular."

Fair organizer Childs said they also heard some complaints about the mix of entertainment.

She said the most popular free acts were The Stars of the Peking Acrobats in the L.B. Day Amphitheatre and the Latino concert and rodeo on Sept. 4. On Center Stage, popular acts included the Oregon State Fair Talent Show, soul/R&B artist Curtis Salgado, The Severin Sisters and blues harmonica musician Paul deLay.

Childs said finding an affordable entertainment schedule that will please fairgoers and vendors and draw people in while not gouging pocketbooks is a difficult dynamic to juggle.

Salem residents Ted and Cheryl Morrison were checking out the music at this year's fair and said they were glad to see local acts on the stage. Ted Morrison said he liked some of the national names that once played at the L.B. Day Amphitheatre but wouldn't have paid for most of those concerts.

"I used to come here for bands, before they started charging," he said. "I wouldn't pay \$25 to see the Cherry Poppin' Daddies. I like what they are doing now. It's giving local artists an opportunity to show their stuff."

According to Childs, fair attendance in 2005 was down 12 percent from the previous year. However, if you account for the fact the fair was one day shorter this year, the drop is more like 5 percent, she said.

Food concession sales were down 10 to 12 percent, Childs said.

Part of the fair's effort to reinvent itself in the coming years will be spurred by its new management. The Oregon State Fair is under the umbrella of the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department now. Dave Koellermeier was hired as state fair manager with the department in October.

The fair's own studies show that 40 percent of visitors are from Marion County. Koellermeier said the fair department is concerned about this and is looking at ways to bring the statewide focus back to the Oregon State Fair.

At the same time, he said he doesn't expect that the fair will back away from its new focus on local music and talent.

"It takes a while to cultivate the audience to something new," he said.

"But we may want to modify what we did. We want to look at what has worked in the past and what is economically sustainable. We have lovely venues that are underutilized. The 'A' acts like Paul McCartney are playing at the Rose Garden. We simply can't afford that anymore. It's out of our control. We can't go back to those days."

Other new additions such as Live Art!, an area featuring entertainment and food from Veneta's Oregon Country Fair, were hurt by a lack of awareness and planning, Childs said.

Live Art!, which featured more alternative entertainment, art displays as well as healthful and vegetarian food, will be back at the state fair in 2006, Childs said, but it will be more visible and more heavily promoted.

Koellermeier and Childs said they want public input and ideas on what they can do to make the Oregon State Fair a big draw statewide again. Koellermeier said he expects there will be growing pains but that in the next few years, the Oregon State Fair will look very different to Oregonians.

"We need to do more listening," he said. "I think it's going to take a few fairs to move momentum the other way."

"The big question for us to answer remains: how can we satisfy all these needs and give people a great value, have good attendance and have people proud of their state and their fair?"

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Agriculture secretary decides to shorten State Fair to five days

CHET BROKAW
Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. - The South Dakota State Fair will be changed from an eight-day event to one that runs five days next year, state Agriculture Secretary Larry Gabriel announced Tuesday.

Gabriel approved a new rule that will move the dates of the annual event to start on the Thursday before Labor Day and end on Labor Day. This year's fair ran from Sept. 3, the Saturday before Labor Day, through Saturday, Sept. 10.

The shorter fair, along with other changes, should cut operating costs and draw bigger crowds, the agriculture secretary said.

The annual event will continue to feature 4-H and FFA exhibits of livestock and other projects. But it should focus not only on agricultural exhibits and products, but also on other sectors of South Dakota's economy, Gabriel said.

"I think the real challenge is to expand or broaden the appeal of the fair to make it more than just about production agriculture," Gabriel told reporters.

"That doesn't mean that we ever walk away from 4-H and FFA because they'll be the bread and butter of the fair, as they should be," Gabriel said. "But we need to give more and more people a reason to come to the fair. Quite frankly, that will not be in itself just entertainment. They have to go so they can see something they don't see elsewhere."

The fair in recent years has had financial trouble because it has failed to draw big crowds, and state government each year has provided money to wipe out the fair's debt. Gabriel said Tuesday the Legislature likely will be asked to provide money to cover a shortfall that will exceed \$800,000 for this year's fair.

The changes could cut operating costs of the fair by \$350,000 to \$400,000 a year, he said.

Gabriel held a public hearing on the proposed rule change Nov. 1 in Huron.

He said that after reviewing comments made by the public, he believes the State Fair can provide an entertaining and educational forum for the exhibition of achievements, the display of products, and the open exchange of agricultural information.

But the agriculture secretary said the shortened fair must feature five full days of activities and exhibits that begin early Thursday morning and last until Monday evening. He said vendors like the idea of a five-day fair because it offers the prospect of more visitors to their displays in fewer days.

Gabriel said he would not have been able to make a decision on changing the fair dates without the support of 4-H leaders, vendors and others.

Gerald Warmann, director of the SDSU Cooperative Extension Service, said his agency supports the date change and will encourage full participation in livestock shows from Thursday morning through Monday evening at a five-day fair. The schedule will seek to minimize conflicts among 4-h, FFA and open class livestock exhibits, he said.

"We support these efforts to help the State Fair continue as a showcase for South Dakota youth and businesses," Warmann said.

State Fair manager Susan Hayward said the fair will not charge admission at the gates after 9 p.m.

"Many people have commented that they want to come into the fair at night to ride the rides, have dinner with friends or enjoy the beer garden," Hayward said. "We hope this will give fairgoers the 'old-time' feeling and bring more people into

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the fair. The vendor buildings will be closed, but folks can enjoy most of the evening social aspects of the fair."

The 2006 State Fair will run from Thursday, Aug. 31, through Labor Day, Sept. 4, but it will offer a preview day on Wednesday so people can enjoy the carnival rides, eat food and attend a grandstand event the day before the fair officially opens, Hayward said.

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York Fair eliminates daytime hours next year

Gates won't open until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday

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Senior citizens and parents with toddlers are the primary weekday customers at the York Fair. But there aren't enough of them to justify opening during the weekdays, a fair organizer said this morning.

Starting next year, the fair won't open until 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, rather than 10 a.m. as in past years.

Fair vice president Gene Schenck said he expects some people to be angry with the decision.

"Any time you change something that is as old as the York Fair, you tinker with trouble," Schenck said.

Retired people and families with young children are the typical weekday fairgoer, Schenck said, so they will likely be disappointed with the new schedule.

Those folks get to the Expo Center before the big crowds come -- before school gets out, before people leave their jobs, and before the weather cools off. They wander around with no waiting lines at the rides and food stands and have the pick of bleacher seats at the free side shows.

Complaints: Vendors and ride operators, however, have increasingly complained as daytime attendance declined, sometimes refusing to open before the afternoon. So more and more often, weekday fair fans were finding rides not operating and vendors not open.

"There are people who like to come to the fair when there's nobody there. They like to come when it's completely empty," Schenck said.

"But there isn't enough of them to keep the gates open."

Schenck and fair president Mike Rutter were to hold a press conference this morning to announce the change. The nonprofit York County Agricultural Society owns the Expo Center grounds and operates the York Fair. Its 12-member board of directors voted unanimously two weeks ago to not open until 3 p.m. on Monday-Thursday, Schenck said.

"This is something we thought about for several years, and we've done it," Schenck said. "We've printed the tickets, so there's no turning back."

Scheduled Sept. 8 through Sept. 17 in 2006, the fair will continue to open at 10 a.m. on Friday, Saturday and Sundays.

An increase in the percentage of families with both parents working outside the home and a society used to air conditioning and avoiding daytime heat have likely contributed to the decline in daytime attendance, Schenck said.

There have been weekdays when vendors and fair employees outnumber those in attendance, he said.

Drop expected: Schenck said he expects attendance to drop the first year the new schedule is implemented, but thinks it will rebound after people adjust.

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While attendance overall increased in 2005, up to 613,255, Schenck said the "lackluster" daytime attendance on weekdays conveyed "a negative image" of the event.

Also, some of the free shows -- the racing pigs and the big cats, for example -- sometimes held several shows throughout the day and then were closed for the nighttime fairgoers.

"By the time the evening crowd got there, they were finished," Schenck said. "We don't want to pay them to play to an empty fairground."

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The Oregonian

Fair needs help, not narrow booster view

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The Oregonian

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The recent vote of no-confidence by the Washington County Fair Boosters has pushed the debate regarding redevelopment of the Washington County Fair Complex to a new level of absurdity. The boosters voted earlier this month to ask the county commissioners to dismiss two fair board members and the executive director of the fair complex.

Four times since the 1970s, the public has been invited to pay for redevelopment of the county fairgrounds. Each time, voters resolutely signaled they were unwilling to pay for the needed work and defeated the measure.

This should not be construed as an opinion on whether improvements and redevelopment should take place. Over time, elected officials, opinion leaders, citizens and now even the Fair Boosters admit that the buildings need work. Late in the process, the boosters created their own alternative plan. This plan's details are sketchy at best, but the theme is one of keeping the status quo and not changing the traditional fairgrounds concept.

The crux of this issue is the amount of change folks are willing to see. When it became apparent that the voters were unwilling to pay for redevelopment, the Fair Board began looking for an alternative.

What they found in 2003 and 2004 was a number of firms willing to build a new fair and expo facility in return for opportunities to develop other portions of the property. In this way, taxpayers would not have to foot the bill for new buildings and infrastructure.

In 2004, Opus Northwest was selected through the county's standard process and given the rights to develop a conceptual plan over two to three years. The Fair Board and Opus have been actively driving this effort to bring a financially sustainable and operationally sound plan back to the county commissioners for approval.

Opus was asked to prepare a plan that reinvigorated the area south of Hillsboro Airport in a way that the fairgrounds would continue to support the plethora of events important to Washington County, with the annual fair at the top of the list. The plan Opus came up with is synergistic with the area and is not another run-of-the-mill strip mall.

The Fair Board is reviewing many conceptual designs and thoughts about the proposal. Many players are involved, which makes for complex jockeying of agreements and relationships. This privately funded redevelopment concept has proven to have longer legs than any of the taxpayer-funded requests. Exciting designs are plentiful, and most folks who have reviewed them are thrilled with the new opportunities they (would) bring to everyone in Washington County.

The boosters' vote of no-confidence stems from strong leadership on the Fair Board as well as professional management of the fairgrounds. The Fair Board has made policies and decisions that led to increases in fair attendance over the last two years. Management has revamped accounting to show where the

fairgrounds makes and loses money and to make its dependency on the county hotel/motel taxes apparent.

The Fair Boosters are not happy with these decisions and results. They shouldn't be; their private playground has been opened to public scrutiny. The successful redevelopment of the fairgrounds will bring more people to the fair and expo center than ever before.

More than once, a Fair Booster has publicly said this piece of county property belongs to those living west of 185th, and everyone else is a tourist. This attitude is unacceptable and just plain wrong. The redevelopment plan prioritizes the usage of the facility for everyone in the county rather than a select few.

The fairgrounds belongs to all of Washington County, not just a small, vocal group that wishes to keep this publicly owned property to itself. In order for all Washington County citizens to benefit from the property, it does need to be renovated and changed.

It is hard for some to support change, but this may very well be our last opportunity to utilize our public land in the wisest possible way at no cost to the taxpayer.

W. Rafe Flagg is treasurer of the Washington County Fair Board

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Rose Festival plans to prune pageantry down to profit Event budget Another deficit prompts organizers to cut days and events, and consider rain insurance

Wednesday, November 09, 2005

STEPHEN BEAVEN
The Oregonian

After losing money last summer for the fourth time in five years, the Portland Rose Festival will be leaner in 2006, with a shorter schedule and a renewed focus on its parades and Pepsi Waterfront Village.

Some events, including two band concerts, will be cut. Other events will be added. The queen's coronation may be moved out of the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall to save money.

The changes are part of a three-year plan launched last year to cut costs and boost festival revenue.

Unaudited numbers for the fiscal year that ended Oct. 31 show the festival lost between \$150,000 and \$175,000 on revenue of about \$3.3 million, according to Jeff Curtis, executive director of the Portland Rose Festival Association.

The deficit follows a loss of more than \$185,000 for the previous fiscal year and reinforces the association's need to change the way it does business, Curtis said.

He hopes the cuts, which include two layoffs, will save about \$250,000 in 2006 and strengthen the festival's financial picture heading into its centennial year in 2007.

Curtis, who began mapping a new course for the festival when he was named executive director in 2004, said Portlanders should expect more changes ahead.

"This isn't a process that happened overnight," he said.

Like similar events around the country, the Rose Festival has been battered in recent years by an uneven economy and the impact of terrorism and war, plus bad weather and rising costs for security and insurance. It also has struggled to maintain its place as a family-oriented hometown event in a city experiencing an influx of young people.

Curtis and his staff are working to cut costs in some areas to allow more resources to be spent in others. He wants to focus more on core events next year by directing money, staff time and volunteers to the Grand Floral, Starlight and Junior parades, as well as the waterfront village.

Rain during last summer's Grand Floral Parade dampened enthusiasm for the waterfront village, Curtis said, and cost the festival about \$100,000.

To counter the threat of bad weather, Curtis said he may buy rain insurance for the waterfront village.

Also, the Rose Festival will be shorter, just 18 days in June, instead of spread over six weeks as in previous years.

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Organizers hope more people will be drawn to the waterfront village, which will be open for 11 days, by focusing attention on its attractions during a compressed time frame.

Cuts and additions

The festival is cutting a handful of activities, including a jazz band competition, a marching band concert and a children's community service program.

To replace the marching and jazz band events, a concert will be added featuring the One More Time Around Again Marching Band and other acts. Instead of a showcase of floats, which was held last year across from Lloyd Center after the Grand Floral Parade, they'll be displayed in a simpler and less expensive manner.

"So we can still get the floats out there," said Marilyn Clint, the associate executive director. "But it doesn't have to have all that infrastructure."

Clint said she would like to cut costs at the queen's coronation, which runs a deficit each year, in part because the festival must pay for production costs and rent at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Clint and Curtis aren't sure yet how the coronation will be changed, but Clint said it could be held elsewhere to save money.

Festival officials want to add a major event to boost revenue. Curtis said it could be similar to the Champ Car races, in which a promoter pays a fee in return for volunteers and marketing assistance. But no specific events have been identified.

Organizational change

The festival, which won 17 awards at an international competition this year, is considering a new, year-round business, utilizing its staff to put on events for other organizations, Curtis said.

Another component of the leaner event is the new Rose Festival Association executive committee, which was reduced from 22 to 15 members and given additional authority to direct Curtis and his staff. Previously, changes had to be ratified by the full 75-member board.

"It's a much more nimble group," said the festival president, Rita Bladow, "so we can react and make decisions."

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Boosters seek fair ousters

Tuesday, November 08, 2005

By Lisa Cromwell
The Hillsboro Argus

The Argus

After a brief dtente, the Washington County Fair Board and the Fairgrounds Boosters are again at odds.

On Nov. 2, Mike Steward, one of 160 boosters members, called for the resignations of Fair Board President Richard Vial, board member Herb Hirst and Don Hillman, fair complex director.

The boosters on Nov. 3 unanimously voted no confidence in Vial, Hirst and Hillman and appointed a committee to look into the resignation process.

Booster member Lyle Spiesschaert said the fair board told the boosters that they can't work with the board on a development plan because it violates the letter of intent the board signed with developer Opus Northwest. The board and Opus intend to develop the complex at Northeast 34th Avenue and Cornell Road.

They plan to build a large retail complex on up to 60 acres of the 101-acre fairgrounds. Current fair facilities, including older animal barns and an aging exhibit hall, would be torn down. A 90,000-square-foot exhibition hall and large open pavilion for concerts and rodeos would be built on 20 acres.

A portable 60,000-square-foot aluminum structure for agriculture, two public plazas and parking areas would be part of the new complex.

Boosters objected to the plan in June. They presented an alternative proposal to Washington County Commissioners and fair board members last month. It calls for donations, corporate sponsorships, and fair admission and ballpark user fees to pay for three phases of improvements on a preserved complex.

"We put in thousands of man hours in effort, but the letter of intent bound the fair board's hands from doing anything," Steward said. Because of that, they were never going to listen, were never going to give us a fair shake."

There are two versions of what led to the booster plan's genesis.

"We presented an alternative fair development plan to the fair board because Don Hillman asked us to," Steward said. "The board voted two months ago to support the boosters, encouraged us to apply for \$5,000 to \$6,000 and asked us to put a plan together.

Vial said Washington County Commissioners told boosters objecting to the Opus plan in August to come up with alternatives. "We never asked them for a plan," Vial added. "Don Hillman did not. I'm quite confident of that."

"Why did you tell us to come up with a plan that you can't debate with us?" Spiesschaert asked the board.

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"That's a very misleading thing."

"It's a legal, binding document, and they knew that all along," said Hirst. "Rich told them, 'If you don't like Opus' plan, come up with a better idea we can work with Opus on.'"

The fair board has not responded to the booster proposal, Steward and Spiesschaert said.

Vial countered that the board is waiting for legal direction before responding to the boosters.

Spiesschaert, Steward, board members Hirst and Rafe Flagg and county commissioners Tom Brian and Andy Duyck will meet at 8:30 a.m., Nov. 9. Both fair groups claim they want to work together, yet each accuses the other of nonconstructive criticism.

"We never heard anything other than criticism and a lament that we were trying to destroy the county fair," Vial said. "I always felt like we were trying to work together, and saying we have not responded to them is mischaracterizing what is happening.

"Providing the boosters a voice and input into the process has always been my invitation to them."

Steward countered, "Since June we've asked and asked and asked to be part of the process, and they haven't responded to us."

"I still want to work with people, but I think the group took this action because their frustration is at a high point," Spiesschaert said. "If that action gets us sitting down and talking about this, then so be it."

"The fair is not buildings -- it's the people," said Hirst. "That's what got mixed up."

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Fair boosters seek to oust board leaders

Development dispute Plans for a new complex and the old fairgrounds upset the group

Friday, November 04, 2005

MICHELLE MANDEL
The Oregonian

HILLSBORO -- Washington County Fairgrounds Boosters have formed a committee to seek removal of the Fair Board's top two leaders and the fair complex's executive director.

Boosters on Thursday said they plan to ask the Washington County Board of Commissioners, whose members oversee the Fair Board, to remove board Chairman Rich Vial and Vice Chairman Herb Hirst.

The boosters' action is another obstacle in the board's efforts to build a new fair complex east of Northeast 34th Avenue. The plan also would allow developer Opus Northwest to build a shopping center on the existing 62-acre fairgrounds.

Boosters oppose the idea because the shopping center would flatten the fairgrounds, in existence since the 1950s. They also are concerned the proposed exhibition hall and open pavilion, which board members say the county needs, would lack the bucolic ambience of a traditional county fair.

Booster Mike Steward of Hillsboro ignited the resignation idea at the Fair Board's monthly meeting Wednesday. He accused the fair complex's executive director, Don Hillman, and the board of mismanaging the fairgrounds, which has suffered annual losses as high as \$200,000 recently.

Steward then blasted the board for soliciting booster opinions on proposed fairgrounds redevelopment, even after a legally binding letter of intent was signed a year ago with Opus.

"If the letter of intent was binding the Fair Board from day one, why did the boosters go off and spend a lot of time and money coming up with an alternate plan?" Steward asked Vial.

Steward demanded the resignations of Vial and Hillman.

Vial seemed surprised but said little. He could not be reached for comment Thursday.

At a separate meeting later Wednesday, boosters gave Vial, Hirst and Hillman a vote of no confidence. They decided to form a committee to seek removal of the three men, said Lyle Spiesschaert, a booster and former board member.

"I personally don't want to fight the Fair Board," Spiesschaert said. "But I want the boosters to be heard. And I'm not sure that's happening right now."

Boosters and board members have long acknowledged that the fairgrounds needs updating, to improve safety and to increase revenues.

That is why Hirst doesn't think boosters have a valid case in demanding the resignations.

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"The people who are making the accusations against the board have known for years that something needs to be done," Hirst said. "We held all kinds of public hearings and gave everybody an opportunity to voice their opinion about what should be done. The only thing we got out of the boosters is they don't want to see their fair go away.

"We've never said the fair is going away," he said. "As a matter of fact, part of the letter of intent definitely tells Opus that they have to make provisions for a traditional county fair."

Hirst said Fair Board members recently sought redevelopment ideas from boosters because Opus' design plans haven't been finalized. Board members, Hirst said, want boosters to have a voice in the future look of the fairgrounds.

But boosters say they won't be happy with any plan that takes away from the current fair.

"The way I understand it," Spiesschaert said, "the rodeo, the draft horses and many of the other spectator events would be eliminated. And that would change the essence of the fair."

If Vial and Hirst resign, boosters want a say in who fills those jobs and two other positions open on the seven-member board.

Boosters seek a board majority that would offer traction in their desire to ditch the redevelopment plan and come up with a plan that that leaves the fair intact.

In this scenario, Hillman's job, controlled by board members, might be spared.

"I serve at the pleasure of the board," Hillman said. "And this board hired me to take the fair complex in a new direction. If that thinking changes, certainly, I'd have to change my thinking.

"But I don't see that happening."

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September 29, 2005

Benton County Fair Moves Dates Back to Customary Fair Week

The Benton County Fair & Rodeo may be a traditional family event, but change is a normal part of its history. Now the Benton County Fair Board has moved the Fair back to its original first week in August, with the 2006 Fair running August 2-6. The change in days of the week will remain in effect, with the Fair running Wednesday through Sunday for the first time.

Discussion among western Oregon fairs has been frantic this summer as County Fairs try to find non-conflicting dates. "Finally the dominos stopped falling and we have the opportunity to stay on our customary week," said Fair Manager Bart Noll. The Fair-date shuffle began with a large RV rally at the Oregon State Expo Center that forced the Marion County Fair to move its event to one week later. As a result, other County Fairs in the valley were faced with conflicting dates or rescheduling. But the chain reaction stopped last week when the Linn County Fair decided to hold firm with their regular dates.

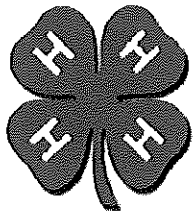
"To save money, we share livestock equipment with all of the adjoining County Fairs," said Fair Manager Bart Noll. "The date movement by the other counties wreaks havoc with the sharing arrangement. When Linn County Fair kept their date, it freed up our customary week."

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For further information, contact:

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*Please watch for news updates & further information about the
2006 Benton County Fair & Rodeo on website:
www.bentoncountyfair.com*



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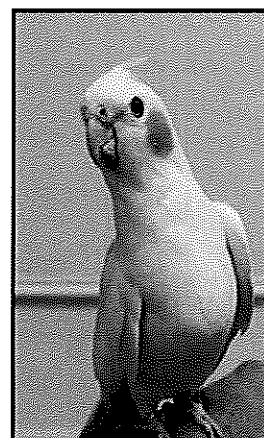
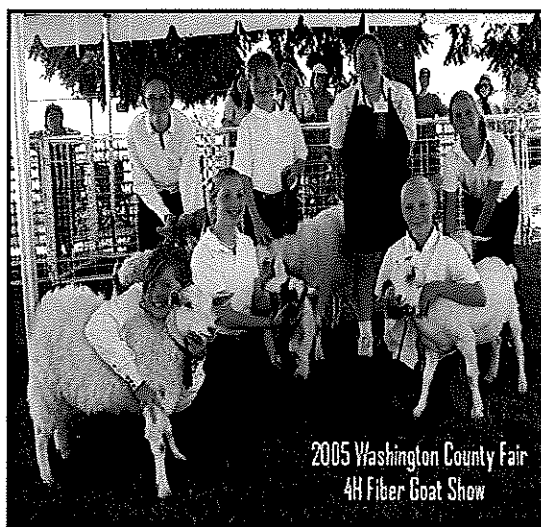
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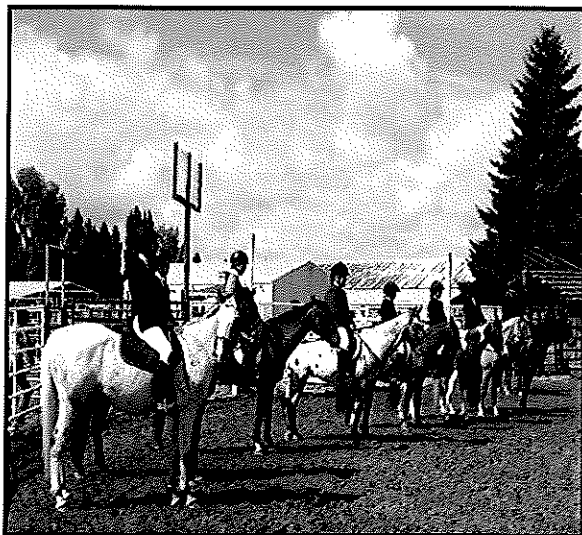
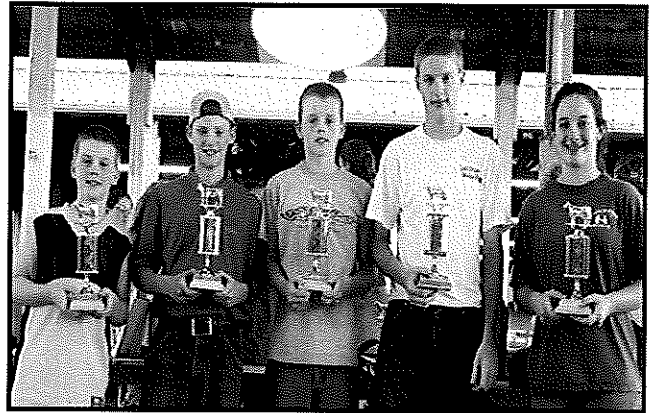
Congratulations Washington County 4-Hers!

There were 1,825 Blue ribbon winners and 319 Champions in the 4-H Division of the 2005 Washington County Fair. Of these, 636 4-H entries were selected to represent Washington County at the Oregon State Fair.

Fair time is an exciting time for hundreds of 4-H members. It is a time to share what they have learned during the year, get feedback on their entries from a judge, find out about other projects for next year, and develop memories for a lifetime.

Washington County Fair 2005 results and State Fair Results are also on the web at: <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h/index.php>





Re-enrollment News:

Changes in project service fees and publications ordering

By now every club contact leader should have received their re-enrollment packet and are getting the forms filled out and signed. Please make sure you read through the instructions as there have been several changes.

Instead of a per project service fee, it has now been changed to a 4-H Service fee of \$10 per member. Members can enroll in as many projects as they want and pay just one \$10 service fee.

Publications for members will be available for purchase. Leader publications will continue to be at no charge. All publication orders should be placed by the club leader on behalf of the club. Due to limited staff time we cannot process individual member orders.

Independent Members – If a member decides to do a 4-H project independently, they still need an approved leader. When enrolling as an independent, the leader and independent member enroll just as any club would, except they note on their enrollment forms that they are independent. This helps us note it in our database accurately.

Volunteers needed to start more 4-H clubs:

A big THANK YOU to the volunteers in Washington County 4-H who do a great job of leading the clubs every year! We are always getting calls from kids throughout the county wanting to join 4-H! However, clubs fill up fast and there is always a need for more clubs.

If you know of someone in the community who would like to volunteer and help by starting a club or helping a club grow in membership, have them call the 4-H Secretary at (503)725-2110 or email 4-H.Wash.Co@oregonstate.edu to get an application packet. The packet contains instructions and information necessary to get the application process started.

Below is the schedule for New Leader-Mentor Trainings A & B:

Session A

Tuesday, November 1st 2005

Tuesday, December 6th 2005

Tuesday, February 7th 2006

Tuesday, April 4th 2006

Session B

Wednesday, November 16th 2005

Tuesday, February 14th 2006

Wednesday, March 22nd 2006

All sessions begin at 6:00 pm.

Call to (503) 725-2110 to sign-up!

Mark your calendars! DEADLINES TO REMEMBER:	
December 15, 2005	Re-enrollment deadline - for <u>returning</u> leaders and <u>returning</u> members.
April 1, 2006	Enrollment deadline – for <u>new</u> Horse Project members who wish to participate in spring horse shows and horse fair 2006
June 1, 2006	Enrollment deadline for all other <u>new</u> 4-H members (except horse) who wish to participate in county fair.
June 1, 2006	Fair Entry deadline for horse 4-H members to participate in horse fair.
June 20, 2006	Fair Entry deadline for all other 4-H members to participate in county fair.

Washington County 4-H Spaghetti Dinner & Awards Event

Family Fun and Awards Night

November 12, 2005

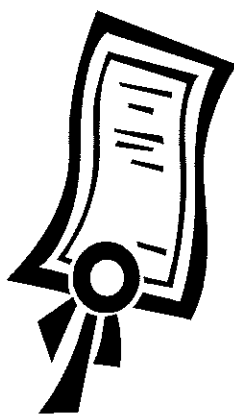
Washington County Fairplex, Cloverleaf Bldg.

5 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner

(Spaghetti, Salad, French Bread, Beverages, Dessert)

RSVP to 503-725-2110 by Nov. 4th

Give # of people coming (you can leave message on voice mail)



5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Card Making and Dinner

6:30-8:00p.m.

Awards Presentations

Jr. & Teen Leaders

Record Book Awards

"I Dare You Awards"

SAR Citizenship Award

National Congress Presentation and Nominees

Wash. Co. 4-H Leader of the Year

Friends of 4-H

Who's Who in 4-H



Dinner--\$5 for Adults \$4 for Children

Family of 4 or more--\$ 16

Profits to fund Wash. Co. 4-H A & R/Scholarship Fund

**Bring non-perishable food for Food Bank Drive
and stuffed animals and hygiene articles for local donations.**

Leftover fair exhibits at office

There are still some static exhibits from county and state fair still hanging out at the Extension office. Please claim your exhibit by November 23rd (before Thanksgiving) or it will be donated or recycled. Unfortunately our storage space is very limited and the exhibits cannot be held any longer.

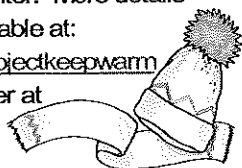
Contribute to the 4-H Wire newsletter



Would you like to be published in this newsletter? Club leaders, members, and parents are encouraged to write stories, and take pictures for submission to the 4-H Wire newsletter. It's a great way to show everyone the fun and wonderful things that Washington County 4-H clubs are doing throughout the year!

Community Service Opportunity Project Keep Warm 8th Annual Hat and Scarf Drive

Are you looking for a way to help this winter? Using easy patterns to create hats and scarves from fleece fabric, you can help keep those in need warm this winter. More details and easy patterns are available at: <http://www.hevanet.com/projectkeepwarm> or contact Tammy Carpenter at tcarp@hevanet.com



4-H Members: Note your calendars for next spring and summer!

Know Your State Government: April 27-29, 2006 in Salem (sponsored by Chevron Corporation). Eligible students: 9-12 grades.

Summer Conference: June 21-24, 2006 at Oregon State University. Eligible students: 7-12 grades.

More details about these two conferences will be announced in the future.

Western Regional Leader's Forum 2006 is approaching

The Registration Packet is now available for the Western Regional Leader's Forum 2006 in Salt Lake City, Utah which will take place March 1-5, 2006 at the Sheraton City Centre. They will be offering a great lineup of classes, events and tours at the Forum. All information can be found on their website at: <http://Utah4-H.org>

The Forum location is the Sheraton City Centre which is located in downtown Salt Lake City with free shuttle service from the airport. The hotel website for a virtual tour may be accessed at www.sheraton.com/saltlakecity Conference delegates are responsible for making their own hotel reservations by calling 801-401-2000. **Be sure to tell them you are with 4-H Western Regional Conference, Utah State University.**

The Registration Form on the Utah website says to mail all forms to their office, but Oregon Delegates are asked to send their forms to the Oregon 4-H State Office. The Oregon 4-H State Office will send them on to Utah. You might want to print your county office address in place of the Utah address on the registration form. This helps the 4-H State Office contact Oregon delegates with details before the event and also for scholarship money for volunteers which will be paid after the Forum.

Early Bird registration deadline is November 28 in the State Office.

"I Did It Myself" Horse 4-H Program Overview and Update

When: Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to Noon

Where: OSU Washington County Extension Service
18640 NW Walker Road, Beaverton OR 97006



Would you like to know more about what it takes to successfully train a colt, filly, or green horse from the ground level to your first blue ribbon in an equitation class? Are you already enrolled in the "I Did It Myself" program? If so, plan to attend a program overview and update Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m. to noon at the OSU Washington County Extension offices (follow the signs). Linda Schade and Susan Fay will be on hand along with current and past "I Did It Myself" members to help answer your questions and review project requirements and updates to the program. For more information, please call Susan at (503) 356-4855 or (503) 647-2792.

Washington County 4-H Horse Judging Team News



Washington County's Horse Judging Team is representing Oregon at the National 4-H Horse Classic - Western 4-H Roundup Conference, which will be held January 4-8, 2006, in Denver, Colorado.

For the fourth consecutive year, Washington County is sending contestants to National competition. Participants from our county competed in National 4-H Horse Judging in 2003, 2004, Public Speaking in 2004, Hippology in 2005, and will compete in Horse Judging again in 2006. Each qualified for Nationals at the Spring Horse Classic - State competition - in April of the prior year. Each qualified contestant may compete in that particular contest only once (ever!) at Nationals. For instance, Katie Prentice went to Nationals in Horse Judging in 2003, then competed in Public Speaking in 2004, but may not compete in either again. And, those who have gone to Nationals will not be eligible to compete at State or County in that particular contest in the following years. So *representing Oregon at NATIONALS is quite an honor!*

We are proud of our team and wish them the very best in National competition at the 4-H Roundup 2006! The team is studying and fundraising for their trip. If you can help in their studies or fundraising efforts, please contact Coach, Nancy Mills, 503-201-6775.

Announcing 4-H Club activities through the 4-H office

Due to the number of 4-H clubs in Washington County, it is not possible for 4-H staff to promote each individual club's event/activities by sending out notices via postal mail or e-mail. Instead we have outlined some ideas below that can help you promote your club activity:

- **4-H Web Calendar** – Instructions have been included with this newsletter on the next page. Please note when you enter a date on the calendar it does not appear instantly. 4-H Staff check the calendar each week to review any pending event dates entered. Once reviewed/approved, the event will then appear on the calendar.

You can view the web calendar online at:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h/calendar/month.php>

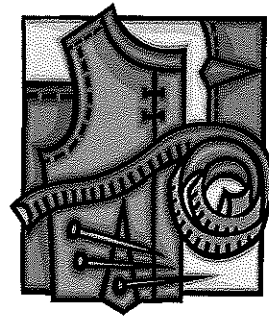
- **Display your event flyer** at the Extension office front counter. Do keep in mind the counter space is shared with other Extension Programs. If appropriate for your event information, you can save paper and space by making a ½ sheet (5 ½" x 8 ½") size flyer.
- **4-H Wire Quarterly Newsletter** – Submit your article or event information to the 4-H Office. Make sure to clearly describe dates, location and contact information of your event. Size of text, graphics, or photos submitted may need to be adjusted to best fit with the overall newsletter content. Preferred format is in a MS Word document (no columns). Any graphics or photos should be in .JPG format.
Call the 4-H Secretary at (503) 725-2110 to find out about submission deadlines.

Oregon Make It Yourself with Wool 2005 Contest

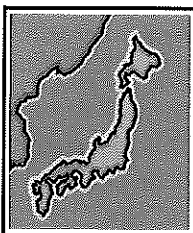
Contest date: December 10, 2005 in Newport, Oregon

Entries Due: November 18, 2005

Information on contest rules and downloadable entry forms available at www.sheeporegon.com



4-H Japanese Exchange Programs



Interested in experiencing a different culture through the 4-H Japanese Exchange-Outbound program? Would you like to be a host family?

You can get more information on the program online at:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/projects/global/inbound.htm>

Take a look at the 4-H Japanese Exchange-Outbound Orientation to get an idea of what you may experience while in Japan:

<http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/programs/projects/Outbound%20Orientation/index.htm>

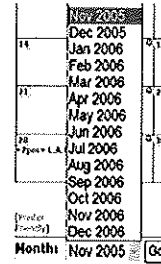
Deadline to submit an application is January 14, 2006. Applications can be obtained at the 4-H Office—call (503) 725-2110 to request a copy.

Washington County 4-H WebCalendar

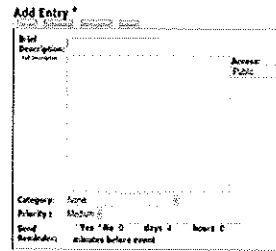
You can now add events of interest to Washington County youth and families directly to the 4-H WebCalendar. You will not see the event on the calendar immediately, because Extension 4-H staff must first approve the event before it is visible to the public.

How to add an event to the calendar:

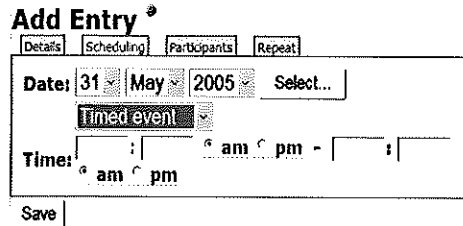
- Go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h/calendar>
- Scroll down to the bottom of the calendar page, month view
- Select the month from the dropdown menu
- Click "Go"
- Select the date your event is to occur
- Click on the **+** in the upper right corner of the date of your event



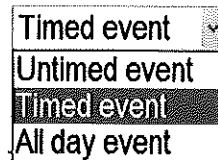
- Enter a brief description, name and location of the event
- Enter the full description, including contact person's phone and email, directions to the location, links to flier, entry form, etc.



- Under the scheduling tab
 - enter the date



- in the drop down window, click on "Timed event" or "All day event." **DO NOT USE "Untimed event"** because it messes up the whole calendar.



- Under Timed event, enter the starting and ending times.

- Click and you're ready to

- add another event
- return to my calendar or
- go to the Washington County 4-H Home Page <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h>.

What is the role for the Washington County 4-H Leaders Association Board of Directors?

Every year 4-H club Leaders and members have questions about the role of our Board of Directors of the Washington County 4-H Leaders Association. Since nonprofits perform many critical functions in our communities – understanding the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Directors is another life skill that is important for all to learn!

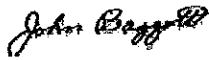
Nonprofit Boards of Directors are made up of citizens/community members with a passion for the organization's mission that they serve. They are volunteers! They are governed by Oregon law with oversight provided by the Oregon Department of Justice. They have a governance role rather than an operations role meaning their role is to ensure that the mission of the organization is carried out, funding is secured to support the mission, and strategic priorities are identified and followed so that the larger community has trust in the organization. In fact – language often used is that the Board (in the name of the nonprofit) acts "in the public trust."

Your 4-H nonprofit Board of Directors has responsibility in partnership with OSU Extension Service 4-H, for strategic planning to ensure the relevance, viability, and value of 4-H to youth, families, taxpayers, and county and state decision makers here in Washington County to ensure that 4-H continues to be supported not only through nonprofit donations but also through county, state and federal tax dollars. In addition to strategic planning, the Board is responsible for policies and procedures to ensure adequate financial controls and investing of the donations, resource development to support the mission and strategic priorities, and promotion and marketing so that community members are well informed and aware of the organization.


For more information, contact Maryanne Andrews, Board Chair, at 503-640-5090, or Lisa Conroy, 503-725-2113, or email: Lisa.Conroy@OregonState.edu

4-H Lego Robotics

What could be more fun than 4-H + Legos + building and programming robots! In September, Washington County 4-H received a grant from OUS ORTOP (www.ortop.org) to pilot a 4-H Lego Robotics project and have the teams participate in the Lego robotics tournament sponsored by First Lego League. Four teams of 4-Hers are busy researching, designing, building, and programming their own robots to perform functions in an "undersea odyssey" environment! During December they will make a presentation, do a demonstration and compete with other teams from the Washington County area. For more information contact Lisa Conroy 503-725-2113, lisa.conroy@oregonstate.edu



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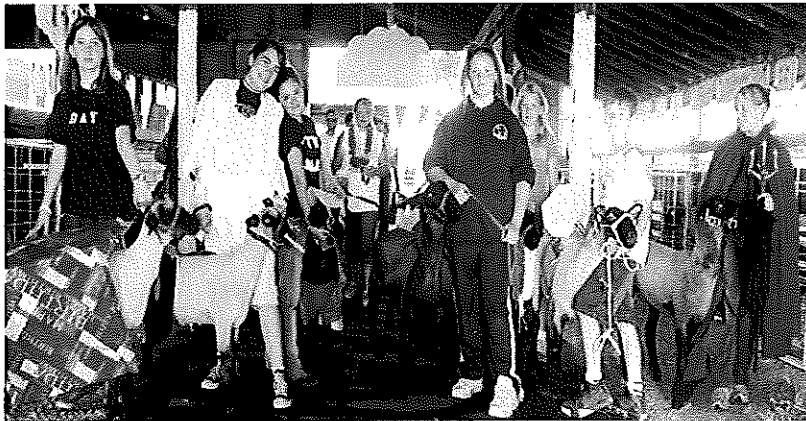
Thursday November 24th
and Friday November 25th
for Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, December 23
Christmas Eve holiday observed

Monday, December 26, 2005
Christmas holiday observed

Monday, January 2, 2006
New Years Day observed

see you next year at Fair!



Horse Fair: July 4th through July 8th 2006

County Fair: July 27th through July 30th 2006

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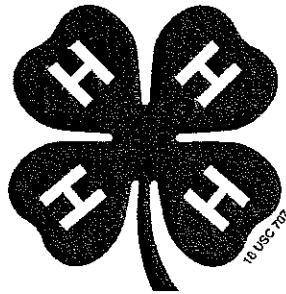
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I pledge
my HEAD to clearer thinking
my HEART to greater loyalty
my HANDS to larger service
my HEALTH to better living
for my club, my community,
my country, and my world.

The 4-H Pledge:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington/4h>

Thank You!



Washington County 4-H

Dear Lisa Dutkes & Washington County
Faircomplex Staff,

Please accept my apologies for writing
so late, but I wanted you to
know how much we appreciated
all your help and support with
our recent 4-H Awards & Recognition
and Spaghetti Dinner Evening. We
could not have had this evening
without the facilities of the
Cloverleaf Building as we had over
100 people who attended the
event, and the dinner helped pay
for our awards plus we
had some funds left over that
will be used for our Senior
Scholarship(s) for 2006.

Your staff was so helpful
and provided the chairs
and tables we needed and
provided the garbage cans we
needed, emptying them when
they were filled.

Thank you for your continued
support of our 4-H youth and programs.

Gratefully,

Annabelle Morgan, ^{4-H}
A+R
Chair

Fair Board

Description The Fair Board is comprised of five members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Fair operation, a division of the County, produces the annual County Fair & Rodeo and manages year-round facilities rented for consumer shows, public expositions and special gathering. The Fair Board meets monthly, develops the Fair Complex's annual operating budget, and provides overall policy direction for the management of Fair Complex activities and facilities.

Members 7

Length of Term 3 years

Current Vacancies 1 - District 1 **Applicants** 7
 1 - District 4

Candidates	Represents District (Resident of District)	Term Expires	First Appointed
<i>Current Member Seeking Reappointment</i>			
Kathy Christy	1	12/31/05	1998
<i>New Applicants</i>			
Jim Clymore	4		
Michael Steward	4		
Byron Schmidlkofer	4		
David Russell	4		
Susan Willhoite	1		
Merle Eakin	4		

Continuing Members

W. Rafe Flagg	2 (2)	12/31/06	2004
Ken Madden	At-Large (2)	12/31/07	2004
Richard Vial	3 (3)	12/31/07	2005
Daniel Logan	4 (4)	12/31/06	2004
Herbert Hirst	At-Large (4)	12/31/06	2004

Retiring Members

Kathy Schmidlkofer	4 (4)	12/31/05	2004
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