

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX

Board Meeting

May 4, 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

1. Opening Prayer
2. Reading of the Holy Scriptures
3. Sermon
4. Prayers
5. Communion
6. Blessing and Dismissal

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Washington County Fair Complex Board of Directors
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A. Richard Vial, Chair	
Herbert Hirst, Vice Chair	W. Rafe Flagg, Treasurer
Kathy Christy, Secretary	Kathy Schmidlkofer, Member
Dan Logan, 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

86 Days to the 2005 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.
- 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 – March 2005
 - B. Balance Sheet – March 2005
 - C. Other, if any
 2. Fair Board Minutes – April 2005
 3. Facility Use Schedule – May 2005
 4. Other, if any

D. Special Reports

1. 4-H Report – John Baggott, OSU Extension Service
2. Fair Boosters Report – Ed Kristovich, Booster President
3. Air Show & Airport Interface Committee – Herbert Hirst, Board Member
4. Fair Visioning Committee – Kathy Christy, Board Members
5. Booster/Coalition Liaison, Kathy Schmidlkofer, Board Member
6. Treasure's Report – W. Rafe Flagg, Board Member
7. Operations Report – Don G. Hillman, Executive Director
8. Other, if any

E. Old Business

1. Redevelopment Update, if any
2. Other, if any

F. New Business

1. 4H Uses of Complex Facilities – Baggott
2. Amphitheatre Proposal – Boosters
3. Blue Ribbon "Volunteer of the Year" Award – Staff
4. 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 – April 2005
2. Newspaper Articles, if any
3. 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: April 26, 2005

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

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

Re: March 2005 Financial Statements

Find attached the March 2005 Budget Overview and Balance Sheets. They were produced by the Washington County Finance Department's WIZARD program and reflect accounting activity from July 2004 – March 2005.

It should be noted that with three months remaining for the fiscal year, Interim Operating Revenues as of March 2005, are at 99% of budget.

It should also be noted that the RV Park revenue is likely to be the only Interim Operating Revenue category to not meet budget estimates. In the past, Butler Amusement, the company operating the Rose Festival Waterfront Fun Center, rented portions of the grounds and RV Park during the Rose Festival, however, Funtastic Shows, a Portland Oregon company, will be operating the Rose Festival Waterfront Fun Center this year and will not need our grounds for those purposes.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX
Budget Overview July 2004 - March 2005

04/22/05

Mission Statement: The mission of the Washington County Fair Complex is to provide excellent facilities and services in a self-supporting manner for the following purposes:

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| 1. Preserve the annual County Fair & Rodeo and its heritage. | 2. Promote the "World-Class" agriculture of the County. |
| 3. Provide a welcoming environment for all volunteers. | 4. Commitment to life-long learning with a special emphasis on youth. |
| 5. Promote year-round facilities for consumer trade shows, public expositions and special gatherings. | 6. Promote a sense of community among County residents. |

Description	July 2004	August 2004	September 2004	October 2004	November 2004	December 2004	January 2005	February 2005	March 2005	Year to Date 2004/05	Adopted 2004/05	%
1 Opening Balance	\$ 397,999	\$ 145,239	\$ 351,993	\$ 299,382	\$ 375,413	\$ 393,093	\$ 387,786	\$ 418,225	\$ 420,900		\$ 379,757	
2												
3 Interim Operating Revenues												
4												
5												
6 Parking	\$ 75	\$ 28,965	\$ 70	\$ -	\$ 7,697	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,807	\$ 26,000	142%
7 RV Park		930	1,680	332	1,910	543	403	613	1,330	7,741	15,350	50%
8 Rentals	13,005	4,100	16,531	18,312	28,721	21,164	20,963	17,365	29,006	169,167	174,894	97%
9 Concessions	2,813	200	1,078	100	100	200	100	200	200	4,991	6,000	83%
10 Misc Income	6,181	2,425	1,794	297	213	(158)	(32)	(32)	1,150	11,838	10,500	113%
11												
12 Total Interim Operating Revenues	\$ 22,074	\$ 36,620	\$ 21,153	\$ 19,041	\$ 38,641	\$ 21,749	\$ 21,434	\$ 18,146	\$ 31,686	\$ 230,544	\$ 232,744	99%
13 Interim Operating Expenses												
14 Personal Services	\$ 14,081	\$ 23,727	\$ 28,541	\$ 38,147	\$ 27,311	\$ 27,351	\$ 25,373	\$ 25,261	\$ 25,916	235,708	\$ 306,419	77%
15 Supplies	4,636	3,116	2,367	201	424	445	1,362	225	4,678	17,454	22,000	79%
16 Professional Services	672	783	-	473	-	629	202	-	1,801	4,560	8,000	57%
17 Advertising	273	748	33	395	277	199	546	-	242	2,713	6,000	45%
18 Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	0%
19 Communications	32	75	44	44	87	-	45	45	87	459	500	92%
20 Utilities	489	2,613	5,605	3,124	3,906	4,034	7,362	3,601	8,037	38,771	77,000	50%
21 Repair and Maintenance	6,736	3,553	241	2,271	2,017	1,940	15,733	841	1,227	34,559	45,000	77%
22 Rentals	665	796	484	215	215	215	456	215	215	3,476	6,000	58%
23 Dues and Memberships	-	30	30	55	337	311	60	229	-	1,052	1,125	94%
24 Training and Travel	-	-	393	-	-	-	121	-	-	514	400	129%
25 Insurance	13,009	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	13,037	13,250	98%
26 Postage	-	-	-	49	77	-	-	-	309	435	1,600	27%
27 Printing Internal	190	-	10	778	-	-	-	-	171	1,149	-	0%
28 Telephones	-	-	655	494	625	467	491	509	508	3,749	6,000	62%
29 Special Expenses	131	402	1,945	(680)	109	821	473	80	164	3,445	6,000	57%
30 County Legal	-	-	769	-	-	135	1,620	-	574	3,098	5,000	62%
31 County Indirect Cost	-	3,319	-	-	3,319	-	-	3,319	-	9,957	13,936	71%
32												
33												
34 Total Interim Operating Expenses	\$ 40,914	\$ 39,162	\$ 40,348	\$ 46,363	\$ 38,704	\$ 36,547	\$ 53,844	\$ 34,325	\$ 43,929	\$ 374,136	\$ 519,230	72%
35												
36 Net Interim Revenues/Expenses	\$ (18,840)	\$ (2,542)	\$ (19,195)	\$ (27,322)	\$ (63)	\$ (14,798)	\$ (32,410)	\$ (16,179)	\$ (12,243)	\$ (143,592)	\$ (286,486)	

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WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX

Budget Overview July 2004 - March 2005

											04/22/05		
37													
38	Description	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Year to Date	Adopted	%
39		2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2004/05	2004-05	
40													
41	Fair Revenues												
42													
43	Commercial Booth Rentals	\$ 43,957	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,557	\$ 64,325	75%
44	Dept of Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	35,141	-	-	35,141	38,000	92%
45	Parking Fees	1,055	76,755	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77,810	81,000	96%
46	Admissions	724	30,776	-	652	-	-	-	-	-	32,152	60,000	54%
47	Sponsorships	36,750	8,500	-	11,250	-	5,500	-	-	-	62,000	60,000	103%
48	Carnival Income	-	67,572	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,572	65,000	104%
49	Advertising	1,150	300	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,450	1,500	97%
50	Entry Fees	4,147	299	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,446	4,600	97%
51	Rentals	-	(11)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(11)	-	0%
52	Concessions	12,850	67,064	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79,914	81,675	98%
53	Other Revenues	248	7,166	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,414	12,600	59%
54													
55	Total Fair Revenues	\$ 100,881	\$ 259,421	\$ -	\$ 11,902	\$ -	\$ 9,100	\$ 35,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 416,445	\$ 468,700	89%
56	Fair Expenses												
57	Personal Services	\$ 6,634	\$ 13,007	\$ 11,481	\$ 16,950	\$ 11,577	\$ 11,255	\$ 11,368	\$ 11,370	\$ 11,435	\$ 105,077	\$ 184,548	57%
58	Supplies	8,558	1,750	529	16	6	-	29	-	-	10,888	12,500	87%
59	Professional Services	20,577	41,458	13,880	750	(1,230)	-	-	-	-	75,435	72,000	105%
60	Advertising, Promotions, etc.	88,278	3,416	-	-	1,784	45	3,483	1,500	-	98,506	100,000	99%
61	Printing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,000	0%
62	Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
63	Utilities	-	1,936	1,099	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,035	14,000	22%
64	Repair & Maintenance	-	2,773	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,787	2,500	111%
65	Rentals	1,178	3,997	173	-	-	579	-	-	-	5,927	8,000	74%
66	Dues and memberships	-	-	-	-	-	775	-	-	-	775	750	103%
67	Travel and Training	-	-	-	613	210	277	1,293	399	159	2,951	4,500	66%
68	Insurance	13,009	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,009	13,250	98%
69	Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	308	308	900	34%
70	Printing	1,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,198	-	0%
71	Telephone	506	800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,306	2,500	52%
72	Other/Special Expenses	77,987	23,174	2,811	1,325	19,876	2,316	5,743	33	(176)	133,089	132,650	100%
73	Awards	27,996	11,826	(1,570)	-	2,476	22	-	-	-	40,750	46,150	88%
74	Indirect	-	3,319	-	510	3,319	-	-	3,319	-	10,467	14,436	73%
75													
76	Total Fairtime Expenses	\$ 245,920	\$ 107,456	\$ 28,417	\$ 20,164	\$ 38,019	\$ 15,269	\$ 21,916	\$ 16,621	\$ 11,726	\$ 505,508	\$ 611,684	83%
77													
78	Net Fairtime Revenues/Expenses	\$ (145,040)	\$ 151,965	\$ (28,417)	\$ (8,262)	\$ (38,019)	\$ (6,169)	\$ 13,225	\$ (16,621)	\$ (11,726)	\$ (89,063)	\$ (142,984)	

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX

Budget Overview July 2004 - March 2005

												04/22/05	
79	Description	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Year to Date	Adopted	%
80		2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2004/05	2004-05	
81	Rodeo Revenues												
82	Admissions	\$ 2,679	\$ 34,752	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	37,431	\$ 57,600	65%
83	Sponsorships	150	22,922	-	6,900	(1,750)	-	-	-	-	28,222	50,600	56%
84	Queen Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,750	0%
85	Miscellaneous	765	628	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,393	3,000	46%
86	Total Rodeo Revenues	\$ 3,594	\$ 58,302	\$ -	\$ 6,900	\$ (1,750)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 67,046	\$ 112,950	59%
87													
88	Rodeo Expenses												
89	Supplies	\$ 2,861	\$ 121	\$ (407)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2,575	\$ 3,000	86%
90	Professional Services	14,351	488	1,046	-	1,229	-	-	-	-	17,114	16,375	105%
91	Advertising	448	2,492	468	-	-	-	660	-	150	4,218	5,000	84%
92	Rentals	7,142	1,402	-	1,325	-	-	-	20	-	9,889	10,000	99%
93	Training and Travel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	0%
94	Stock Contract	20,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	22,000	91%
95	Other Misc Expenses	1,855	1,293	604	-	590	588	-	-	-	4,930	10,000	49%
96	Awards/Prizes	35,850	770	-	-	-	776	-	-	-	37,396	35,500	105%
97	Total Rodeo Expenses	\$ 82,508	\$ 6,566	\$ 1,711	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,819	\$ 1,364	\$ 660	\$ 20	\$ 150	\$ 96,123	\$ 104,375	92%
98													
99	Net Rodeo Revenues/Expenses	\$ (78,913)	\$ 51,736	\$ (1,711)	\$ 5,575	\$ (3,569)	\$ (1,364)	\$ (660)	\$ (20)	\$ (150)	\$ (29,076)	\$ 8,575	
100													
101	Frite Lites												
102	Frite Lite Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600	\$ 16,530	\$ 25,587	\$ 4,600	\$ 390	\$ 18	\$ -	\$ 47,725	\$ 60,500	79%
103	Frite Lite Expenses	-	434	2,008	25,480	1,815	1,042	1,360	60	-	32,199	38,750	83%
104	Net Frito Lites Revenues/Expenses	\$0	(\$434)	(\$1,408)	(\$8,950)	\$23,772	\$3,558	(\$970)	(\$42)	\$0	\$15,526	\$21,750	
105													
106	Non-Operating												
107	Non-Operating Revenues												
108	Hotel/Motel Taxes	\$ -	\$ 4,536	\$ 3,888	\$ 118,142	\$ 37,591	\$ 13,123	\$ 78,404	\$ 37,173	\$ 9,607	\$ 302,464	\$ 518,000	58%
109	Interest	471	613	454	458	342	1,080	642	778	843	5,681	5,000	114%
110	Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$471	\$5,149	\$4,342	\$118,600	\$37,933	\$14,203	\$79,046	\$37,951	\$10,450	\$308,145	\$523,000	59%
111													
112	Non-Operating Expenses												
113	Purchase/Lease	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 23,584	\$ 613	\$ 11,034	\$ 38,909	\$ 67,790	57%
114	Land Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
115	Buildings and Structures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
116	Equipment	8,889	(1,493)	-	-	-	-	3,920	801	-	12,117	15,044	81%
117	Development Reserve	936	-	1,709	2,997	1,761	-	135	1,000	789	9,327	50,000	19%
118	Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$10,438	(\$880)	\$2,322	\$3,610	\$2,374	\$613	\$27,639	\$2,414	\$11,823	\$60,353	\$132,834	45%
119													
120	Net Non-Operating Revenues/Expenses	(\$9,967)	\$6,029	\$2,020	\$114,990	\$35,559	\$13,590	\$51,407	\$35,537	(\$1,373)	\$247,792	\$390,166	
121													
122	Net Fair Complex Revenues/Expenses	(\$252,760)	\$206,754	(\$48,711)	\$76,031	\$17,681	(\$5,183)	\$30,592	\$2,675	(\$25,492)	\$1,586	(\$8,979)	
123													
124	Ending Fund Balance/Contingency	\$145,239	\$351,993	\$303,282	\$375,413	\$393,093	\$387,910	\$418,378	\$420,900	\$395,408		\$370,778	
	Note: Difference in September ending Fund Balance and October beginning fund balance of \$3,898.37 is due to A/P entries made for August and September after prior reports were run.												
	Note: Difference in December ending Fund Balance and January beginning fund balance of \$124.85 is due to A/P entries made for prior periods after reports were run.												
	Note: Difference in January ending fund balance and February beginning balance of \$152.50 .												

Washington County Fair Complex
Balance Sheet
March 31, 2005

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash

Fairplex..Petty cash..	\$ 200
Fairplex..Cash drawer.Frite Lites.	500
Fairplex..General Cash Account..	36,674
Fairplex..USNB WASHCO ACH Clearing..	0
Fairplex..CCB-General Account..	1,790
Fairplex..CCB-Money Market Account..	347,539
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Account..	3,091
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Cash Drawer..	220
Total Cash	\$ 390,014

Accounts Receivable

Fairplex..Accounts receivable - Sub..	\$ 20,187
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Prepays

Prepaid Items	\$ 24,491
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Total current Assets

\$ 434,692

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Accounts Payable..	\$ (44)
Fairplex..Accounts payable- other..	-
Fairplex..Deposits payable-subsidia..	(1,100)
Fairplex..Retainage payable..	(1,118)
Total Payables	\$ (2,262)

Other Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Amounts due to others..	\$ -
Fairplex..Conversion Account..	-
Fairplex..Payroll payable..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue- unavail..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne..	6,870
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Main Exhibit Hall.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Cloverleaf Building.	(468)
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Grounds/General.	2,095
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Advertising Inco.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Airshow Income.	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Commercial Exhib.	(11,900)
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Concession Reven.	(200)
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Sponsorship Inco.	(4,200)
Fairplex..Deferred revenue -unearne.Deferred Facilities Renta.	(29,219)
Total Deferred Revenues	\$ (37,022)

Total Liabilities

\$ (39,284)

Equity

Fairplex..Fund Balance..	\$ (420,901)
Net (Income)/Loss for the Period	25,493
Net Equity	\$ (395,408)

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$ (434,692)

Minutes
Washington County Fair Board
Wednesday, April 6, 2005

Convened: 4:30 pm

FAIR BOARD:

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

STAFF:

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

PRESS: None

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.

Judy Marsh – Washington County Dairy Women - Invited the Board to the Dairy Princess banquet in Verboort.

Ed Kristovich – Tualatin Valley Gem Club – Explained at the recent show held at the complex, the ATM machine was out of order and he had complaints.

Bill Ganger – Tualatin Valley Garden Club – Would like the ATM to be working for their show at the end of the month.

1. **Consent Agenda**

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

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

2. **Special Reports**

A. **4-H Report** – John Baggott, OSU Extension Service, gave an update on 4-H regarding Fair judges, superintendents and the on-line fair book. Requested that each

Board Member take a turn doing Livestock Herdsmanship judging during the fair and present awards on the Sunday of the fair. Explained the details of how and when the judging would occur and each category.

Sheila Day, Booster Member, also commented that she would like Board Members to judge Open Class Herdsmanship.

Chair Vial commented on the information provided in the board packet regarding year-round 4H use of the Fair Complex and questioned if space is being used efficiently. Chair Vial explained the Fair Complex does not want to have a conflict with the 4H community, but explained that the development may not be able to accommodate this kind of usage and requested from John Baggott, a very specific plan for 4-H during and after development. Chair Vial asked John Baggott to assume that none of the current buildings would remain.

John Baggott stated that 4-H would like to have the same amount of space and frequency of use.

Board Member Hirst asked Marketing Director DuPre' how space is divided for groups. Marketing Director DuPre' explained that 4-H leaders call, request dates and buildings, and we provide it for them.

Chair Vial asked John Baggott to come back next meeting with a specific request of what 4-H would need and would also like to know what other county 4-H do for facilities.

B. Boosters Report – Booster President Ed Kristovich reported that they would like to have Board Members attend the Boosters meetings.

C. Airshow & Airport Interface Report – Board Member Hirst reported that a meeting with Judy Willy, Airshow Chair, is scheduled, to talk about parking and other issues.

D. Fair Visioning Committee Report – Board Member Christy reported that the sub-committee is contacting and recruiting people to be on the committee with the first meeting scheduled to be held during the 2005 County Fair.

E. Boosters/Coalition Liaison Report – Board Member Schmidlkofer reported that committee meetings are being held. Lots of things are being accomplished and they are on track.

F. Treasurer Report – Board Treasurer Flagg reported that February financials are within expectations. Met with the County CFO on how they can get better reports. Treasurer Flagg noted that an amendment to the FYE 6/30/06 budget will be required for the purchase of the bleachers and funding from the County.

G. Operations Report – Executive Director Hillman reported that he had nothing further to add to his written report.

Chair Vial asked about the paving and whether it is necessary with development so close. Executive Director Hillman explained that it is necessary because it's patching walking hazards.

H. **Other, If any - None**

3. **Old Business**

A. **Redevelopment Update** – Chair Vial explained that every Tuesday the Sub-Committee members participate in a conference call with Opus and their development team.

Chair Vial also reported that an attorney has been hired to negotiate a definitive agreement with Opus. It will be 30-45 days until a design for public rollout is available. Meetings with the City, Port of Portland and other groups are on going.

Judy Marsh – Wants to know if anyone has discussed the bird problem with the Port of Portland.

B. **Fair Booster MOU** – Executive Director Hillman reported that final changes were coordinated with Booster representatives & staff.

Motion by Board Member Hirst to adopt the MOU as provided in the Board Packet, dated 4/6/05. Second by Board Member Flagg. Motion carried 5-0.

C. **Other, if any – None**

4. **New Business**

A. **4-H Uses of Complex Facilities** – Discussed during 4-H report.

B. **Loan with County for Portable Bleachers** – Executive Director Hillman provided handouts of the two bids received for portable bleachers to replace seating lost with the deconstruction of the grandstands and requested to move forward with the purchase so as to have the portable bleachers available at the beginning of July.

Motion by Board Member Flagg to authorize staff to borrow up to \$125,000 in funding from the County to acquire the portable bleachers described in the bid documents. Second by Board Member Hirst. Motion carried 5-0.

C. **Personal Services Contract – Scott Hookland LLP** – Executive Director Hillman referred to page 25 of the board packet regarding securing the services of an attorney to assist in the negotiations of a definitive agreement with Opus.

Motion by Board Member Hirst to authorize a personal services contract for Scott Hookland LLP to negotiate contract with Opus. Second by Board Member Flagg. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Executive Director Annual Evaluation – To be conducted in Executive Session following the conclusion of the regular meeting.

E. Other, if any — None

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

Motion by Board Member Christy to adjourn and to move in to Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the Executive Director's annual evaluation. Second by Board Member Flagg. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Board Member Hirst to adjourn the Executive Session and move back in to regular session. Second by Board Member Flagg. Motion carried 5-0.

Chair Vial indicated that no action was taken by the Board during Executive Session and with no further business before the Board, Chair Vial adjourned the meeting at 6:34 PM.

Don G. Hillman
Recording Secretary

Rich Vial
Board Chair



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Fair Complex

FACILITY SCHEDULE-MAY 2005

(Highlighted events are no-charge)

Sunday, May 01, 2005

Friendship Square/Plaza Plant Sale
Main Exhibit Hall Quilt Show

Monday, May 02, 2005

****Main Exhibit-North 4-H Club Meeting**
****Main Exhibit-North 4-H Club Meeting**
****Main Exhibit-South 4-H Club Meeting**

Tuesday, May 03, 2005

****Cloverleaf Bldg. 4-H Guide Dog Meeting**

Wednesday, May 04, 2005

Main Exhibit-North Dog Obedience
Cloverleaf Bldg. Martial Arts Class
****Main Exhibit-South 4-H Dog Club Meeting**

Friday, May 06, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Gem Fair

Saturday, May 07, 2005

Corner of 34th/Cornell Flea Market
Friendship Square/Plaza Festival of Color
Main Exhibit Hall Gem Fair

Sunday, May 08, 2005

Main Exhibit Hall Gem Fair

Monday, May 09, 2005

****Main Exhibit-South 4-H Club Meeting**
****Main Exhibit-North 4-H Club Meeting**

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Main Exhibit-North Dog Training

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Friendship Square Dog Obedience
****Floral Bldg. Rodeo Volunteer Mtng.**

Thursday, May 12, 2005

****Floral Bldg. 4-H Wagon Train**

Saturday, May 14, 2005

****Cloverleaf Bldg. 4-H Small Animal Event**
Corner of 34th/Cornell Flea Market

Sunday, May 15, 2005

Quadrant Property Rally Cross Event

Monday, May 16, 2005

****Main Exhibit-North 4-H Club Meeting**
****Friendship Square 4-H Club Meeting**
****Main Exhibit-North 4-H Club Meeting**

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Main Exhibit-South Tool Sale
Main Exhibit-North Dog Training

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Main Exhibit-South Tool Sale
Cloverleaf Bldg. Martial Arts Class
****Lawn Area 4-H Dog Club Meeting**

Saturday, May 21, 2005

Main Exhibit-North Bird Show
Gravel Parking Lot Tire Recycling

Sunday, May 22, 2005

****Floral Bldg. 4-H Rabbit/Bird Clubs**
Main Exhibit-North Bird Show

Monday, May 23, 2005

****Main Exhibit-North 4-H Club Meeting**

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Main Exhibit-North Dog Training

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

****Floral Bldg. 4-H Wagon Train**
Cloverleaf Bldg. Martial Arts Class

Saturday, May 28, 2005

Corner of 34th/Cornell Flea Market

Tuesday, May 31, 2005

Main Exhibit-North Dog Training

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OSU to You

April/May 2005

Our Mission – delivering objective, research-based, non-formal education to help Oregonians solve problems, take leadership, and manage resources.

From Europe to Washington County – leader controls



In Denmark, Christmas tree growers have been laboring for years on techniques to control the natural leader, or the tree top, on trees. Consumers in Northern Europe do not like to see any cut branches.

Chal Landgren, Extension forester, has been working with two inventors from Denmark to see how the equipment and techniques used there might apply here. Last year, trials were established in Banks (Mark and Daryl Schmidlin's farm) and in Silverton (Jan Hupp's farm). Both inventors have also been here looking at our growing situations. It is exciting to explore these ideas that are new to the Pacific Northwest.

Both techniques control the elongation of the leader. One works by restricting sap flow, the other is a growth regulator. The techniques are potentially useful to growers because they can preserve a natural leader. Also, both treatments can save time and money for growers by limiting the time spent on tying up new tops in noble fir Christmas trees.

Trials are far enough along that the inventors will be back in May to show growers how to use these techniques. The dates are listed on the calendar on page 2. This next year new experiments will be in place and we will get a chance to see how growers like the new tools.



Lars Geil, from Denmark, demonstrates his "nipper" on the Hupp Tree Farm (above). Mark Schmidlin applies a leader control hormone in Banks (right).



Visit OSU Extension's new gardening page for news and information from Oregon State University Extension Service and Agricultural Experiment Station. Just click on a link and you've got the story. To view the current issue go to <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/gardening>.

Gardening question? Contact the OSU Extension Washington County Master Gardeners! Master Gardeners are volunteers trained by Extension faculty and specialists in all aspects of home horticulture. If you have a gardening question, give the Washington County Master Gardeners a call at 503-725-2300. They are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

What's that plant? Insect? Bring your plant or insect specimen in for easier diagnosis from the Master Gardeners.

Vision changes and challenges associated with aging

Nearly one out of two people in the U.S. require corrective lenses for their eyesight. The need for corrective lenses or other treatment for eye health and vision-related issues increases with each passing year. Early detection and treatment of the major causes of blindness in older adults (macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts, and diabetic retinopathy) are essential for preserving vision. Vision changes and challenges associated with aging are the topics of a statewide Family and Community Educators (FCE) lesson in 2005. Written by Jeanne Brandt, Washington County Extension Family and Community Development (FCD) faculty, the lesson will be presented by Extension faculty throughout the state to over 900 members of the FCE organization. Formerly known as Extension Homemakers, the nationwide organization is made up of community members who meet on a monthly basis for educational programming and community service projects. Extension FCD faculty act as advisors for the organization. There are nine groups representing 96 members in Washington County. The organization started in 1932 in Oregon and Washington County boasts several 50-plus year members.



Some changes in vision are a normal part of aging. However, significant changes or loss of vision is not normal. Annual eye check-ups are an important part of vision care.

EXTENSION EVENTS

April 14. "Using Medicines Wisely."
Beaverton Four Square Church. Class and consultations with OSU Pharmacy interns, 2 p.m.

April 16. Earth Day 2005 – Tualatin Hills Nature Park, Beaverton, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free well water nitrate tests. Visit the interactive groundwater model display. Call Gail Andrews, OSU Well Water Program, 541-737-6294, or visit the website at <http://wellwater.oregonstate.edu>.

Controlling the Length of Noble Fir Tree Leaders – A Hands-on Workshop:

May 5, John Tillman Tree Farm, Salkum, WA, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; **May 6,** John Hupp Tree Farm, Silverton, OR, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; **May 6,** Holiday Tree Farms, Beavercreek, OR, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. No charge. Call Chal Landgren, 503-725-2102 or visit our website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/washington>.

May 10. Small-Scale Sawing & Drying Workshop, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., OSU Washington County Extension, Beaverton, Cost: \$30.

May 12. "Communicating with Health Care Providers." Session is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Elsie Stuhr Center. To register, please call 503-439-9400.

May 21. Holding On — Support for Caregivers, Older Adults, and Families, 2nd Annual Washington County Gerontology Conference. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., Intel Jones Farm Campus Conference Center, 2111 NE 25th Avenue, Hillsboro. Free. See website for complete flyer.

Citizen leaders take initiative – with results!

Citizens involved with the Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) program have chalked up several successes as they have worked to enhance livability in Washington County communities. After months (and in some cases, years) of research, discussion and persistent focus, CPO-based groups were responsible for initiating updates to the county's telecommunication tower code and persuading the County Board of Commissioners to assess new development fees (called system development charges) now to provide for parks in areas to be annexed into the Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District in the future.

Three other concerns are being brought before the county commissioners by CPO groups. These efforts focus on improving the citizen complaint process, addressing noise issues and recommending changes to the County's Community Development Code to enhance community livability and neighborhood equity concerns. CPO members realize that not all of their recommendations may be approved; however, as they work with recommending changes to public policy, they also appreciate the complexity of issues that influence elected decision makers.

Class to improve quality of local wood products

In response to recent changes in their operating environment, many of Oregon's sawmills and veneer mills have either closed or consolidated. Many of the survivors have upgraded equipment to capitalize on new technology to maximize efficiency and to be able to process logs much smaller in diameter than were common in past years. One side effect of these changes has been loss of infrastructure and hence, markets, for forest owners that manage their forests on longer rotations (i.e., produce larger diameter logs) or grow species with little current market value such as many of Oregon's native hardwoods. On the other end of the value chain, value-added wood products producers wishing to use locally grown species often struggle to find an adequate supply of raw material. One way wood products Extension faculty are working to respond to these challenges is by offering a workshop on *Small-Scale Sawing & Drying* in Washington County. The program's objective is to entrepreneurs understand how to produce high quality wood products for the value-added industry.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 26, 2005

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

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

Re: April 2005 Operations Report

Grounds – With the milder weather, staff is having to mow the interior and exterior grounds more frequently. Staff has also started their herbicide program earlier than normal due to the milder weather conditions.

After-hours Staffing – As of mid-April, our after-hours host has left due to employment related demands. We are currently shifting paid staff to cover evening activities during the week.

Livestock Wash Rack - The holding tank located next the livestock wash racks has been pumped. According to staff, this is required every three-four years.

OLD BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

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Re: 4H Usage of Fair Complex Facilities

As requested at the April Board Meeting, find attached information from John Baggott, OSU Extension Service, regarding usage of Fair Complex facilities.

John is currently surveying other fairs as to their policy on 4H Usage.

From a staff perspective, the information does not appear to respond to whether there are other facilities in the County (granges, parks, schools, churches, other County owned or lease buildings, Capital Center, etc.) that could also be made available for 4H use.

WASHINGTON COUNTY 4-H SPACE NEEDS AT THE FAIR COMPLEX

IDEAL SITUATION

Having reviewed the 2004 4-H use of the fair complex space, I would propose the following:

- A 6,000 square foot cement or tiled space divisible into three smaller rooms. There were several 4-H club meetings that occurred on the same evening. Having one large space that can be broken into smaller spaces would facilitate these meetings. Also when we have county wide trainings it is often helpful to have one large room to convene the whole group followed with smaller breakout sessions. When county wide or regional 4-H events happen it may be necessary to have even more rooms available.
 - A demonstration kitchen that has four cooking stations (cook tops, ovens, refrigerators, sinks, and counter space for food preparation) a demonstration island with overhead mirror
 - Internet power access in all the rooms
 - Lighting that is individually controllable for each of the subdivisions of the large space so that one space can be dark while the other spaces are light.
 - Wall space for hanging exhibits during fair and at event during the year
- A covered riding arena for 4-H riding meetings and shows and during 4-H horse fair.
- Covered outdoor space for 4-H dog and small animal activities at the club and county wide levels.
- Temporary office space for 4-H to use during fair that has telephone and internet access.
- Barn space for livestock during fair
- Covered show ring space that can be used during fair and other times during the year

INTERMEDIATE OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

- Space is available for countywide educational programs directed by OSU Extension 4-H faculty at no cost.
- Fair Complex facilities are available only one weekend a month for 4-H activities.
- Indoor space is available to 4-H clubs only one or two nights a week on a regular basis
- A reduced fee is charged to 4-H groups to cover expenses.
- 4-H groups are required to provide community service hours to Fair Complex in lieu of rent
- Only 4,000 sq. ft. are available to 4-H at not cost
- 4-H groups are assigned appropriate space to meet there needs to reduce energy costs for heating and lighting.
- Perhaps there is a minimum size group to be eligible to use the Fair Complex facilities.

WORST CASE SENARIO

- There is no space for 4-H clubs to meet on a regular basis at no cost.
- There is no space for County wide 4-H programs to use at no cost.
- There is no riding arena at all.
- There are no covered show areas

Usage of Fair Complex space in 2004 compared to total 4-H projects , clubs, & 4-H'ers in the county

Fair Complex Usage By	Total Number of Washington County Clubs
6 clubs Dog & Guide Dog Clubs	16 clubs Dog & Guide Dog Clubs Enrolled
<p>Guide Dogs meet twice a month October – June Dog project clubs meet two to four times per month October – May There were 114 participants in the dog & Guide project There was one dog pre-fair/fun match in June</p> <p>Some years there has been four fun matches between January and June, sponsored by individual dog clubs. There were a total of 113 fair complex uses by 4-H dog clubs. However, sometimes four dog groups were meeting on the same night. So, with some coordination, maybe the dog usage days could be reduced by 2/3rds if 3 clubs met on the same day and the other three clubs met on another day.</p>	
2 clubs Rabbit & Cavy Clubs	12 clubs Rabbit & Cavy Clubs
<p>Rabbit & Cavy Clubs tend to meet twice a month October – June There were 106 participants in rabbit & cavy project There were a total of 30 uses by rabbit & cavy clubs There are usually four rabbit shows from January – June Maybe coordination would work so that clubs meet the same night as other clubs during the week.</p>	
2 clubs Poultry & Bird Clubs	6 clubs Poultry & Bird Clubs
<p>Parrot Pals meets about twice a month November – June Coordination with other club meetings could reduce the total number of 4-H days used There were a total of 13 uses by Poultry and bird clubs There were 32 participants in poultry, pigeons and bird projects There is usually 1 poultry show a year, usually in the spring</p>	
12 clubs Horse Clubs	28 clubs 4-H Horse clubs
<p>The 12 horse clubs average about four uses in June and July of the large arena. One use in August. There were 278 participants in the horse project There were a total of 47 uses by horse clubs Horse clubs also held two tack sales, one in November and one in February There was also one regional 4-H horse leader training</p>	
1 club Archery Club	1 Archery Club
<p>The archery club met 2 – 4 times a month from January – June in the covered show ring There were a total of 17 uses by the archery club</p>	
21 4-H Livestock Clubs	
<p>There were 194 livestock participants in Beef, Dairy Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Goats, Fiber Goats, Pygmy Goats, Llamas & Alpacas The Fair Complex was used 3 times, Beef, Swine, & Sheep weigh-ins</p>	
4-H Wagon Train	
<p>The 4-H Wagon Train has a general meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month, January – May. There were a total of five uses There are usually about 75 – 100 participants</p>	

Total number of active 4-H clubs in 2004 was 103.
Total number of 4-H members in 2004 was 963
Total number of 4-H leaders in 2004 was 316

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Re: Amphitheatre MOU

Find attached a draft received from the Boosters regarding the Amphitheatre for the 2005 County Fair.

The Booster's interest to provide programming in the Amphitheatre was brought to the attention of the Fair Complex Board some months ago. Since that time, the Booster's have sought out sponsors to underwrite the program costs.

Staff supports their efforts as long as the Boosters primary focus remains with the entertainment programming in the Amphitheatre. Early in the process, we were advised that they did not intend to compete with other County Fair programming elements. Except for sponsors booths and related signage, their efforts would be counter-productive to ours should the Amphitheatre become another venue for commercial exhibits and concession stands. Should interest arise regarding commercial or concession stand space, such contacts should be referred to staff.

Staff and representatives from the Boosters will develop an MOU prior to the May Board Meeting for discussion by the Board.

Memorandum of Understanding

Amphitheater

Fair Complex

- Maintain and prepare the lawn area by watering, mowing, weeding, etc. Tualatin Valley Garden Club will be responsible for mowing, fertilizing and watering the interior area beginning on June 15, 2005.
- Include Amphitheater Sponsors anytime Amphitheater Entertainment is listed.
 - Include Amphitheater sponsors on Web Site with related Amphitheater listing
 - Include Amphitheater sponsors on Entertainment Guide with related Amphitheater listing.
 - Include Amphitheater sponsors on Fair Poster with related Amphitheater listing.
 - Include Amphitheater sponsors on Daily/Week Sheets with related Amphitheater listing.
- Provide access to electricity and water as needed.
- Provide forklift as needed for setup and takedown.
- Cooperate with setup to the extent necessary to accommodate mutual needs.
- Allow access for Amphitheater Entertainers and Vendors via 28th Avenue Entrance.
- Cooperate with Fair Boosters in placing Amphitheater Sponsorship with regular Fair Exposure such as Entertainment Guide, Web Site, Daily Schedule Sheets, etc.

Fair Boosters

- Provide necessary revenue to cover costs associated with the Amphitheater excluding any charges for facilities rental, electricity, water, etc.
- Manage and coordinate the operations of the Amphitheater including but not limited to entertainment, displays, vendors, etc. located within the Amphitheater Footprint.
- Reach Agreement with Fair Management on the boundaries of the Amphitheater Venue.
- Enter into all contracts with performers; lighting and sound vendors; sponsors; etc.
- Cooperate with Fair Staff and Management regarding any mutual areas of concern.

Provide a recap and evaluation of the Amphitheater Venue on or before the October, 2005 Complex Board Meeting. The form and method of providing the recap and evaluation shall be developed and approved by the Complex Board on or before its July 2005 Board Meeting.

{I would suggest some of your great language that was included in the Exhibit MOU.}

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Re: Blue Ribbon Award

As a member of the Western Fairs Association, we can present a Blue Ribbon Award to an individual, group or company for their outstanding support of the fair industry and the Washington County Fair.

The award can be given annually, with the first such award at no cost to the Fair Complex.

Recent recipients have included the Beaverton Rotary Club, Lloyd Baron and Pete Jensen.

Staff would request that the Board nominate at least one individual, group or company to receive this award during the 2005 County Fair. Last year, the award was presented during the Junior Livestock Auction.

Appropriate order forms are attached.

The Board may wish to delegate this decision to a subcommittee so the name(s) are not announced until the presentation at fairtime.

Attachment

Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Award Recipient Profile



Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Awards are presented by fairs in an effort to recognize and honor those individuals or groups who have provided outstanding support to the fair industry. Recipients are those who have provided volunteer services, educational services and sponsors.

WFA would like to recognize YOUR recipient as well! Please complete the following information below and return to the WFA office. Your recipient will be featured along with other honored individuals in an upcoming issue of the Fair Dealer.

(Please print or type clearly)

Name of Recipient _____

Name of Fair _____

Presentation Date _____

Briefly describe the contributions made by the recipient to your fair.

PLEASE INCLUDE A PHOTO OF THE AWARD PRESENTATION FOR PUBLICATION PURPOSES.

*Please note: "Photos **MUST** be of the recipient (s) receiving their award."
We cannot run non-presenting photos unless it is being given posthumously.*

Return this form and photo (no slides) to:
Western Fairs Association
1776 Tribute Road, Suite 210
Sacramento, CA 95815-4495
(916) 927-3100



Western Fairs Association 2004 Blue Ribbon Award Order Form

Fairs present Western Fairs Association Blue Ribbon Awards in an effort to recognize and honor those individuals or groups who have provided outstanding support to the fair industry. Recipients are those who have provided volunteer services, educational services and sponsors.

EACH FAIR IS ELIGIBLE TO ORDER ONE PLAQUE AT NO CHARGE PER YEAR
*Additional plaques can be ordered for \$110.00 per plaque**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS AND FAIR STAFF ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THIS AWARD.

ORDER INFORMATION

Please type or print information clearly

Order Number	Recipient Name	Presentation Date	WFA Office Use Only	
			Date Ordered	Charge

IMPORTANT SHIPPING INFORMATION: All Blue Ribbon Award orders are shipped UPS from Norwalk, Ohio. UPS will only deliver to a street address. **PLEASE ALLOW 20 WORKING DAYS FOR DELIVERY.** Orders requiring expedited shipment (i.e. 3-day, overnight) will be billed at prevailing rates.

Please Check here if you would like information regarding the Blue Ribbon Perpetual Plaque

Fair Name _____ Contact Name _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____

Zip Code _____ Country _____ Phone _____ FAX _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Please return completed order form to: **WFA Blue Ribbon Orders**, 1776 Tribute Rd. Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95815-4495

Or Fax To: 916/927-6397

*Please note that this price may be subject to change in the near future

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calendar of Events
May - September 2005

Date	Event	Location
<p>May 4 4 6 - 9 6 - 9 30</p>	<p>Board Meeting Booster Meeting Oregon Fairs Assoc. Mgmt Conference IAFE Spring Mgmt Conference Memorial Day</p>	<p>Floral Building (4:30 PM) Floral Building (7:00 PM) Burns, Oregon Houston, Texas Office Closed</p>
<p>June 1 1 25 - 26</p>	<p>Board Meeting Booster Meeting 4H Horse Fair</p>	<p>Floral Building (4:30 PM) Floral Building (7:00 PM) Arena and Grounds</p>
<p>July 4 6 6 7 - 9 23 28 - 31</p>	<p>Fourth of July Board Meeting Booster Meeting 4H Horse Fair Pre-Fair Promotional Event 2005 Washington County Fair</p>	<p>Office Closed Floral Building (4:30 PM) Floral Building (7:00 PM) Arena and Grounds Pioneer Square Grounds</p>
<p>August</p>	<p>No Board Meeting Planned</p>	
<p>September 5 7 7 9-11</p>	<p>Labor Day Board Meeting Booster Meeting Oregon International Air Show</p>	<p>Office Closed Floral Building (4:30 PM) Floral Building (7:00 PM) Hillsboro Airport</p>
<p>October 5 5</p>	<p>Board Meeting Booster Meeting</p>	<p>Floral Building (4:30 PM) Floral Building (7:00) PM)</p>

5th Annual Hillsboro 2020 Vision Town Hall



Our Hometown ○

Our Community ○

Our Future ○

May 18, 2005

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Hillsboro Civic Center
150 E. Main Street, Hillsboro

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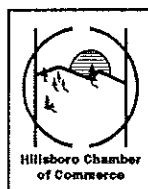
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A. G. Kawamura, Secretary

April 21, 2005

F2005-13

TO: All Fair CEOs and Fair Staff
SUBJECT: E. coli Outbreak in Florida

The purpose of the enclosed report is to address the E. coli outbreak in Florida. As a reminder, all California fairs must have hand-washing stations in both the petting zoo and animal exhibit/livestock areas (F2002-11 letter). Proper signage (bi-lingual) is also vital throughout the animal exhibit areas. Providing signage for food concessionaires to display in concession areas reminding fair guests to wash their hands prior to eating or drinking is recommended. If your fair needs additional signs, they are available on our website at www.cdfa.ca.gov/fe.

In response to inquiries regarding the use of liquid soaps without water and for those who are interested in using information regarding hand-washing in fair materials, please refer to the following statement provided by the California Department of Health Services:

"To prevent illness when visiting animal exhibits, the U.S. Centers, for Disease Control and Prevention recommends always washing your hands after petting animals or touching the animal enclosure and especially before eating and drinking. Using running water and soap to wash your hands is best. Disinfecting hand gels or sprays should be used if soap and running water is not available."

Fairs should continue to encourage petting zoo vendors to train their staff to instruct parents to have children wash their hands after exiting, pointing out the location of hand-washing stations. Fair staff should also receive training regarding the importance of hand-washing after visiting animal exhibit settings. Hand-washing stations should be at the exit of the petting zoo in addition to throughout the animal exhibit areas.

F&E also suggests you have a planned response to media inquiries on the steps your fair has taken to ensure the safety of your guests (e.g. hand-washing stations, signage, etc.). Fairs shall develop their policy and have it available in writing outlining the E.





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coli/disease outbreak preventative measures. One designated staff person to address the media is also helpful.

IAFE has recently added a special E. coli session to their upcoming Spring Management Conference in Houston, Texas. Jim Tucker, President and CEO of the IAFE, and an attorney who practiced law for 30 years before assuming the role of CEO will make a special presentation on E. coli at the Conference May 6-9. This special presentation will cover the latest incidents at the Florida State Fair, Central Florida Fair and the Strawberry Festival. The pending litigation in North Carolina and Texas for incidents that occurred in 2002 and 2004 will also be discussed. Tucker will highlight the activities of the CDC, state agencies, and the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians. For registration information, contact IAFE at 800/516-0313.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at 916/263-2952, mtreacy@cdfa.ca.gov or Tomme Jo Dale of my staff at 916/263-2948, tjdale@cdfa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Treacy
Director

Attachment



E. coli Report
April 2005

This report summarizes the recent E. coli O157 H7 outbreak in Florida and guidelines for animals in public settings published by the Center for Disease Control. At this time health officials suspect the 26 confirmed cases (mostly in children) are allegedly related to their visits to the Central Florida Fair, the Strawberry Festival and the Florida State Fair. Five individuals have been confirmed to have Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome (HUS) a disease that is caused by toxins associated with the initial E. coli infection.

This is what we know so far:

- 26 total confirmed cases of E. coli and/or HUS
- Hospitalized = 22 (14 of the 22 have been discharged)
- Diagnosed with HUS by clinician = 10 (5 of the 10 have been confirmed HUS, other labs pending)
- The only common element between all three fairs were animals in the petting zoos provided by Ag venture farms.
- Animal samples from Ag venture animals were positive for E coli O157 H7 matching the outbreak strain.
- CDC (Center for Disease Control) has confirmed human cases of E coli O157H7 (outbreak strain) from Central Florida Fair and Strawberry Festival. CDC is waiting on test results that will link the outbreak link definitively to the State Fair in Tampa.
- CDC is focusing on petting zoos as the primary exposure.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has recently published the ***Compendium of Measures to Prevent Disease Associated with Animals in Public Settings, 2005*** that provides guidelines for events with animal exhibits. The document's recommendations were developed by the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc. (NASPHV); who believe that the positive benefits of human-animal contact are important and the risks of such contacts can be minimized in properly supervised and managed settings. The intent of the Compendium is to provide standard recommendations for minimizing disease and injury to the public. This document is available on the CDC website at www.cdc.gov. Below is a summary of the documents key messages.

Prevention Steps

- 1) Education of operators, staff and visitor about the potential risk and measures to prevent infection.
 - a. This includes visible signage to refrain from eating in animal contact areas.
 - b. These signs should be age and language appropriate.
 - c. Staff should supervise animal-visitor interactions.
- 2) Design and management of facilities to control potential transmission events.
 - a. Facilities should have designated animal areas and non-animal areas (i.e., where food consumption may occur).
 - b. Hand washing facilities should be clearly identified and able to handle the number of visitors.
- 3) More specific recommendations may be important for animals in school settings.
 - a. Some animals may not be appropriate in school settings (e.g. wild or exotic animals).
 - b. The type of animals allowed depends on the age of the children and the type of interaction.
 - c. All interactions should be supervised.
- 4) At risk populations should take "extra" care.

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April 5, 2005

Don Hillman
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Dear Mr. Hillman:

Congratulations on completion of your Hillsboro 2020 Work Group! All six groups have completed their recommendations for Vision Implementation Committee consideration. I am pleased to say you have done an exemplary job. The value added to this Strategy Review process due to your participation is enormous. Your efforts on the Strengthening and Sustaining Community Work Group are much appreciated.

An update of the Hillsboro 2020 Action Plan takes much time and effort. It requires dedicated people, such as yourself, who possess a strong desire and commitment to make Hillsboro the best possible community now and in the future. Hillsboro is truly fortunate to have so many involved community members.

So what happens next? We will be seeking input from the public and commitments from our Lead Partners. A list of the new proposals will be included in the next edition of the City Views newsletter in the form of a mail-in survey. Citizens will also have the opportunity to comment on the proposals online at the Hillsboro 2020 website (www.hillsboro2020.org) and at the Hillsboro 2020 Vision Annual Town Hall on May 18th at the new Hillsboro Civic Center.

We will also send the Work Group proposals to existing and proposed Lead Partners to seek their commitments.

Following the Town Hall, the Vision Implementation Committee will review public comments and Lead Partner responses before making recommendations to the Hillsboro City Council this summer.

Please join us at the Town Hall on May 18th to celebrate the success resulting from a community committed to its future. I look forward to seeing you there. Thanks again for sharing your time and expertise!

Sincerely,


John Coulter, Chair
Vision Implementation Committee

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OTHER MATTERS OF INFORMATION

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR BOOSTERS
Meeting Minutes April 6, 2005

Meeting was called to order by President Ed Kristovich. Self-introduction of those present was held - 2 Fair Board members, plus 24 Booster members. Great turn out! Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report - Al Goldmann distributed treasurers report. The Audit will be delayed until Dave Russell and Landra Girard are available. Two different bank accounts will be set up to handle money for Fair Coalition.

Fair Complex Report - Don Hillman told us that a new set of grandstands had been purchased. It will seat 875. The Fair has hired an attorney to interface with OPUS, the developer selected to re-develop the Fairgrounds. A request has been made to 4-H, to provide their use/space needs for the new facility. In a few weeks a "sneak preview" of the redevelopment plans will be available. We have been discussing, with the City of Hillsboro, the issue of Grant Street crossing the Fairgrounds.

Fair Coalition - Lyle Spiesschaert discussed the need for funds to support the use of the Amphitheatre. A motion was made, and passed that the Boosters would provide up to \$7500, if additional funds are needed. Amphitheatre entertainment has been lined up for the 4 days of the fair.

A *Memorandum of Understanding* has been signed between the Fair Boosters/Fair Coalition and the Fair Complex. It states the expectations and responsibilities between the Fair and the volunteer group.

The Fair Exhibitors guide is being worked on. It will be available for distribution the first part of May. It will contain info for exhibitors as well as listing Amphitheatre venue. The Fair (premium book) Information for exhibitors is being updated and revised, so it will be available on the Fair's Website by May 1. Adjustments have been made in some of the premium money, for a few fair Divisions.

Discussed use of the tents, in place of Main Exhibit Bldg, for static exhibits. Don said the square feet will be more than Main Exh. bldg. Remedies for uneven footing was discussed. The Fair Coalition's "office" during the fair will be the old First-Aid building.

Boosters Booth: A few people need to get Food Handlers Certificates. Lyle has completed repair of the water heater.

>> NEXT BOOSTERS MEETING May 4, 2005 <<

Sheila Day, Sec.

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Development panel picks Opus Northwest for Burnside project

The commission unanimously favors the fiscally savvy ideas over a popular, off-beat Portland bid

Thursday, April 28, 2005

RYAN FRANK
The Oregonian

The Portland Development Commission unanimously awarded a highly charged development project at the east end of the Burnside Bridge to Opus Northwest on Wednesday night.

The commission voted, 5-0, to reject an evaluation committee's recommendation for the Portland-based Beam Development Team.

Brad Malsin, the team leader who also built the popular Eastbank Commerce Center, won endorsements from neighborhood and small business leaders for his off-beat ideas.

But Matt Hennessee, the agency's chairman, said Opus, a larger, deep-pocketed company that's part of a Minnesota-based conglomerate, won the job because its project was less financially risky than Beam's and sought fewer public subsidies.

The development commission, a semi-independent city agency, has been reviewing the proposals in a competition that started in November.

The development, a mix of shops, apartments and offices, will cover five blocks abutting Burnside Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Opus proposes building 1.3 million square feet at a cost of \$196 million. The company sought the smallest public subsidy at \$19 million, part of which would come from Central Eastside Urban Renewal Area's property tax revenue.

Opus' plan favors tenant-owned housing units, both condominiums and work lofts, which commissioners said they liked. The company also had nearly twice as many affordable housing units as Beam and about 90 percent less office space.

Malsin and Beam, in contrast, pushed for funky work spaces and tiny apartments targeted for art students. Unlike Opus, he never suggested an anchor big-box store.

Late Wednesday, Malsin said he was dejected by the decision.

"I feel like the public put their trust in me to deliver this, and I feel on some level I've let them down," he said. "I just don't know where to go with the frustration."

Opus will be required to meet conditions set by the commission and work with citizen advisory committee.

Wednesday's meeting drew about 130 neighbors, real estate professionals and city staff members who packed an overflowing conference room to hear the decision. The crowd added rare tension at the normally stuffy meeting.

Of the 22 people who testified, 19 supported Beam. Two backed Opus. One took no position.

In a statement, Hennessee said the decision had come down to Beam and Opus. Gerding/Edlen Development, a prominent Portland company, also bid on the project but appeared to lose interest.

Although the evaluation committee favored Beam, it ranked the team last in developer capability. That quality was most important to the commission, Hennessee said. Bruce Wood, Opus' project manager for the Burnside project, is best known for the company's massive Bridgeport Village complex near Interstate 5 in Tualatin.

"We think Opus is good for the Central Eastside and good for the city," Hennessee said during the meeting.

The decision drew boos, gasps and at least one off-color remark from the pro-Beam audience.

Norman Chusid, owner of Ankeny Hardware, said neighbors "basically had the door slammed in their face and were told their thoughts don't matter. I've lost my trust in the PDC."

Hennessee said the commission reached its decision through phone calls since its last meeting April 13. He said he called the other four commissioners to ask which proposal they favored. All four leaned toward Opus, he said.

Commissioner Janice Wilson, a retired banker, said she did everything she could to see Beam as the "best deal for the city. I couldn't do it."

Hennessee acknowledged neighbors may feel disappointed.

"I appreciate everything everybody said," he said, "but we felt we had to do what was the most financially responsible thing to do."

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Auctioneer's hammer falls on Halfway fairgrounds

The 1920s-era site of the Baker County Fair is sold to a creditor for \$202,354 after the fair association fails to satisfy a debt

Saturday, April 16, 2005

RICHARD COCKLE
The Oregonian

BAKER CITY -- Rancher David Bird found himself Friday as the director of a county fair board without a fairgrounds.

"Sort of like a boat without a paddle," Bird said after the Pine Valley Fair Association watched its fairgrounds in Halfway sell for \$202,354.76 at a sheriff's sale on the Baker County Courthouse steps.

"It's a sad situation," said Dale Taylor, fair association president. "Why did they have to take our fairgrounds from us?"

More than two dozen Halfway residents looked on silently as Sheriff Mitch Southwick auctioned off the 1920s-era fairgrounds to satisfy the fair association's debt. Most of the people were also on hand in December when Halfway, population 345, lost its 4-year-old fair pavilion in an almost identical foreclosure sale.

Both the pavilion and fairgrounds were sold in single bids to Portland attorney Gary Bullock, representing fair association creditor Willamette Valley Construction Financing and Collection Service LLC of Portland. The pavilion went for \$375,000.

But the 9-acre fairgrounds is a bit closer to the heart of the tiny Snake River town.

It is there that the Hells Canyon Junior Rodeo takes place each July, followed by the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo two months later.

"It's too bad it had to happen," Bullock said.

With Friday's sale, Willamette became the owner of the fairgrounds instead of merely holding a note for money owed on the construction of the \$881,000 fair pavilion, the largest building in Halfway.

La Grande contractor Mike Becker built the pavilion in 2001 after the community received grants to build half of the structure for \$428,997. Becker got permission from then-fair board President Ralph Smead to build the second half in the apparent expectation that more grants would follow.

Those were in the days after Halfway made a deal with an Internet marketing company called www.half.com and became famous as the world's first "Internet city" by temporarily changing its name to Half.com. But money for the pavilion never materialized, and Becker in 2003 sold a promissory note he had received from Smead to Willamette, which began foreclosure proceedings.

After the sale of the pavilion, the fair association still owed more than \$200,000 on the building, and Willamette went after the fairgrounds to satisfy that debt. Willamette rejected a cash offer of \$70,000 in

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February from the reorganized fair association.

Bullock said Willamette recently notified the fair association that it will allow rent-free use of the fairgrounds for Halfway's junior rodeo in July and the fair and rodeo in September, providing organizers obtain insurance.

The fair association still must determine whether the offer includes use of the pavilion for those events, Taylor said. And it remains unclear whether the local roping club and other organizations can use the fairgrounds during the summer, he said.

Meanwhile, fair association members soon will begin gathering pledges of cash from Baker County residents in a campaign to reclaim the fairgrounds, but not the pavilion, Bird and Taylor said.

The foreclosure should be a warning to other rural communities never to allow a handful of people to take over decision-making on construction projects without a community consensus, Bird said.

"If there's a lesson to be learned, that's probably it," he said.

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Retailer plans Orenco store

Kohl's, a national discount chain seeking to enter Oregon, has also looked at sites in Clackamas County, Beaverton and Gresham

Friday, April 15, 2005

ESMERALDA BERMUDEZ

The Oregonian

HILLSBORO --The national chain Kohl's has applied to build a department store in an Orenco shopping center as it moves ahead with plans to operate in Oregon.

The company wants to build a 96,000-square-foot store on Northwest Cornelius Pass and Northeast Butler roads at the southeast corner of The Crossroads center.

Discussions are under way to build other stores -- in Beaverton, Clackamas County and near Gresham. They would be the chain's first Oregon stores.

The Hillsboro Planning Commission will consider the application May 11.

The plan falls in line with a series of recent retail developments in the city.

"The city is increasingly becoming the recipient of increased shopping opportunities," said Wink Brooks, planning director. "We don't have to drive as far. . . . In the past, we've had to go to Beaverton or downtown Portland to shop."

Discount retailer Kohl's has 670 locations across the nation, its Web site says. It offers national clothing brands, shoes and jewelry, plus small electronics, bedding and luggage. The chain's net earnings were \$730.4 million in the 2004 fiscal year on \$11.7 billion in sales.

Kohl's plans to open 95 stores this year. It's not clear how many it expects to open in Oregon.

Company officials did not return phone calls Thursday.

According to the Hillsboro application, the store would cover about 9 acres of the 50-acre shopping center and include 477 parking spots. Cars would access the store from a driveway on Northeast Butler Road. A second driveway would be built once a parcel north of the store is developed.

The plan is the fourth development proposal at The Crossroads since mid-2004. A Jo-Ann Fabrics and Crafts store will be built next to G.I. Joe's. Wells Fargo and Shops at Orenco, a series of small stores, will be built near Carl's Jr.

Since the shopping center opened in 1997, "it's been incremental growth over time," city planner Brett Estes said.

Last year, Kohl's applied in Beaverton to build a 98,500-square-foot store across Oregon 217 from Washington Square on the site occupied by the Malibu Grand Prix entertainment business.

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In February, it asked city officials to put that application on hold while it studied another Beaverton site, the former HomeBase store on Southwest 110th Avenue just off Canyon Road that has stood vacant since 2001.

John Osterberg, a Beaverton planner, said Thursday that the city hasn't heard anything more from Kohl's about either site.

The chain has sought approval for a store at Northeast 242nd Avenue and Halsey Street in Wood Village near Gresham and has twice discussed with Clackamas County planners about opening a store at Southeast 82nd Avenue and Glencoe Road.

In Clackamas, the store has faced several preapplication transportation challenges. Kohl's would also need to move a mobile home park, said Clay Glasgow, a Clackamas design review planner.

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New manager takes reins of Yamhill County fair

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By DAVID BATES
Of the News-Register

Yamhill County has a new fair manager - sort of.

Allan Westhoff is in town only a couple of days a week - he drives up from Grants Pass to attend a fair board meeting and a workshop session - but for a very part-time consultant who earns minimum wage, plus mileage, the county gets plenty of bang for its buck: Westhoff is a past-president of the Oregon Fair Association with 43 fairs on his resume, about half of them in Oregon.

As he and his wife prepare to "retire" to Portland, where they're refurbishing a house, he still has one more Josephine County Fair, which he's managed since 1989. Then his hours in Yamhill County will expand, and he becomes permanent part-time this fall.

"I don't mean to brag, but I think this fair board will get it's money's worth," he said. "I'll be much more than half time. That's just the way I'm built."

The fair has been without a manager for a couple of years, with the last two having ended their tenure on rocky terms. Members of the fair board, volunteers all, have pitched in and done the work themselves.

Westhoff has already booked entertainment for this year's fair: Pam Tillis, Collin Ray and Johnny Limbo and the Lugnuts.

With a small collection of business cards arranged in crooked rows on one corner of his desk, he's currently working on the sponsors.

"We've been talking about this for a couple of years," Westhoff said of the board's Larry Collver. "It's finally coming to pass."

Westhoff grew up in Iowa, where he worked with fairs in some capacity from 1961 to 1989. He also headed that state's fair board association.

He missed Jonestown County Fair for the first time in his life in 1989. That was the year he moved to Oregon to manage Josephine County's fair, which today runs on a \$1.2 million budget, draws some 85,000 visitors over a 5-day run, and has nearly 40 buildings on the grounds.

Yamhill County's fair runs on a budget of \$182,800. The event center, which operates year round, has a \$120,000 annual budget.

"This is number 44 where I'm either the manager or the assistant manager," he said of the local event. "Of course, this one's just coming into play now."

Westhoff said he's amazed at the number of sponsorships previous Yamhill County fairs have attracted, and he's determined to build on that.

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In addition to working two fairs this year - Josephine County's is in August - he's also in charge of organizing the state organization's annual convention, a responsibility that falls to the association's past-president.

"I do love the fair business," he said.



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A bad deal becomes a big loss in Halfway

The town's fair association can't pay construction costs, so the 1920s-era fairgrounds will be sold to the highest bidder

Sunday, April 10, 2005

RICHARD COCKLE

The Oregonian

HALFWAY -- The town is poised to lose its heart and soul: the nine-acre fairgrounds built by volunteers on the eve of the Roaring '20s -- a time when many here still recalled the wild and woolly Western frontier.

This is where the junior rodeo convenes each July, then the Baker County Fair and Panhandle Rodeo each September.

"Everything in the summer is leading up to the fair," said Mayor Gordon Kaesemeyer.

The Halfway Roping Club practices at the fairgrounds arena twice a week starting in early May. The club also keeps its Corriente roping steers there.

"We have nowhere else to go; there are no other arenas around," said 18-year-old club member Rena Olson, a senior at Pine Eagle High School.

The fairgrounds is set to be auctioned in a foreclosure sale at 10 a.m. Friday on the steps of the Baker County Courthouse in Baker City. Halfway, population 345, already lost its new fairgrounds pavilion, the biggest building in town, when it was auctioned off at a sheriff's sale shortly before Christmas.

Residents are worried, said rancher David Bird, a Pine Valley Fair Association board member.

"I had five messages when I went in yesterday afternoon," he said last week. "I get quite a few phone calls asking, 'What are we going to do?' and 'Have you heard anything?'"

Bracing for the worst, the Halfway City Council has changed the town's zoning ordinances so a new owner would need a conditional use permit to make changes on the property.

"Otherwise, they could come in and put a topless and bottomless shoeshine or condos or a feedlot," Kaesemeyer said.

The downfall began when fair officials miscalculated their finances in the heady times that followed international publicity after Halfway changed its name to Half.com at the behest of the Philadelphia-based online bazaar with the same name.

They approved construction of the new \$881,000 fairgrounds pavilion but went into debt and couldn't pay off the loan and interest when the town's fame waned and Sept. 11 hit, stagnating the U.S. economy and drying up expected grants.

Perhaps the biggest misstep occurred when Ralph Smead, former fair association president, agreed that the association would cover the cost of completing the pavilion when the group had enough money for only

half the project.

Smead said he and La Grande general contractor Mike Becker shook hands on the deal. But the contractor also got a formal "notice to proceed" in 2001 signed by Smead that authorized completion of the pavilion.

In addition, Smead gave the contractor a promissory note for \$428,997 to cover the work, plus 10 percent interest.

He didn't tell his colleagues about the deal, the mayor said. "He obligated the fair board . . . without them knowing about it," Kaesemeyer said.

Smead, now 80, said he doesn't recall the notice to proceed or ever signing it. "What I have done down there has been absolutely straightforward and for the benefit of the community and the fairgrounds," he said.

But creditors have called in the promissory note, leading to the pavilion auction in December for \$375,000 and now the auction of the fairgrounds as the fair association's remaining asset.

The association still owes \$206,000 on the pavilion. Creditors turned down a cash offer of \$70,000 in February from the reorganized association, Bird said.

"We thought it was a good offer for a starting point," he said. "They were not willing to counteroffer with us."

So the association is reconciled to seeing the fairgrounds auctioned off, Bird said. Last September's county fair and rodeo may be the final town events to be staged there.

"They are going to lose the history of the town; that fairground is the lifeblood of the community," Kaesemeyer said.

And though some have talked of moving the fair and rodeo to a ranch meadow outside town, the mayor said Halfway's merchants might be reluctant to help underwrite the cost under those circumstances because people would be less likely to stroll through Halfway spending money.

Still, the association members haven't given up hope of bucking the odds and getting the fairgrounds back eventually.

The community has a "right of redemption" for 180 days after the sale, and supporters want to try to raise \$206,000 through contributions, Bird said. But some residents can't understand how the town lost its fairgrounds in the first place, he said.

"They are saying, 'Why are you asking me for money when we already own the fairgrounds?'" Bird said. "It will be a challenge, but it is one we are willing to undertake."


"We can't sit on our hands and let it go."

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Outbreak of E. coli traced to 6 animals

The owner of a Plant City business that supplies petting zoos is said to be devastated by its link to at least 26 cases.

By DONG-PHUONG NGUYEN, Times Staff Writer
Published April 9, 2005

TAMPA - Two sheep, two goats and two cows from a Plant City business that provides animals for petting zoos were the sources of a bacteria outbreak that has sickened dozens of fairgoers across Florida, state Department of Agriculture officials announced Friday.

DNA from a specific strain of *E. coli* bacteria in the livestock from Ag-Venture Farms matched DNA in the humans who were afflicted, officials said.

Those animals, along with the rest of the herd at Ag-Venture Farms, will be quarantined for the rest of their lives, said Terence McElroy, spokesman for the Agriculture Department. The farm has 37 animals, according to state officials.

Ag-Venture Farms did not break any laws, McElroy said, so no charges will be filed.

Farm owner Tom Umiker cooperated with investigators and was "devastated" by what happened, according to McElroy. Umiker did not return a reporter's calls for comment Friday.

"Although our investigation has identified the likely source, we must not lose sight of those individuals that remain hospitalized," Florida Health Secretary John Agwunobi said. "Our hearts go out to these individuals and their families."

Statewide, 26 people were confirmed to have contracted the bacterium, two of them from Pasco County. Eight of the stricken remain hospitalized, including one person in critical condition, Agwunobi said. He wouldn't disclose the person's location or age.

The 23 children and three adults all experienced bouts of diarrhea after attending either the Florida Strawberry Festival in Plant City, the Florida State Fair near Tampa or the Central Florida Fair in Orlando.

Ag-Venture Farms came under scrutiny early in the investigation because it provided the petting zoos for all three fairs.

The ill all tested positive for the *E. coli* strain or for hemolytic uremic syndrome, a fairly infrequent complication arising from an initial infection of the *E. coli* bacterium.

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There are also 42 suspected cases statewide, including three in Hillsborough and four in Pinellas. Lab tests are pending.

State officials said Ag-Venture is prohibited from exhibiting any of the farm animals or moving them from the premises without a permit from their office. Any animals added to the herd will be under the same quarantine requirements.

The livestock will not be permitted to be slaughtered for human consumption because of concerns about possible meat contamination.

The state has closed off the sites where the petting zoos were held at each fair so that crews can begin cleaning and disinfecting the areas next week, McElroy said.

In addition, the Department of Agriculture plans to take its inspections a step further.

In the past, investigators had veterinarians at petting zoos to certify the health of the animals. They also conducted visual inspections.

Now, they want to see how the animals are living.

"We're going to actually be going to every one of these, not so much the fairs, but the petting zoos themselves," McElroy said. "In some cases, we may even be going to farms that house petting zoos and make sure that those places are kept as sanitary as possible, that they're adhering to guidelines."

Umiker, owner of Ag-Venture, spoke with Florida Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson Friday morning. He expressed great sorrow over the outbreak, McElroy said.

Umiker has been in the business for 11 years and has never had people fall ill after coming into contact with his farm animals, McElroy said.

"He's devastated that this occurred," McElroy said. "He said under no circumstances would he consider reintroducing the animals to the public."

At least three lawsuits have been filed against Ag-Venture on behalf of residents of Orange County, where most of the infections were found.

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Open-air business bustle The new lifestyle retail center flourishes in its debut season

The open-air lifestyle retail center flourishes as it proves popular with shoppers and gets a break from Oregon's rains

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HILLSBORO -- Denise Barry and her 17-year-old daughter, Kathleen, scurry across the Streets of Tanasbourne, hands overhead to shield themselves from the rain.

It's the first time the pair has traveled 20 minutes from their Portland Heights home to Hillsboro's so-called lifestyle retail center.

"I would prefer it didn't rain," says Denise Barry, huddled with her daughter under an awning at Beauty First Studio. "But, if I wanted something from one of these stores, I think I'd wait for good weather rather than go to an indoor mall.

"I just don't like the whole mall feeling."

That's the attitude developers are banking on, says Betsy Murphy, general manager of the Streets. Six months after her center's launch, Murphy has only good news to report.

Industry experts say it takes a year in business before a shopping center's financial success can be determined. But signs at the open-air Streets are favorable. The 386,000-square-foot development, with more than 55 shops and restaurants, is 98 percent leased. No businesses have closed. And customers, other than being confused about how to find the center, rarely complain.

"Of course, we thought about the rain, because this is Oregon and this is just one of a handful of open-air shopping centers in the Pacific Northwest," Murphy says. "But Oregonians are used to it. When it doesn't rain, people prefer to walk on the sidewalk.

"When it rains, they go inside the stores."

The open-air center, with its faux Main Street, is the first of its kind in the Portland area; another one, Bridgeport Village, is going up in Tualatin. The centers aim to re-create the charm of yesteryear's downtowns but are run like malls to attract a specific type of consumer. The Streets aims at high-end destination shoppers; tenants include Meier & Frank, national stores such as Victoria's Secret and service-oriented stores such as Club Tan.

The popular building trend, which began five years ago in Arizona and California, has some wondering whether Oregonians and consumers in other colder states will embrace a suburban shopping experience that requires an occasional umbrella.

Planalytics, a Pennsylvania company that specializes in how weather patterns affect shopping, says rain threatens significant success at any of 130 lifestyle centers in the United States where weather's an issue.

But shopping analysts, and those who built and run the \$55 million Streets, think otherwise.

Murphy says Continental Real Estate Cos. in Columbus, Ohio, did its homework before choosing the center's location at Northwest Cornell Road and Stucki Avenue, at least half a mile from Tanasbourne Town Center on Northwest 185th Avenue, the older mall commonly confused with the Streets. Between 200,000 and 250,000 residents with annual household incomes of \$70,000 live within a five-mile radius.

Target areas

Beyond that looms western Washington County, a mishmash of rural and urban households whose occupants previously depended on Washington Square in Tigard as their closest mall.

"Anything west of here, all the way to Cannon Beach, is our trade area," Murphy says. "We may not target those areas, specifically. But if those folks are coming to Portland, chances are they'll stop here first."

As appealing and needed as Streets of Tanasbourne may be, some weather watchers wonder if this mall style is here to stay.

Or just a plop in the trend bucket.

"The fact is, retailers are almost as impacted by the weather as farmers," says Paul Walsh, senior business meteorologist for Planalytics.

"These shopping centers tout upscale destination shopping," he says. "But the truth is, if it's raining, people head for indoor malls. The worst-case scenario would be for a rainy summer.

"That would probably ring the death knell for the Streets of Tanasbourne."

Fortunately for the Streets, it's been uncharacteristically warm and dry this year. In the six months since it opened in October, 16 1/2 inches of rain fell on Portland, 10 1/2 inches shy of normal.

Merchants pleased

Merchants are happy. Employees at The Bombay Company and Banana Republic go on about how busy their businesses are, especially on weekends, when parking lots jam with cars. Restaurants including P.F. Chang's China Bistro and Romano's Macaroni Grill lure diners, merchants say, who stay to shop.

Weekday afternoons can be slow -- the same as at indoor malls.

Rain, though, rarely deters shoppers, they say.

"The rain can be coming down so hard it's blowing sideways, and we still get customers," says a Bombay Company employee, who won't give her name, citing company policy.

Patrice Duker is not surprised. She's the manager of media relations for the International Council of Shopping Centers, an industry trade association based in New York City.

Consumers, Duker says, want lifestyle centers because they're easier -- and hipper -- than traditional malls. Plus, for a time-starved society, they're faster. Studies show the average visit to a lifestyle center is 56 minutes, as opposed to 83 minutes for a mall.

"People love them," she says. "Consumers want different kinds of formats to shop in. You want your strip-mall center for convenience. You want your indoor malls for longer shopping trips. And you want lifestyle centers for easy, in-and-out, upscale shopping."

Duker agrees that tracking a shopping center's success accurately takes a year of operation, so it will be another six months before the Streets will be financially measured.

Wink Brooks, Hillsboro's planning director, doesn't need six months to decide the Streets' success. He says city leaders, who have long lamented the need for higher-end stores in town, couldn't be happier with the center.

"It gives us shopping options in the city we didn't have," Brooks says. "We wanted Streets to provide a social and retail anchor for the whole Tanasbourne neighborhood, and we think it does just that.

"Better yet, Streets cuts down on trip length and gas consumption to malls located further away. We're very pleased."

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Wisconsin State Fair Park projects another loss

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WEST ALLIS, Wis. - Wisconsin State Fair Park is projected to lose \$1.9 million for the fiscal year that ends June 30, bringing the total deficit during the last three years to \$8 million, its chief financial officer says.

Craig Barkelar said Monday the estimate was preliminary and might be lower if the park board can find a vendor to take over the Milwaukee Mile racing operation, which lost \$3.6 million during the 2004 calendar year.

Park board Chairman Martin Greenberg scheduled a meeting April 18 to make a decision on whether to hire an outside operator or keep that operation in-house.

"It's still very up in the air," he said.

Meanwhile, the park board decided Monday to raise prices for parking, midway wristbands on the weekends and electrical service to vendors beginning with this year's State Fair.

Parking will increase from \$8 to \$9; weekend midway wristbands will go up \$5 to \$20 and \$25, depending on the size of the rider; and vendors will pay 4 percent to 15 percent more for electrical service.

Greenberg defended the increases as necessary to keep admission prices affordable.

But state Rep. Scott Gunderson, R-Waterford, a board member, questioned how they will go over with vendors and fairgoers.

"The parking is going to be an issue; we're all going to hear about it," he said, adding that vendors complain the electrical rates are some of the highest in the nation.

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Official: Company May Not Be To Blame For E. Coli Outbreak

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 **WEB SITE:** Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Information

ORLANDO, Fla. -- On Monday, the state's top health official visited local children who are recovering from a potentially deadly kidney infection. Also Monday, the number of confirmed cases of HUS increased to 24 and the number of suspected cases jumped to 40.

Three Central Florida families have already filed lawsuits against a petting zoo company they say is to blame. One of the families still has a child in critical condition. But the state now says, even though it looks like the animals made the people sick, the company may not be to blame.

"I don't want to say the parents didn't do their job. I don't know; I wasn't there. But there's always a risk when people and animals are in the same location," said Liz Compton, Florida Department of Agriculture spokesperson.

In this case, people and animals were together at three locations: the Central Florida Fair in Orlando, the Strawberry Festival in Plant City and the State Fair in Tampa. The only common link so far is the traveling Ag-Venture petting zoo.

"At this point, we can't go in and do anything to Ag-Venture. We can't determine that they've done anything wrong," said Compton.

The state has evidence that Ag-Venture posted signs at all three fairs warning people who touched animals. There were also hand-washing facilities at each location.

"The signs do say 'wash your hands thoroughly.' You can't follow each and every person around to ensure they do that," said Compton.

Ag-Ventures 35 animals are now quarantined while the state tests each one. So far, one animal is positive for E. coli, but not the same DNA that made people sick. And, just because an animal is negative, doesn't mean it wasn't the source.

"The animals may have had the E. coli at the time of the fairs and they don't have it now and there's no way for us to ever know that," said Compton.

The Department of Agriculture says it may never find a definitive source of the bacteria. Even if the state doesn't take action, there are still three lawsuits pending against Ag-Venture and dozens of people who are still sick.

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Centro Cultural has no plans to replace Happy Days

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CORNELIUS -- Sabino Sardineta, director of Centro Cultural in Cornelius, said Wednesday he was surprised by rumors of his non-profit agency's involvement in a July 4 celebration that could replace the canceled Hillsboro Happy Days.

"I haven't heard anything about it," he said, as the "plunk, plunk" of a nail gun resounded from Centro's new addition emerging in front of the building at 1110 N. Adair St. here.

"I'm not willing to participate fully in a July Fourth event. That's an American celebration, and it should bring forth an American flavor. I'm glad that Latinos come forth and celebrate, but the Hillsboro Chamber or some other organization should take advantage of this opportunity for diversity."

While Centro could help organize a troupe of folk dancers or mariachis for a parade, the group's involvement would have to be limited because of other events.

These include an \$835,000 construction project, scheduled for completion by summer's end, Children's Day on Saturday, April 30 and a Day Labor Summit planned for Saturday, May 14, and Sunday, May 15, in Portland an annual June fund-raising breakfast and September's Fiestas Patrias celebrating Mexico's independence from Spain.

"I would support July 4 in any way I can, but it is not part of our culture and I would not invade," added Sardineta.

He said Leo Aguilar, owner of Yesenia Market in Hillsboro, had contacted him briefly about the possibility of organizing a July 4th event at the Washington County Fair Complex to benefit Centro, since funds are still needed for additional landscaping and furniture.

Lisa DuPre, a spokesman for the fair complex, said Wednesday that Aguilar was picking up a rental contract. "He told me he is going to do a fund-raising event July 4 for Centro," DuPre said.

Aguilar, who had just finished meeting with Don Hillman, executive director of the complex, said he had not yet spoken with Sardineta about the possibility of having a July 4 fund-raising event. "Money is still needed, so I'm going to ask Sabino about it," Aguilar said.

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Fourth of July fireworks still possible

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The Fourth of July is about three months away, which is plenty of time to get a fireworks show together.

Fireworks used to be part of the Hillsboro Fourth of July festival at the Washington County Fair Complex. That won't happen this year, as the festival's organizer has canceled the event.

And the fair complex won't be available, as Centro Cultural in Cornelius has rented it July 2-4 for a fund-raising event.

Hillsboro school and parks facilities might be available, however.

"It would depend on the facility," said Carlos Perez, deputy superintendent of the Hillsboro School District. "We'd certainly look at it, if the date is available just to make sure there aren't any athletic events on the docket. That time of year is typically available."

An American Legion baseball tournament takes place that weekend at Glencoe and Liberty high schools, as well as Hare Field. But other facilities, like Hillsboro or Century High School, might be open.

Hillsboro's parks commission prohibits fireworks at all parks and recreation facilities. But Interim Parks Director Steve Greagor said the commission might view an organized event differently.

"That may be something that's handled as a community event or a special event," he said. The parks commission would have to approve it regardless, and the City Council would have to approve it as a special event.

The fireworks show at the fair complex cost about \$30,000. But Norm Rose, sales manager at Western Display Fireworks in Canby, said his company could build a show for any amount of money.

"Fireworks are scalable," he said. "You don't have to spend 'x' amount of dollars. We can work within someone's budget to prepare a show."

Western, which did Hillsboro's fireworks show for several years, does shows throughout the Northwest. The company takes care of all licensing, permit and insurance requirements for each show, Rose said.

"Obviously, organization and fund-raising is key," he said. "But we can put a show together in as little as three weeks."

Grassroots efforts aren't uncommon in Hillsboro. Following the end of the Rose Festival Airshow in 2002, a group of veteran airshow organizers formed to put on the Oregon International Airshow.

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That show raised more than \$88,000 last year, in its second year of existence. Organizers say community support is key to that success.

"My biggest advice would be to get community involvement in it," said Lila Ashenbrenner, who has served on boards for both airshows. "From the airshow's perspective, that's what we did: Get community involvement to bring it forward."

"The community as a whole has to decide if it's important to them," agreed Judy Willey, who has directed both airshows. She and Ashenbrenner both recommended a marketing campaign and securing business sponsorships to anyone who might want to try organizing a show.

"This could be a real opportunity for somebody," Ashenbrenner said.

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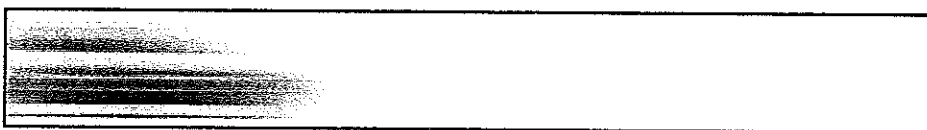
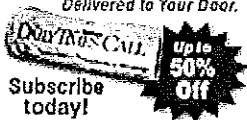


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Fair to make cuts

County organizers plan changes after losing \$24K in '04

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LONGMONT — Boulder County Fair, Livestock Show & Rodeo planners will scale back some of their expenditures, including entertainment and livestock panels, at this year's fair in reaction to disappointing revenues in 2004.

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The annual event took in \$721,450 last year and saw an increase in total attendance, but ultimately lost \$24,705, according to financial reports provided by fair general manager Kathy Lynch.

"We've just got to get ourselves ahead of the game," Lynch said Monday. "We're going after grant money this year, which we've never done."

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Organizers gambled by hosting a grandstand concert featuring country singer Pat Green at last year's event. The concert cost \$47,000 to produce, but only took in \$37,000, Lynch said.

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"Pat Green did awful for us," Lynch said. "We're not doing a concert this year. It was not a great budget decision for us."

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Other attractions will also see cuts. The fair board is spending less money to hire acts for the free music stage this year than in 2004, board member Heather August said.

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"We don't have as much money as we did last year. It's that simple," August said. "It's not an across-the-board cut because you can't cut back on insurance and things like that."

But the fair board will put its insurance contract up for bid in hopes of landing coverage at a competitive price, Lynch said.

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The fair may be forced to hire fewer livestock panelists and give smaller reimbursements to visiting clubs like 4-H and Future Farmers of America, Lynch said.

"I hesitate there," she said. "That can be kind of a touchy issue for some people. But judges are expensive."

The prospect of 4-H and FFA groups losing prize money isn't appealing to those who assist the kids.

"It isn't real cheap getting (the livestock) there," said Tina Pohlmann, a 4-H parent and assistant superintendent of the fair's crops show. "Kids don't expect to make money, but they expect to at least break even."

Fair officials are also considering holding fund-raisers in the coming months, and they may look for volunteer clowns and magicians instead of paid fairway entertainers.

Attendance at the annual event nearly doubled between 2002 and 2004, but the fair still lost money in 2003 and 2004.

New expenditures dragged down the bottom line in recent years. Insurance costs have increased about 20 percent each year since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Lynch said.

The fair also increased security staffing, built a larger petting zoo, installed handicap-accessible restrooms and established a Web site for online ticket sales, she said.

Attendance figures show the fair is building momentum despite losing money in the past two years, Lynch said.

A bullriding event, which debuted in 2003, is becoming increasingly popular. A bullfighting competition featuring top rodeo clowns will debut this year, she said.

Fair planners can also bank on their popular motorsports events such as the tractor pull and demolition derby, she said.

Lynch, the fair's only full-time employee, keeps tabs on a number of different revenue streams. Over the course of a 45-minute interview at the converted farmhouse that serves as the fair's headquarters, Lynch pulled records from three different computers in the cluttered office.

Fair officials were inconvenienced while planning for the 2005 event because a Kansas accountant took months longer than expected to process fair receipts before finishing in late January. But that did not prevent fair staff from planning this year's event, Lynch insisted.

"When you do your budget from for the next year, you like to know how your event went this year," she said. "We always had a good idea of it. It's just nice to see it in black and white."

The county fair is partially funded with taxpayer money. Boulder County commissioners chip in \$50,000 each year, 20 percent of which goes toward hiring sheriff's deputies for extra security.

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