

Fair Complex Board Meeting Notice

Washington County Fair Complex Board

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Floral Building - Washington County Fair Complex

873 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Chair
W. Rafe Flagg

Vice Chair
Dan Logan

Treasurer
A. Richard Vial

Secretary
Kathy Christy

Board Member
Don McCoun

Board Member
Herbert Hirst

Board Member
Michael Steward

Executive Director
Don G. Hillman

Standing Committees

Airshow & Airport Interface
Herbert Hirst

Booster /Coalition Liaison
Dan Logan
Michael Steward

Development Committee
A. Richard Vial , Chair
Herbert Hirst, Board Member
W. Rafe Flagg, Board Member

Fair Visioning Committee
Kathy Christy, Chair
Dan Logan, Board Member

The Washington County Fair Complex Board is comprised of seven members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Each Fair Complex Board member is appointed for a three-year term.

The Fair Complex Board has the exclusive management of the grounds, and all other property owned, leased, used or controlled by the County and devoted to the use of the Fair Complex, and is entrusted and charged with the entire business management, and financial and other affairs of the Fair Complex.

The Fair Complex, a division of the County, produces the annual County Fair & Rodeo and manages year-round facilities rented for consumer shows, public expositions and special gathering. The Fair Complex Board meets monthly or as necessary, develops the Fair Complex's annual operating budget, and provides overall policy direction for the management of Fair Complex activities and facilities. The Fair Complex's day-to-day activities are the responsibility of the Complex Executive Director, who serves at the pleasure of the Fair Board.

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FAIR COMPLEX BOARD AGENDA



Call to Order

Oral Communications for Non-Agenda Items

Oral Communication is limited to two minutes per individual, ten minutes total. Individuals may select only one oral communication opportunity.

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, the Chair will indicate when it will be discussed in the regular agenda.

1. Financial Statements ([PDF](#))
 - a. Budget Overview - June and July 2007 ([PDF](#))
 - b. Balance Sheet - June and July ([PDF](#)) 2007
 - c. Other, if any
 2. Fair Complex Board Minutes - June 6 ([PDF](#)) and June 29, 2007 ([PDF](#))
 3. Facility Use Schedule - September 2007 ([PDF](#))
 4. Other, if any
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Special Reports



1. Airshow & Airport Interface Committee - Herbert Hirst, Board Member
 2. Fair Visioning Committee - Kathy Christy, Board Member
 3. Booster/Coalition Liaison - Dan Logan, Board Member
 4. Treasurer's Report - A. Rich Vial , Board Member
 5. 4-H Report - Terry Palmer, OSU Extension Agent ([PDF](#))
 6. Operations Report - Don G. Hillman, Executive Director ([PDF](#))
 7. Other, if any
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Old Business



1. Redevelopment Update, if any ([PDF](#))
 2. Frite Lites Updates ([PDF](#))
 3. Other, if any
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New Business



1. County Fair & Rodeo Wrap-up - Staff ([PDF](#))
 2. Committee Apointments - Chair Flagg
 3. Other, if any
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Announcements



1. Calendar of Events ([PDF](#))
 2. Other, if any
-

Correspondence



1. Letters and Cards, if any ([PDF](#))
 2. Other, if any
-

Board Oral Communications



Other Matters of Information



1. Booster Meeting Minutes - June ([PDF](#)) and July ([PDF](#)) 2007
 2. Newspaper Articles ([PDF](#))
 3. Other, if any
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Oral Communications



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Executive Session, if necessary



Pursuant to ORS 192.610 - 192.690

Adjourn



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FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 2007

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

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

Re: June and July 2007 Financial Statements

Find attached the June and July 2007 Budget Overview and Balance Sheets. They were produced by the Washington County Finance Department's WIZARD program and reflect accounting activity for June and July 2007.

The June 2007 Financial Statements reflect activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, and will be included in the County financial statements for audit purposes.

The Fair Complex continues to maintain a strong fund balance with an ending fund balance for June in excess of \$725,000, and this balance is after more than \$150,000 in capital improvements requested by the City of Hillsboro Fire Marshall. The July 2007 ending fund balance exceeds \$800,000.

The expenditures and revenues associated with the 2007 County Fair & Rodeo will not be fully reflected until August or September due to the collection of sponsorships and payment of fair related expenses.

The Budget Overview for FYE June 30, 2008, has been modified to breakout in more detail the two other arena events (Truck Pull and Demolition Derby) as recommended by the Budget Committee. This will allow better comparisons and analysis for all arena events.

	WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX Budget Overview July 2006 - June 2007 Preliminary																
	Description	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007	June 2007	Year to Date 2006/07	Budget 2006/07	%
1	Opening Balance	\$ 568,850	\$ 634,348	\$ 717,630	\$ 681,571	\$ 638,504	\$ 719,828	\$ 729,998	\$ 691,880	\$ 681,807	\$ 682,259	\$ 611,076	\$ 605,439	\$ 553,124	\$ 634,348	\$ 469,660	
2	Interim Operating Revenues																
3																	
4																	
5																	
6		Parking	\$ -	\$ 11,086	\$ 740	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,826	\$ 21,000
7	RV Park	915	360	1,440	1,180	740	470	810	940	600	880	1,695	1,580	2,260	12,955	10,000	130%
8	Rentals	18,264	6,256	4,440	38,576	(964)	9,535	22,671	8,430	23,058	9,404	31,945	16,087	30,229	199,667	235,000	85%
9	Concessions	347	0	124	1,029	-	-	-	100	100	-	100	140	462	2,055	6,000	34%
10	Misc Income	2,266	3,188	4,067	(447)	2,333	4,172	680	(362)	522	1,408	1,005	940	3,610	21,116	7,000	302%
11																	
12	Total Interim Operating Revenues	\$ 21,792	\$ 20,890	\$ 10,811	\$ 40,338	\$ 2,109	\$ 14,177	\$ 24,161	\$ 9,108	\$ 24,280	\$ 11,692	\$ 34,745	\$ 18,747	\$ 36,561	\$ 247,619	\$ 279,000	89%
13	Interim Operating Expenses																
14	Personal Services	\$ 40,653	\$ 14,462	\$ 27,955	\$ 41,980	\$ 28,038	\$ 28,028	\$ 27,893	\$ 28,012	\$ 28,018	\$ 41,883	\$ 28,020	\$ 29,059	\$ 56,824	\$ 380,172	\$ 379,842	100%
15	Supplies	5,291	1,842	9,456	2,693	4,102	1,316	211	1,856	387	557	852	2,765	1,914	27,951	20,000	140%
16	Professional Services	187	918	1,810	3,261	237	865	840	472	1,968	609	2,721	507	976	15,184	12,500	121%
17	Advertising	0	-	0	-	-	472	476	-	-	-	125	-	-	1,073	5,000	21%
18	Communications (ATM)	759	-	85	10	70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	241	406	500	81%
19	Utilities	8,785	31	759	3,061	2,061	7,282	3,159	8,919	4,566	7,970	3,193	7,109	5,237	53,347	71,000	75%
20	Repair and Maintenance	23,408	12,901	17,415	(11,392)	9,610	8,255	860	6,527	3,374	1,778	2,060	5,781	(980)	56,189	54,000	104%
21	Rentals	74	-	959	-	95	-	-	414	188	188	188	188	377	2,597	5,000	52%
22	Dues and Memberships	515	60	0	-	-	-	175	-	93	303	183	-	-	814	1,750	47%
23	Training and Travel	0	-	0	-	-	348	287	-	474	998	89	30	-	2,226	1,500	148%
24	Insurance	0	-	14,212	211	-	169	532	-	-	532	-	-	532	16,188	14,500	112%
25	Postage	162		38	-	38	-	102	-	39	21	63	-	141	442	1,000	44%
26	Printing internal	0	29	18	-	-	-	-	-	(29)	-	-	-	1	19	750	3%
27	Telephones	606	-	0	-	566	594	590	597	1,029	769	-	1,883	769	6,797	6,500	105%
28	Special Expenses	248	926	909	1,001	636	650	204	289	78	13	338	70	220	5,334	5,000	107%
29	County Legal	4,273	-	0	2,044	6,273	1,727	-	2,855	-	-	-	-	(2,679)	10,220	5,000	204%
30	County Indirect Cost	1,242	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,538	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	17,972	17,925	100%
31																	
32																	
33	Total Interim Operating Expenses	\$ 86,203	\$ 32,663	\$ 75,110	\$ 44,363	\$ 53,220	\$ 51,200	\$ 36,823	\$ 51,435	\$ 41,723	\$ 57,115	\$ 39,326	\$ 48,886	\$ 65,067	\$ 596,931	\$ 601,767	99%
34																	
35	Net Interim Revenues/Expenses	\$ (64,411)	\$ (11,773)	\$ (64,299)	\$ (4,025)	\$ (51,111)	\$ (37,023)	\$ (12,662)	\$ (42,327)	\$ (17,443)	\$ (45,423)	\$ (4,581)	\$ (30,139)	\$ (28,506)	\$ (349,312)	\$ (322,767)	

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	Description	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007	June 2007	Year to Date 2006/07	Budget 2006/07	%	
36	Fair Revenues																	
37																		
38	Commercial Booth Rentals	\$ -	\$ 93,700	\$ 3,350	\$ (2,600)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 94,950	\$ 79,000	120%	
39	Dept of Agriculture	-	-			-	46,456	-		-	-	-	-	-	46,456	41,000	113%	
40	Parking Fees	-	6,972	74,807	100					-	-	-	-	-	81,879	75,000	109%	
41	Admissions	-	2,772	22,263	(14)	14		125		-	-	-	-	-	25,160	25,000	101%	
42	Sponsorships	-	46,850	18,500	-	939	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	66,289	75,000	88%	
43	Carnival Income	-	81,865	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	81,865	77,000	106%	
44	Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	0%	
45	Entry Fees	-	6,371	510	-	-	-	-	1,087	-	-	-	-	-	7,968	3,300	241%	
46	Concessions	-	13,200	67,514	2,600	-	-	-		524	-	-	-	-	83,838	83,000	101%	
47	Other Revenues	-	1,475	4,159	4,837	-	890	-		-	-	-	-	-	11,361	9,500	120%	
48																		
49	Total Fair Revenues	\$ -	\$ 253,205	\$ 191,103	\$ 4,923	\$ 953	\$ 47,346	\$ 125	\$ 1,587	\$ 524	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 499,766	\$ 469,300	106%	
50	Fair Expenses																	
51	Personal Services	\$ 18,631	\$ 5,803	\$ 21,051	\$ 18,695	\$ 12,461	\$ 12,456	\$ 12,390	\$ 12,439	\$ 12,442	\$ 18,592	\$ 12,443	\$ 12,598	\$ 25,872	\$ 177,242	\$ 172,525	103%	
52	Supplies	645	8,548	5,378	495	2,202	(741)	-		-	-	-		123	16,005	8,000	200%	
53	Professional Services	891	15,185	23,702	7,658	9,330	604	-		-	100	675	788	281	58,323	63,000	93%	
54	Advertising, Promotions, etc.	3,047	4,221	88,469	315	6,540	(1,001)	-		-				-	98,544	98,000	101%	
55	Printing	673	1,287	-	-	-	-	-		(192)	-	-	-	-	1,095	1,250	88%	
56	Utilities	-	-	4,915	6,044	-	-	933		-	-	-	-	-	11,892	7,500	159%	
57	Repair & Maintenance	-	65	976	75	-	523	-		-	-	-	-	882	2,521	3,000	84%	
58	Rentals	-	601	13,982	-	-	4,921	-		-	-	-	-	-	19,504	25,000	78%	
59	Dues and memberships	-	128	-	-	1	-	799		100	-	91	-	437	1,556	1,000	156%	
60	Travel and Training	84	-	197	274	146	275	633	963	784	1,226	184	371	59	5,112	4,000	128%	
61	Insurance	-	-	14,212	91	-	70	228		-	228	-	-	228	15,057	14,500	104%	
62	Postage	-	-	39	86	126	-	-		-	-	-	-	58	309	750	41%	
63	Telephone	-	617	908	716	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	2,241	2,000	112%	
64	County Legal	34	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	500	0%	
65	Other/Special Expenses	690	77,674	2,127	882	23,277	-	10,027	(10,000)	147	-	5	-	-	104,139	119,000	88%	
66	Awards	-	29,826	5,666	(100)	-	-	-	10,010	-	-	1,508	-	-	46,910	45,000	104%	
67	Indirect	1,242	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,686	1,494	1,494	1,494	1,494	18,120	17,925	101%	
68																		
69	Total Fairtime Expenses	\$ 25,937	\$ 145,449	\$ 183,116	\$ 36,725	\$ 55,577	\$ 18,601	\$ 26,504	\$ 14,906	\$ 14,967	\$ 21,640	\$ 16,400	\$ 15,251	\$ 29,434	\$ 578,570	\$ 582,950	99%	
70																		
71	Net Fairtime Revenues/Expenses	\$ (25,937)	\$ 107,757	\$ 7,987	\$ (31,802)	\$ (54,624)	\$ 28,745	\$ (26,379)	\$ (13,319)	\$ (14,443)	\$ (21,640)	\$ (16,400)	\$ (15,251)	\$ (29,434)	\$ (78,804)	\$ (113,650)		

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	Description	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007	June 2007	Year to Date 2006/07	Budget 2006/07	%
72	Rodeo Revenues																
73	Admissions	\$ -	\$ 4,398	\$ 21,485	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 40	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,923	\$ 30,000	86%
74	Sponsorships	-	14,250	4,225	2,000	-	-	1,000	-	1,700	-	-	-	-	23,175	47,500	49%
75	Queen Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
76	Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
77																	
78	Total Rodeo Revenues	\$ -	\$ 18,648	\$ 25,710	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,040	\$ -	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 49,098	\$ 77,500	63%
79																	
80	Rodeo Expenses																
81	Supplies	\$ -	\$ 82	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182	\$ 27	\$ 291	\$ 1,000	29%
82	Professional Services	-	27,500	5,458	-	123	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,081	57,000	58%
83	Advertising	-	-	2,770	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,770	5,000	55%
84	Rentals	-	-	2,479	-	-	705	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,184	5,000	64%
85	Training and Travel	77	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
86	Other Misc Expenses	-	1,712	900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77	-	-	2,689	10,000	27%
87	Awards/Prizes	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	-	0%
88																	
89	Total Rodeo Expenses	\$ 77	\$ 33,294	\$ 11,607	\$ -	\$ 123	\$ 705	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77	\$ 182	\$ 27	\$ 46,015	\$ 78,000	59%
90																	
91	Net Rodeo Revenues/Expenses	\$ (77)	\$ (14,646)	\$ 14,103	\$ 2,000	\$ (123)	\$ (705)	\$ 1,040	\$ -	\$ 1,700	\$ -	\$ (77)	\$ (182)	\$ (27)	\$ 3,083	\$ (500)	
92																	
93	Frite Lite Revenue																
94	Admissions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 38,955	\$ 2,508	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (139)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 41,324	65,000	64%
95	Concessions	-	-	-	-	-	-	741	-	-	-	-	-	-	741	4,000	19%
96	Sponsorships	-	-	-	-	5,023	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,023	30,000	17%
97	Other Revenu	-	-	-	-	376	585	-	-	674	-	-	-	-	1,635	1,000	164%
98	Total Frite Lites Revenue				\$ -	\$ 44,354	\$ 3,093	\$ 741	\$ -	\$ 535	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,723	\$ 100,000	49%
100																	
101	Frite Lite Expenses																
102	Personal Services (Temp. Salaries)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 47	\$ 1,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ -	1,394	\$ 2,500	56%
103	Supplies					2,923	408	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,331	5,000	67%
104	Professional Services					394	5,853	77	12,298	-	3,234				21,856	40,000	55%
105	Advertising					-	14,596	150	-	-	-				14,746	35,000	42%
106	Other Expenses				1,503	208	-	2,570	-	-	-				4,281	2,500	171%
107	Total Frite Lites Expenses			\$ -	\$ 1,503	\$ 3,525	\$ 20,904	\$ 4,024	\$ 12,298	\$ -	\$ 3,234	\$ 120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,608	\$ 85,000	54%
108																	
109	Net Frite Lites Rev/Exp	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,503)	\$ 40,829	\$ (17,811)	\$ (3,283)	\$ (12,298)	\$ 535	\$ (3,234)	\$ (120)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,115	\$ 15,000	

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110	Non-Operating Revenues																
111	Hotel/Motel Taxes	\$ 164,387	\$ -	\$ 14,848	\$ 9,321	\$ 145,390	\$ 51,698	\$ 7,121	\$ 109,599	\$ 40,343	\$ 8,472	\$ 105,374	\$ 40,118	\$ 151,524	\$ 683,808	\$ 550,000	124%
112	Transfer from General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	0%
113	Interest	2,225	2,557	2,617	2,256	2,506	2,648	2,538	2,633	2,393	2,461	2,421	185	2,139	27,354	7,500	365%
114																	
115	Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$166,612	\$2,557	\$17,465	\$11,577	\$147,896	\$54,346	\$9,659	\$112,232	\$42,736	\$10,933	\$107,794	\$40,303	\$153,663	\$711,162	\$1,057,500	67%
116																	
117	Non-Operating Expenses																
118																	
119	Purchase/Lease	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ 10,510	\$ 1,116	\$ 503	\$ 10,400	\$ 503	\$ 53,640	\$ 10,400	\$ 503	\$ 503	\$ 10,400	\$ 503	\$ 99,594	\$ 100,563	99%
120	Fire Hydrant Project	-	-	-	1,090	68	-	-	-	-	250	87,375	37,883	7,604	134,270	600,000	22%
121	Main Exhibit Hall	-	-	-	11,613	-	857	-	-	2,200	-	3,715	-	7,713	26,098	20,000	130%
122	Equipment (Includes Electronic Message	7,985	-	-	5,240	800	3,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,858	48,273	15,000	322%
123	Development Reserve	1,816	-	805	207	148	-	5,790	553	-	3,500	-	-	(6,527)	4,476	65,000	7%
124																	
125	Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$10,414	\$613	\$11,315	\$19,266	\$1,519	\$14,632	\$6,293	\$54,193	\$12,600	\$4,253	\$91,593	\$48,283	\$48,151	\$312,711	\$800,563	39%
126																	
127	Net Non-Operating Rev/Exp	\$156,198	\$1,944	\$6,150	(\$7,689)	\$146,377	\$39,714	\$3,366	\$58,039	\$30,136	\$6,680	\$16,201	(\$7,980)	\$105,512	\$398,450	\$256,937	
128																	
129	Net Fair Complex Rev/Exp	\$65,773	\$83,282	(\$36,059)	(\$43,019)	\$81,348	\$12,920	(\$37,918)	(\$9,905)	\$485	(\$63,617)	(\$4,977)	(\$53,552)	\$47,545	(\$23,467)	(\$164,980)	
130																	
131	Ending Fund Balance/Contingency	\$634,623	\$717,630	\$681,571	\$638,552	\$719,852	\$732,748	\$692,080	\$681,975	\$682,292	\$618,642	\$606,099	\$551,887	\$600,669	\$610,881	\$304,680	

Adjustment to BFB for 47.88 due to prior period adjustment in Oct 06
Adjustment to BFB for 23.35 due to prior period adjustment in Nov 06
Adjustment for BFB due to Oct County Counsel charge of \$2749.50 not recorded until Jan 07
Adjustment for BFB due to Central Services charges of \$200.01 not recorded until Feb 07 back to December 06.
Adjustment for BFB due to Central Services charges of \$167.99 recorded in Feb 07 for Jan 07.
Adjustment for BFB due to cell phone charges of \$31.97 recorded in March for February 07.
Adjustment for BFB due to internal legal charges of \$7,566.08 recorded in April for Feb and March 07.
Adjustment for BFB due to internal charges of \$661. 61 recorded in May for previous month.
Asjustment for BFB due to internal charges of \$1,238.98 recorded in prior months

	WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX Budget Overview July 2007 - June 2008						
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1	Opening Balance	\$ 634,626	627,296	\$ 627,296	\$ 469,660		
2							
3	Interim Operating Revenues						
4							
5	Parking	\$ 11,086	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 21,000	0%	Airshow held in July 2006 and August 2007.
6	RV Park	360	80	80	10,000	1%	
7	Rentals	6,256	-	-	200,000	0%	
8	Concessions	-	38	38	3,000	1%	
9	Misc Income	3,188	430	430	15,000	3%	
10							
11	Total Interim Operating Revenues	\$ 20,890	588	\$ 588	\$ 249,000	0%	
12							
13	Interim Operating Expenses						
14	Personal Services	\$ 14,462	\$ 13,235	\$ 13,235	\$ 389,208	3%	Electrical Upgrades in July.
15	Supplies	1,842	453	453	25,000	2%	
16	Professional Services	918	328	328	12,500	3%	
17	Advertising	-	-	-	1,000	0%	
18	Communications (ATM)	-	-	-	500	0%	
19	Utilities	31	5,493	5,493	65,000	8%	Split between Fairtime and Facility Rental Programs.
20	Repair and Maintenance	12,901	5,844	5,844	57,000	10%	
21	Rentals	-	-	-	5,000	0%	
22	Dues and Memberships	60	125	125	1,500	8%	
23	Training and Travel	-	31	31	1,500	2%	
24	Insurance	-	12,533	12,533	16,000	78%	Split between Fairtime and Facility Rental Programs.
25	Postage	-	-	-	500	0%	
26	Printing internal	-	-	-	500	0%	
27	Telephones	-	-	-	6,000	0%	
28	Special Expenses	926	451	451	5,000	9%	
29	County Legal	-	-	-	5,000	0%	Split between Fairtime and Facility Rental Programs.
30	County Indirect Cost	1,494	1,643	1,643	22,000	7%	
31							
32	Total Interim Operating Expenses	\$ 32,634	40,136	\$ 40,136	\$ 613,208	7%	
33							
34	Net Interim Revenues/Expenses	\$ (11,744)	(39,548)	\$ (39,548)	\$ (364,208)		

	WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX Budget Overview July 2007 - June 2008						
	Description	July 2006	July 2007	Year to Date 2007/08	Budget 2007/08	%	
35	Fair Revenues						
36							
37	Commercial Booth Rentals	\$ 93,700	\$ 89,950	\$ 89,950	\$ 82,500	109%	Normally received in December or January.
38	Dept of Agriculture	-	-	-	46,000	0%	
39	Parking Fees	6,972	80,222	80,222	77,500	104%	
40	Admissions (See Truck Pull & Demo Derby)	-	-	-	-	0%	See Truck Pull and Demo Derby Details.
41	Sponsorships	46,850	45,850	45,850	56,500	81%	See Truck Pull & Demo Derby for additional Sponsor Fees.
42	Carnival Income	81,865	99,541	99,541	80,000	124%	
43	Advertising	-	-	-	1,500	0%	
44	Entry Fees	6,371	8,096	8,096	6,500	125%	
45	Concessions	13,200	73,897	73,897	83,000	89%	Additional Revenues to be reflected in August.
46	Other Revenues	1,475	1,675	1,675	10,000	17%	
47	Total Fair Revenues	\$ 250,433	\$ 399,231	\$ 399,231	\$ 443,500	90%	
48							
49	Fair Expenses						
50	Personal Services	\$ 5,803	\$ 8,191	\$ 8,191	\$ 177,625	5%	Parking, Security, Janitorial, Gate Greeters, etc.
51	Supplies	8,548	5,081	5,081	12,000	42%	
52	Professional Services	15,185	15,601	15,601	59,000	26%	
53	Advertising, Promotions, etc.	4,221	12,988	12,988	99,000	13%	
54	Printing	1,096	2,325	2,325	1,500	155%	
55	Utilities	-	-	-	12,500	0%	
56	Repair & Maintenance	65	1,730	1,730	2,500	69%	
57	Rentals	1,396	1,055	1,055	16,000	7%	Bleachers, fencing, etc.
58	Dues and memberships	128	-	-	1,000	0%	
59	Travel and Training	-	-	-	4,000	0%	
60	Insurance	-	12,534	12,534	16,000	78%	Split between Fairtime and Facility Rental Programs.
61	Postage	-	-	-	500	0%	
62	Telephone	617	1,291	1,291	2,500	52%	
63	County Legal	-	-	-	500	0%	
64	Other/Special Expenses	77,674	76,440	76,440	100,000	76%	
65	Competitive Exhibits	29,826	51,838	51,838	45,000	115%	Includes Premiums, Judges, Shavings, etc.
66	County Indirect Costs	1,494	1,643	1,643	22,000	7%	Split between Fairtime and Facility Rental Programs.
67							
68	Total Fairtime Expenses	\$ 146,053	\$ 190,717	\$ 190,717	\$ 571,625	33%	
69							
70	Net Fairtime Revenues/Expenses	\$ 104,380	\$ 208,514	\$ 208,514	\$ (128,125)		

	WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX Budget Overview July 2007 - June 2008					
	Description	July 2006	July 2007	Year to Date 2007/08	Budget 2007/08	%
71	Truck Pull Revenues					
72	Admissions	\$ 763	\$ 13,730	13,730	\$ 12,500	110%
73	Sponsorships	-	2,250	2,250	\$ 8,000	28%
74	Total Truck Pull Revenues	\$ 763	\$ 15,980	\$ 15,980	\$ 20,500	78%
75						
76	Truck Pull Expenses					
77	Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
78	Professional Services	-	6,713	6,713	7,000	96%
79	Advertising (Hospitality)	-	-	-	500	0%
80	Rentals	-	-	-	2,000	0%
81	Other Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	0%
82	Prize Money	-	-	-	-	0%
83	Total Truck Pull Expenses	\$ -	\$ 6,713	\$ 6,713	\$ 9,500	71%
84						
85	Net Truck Pull Income/(Loss)	\$ 763	\$ 9,267	\$ 9,267	\$ 11,000	
86						
87	Rodeo Revenues					
88	Admissions	\$ 4,398	\$ 23,830	\$ 23,830	\$ 25,000	95%
89	Sponsorships	14,250	15,950	15,950	27,500	58%
90	Queen Fees	-	-	-	-	0%
91	Miscellaneous	-	68	68	-	0%
92						
93	Total Rodeo Revenues	\$ 18,648	39,848	\$ 39,848	\$ 52,500	
94						
95	Rodeo Expenses					
96	Supplies	\$ 82	\$ 872	872	\$ 250	349%
97	Professional Services	27,500	29,000	29,000	35,000	83%
98	Advertising (Hospitality)	-	-	-	3,000	0%
99	Rentals	795	-	-	3,500	0%
100	Training and Travel	-	-	-	-	0%
101	Other Misc Expenses	1,712	1,703	1,703	3,000	57%
102	Awards/Prizes	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	100%
103						
104	Total Rodeo Expenses	\$ 34,089	35,575	\$ 35,575	\$ 48,750	73%
105						
106	Net Rodeo Revenues/Expenses	\$ (15,441)	4,273	\$ 4,273	\$ 3,750	

	WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX Budget Overview July 2007 - June 2008					
	Description	July 2006	July 2007	Year to Date 2007/08	Budget 2007/08	%
107	Demo Derby Revenues					
108	Admissions	\$ 2,009	\$ 19,150	\$ 19,150	\$ 20,000	96%
109	Sponsorships	-	-	-	8,000	0%
110	Other Revenue	-	4,750	4,750	-	0%
111	Total Demo Derby Revenues	\$ 2,009	\$ 23,900	\$ 23,900	\$ 28,000	85%
112						
113	Demo Derby Expenses					
114	Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%
115	Professional Services	-	13,501	13,501	9,000	150%
116	Materials	-	-	-	-	0%
117	Advertising (Hospitality)	-	-	-	500	0%
118	Rentals	-	-	-	4,000	0%
119	Other Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	0%
120	Prizes	-	1,500	1,500	-	0%
121	Total Demo Derby Expenses	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,500	33%
122						
123	Net Demo Derby Income/(Loss)	\$ 2,009	\$ 22,400	\$ 22,400	\$ 23,500	
124						
125	Frite Lites Revenues					
126	Admissions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000	0%
127	Concessions	-	-	-	1,000	0%
128	Sponsorships	-	-	-	30,000	0%
129	Other Revenue	-	-	-	1,000	0%
130	Total Frite Lites Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,000	0%
131						
132	Frite Lite Expenses					
133	Personal Services (Temp. Salaries)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,500	0%
134	Supplies				5,000	0%
135	Professional Services				25,000	0%
136	Advertising				17,500	0%
137	Other Expenses				4,000	0%
138	Total Frite Lite Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,000	0%
139						
140	Net Frite Lites Revenues/Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	

	WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX Budget Overview July 2007 - June 2008						
	Description	July 2006	July 2007	Year to Date 2007/08	Budget 2007/08	%	
141	Non-Operating Revenues		-				
142	Hotel/Motel Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 645,000	0%	None Anticipated.
143	Transfer from General Fund		-	-	-	0%	
144	Interest	2,279	2,440	2,440	22,500	11%	
145							
146	Total Non-Operating Revenues	\$ 2,279	\$ 2,440	\$ 2,440	\$ 667,500	0%	
147							
148	Non-Operating Expenses						
149							
150	Purchase/Lease	\$ 613	\$ 503	\$ 503	\$ 131,358	0%	Quadrant Property, Forklift, Bleachers, Light Displays. Final work completed in July and August 2007.
151	Land Improvements - Fire Hydrant Project	-	400	400	-	0%	
152	Buildings and Structures - Main Exhibit Hall	-	-	-	-	0%	
153	Fire Marshall Deficiencies	-	-	-	25,000	0%	
154	Equipment	-	-	-	40,000	0%	
155	Development Reserve	-	-	-	20,000	0%	
156							
157	Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$613	903	\$903	\$216,358	0%	
158							
159	Net Non-Operating Revenues/Expenses	\$1,666	1,537	\$1,537	\$451,142		
160							
161	Total Fair Complex Revenues	\$ 295,022	\$ 481,987	\$ 481,987	\$ 1,538,000		
162							
163	Total Fair Complex Expenses	\$213,389	\$275,544	\$275,544	\$1,478,941		
164							
165	Net Fair Complex Revenues/Expenses	\$81,633	206,443	\$206,443	\$12,059		
166							
167	Ending Fund Balance/Contingency	\$716,259	833,739	\$833,739	\$481,719		

Adjustment to BFB for 47.88 due to prior period adjustment in Oct 06
 Adjustment to BFB for 23.35 due to prior period adjustment in Nov 06
 Adjustment for BFB due to Oct County Counsel charge of \$2749.50 not recorded until Jan 07
 Adjustment for BFB due to Central Services charges of \$200.01 not recorded until Feb 07 back to December 06.
 Adjustment for BFB due to Central Services charges of \$167.99 recorded Total Revenue #REF!
 Adjustment for BFB due to cell phone charges of \$31.97 recorded in Marc Total Expense #REF!
 Adjustment for BFB due to internal legal charges of \$7,566.08 recorded in April for Feb and March 07.
 Adjustment for BFB due to internal charges of \$661. 61 recorded in May for previous month.
 Adjustment for BFB due to internal charges of \$1,238.98 recorded in prior months

Washington County Fair Complex
Balance Sheet Preliminary
June 30, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash

Fairplex..Petty cash..	\$ 250
Fairplex..Petty cash.Finance- Petty Cash.	-
Fairplex..Cash drawer..	-
Fairplex..Cash drawer.Frite Lites.	-
Fairplex..General Cash Account..	61,448
Fairplex..USNB WASHCO ACH Clearing..	-
Fairplex..CCB-General Account..	6,680
Fairplex..CCB-Money Market Account..	510,081
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Account..	5,134
Fairplex..Gasb 31 cash general port..	-
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Cash Drawer..	100

Total Cash

\$ 583,693

Accounts Receivable

Fairplex..Accounts receivable - Sub..	\$ 136,522
Fairplex..Due from other funds.Other 4-H.	(10)

Prepays

Prepaid items	\$ 6,749
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Total Current Assets

\$ 726,954

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Accounts Payable..	\$ (6,936)
Fairplex..Accounts payable- other..	(275)
Fairplex..Deposits payable-subsidia..	(600)
Fairplex..Retainage payable..	-

Total Payables

\$ (7,811)

Other Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Amounts due to others..	\$ (802)
Fairplex..Conversion Account..	-
Fairplex..Payroll payable..	(15,137)
Fairplex..Due to other funds..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue- unavail..	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue..	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Main Exhibit Hall.	315
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Cloverleaf Building.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Grounds/General.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Parking-Operations.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Parking-Airshow.	75
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Rodeo Admissions.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Awards Open Class.	(85)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Advertising Inco.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Airshow Income.	(1,265)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Commercial Exhib.	(43,825)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Concession Reven.	(17,175)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Sponsorship Inco.	(25,703)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Facilities Renta.	(11,456)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Livestock Entry Fees.	(1,086)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Camping Fees.	(2,330)

Total Deferred Revenues

\$ (118,474)

Total Liabilities

\$ (126,284)

Equity

Fairplex..Fund Balance..	\$ (553,124)
Net (Income)/Loss for the Period	(47,545)
Net Equity	<u>\$ (600,670)</u>

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$ (726,954)

Washington County Fair Complex
Balance Sheet Preliminary
July 31, 2007

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash

Fairplex..Petty cash..	\$ 250
Fairplex..Petty cash.Finance- Petty Cash.	-
Fairplex..Cash drawer..	800
Fairplex..Cash drawer.Frite Lites.	-
Fairplex..General Cash Account..	389,172
Fairplex..USNB WASHCO ACH Clearing..	-
Fairplex..CCB-General Account..	16,132
Fairplex..CCB-Money Market Account..	462,321
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Account..	37,074
Fairplex..Gasb 31 cash general port..	-
Fairplex..CCB-ATM Cash Drawer..	20
Total Cash	<u>\$ 905,768</u>

Accounts Receivable

Fairplex..Accounts receivable - Sub..	\$ (67,787)
Fairplex..Due from other funds.Other 4-H.	(10)

Prepays

Prepaid items	\$ 6,749
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Total Current Assets

\$ 844,721

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Accounts Payable..	\$ (5,050)
Fairplex..Accounts payable- other..	(5,530)
Fairplex..Deposits payable-subsidia..	(600)
Fairplex..Retainage payable..	-
Total Payables	<u>\$ (11,180)</u>

Other Current Liabilities

Fairplex..Amounts due to others..	\$ (1,202)
Fairplex..Conversion Account..	-
Fairplex..Payroll payable..	-
Fairplex..Due to other funds..	-
Fairplex..Deferred revenue- unavail..	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue..	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Main Exhibit Hall.	315
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Cloverleaf Building.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Grounds/General.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Parking-Operations.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Parking-Airshow.	75
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Rodeo Admissions.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Awards Open Class.	-
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Advertising Inco.	(150)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Airshow Income.	(1,675)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Commercial Exhib.	15,600
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Concession Reven.	(3,500)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Sponsorship Inco.	(9,353)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Deferred Facilities Renta.	(13,486)
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Livestock Entry Fees.	56
Fairplex..Unearned Revenue.Camping Fees.	20
Total Deferred Revenues	<u>\$ (13,299)</u>

Total Liabilities

\$ (24,480)

Equity

Fairplex..Fund Balance..	\$ (627,297)
Net (Income)/Loss for the Period	(192,944)

Net Equity

\$ (820,241)

Total Liabilities and Equity

\$ (844,721)

Minutes
Washington County Fair Board
Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Convened: 4:30 pm

FAIR BOARD:

Chair Rafe Flagg
Vice Chair Dan Logan
Board Member Rich Vial
Board Member Kathy Christy
Board Member Herb Hirst
Board Member Mike Steward

STAFF:

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

Chair Flagg called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., and welcomed the audience. Chair Flagg announced that the second winner of the Jeanie Leason Scholarship would be presented. Janelle Rychlic read her winning essay. Flagg then opened public oral communication time for agenda and non-agenda items.

Oral Communications

Glenna Dryden – Requested that a budget be put in place to fix the storm drains since the budget can be changed until the end of June. Chair Flagg explained that a concept of a maintenance schedule will be discussed later in the meeting.

1. Consent Agenda

Motion by Board Member Hirst to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Board Member Christy. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Special Reports

A. Airshow & Airport Report – Board Member Hirst stated that the Airshow is August 10th through the 12th and the Airshow is planning on requesting to borrow some items from the Fair Complex.

B. Fair Visioning Committee Report – Nothing to report.

C. Boosters/Coalition Liaison Report – Vice Chair Logan reported that the Boosters are working on the following items: Working with the Task Force;

Ambassadors at the Fair; public outreach proposal to the County Commissioners on a new management system that would split duties between the Fair Manager and a Facility & Fundraising Manager.

Chair Flagg stated that he was disappointed that this topic was being held without participation of the Fair Complex Board on a structure change. Flagg noted that the Fair Complex Board and the Boosters were supposed to be working on cooperating. Flagg stated that this Board has the ultimate decision on who is in place and their duties.

Board Member Steward asked who the Boosters were supposed to go to, the Board Chair or the Executive Director.

Chair Flagg said that they need to ask for time at a Board Meeting for discussion.

Board Member Steward stated that is was just a generic discussion on hierarchy.

Board Member Vial stated that he supports the Chair's observations and invites the Boosters and the Board to have a public discussion.

Vice Chair Logan said that he saw this as an anticipation of a change in regard to the Task Force plan. The Boosters are being pro-active and maybe this won't suit our current management.

Executive Director Hillman suggested that this may be putting the cart before the horse and need to develop an operating model first.

Chair Flagg also suggested that the board structure may need to be altered.

Board Member Hirst said that the issue is a carryover from past years in that the Boosters have said they weren't happy with management because they weren't doing what the Boosters wanted. The staff is doing the best they can with all of this and this is just a continuation of the rancor between the two groups and once we know more from the Task Force and have a clear picture, this subject can be brought back and we can work on it as a team. Hirst continued that we don't know anything and this needs to hold off and let it drop for the moment.

Board Member Vial stated that he is looking for the opportunity to do something meaningful if he is to remain on this Fair Complex Board. Vial said that he feels that it's too early to decide what will happen with future management, and there is no harm in inviting the Boosters to bring their ideas and that the Boosters need to put together their proposal for a future Fair Complex Board meeting.

D. Treasurer Report – Board Member Vial reported that he reviewed the April reports and did not find any major deviations. Variations are reasonably explained and acceptable. Vial also noted that Executive Director Hillman attached a report that

the fund balance is up 30% from a year ago. This shows the Board's commitment to move forward.

E. 4-H Report – Terry Palmer, OSU Extension Service, reported that June 26th is the Superintendent Meeting and invited Chair Flagg and the Fair Complex Board to attend. Palmer also reported that 4-H is testifying at the Way's and Means Committee in Salem. Palmer thanked the award winners of the Jeanne Leason Scholarship for applying. Palmer also reported that Horse Fair is getting a water truck arranged and judges are being hired.

Chair Flagg asked about the Oregonian article regarding 4-H Latino programming and asked what we do here in Washington County.

Palmer reported that we have the Tech Wizards, which is primarily Latino. and the program is building on that.

F. Operations Report – Executive Director Hillman reported the electronic message board has been installed and staff has been trained on its operation. Rodeo Volunteers and Tom Black will be re-roofing the Meeting Room.

G. Other, if any – None

3. Old Business

A. Redevelopment Update – Chair Flagg reported that the Revitalization Task Force meeting covered a variety of items including solicitation of input from various organizations and a variety of different viewpoints. Flagg noted that the hurdle will be funding. Flagg noted that the Board Packet included the survey data. Flagg reported that the next meeting will be held on June 20th at 1:00 p.m.

Board Member Christy expressed her disappointment in the survey question regarding support of tax funding when we have been through that before. Discussion ensued.

D. Other, if any – None

4. New Business.

A. Future Board Meeting Locations – Discussion ensued regarding the Fair Complex Board Meetings being held elsewhere in the County.

Chair Flagg stated that he feels this would be good for public outreach.

Board Member Steward stated that the ORS (Oregon Revised Statutes) is clear that is must be held in the geographical area.

Board Member Vial indicated that Fair Complex Board Meetings just has to be held somewhere in the County.

Chair Flagg asked staff to come up with a proposed list of meeting places.

Executive Director Hillman noted that existing policy dictates that the July meeting be cancelled because it falls on the 4th.

Board Member Logan stated that it's important to meet.

Executive Director Hillman stated that the July meeting is usually just a Fair update and an e-mail update could be sent.

Board Member Steward said that last year lots of things went on and with a new board member coming on we need to over-communicate about opportunities and expectations for the Fair.

Board Member Christy announced that we will no longer be doing the Citizen Recognition due to lack of participation.

Chair Flagg asked staff to survey Board Members about a second date in July, and if it's not critical, we won't have a July Fair Complex Board meeting.

B. Budget Committee Recommendations – Chair Flagg noted that this spreadsheet is in the packet. Flagg gave background information on how this was formed. Flagg reported that it's time for the Board to take action on a few of these items and some will need more time and research.

1. Insurance reallocation – Flagg reported that the County has a new Risk Manager. Wants to find out if it's feasible to have this person give us an answer.
2. Combine Rodeo with the Fair or breakout all arena events – Flagg reported that he supports making these changes to the budget layout.
3. Review phone expenses – Hillman reported that the County changed phone providers due to internet changes. Hillman stated that since we have Comcast internet for free & our current phone provider is less than the Counties new provider, staff will continue to monitor this.
4. Fair Employees should not be County Employees – Flagg reported that we have consulted with County Counsel and they stated that it was not a good idea and recommended to keep existing structure. Flagg cautioned very strongly that such a move would subject the Board and the County to litigation.

5. Advertising and Sponsorships – Flagg reported that this needs to be further studied.
6. Reduce dependencies on long term debt – Flagg recommended that we have the Counties CFO, Wayne Lowry, take a look and make a recommendation. Discussion ensued. Flagg instructed staff to work with Lowry.
7. Stop Frite Lites if no title sponsor is secured and no significant program enhancements are made – Flagg noted that his needs to be re-worded and based upon staff's ability to bring in a haunted house and sponsors.
8. Delay message board and fire hydrant project – no longer applicable.
9. Fix storm sewer and develop a maintenance schedule – A prioritized schedule was put on hold in the 70's due to possible impending development. Flagg asked that between now and the fall to have staff put together a top five maintenance list. This list does not imply that they will be done immediately, but will give direction for future budgets.

Board Member Steward stated that the buildings should be maintained as needed. Need to maintain to better standards and use existing budget to take care of these issues. Discussion ensued.

Chair Flagg asked staff for the Top Five list, why it's on the Top Five and what it will give us.

10. Airshow entrance – Free Parking at Intel and location of gates could reduce our parking revenue. Staff will develop parking options depending on Airshow programming.

Board Member Hirst pointed out that the Black Admission Gate will again be open at the Terminal Building on Cornell Road.

11. Review of Rental Rates are too high – Flagg suggests that the rental rates be frozen.

Board Member Vial stated that there is a lack of facilities for community groups at reasonable rates. Vial suggests that rates for commercial clients be left, but would like staff analysis if having a lower price could attract and provide services for community groups.

12. Increase advertising for Interim rentals – Discussion ensued regarding buildings rentals.
13. More event specific sponsorships – Flagg noted that we are already on track regarding with this recommendation.

14. Monthly rent collected on Ball Fields – Chair Flagg noted that this is a political issue and will have to wait until the Revitalization Task Force concludes its work.

C. **WFA Blue Ribbon Award Nominations** – Flagg stated that we would handle this like we did last year. Board Member Steward asked that last year's list be re-circulated.

D. **County Fair & Rodeo Update** – Hillman reported that staff has added Felix Lopez as a specialty act for the Rodeo. Discussion ensued regarding shavings. Staff reported that the deadline for entry into the business class for the Demo Derby is this Friday.

E. **Other, if any** –

5. **Announcements** – None other than what was in the packet.

6. **Correspondence** - None other than what was in the packet.

7. **Board Oral Communications**

8. **Other Matters of Information** – None other than what was in the packet.

9. **Oral Communications – Second Session**

Tom Black – Mr. Black reported that he presented a memo to the Revitalization Task Force regarding the financial aspect and how it will be paid for. Someone needs to be brought in independently and get money to supplement public money. A new attitude with maintenance needs to be developed instead of a wait and see. Things need to be fixed and ignoring them doesn't make them go away. A Rodeo Queen needs to be specifically representing our community, it wouldn't cost a lot, and he can have someone in a saddle in two weeks.

Kathy Schmidlkofer – Asked what the saw dust pile in the Ball field Parking Lot is for and who left it there.

Kathy Wnoraski – Asked if the arena events would be broken out of the Fair or just be a sub heading under the Fair.

Linda Mokler – Believes that the Oregon Revised Statutes will require that the business meeting be held within the jurisdiction of the Fairgrounds. The Attorney General has made a ruling on these concerns. Town Hall style meetings can be held anywhere. There have been no conflicts to date that a meeting could not be held here on the Fairgrounds. The Attorney General's exceptions were quite clear.

Board Member Hirst stated that we would ask County Counsel on this matter.

Board Member Steward asked what are we loosing or gaining by moving to other locations.

Ms Mokler stated that this is your jurisdiction and business meetings must be conducted in a consistent matter near the facility.

Board Chair Flagg stated that if County Counsel approves it, we will do it.

Ms Mokler replied unless the ruling is challenged.

Glenna Dryden – Asked for an estimate of the cost of storm drain repair.

With no further business before the Board, Chair Flagg adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion by Board Member Logan to adjourn. Second by Board Member Steward.
Motion carried 6 -0.

Don G. Hillman
Recording Secretary

W. Rafe Flagg
Board Chair

**Minutes
Washington County Fair Complex Board
Friday, June 29, 2007**

Special Board Meeting

Convened: 4:02 pm

FAIR COMPLEX BOARD:

Chairman Rafe Flagg – In Person
Vice Chairman Dan Logan – Excused
Board Member Rich Vial – Via Teleconference
Board Member Kathy Christy – Via Teleconference
Board Member Don McCoun – Via Teleconference
Board Member Herb Hirst – In Person
Board Member Mike Steward – In Person

STAFF:

Don Hillman, Executive Director
Carol Divine – Accounting Assistant/Office Manager

OTHERS:

Bradley Anderson, Senior County Counsel

PRESS:

Kathleen Gorman – *Oregonian*
Kurt Eckert – *Argus*

LOCATION:

Washington County Public Service Building
Administrative Office, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Chair Flagg called the Special Meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Chair Flagg called the roll noting that Board Members Vial, Christy, and McCoun were participating via teleconference. Board Member Logan was not available due to a prior commitment.

Motion by Board Member Hirst to convene in to Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2) (a). Second by Board Member Steward. Motion passes 6-0.

Chair Flagg noted that the Executive Session was called to discuss the employment status of the Fair Complex Executive Director in that Don Hillman is requesting Board approval to retire effective June 30, 2007, and become a temporary part-time employee beginning July 1, 2007. Chair Flagg further noted that Mr. Hillman was previously told by the County that

Board approval was not required, but as of yesterday, June 28, 2007, County Counsel had instructed the County that Fair Complex Board approval was necessary in such matters.

Chair Flagg requested Executive Director Hillman to comment on his requested change in employment status. Mr. Hillman read in to the record the memo dated June 29, 2007, and addressed to the Washington County Fair Complex Board (attached).

Chair Flagg noted that such a change in the Executive Director's employment status is budget-positive.

Board Member Vial notes that he has had previous conversations with Mr. Hillman on this matter.

Board Member Hirst indicates that he understands such matters and that this is a very common way for a public employee to retire. With Mr. Hillman changing employment status in July, this will allow 6-9 months for the Board to discuss transition and search for a new Executive Director. Board Member Hirst also mentions that Mr. Hillman has taken a lot of heat over the last few years for things that he did not have control over, but had always acted under Board direction and does what the Board instructs him to do.

Board Member Christy concurs with comments provided by other Board Members and notes that Mr. Hillman could have left earlier under the circumstances.

Board Member Steward indicates that he concurs with most to the comments of other Board members, but always hears rumors. Inquires as to what has been the practice of the Board on such matters and that he should have known about this in advance. Also asks about the budget issues involved. Board Member Steward notes that this is not about Mr. Hillman, but more about Board practices on such matters, what changes the Board is making, and what impact this has on the bottom line. Board Member Steward further questions whether there is an available position in the budget or whether Mr. Hillman could be a contractor/vendor verses an employee. Also notes that this appears to be an ethical piece for the Board to deal with.

Board Member Vial notes that Mr. Hillman would work part-time from here on and the Board could talk more about the process at a later date.

Board Member Christy indicates that the Board will have more opportunity to discuss that at another time and can look at this position down the road, noting that there is no time to do the appropriate due diligence.

Board Member Steward asks what the implications are.

Board Member McCoun notes that he is new to the process and will likely vote with the majority on this matter.

Bradley Anderson, Senior County Counsel, affirms that Mr. Hillman received incorrect information from the County on this matter and that the Fair Complex Board can appoint Mr. Hillman as part-time. Mr. Anderson further notes that Mr. Hillman can be harmed financially if he is not allowed to retire effective June 30, 2007.

Chair Flagg notes that Mr. Hillman was hired to spearhead the development efforts for the Fair Complex, but now the Revitalization Task Force is driving those efforts, and much of Mr. Hillman's role was disappearing. Chair Flagg notes that it makes sense to keep Mr. Hillman on as a part-time employee from a budget standpoint, and the Fair Complex and Board will continue to benefit from his expertise. Chair Flagg noted that Mr. Hillman can continue to concentrate on facility and employee management issues.

Board Member Steward asks if Mr. Hillman's role could be redefined as a vendor.

Brad Anderson, Senior County Counsel, notes that contractor/vendors can not supervise County employees.

At 4:32 pm, Chair Flagg closed the Executive Session and re-convened the regular session.

Motion by Board Member Vial to accept resignation of Don Hillman and to hire him back as a temporary employee at his regular rate. Second by Board Member Christy.

Discussion ensued. Board Member Steward asked that the 1039 hour limitation be placed in the motion and asked that the Executive Director's role be redefined or reclassified during that time.

Board Member Vial stated that he wanted the motion completely open-ended for maximum flexibility.

Board Member Steward indicated that he was fine with the motion given Board Member Vial's additional comments.

Motion passed 5-0 vote with Board Member Steward abstaining.

With no further business before the Board, Chair Flagg adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Motion by Board Member Hirst to adjourn. Second by Board Member Christy. Motion carried 6-0.

Don G. Hillman
Recording Secretary

W. Rafe Flagg
Board Chair

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FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: June 29, 2007

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

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

Re: Executive Director – Change in Appointment Status

As the current Executive Director of the Washington County Fair Complex, I am appointed as a full-time County employee and serve at the pleasure of the Washington County Fair Complex Board.

Effective July 1, 2007, I request Fair Complex Board approval to change my appointment status from full-time to a retired public employee working on a temporary part-time basis carrying out the same responsibilities and duties that I currently perform as Executive Director, Washington County Fair Complex. Under my request, I will be collecting my retirement pension from PERS. Under PERS requirements, I can only work up to 1039 hours per calendar year.

It is understood that as a retired public employee working on a temporary part-time basis, I will not be eligible for any County-paid benefits such as medical, dental, vision, PERS, holiday pay, etc., but request to retain my current hourly salary of \$45.34, plus any allowable cost of living adjustment authorized by the Washington County Board of Commissioners. I will be paid on an hourly basis and will keep track of my time.

I expect to work 40-hour work weeks through the middle of August, and thereafter, 2-3 days per week as the demands of the position require.

I ask that that the Fair Complex Board formally accept my request.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX FACILITY SCHEDULE

September, 2007

(Highlighted events are those that are no-charge)

Wednesday, September 05, 2007

**Floral Building Fair Board Meeting*
**Floral Building Booster Meeting*
**Any available space 4-H Night*

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

Main Exhibit Hall Intel Trade Show
***Any available space 4-H Night*

Saturday, September 08, 2007

Quadrant Property Oregon Rally Cross
Main Exhibit Hall Hardy Plant Sale

Friday, September 28, 2007

Carnival Grounds Fancy Food, Art & Wine Fest.

Sunday, September 09, 2007

Main Exhibit Hall Hardy Plant Sale
Quadrant Property Oregon Rally Cross
Main Arena Shriners' Circus

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Carnival Grounds Fancy Food, Art & Wine Fest.
Main Exhibit Hall Unique Animal Expo

Sunday, September 30, 2007

Carnival Grounds Fancy Food, Art & Wine Fest.
Main Exhibit Hall Unique Animal Expo

Tuesday, September 11, 2007

Friendship Plaza Smoke School

Wednesday, September 12, 2007

Friendship Plaza Smoke School
**Any available space 4-H Night*

Thursday, September 13, 2007

Friendship Plaza Smoke School

Friday, September 14, 2007

Cloverleaf Building Tool Sale

Saturday, September 15, 2007

Cloverleaf Building Tool Sale
Main Exhibit Hall All American Glass Show
Main Arena Fiestas Patrias Rodeo
Carnival Grounds Rare Breed Dog Show

Sunday, September 16, 2007

Main Exhibit All American Glass Show

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

***Any available space 4-H Night*

Friday, September 21, 2007

Main Exhibit Amish Country Quilts & Crafts

Saturday, September 22, 2007

Main Exhibit Amish Country Quilts & Crafts

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FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 2007

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

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

Re: 4H Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Recap

Find attached the 2007 4H Recap as required in the MOU authorized in May 2007.

**Washington County Fair
County Report
4-H**

August 29, 2007

Budget:

Expenses to date:

Ribbons	1508
(need to order 25 RC ribbons)	75 (est)
Shavings	2040
Judges	
Horses	3350 (est. need to reimburse to Horse)
HEARTH	1680
Animal Science	986.67
(2 judges donated their time)	
Development)	
Equip/Supplies	1631.71
(food, equip, supplies, water)	
Printing	1045
Premiums	2851.25
Temp Staff & Security	2300

Total: 17467.63

Income to date:

Cash

Washington County Fair	15,000
Donor (Boosters Recruited)	1,000
Temp Staff (OSU)	2,000

Total: 18000

In-Kind: (will update)

Red Lion Hotel	1020
(horse Judges)	

Awards TBA

Horse Development Committee
Walkie Talkies

Participants: (see summary)

24 Adventures K-12
134 Juniors 4-6
165 Intermediates 7-9

108 Seniors 10-12

5 other

Awarded:

Grand Champion	16
Reserve Grand Champion	10
Champion	301
Reserve Champion	148
Blue	1581
Red	536
White	218
Participant/K-3	38

Entries 3453

Animal Science:

Pigs	66
Sheep –	90
Pygmy Goats –	5
Meat Goats –	10
Beef	41
Dairy	32
Llamas	3
Horses	120

Exhibit Hall

See summary attached

Project Analysis Summary

MainFair

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Washington

Project Description / Class Type	Entries	Exhibits	People	Ttl Entries	Ttl Exhibits	Ttl People
Educational Displays, Other (for Fair Only)	15	15	15	15	15	15
Educational Displays, Expressive Arts	3	3	3	3	3	3
Educational Displays, Home Economics	7	7	7	7	7	7
Educational Displays, Natural Resources	3	3	3	3	3	3
Educational Displays, Horticulture	3	3	3	3	3	3
Educational Displays, Animal Science	27	27	27	27	27	27
Educational Displays, Engineering	3	3	3	3	3	3
Public Speaking				22	22	22
Contests	22	22	22			
Creative Writing	79	79	44	79	79	44
Art Painting	162	162	49	162	162	49
Ceramics	3	3	3	3	3	3
Cake Decorating	19	19	17	19	19	17
Photography	119	119	50	119	119	50
Fiber Arts (Quilting, Embroidery, Cross Stitch)	35	35	21	35	35	21
Child Care / Development	4	4	4	4	4	4
Clothing and Textiles	80	80	42	134	134	52
Contests	23	23	17			
Judging Contests	31	31	31			
Home Environment	4	4	3	4	4	3
Knitting	46	46	26	46	46	26
Crocheting	6	6	6	6	6	6
Recycling	24	24	24	24	24	24
Foods and Nutrition	141	141	53	243	243	75
Contests	67	67	43			
Judging Contests	35	35	35			
Food Preservation	40	40	16	40	40	16
Crops				10	10	10
Judging Contests	10	10	10			
Gardening, Fruits and Vegetables	55	55	17	120	120	59
Contests	60	60	45			
Judging Contests	5	5	5			
Flower Gardening	76	76	27	125	125	42
Contests	39	39	38			
Judging Contests	10	10	10			
Container Gardening	34	34	15	34	34	15
Beef	55	45	24	79	45	24
Showmanship	24		24			
Poultry	72	72	21	108	87	23
Showmanship	21		21			
Judging Contests	15	15	15			
Exotic Birds	12	12	11	24	12	12
Showmanship	12		12			
Dairy Cattle	39	32	19	68	42	22
Showmanship	19		19			
Judging Contests	10	10	10			
Horse and Pony	674	674	125	1,187	1,045	126

Project Analysis Summary

MainFair

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Washington

Project Description / Class Type	Entries	Exhibits	People	Ttl Entries	Ttl Exhibits	Ttl People
Showmanship	142		125			
Contests	371	371	68			
Rabbits	91	91	33	163	126	39
Showmanship	37		37			
Contests	4	4	3			
Judging Contests	31	31	31			
Cavies	39	36	12	65	50	17
Showmanship	12		12			
Judging Contests	14	14	14			
Dogs	8	8	7	23	15	8
Showmanship	8		8			
Judging Contests	7	7	6			
Sheep	72	67	37	112	69	40
Showmanship	38		38			
Contests	2	2	2			
Swine	105	83	61	166	83	61
Showmanship	61		61			
Goats - Dairy	3	3	3	6	3	3
Showmanship	3		3			
Goats - Angora	11	11	6	17	11	6
Showmanship	6		6			
Goats - Pygmy	9	6	1	10	6	1
Showmanship	1		1			
Meat Goats - SF	14	10	3	17	10	3
Showmanship	3		3			
Llamas	3	3	3	6	3	3
Showmanship	3		3			
Computer	18	18	16	31	31	22
Contests	13	13	10			
Electricity / Electronics	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wood Science	12	12	12	12	12	12
Engineering	1	1	1	1	1	1
4-H Adventures	43	43	19	48	48	20
Judging Contests	5	5	5			

Grand Totals 3434 2990 1043

Total Number of Exhibitors with Entries * 436

Total Number of Exhibitors at Fair ** 337

Total Number of Exhibitors with Static Entries Only *** 99

* All exhibitors in fair (counts each exhibitor once)

** Exhibitors who came to the fair to PARTICIPATE in their classes (show animals, participate in contests)

*** Exhibitors with one or more static exhibits, and NO participation entries. They did not have to come to fair to participate in any of their classes.

Entries: every entry in every class. One exhibit (one cow) may account for several entries.



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Lisa Conroy 725-2113

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OSU to You

August/September 2007

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

Youth Nutrition Education in Action –

Eat More Fruits and Veggies!



It's emerald green, smooth, and it's loaded with nutrients. It has also been the number one hit of this summer's "Snack Attack" program. What is it? Believe it or not, it's our new Popeye Power Smoothie made with fresh spinach! Nutrition Education Program staff were busy this summer helping kids experience the world of fruits and vegetables in fun and creative ways. More than 275 youth got hands-on experience with food preparation – slicing, chopping, blending, layering, and mixing. As they smelled and tasted foods –

both familiar and new – they heard these consistent messages:

-Eat more fruits and veggies!

-Eat many different colors of fruits and vegetables!

Each color helps your body stay healthy in a different way!

This year, one of our nutrition education program focus areas has been to help Washington County families receive research-backed information from the new national campaign to increase produce consumption: *"Fruits and Veggies: More Matters."* We will continue this focus into the 2007-08 year.

Did the "Snack Attack" program impact participants this summer? Based on the comments we recorded, we say YES!

- Participants reported taking recipes home, making them for their families.
- Parents reported children requesting that they purchase fruits and veggies used in Snack Attack classes.
- Staff reported youth were willing to try new foods and food combinations after they were involved in the preparation.

For your own copy of the Popeye Power Smoothie recipe, please email Janice Smiley, Extension Faculty, at janice.smiley@oregonstate.edu. For recipes that are low-cost, fun to make, and good for you, visit the Extension Service Healthy Recipe website <http://healthyrecipes.oregonstate.edu/index.php>.

Intel 4-H Tech Wizards Publish Podcasts

60+ new Intel 4-H Tech Wizards learned how to publish their Podcasts during May field trips to Intel's Jones Farm Conference Center. Volunteer mentor and Intel Social Media Evangelist, Josh Bancroft, led the youth in a lively 2-hour exploration of Internet social media applications arriving at their final destination, www.4HWizardSpace.org



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Invader in My Backyard: Invasive Species in Washington County

Invasive plants, animals, insects and diseases are not just your neighbor's problem. Washington County is increasingly threatened by invasive species, a silent form of biological pollution that often goes undetected until it is too late to treat. Once established, invasive species spread relentlessly. They degrade natural habitats, displace desired species and are even linked to health epidemics. In Oregon, 19 noxious weeds account for over \$80 million dollars in damages annually. Here we begin a series highlighting invasive species that are or can cause harm to Washington County. You can take an active role in preventing their spread and damage.

Sam Chan, Extension Watershed Health Educator and Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist

Yellow flag Iris

(*Iris pseudacorus*)



Introduced as an ornamental, yellow flag iris has become a noxious weed along many streamsides, wetlands and ponds. It has adapted to a wide range of conditions and soils.

Remove and dispose the seed head in the summer before the seeds mature. Seeds are like cork and float in water to new unintended locations. Rhizomes spread quickly underground or break off and root easily in new areas.

Yellow flag iris can cause gastroenteritis in cattle, pigs and humans and skin irritation, so protect yourself from the sap. Herbicides are effective, but not advised for application near streams, wetlands or waterways. For more info. See:

http://egov.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/WEDS/profile_yflagiris.shtml

Community and Urban Horticulturalist joins Extension

Weston Miller joined OSU Extension as the Community and Urban Horticulturalist for the metro area. He will manage the Master Gardener training and volunteer programs in the metro area with continued assistance from Jordis Yost. He will also work with numerous agencies to develop new educational programming for the commercial Green Industry (nurseries and landscapers) and the general public. His goal is to develop, implement, and evaluate high-quality and engaging educational opportunities in the realms of ecological landscaping and stable food systems. Ultimately, Weston hopes to use OSU research and extension to champion plant-based solutions for environmental and social problems in the metro area and beyond. "I am excited to be on the job! New to university extension, I bring a wealth of experience as an educator for adults and children in both formal and informal settings. I also have an extensive background in horticulture as a landscaper (both residential and commercial) and as a market farmer of specialty crops," reports Weston. "I have tremendous passion and energy and look forward to collaborating with others and to applying my creativity toward meaningful projects in the community."

Welcome Weston!



2006 Estimate of Agricultural Commodity Sales

Total farms sales in Washington County for the year 2006 were estimated at \$321,692,000 – up approximately 16.5% from 2005. This is money paid to producers for commodities sold directly from the farm. The figures in the summary represent gross sales, not net income to farmers. Increased value is added through processing and handling, resulting in greater impact in the county. The estimates were made by the OSU Extension Service with assistance from growers, fieldmen, processors and commodity organizations. Nursery and greenhouse crops accounted for 60% of farm sales, with gross sales at an estimated \$191,200,000. Other large categories were grass and legume seeds, with 11% of farm sales, and small woodlots and Christmas trees, also with 8%. Grass and legume seeds were the most important category in terms of acres. These crops were planted on 51% (40,785 acres) of the total estimated crop acres. Other important Washington County crops were grain (10,950 acres), hazelnuts (4,610 acres) and wine grapes (1,226 acres). More complete details are available from the Extension office.

4-H Equipo Verde Receives Tualatin River Keepers Green Heron Award, Analyzes Council Creek

4-H Equipo Verde (green team) members earned the Tualatin River Keepers Green Heron Youth Achievement Award at the annual banquet held at Tualatin Country Club for their efforts to restore the Tualatin River in Cornelius. These Forest Grove High School youth are learning about water quality and creek health at the Council Creek site in Cornelius under the guidance of Monica Kearsley (SOLV). Youth volunteered over 200 hours, planted over 400 trees and shrubs, helped to rid the area of noxious and invasive species, led volunteers at two SOLV community tree planting events, and gathered donations and supplies to support community volunteers.

They are now learning site analysis by collecting and studying macro-invertebrates from Council Creek. Learning the kinds of invertebrates that inhabit the creek is one indicator of the amount of dissolved oxygen in the water, as well as overall watershed health. 4-H Equipo Verde is a partnership of 4-H and SOLV, funded by Intel and Washington County Title 3 Forestry Education Dollars.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 29, 2007

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

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

Re: August 2007 Operations Report

Floral Building – The City of Hillsboro Fire Marshall has denied the Pioneer Heritage School from leasing the Floral Building for this year's school year, September through May of 2008. Apparently the Floral Building lacks certain fire protective measures to permit it to be used for educational purposes on other than a temporary basis.

With occupancy denied for the Floral Building, Board meetings will continue to be held in this building until further notice.

Cottonwood Trees – In May, staff reported that a limb from a Cottonwood tree that bordered the fence line along the Armory fell disrupting power for the Armory, and noting that although these trees can be trimmed to help eliminate future incidents, it may be in our best interest to have these trees and the remaining Cottonwoods removed.

Following this incident, the Oregonian reported that a 5 year-old child had died from a branch falling from a Cottonwood tree (article attached). Staff has received an estimate of approximately \$20,000 to remove the remaining 20 Cottonwood trees on the Fair Complex. Safety of our visitors being of paramount concern, staff will schedule to have the remaining Cottonwood trees removed prior to next Spring.

Rodeo Arena Crow's Nest – Rodeo volunteers plan to deconstruct the Rodeo Arena Crow's Nest over the weekend of September 9th, and will subsequently plan to rebuild the Crow's Nest next Spring as weather permits.

Main Exhibit Hall Gutters – Staff had scheduled to have the Main Exhibit Hall gutters replaced before the County Fair, however, when the contractor arrived on site to removed the gutters, it was discovered that the gutters had been attached under the metal roof rather than to the exterior roof fascia boards. This project will be scheduled later in the Fall once staff can have the old gutters removed.

Front Office ADA Ramp – The existing wooden ramp that provides access to the Front Office will be replaced with an aluminum ADA-approved ramp in the next 30 days or so. The existing wooden ramp does not provide easy access for physically challenged visitor and lack handrails required for such ramps.

Oregon International Airshow – Staff parked approximately 5600 vehicles over the three-day Airshow held over the August 10th weekend. This year's airshow included a jet team which has a positive effect for the number of cars accessing Fair Complex parking lots for easy access to the Black Gate entrance located directly across from the intersection of 34th Avenue and Cornell Road.



The Oregonian

Boy dies after being hit by falling tree limb

Camping - A large cottonwood limb crushed a tent the boy was using in Canby

Monday, June 25, 2007

The Oregonian

A 5-year-old boy died at a Portland hospital Saturday, two days after a tree limb weighing hundreds of pounds fell onto a tent where he was sleeping with five other children.

Ethan Hansen, who was camping with his parents and other families, suffered head injuries after a cottonwood tree limb fell from 30 feet onto his pup tent.

Fire officials said the child's family is from Tigard.

Authorities got a call about the unusual accident at Elks Park in Canby shortly before 11 p.m. Thursday. A man told dispatchers a tree limb had fallen onto his son.

Canby Fire District Division Chief Troy Buzalsky described the limb as extremely large, measuring 10 inches in diameter and 20 feet in length. It took two adults to move the limb off Hansen, he said. The limb crashed onto a tent where six boys were asleep. It landed on Ethan and grazed another child, Buzalsky said.

Bobby Meyer, 52, a captain with the Aurora Fire Department, told The Oregonian that he had seen Ethan and his buddies playing at the campsite.

"They were out playing, being boys," he said.

Later, Meyer, who was camping with his wife, heard a loud cracking sound and a thump as a limb crashed to the ground. Meyer, an emergency medical technician, raced to the campsite and found the boy and his father.

"He loved to run -- he just ran all of the time," said Janice Branch of Wilsonville, who said she was the boy's grandmother. "He's got older brothers, and when you do, you just chase after them all the time, and he got to be quite a runner."

Ethan loved to swim, ride his bike and play with the family dogs, she said. He also loved going to preschool and was getting ready for kindergarten in the fall.

"He was all boy, and he was always busy," she said. "He wasn't one who was going to sit down very long."

The state medical examiner's office said Hansen died of a fractured skull and brain injuries at Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital at 5:45 p.m.

A fund for Ethan's family has been started at Washington Mutual.

-- Stuart Tomlinson

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FAX MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 2007

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
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From: Don G. Hillman, Executive Director
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Re: Task Force Concepts

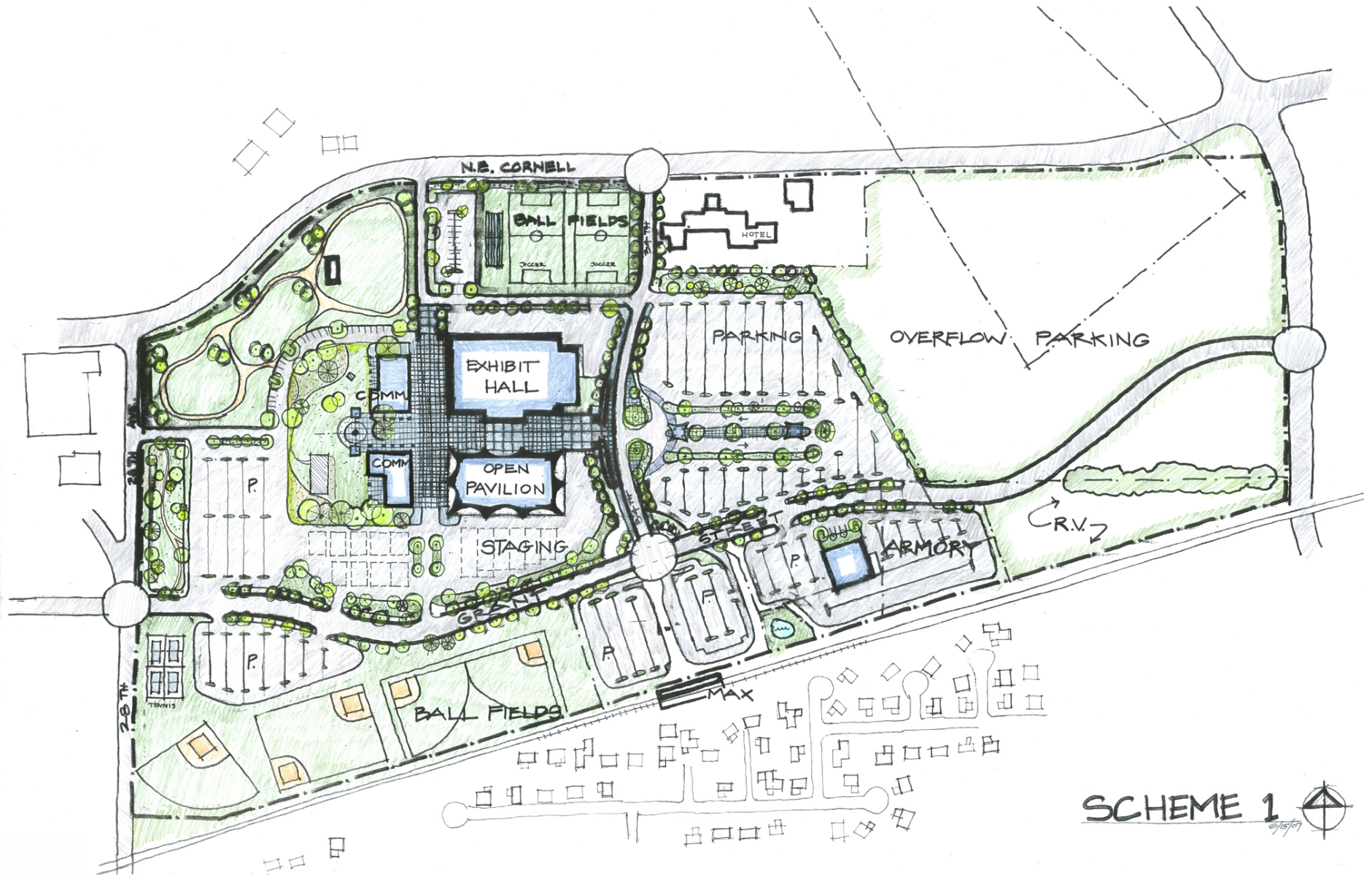
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Fairgrounds Revitalization Task Force

Preliminary Master Plan Concepts

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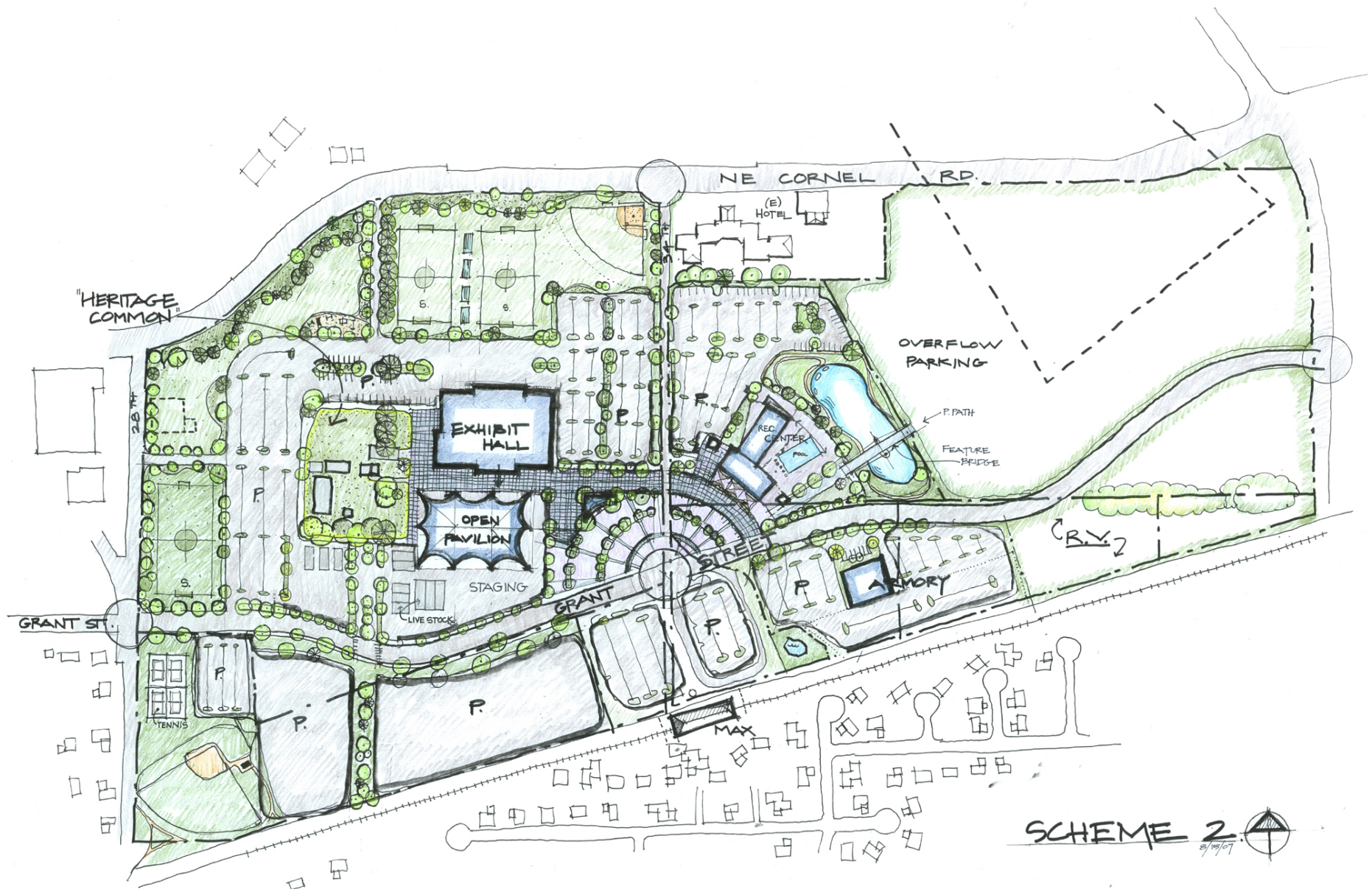


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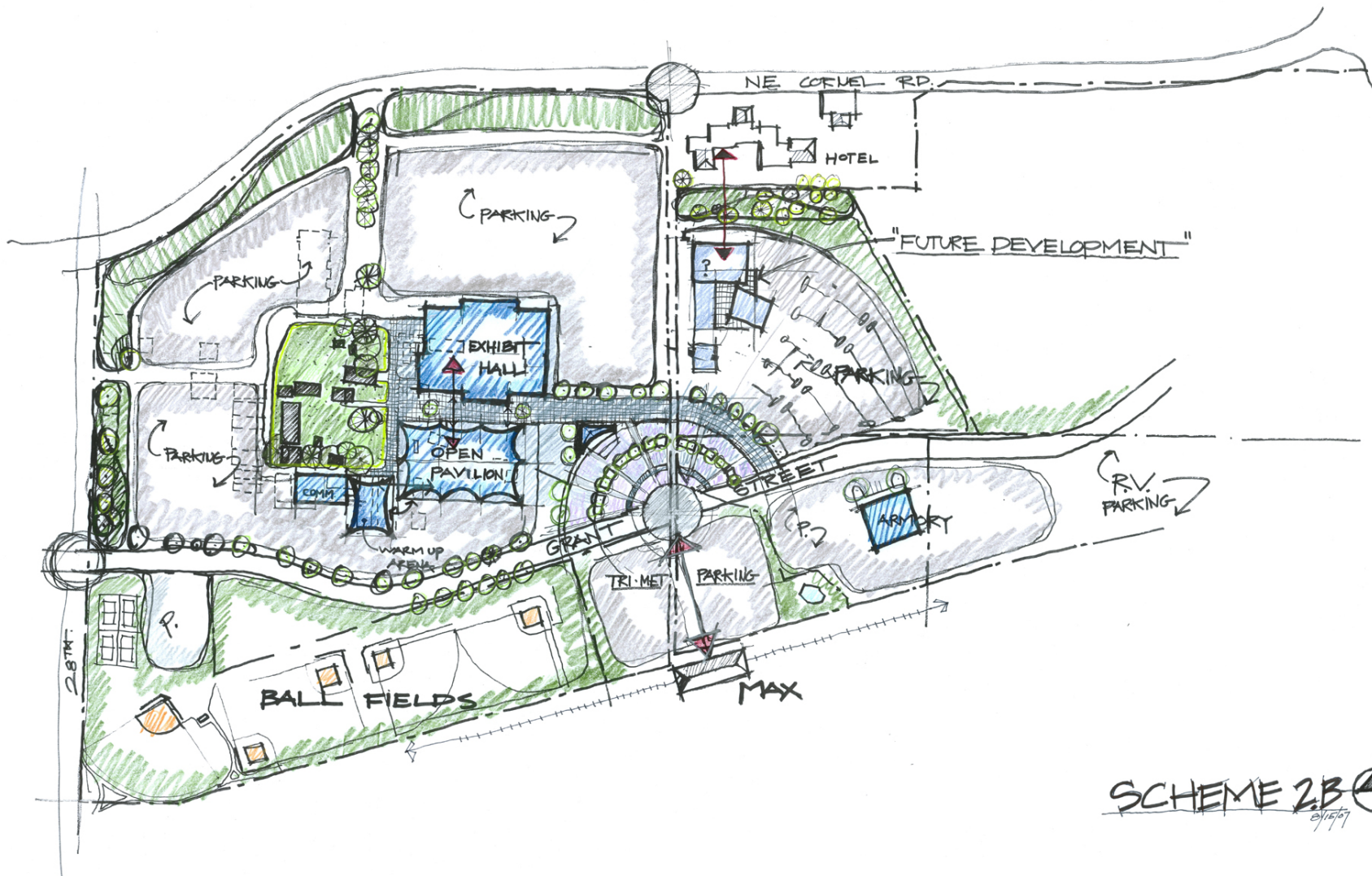
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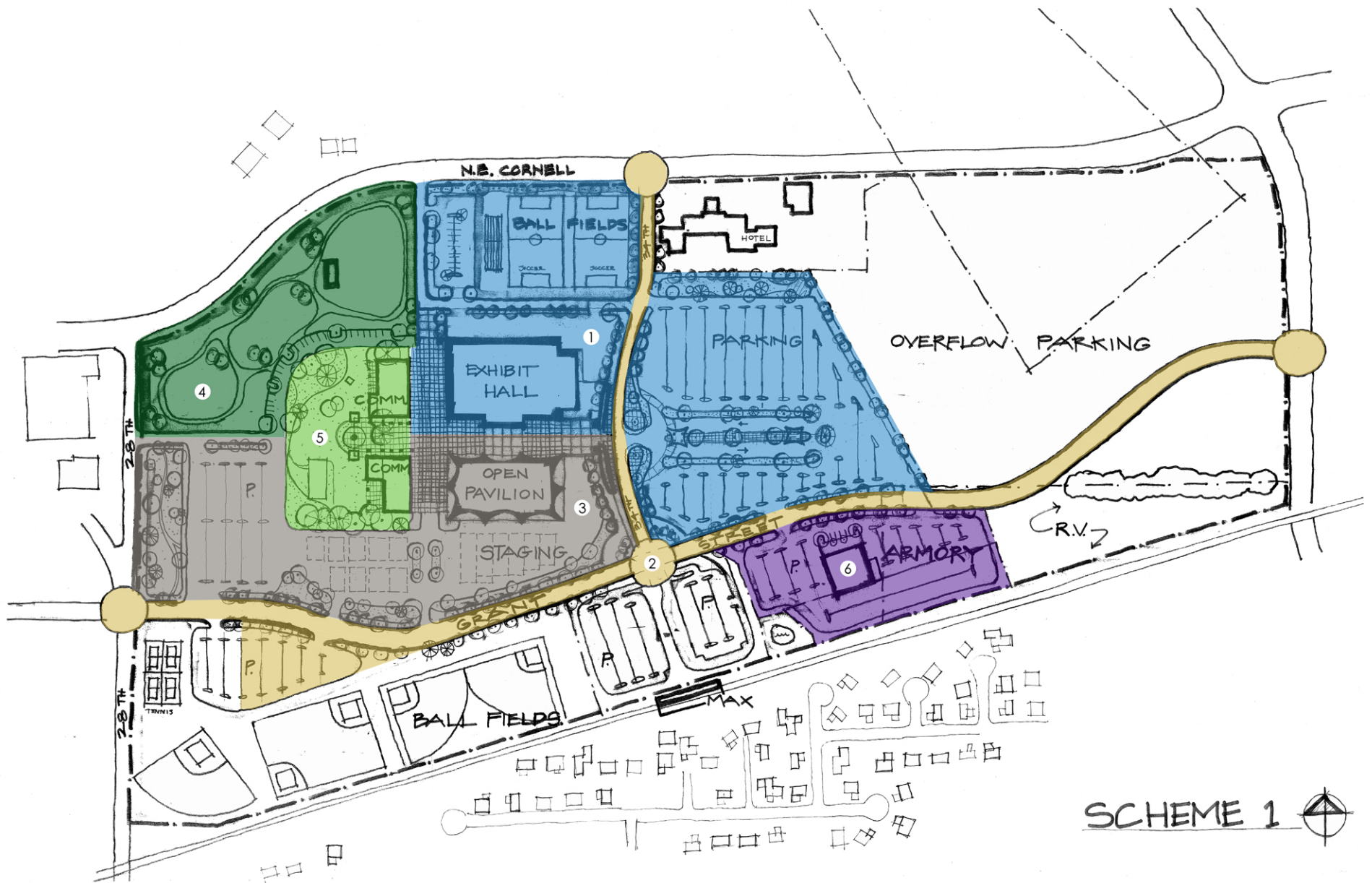
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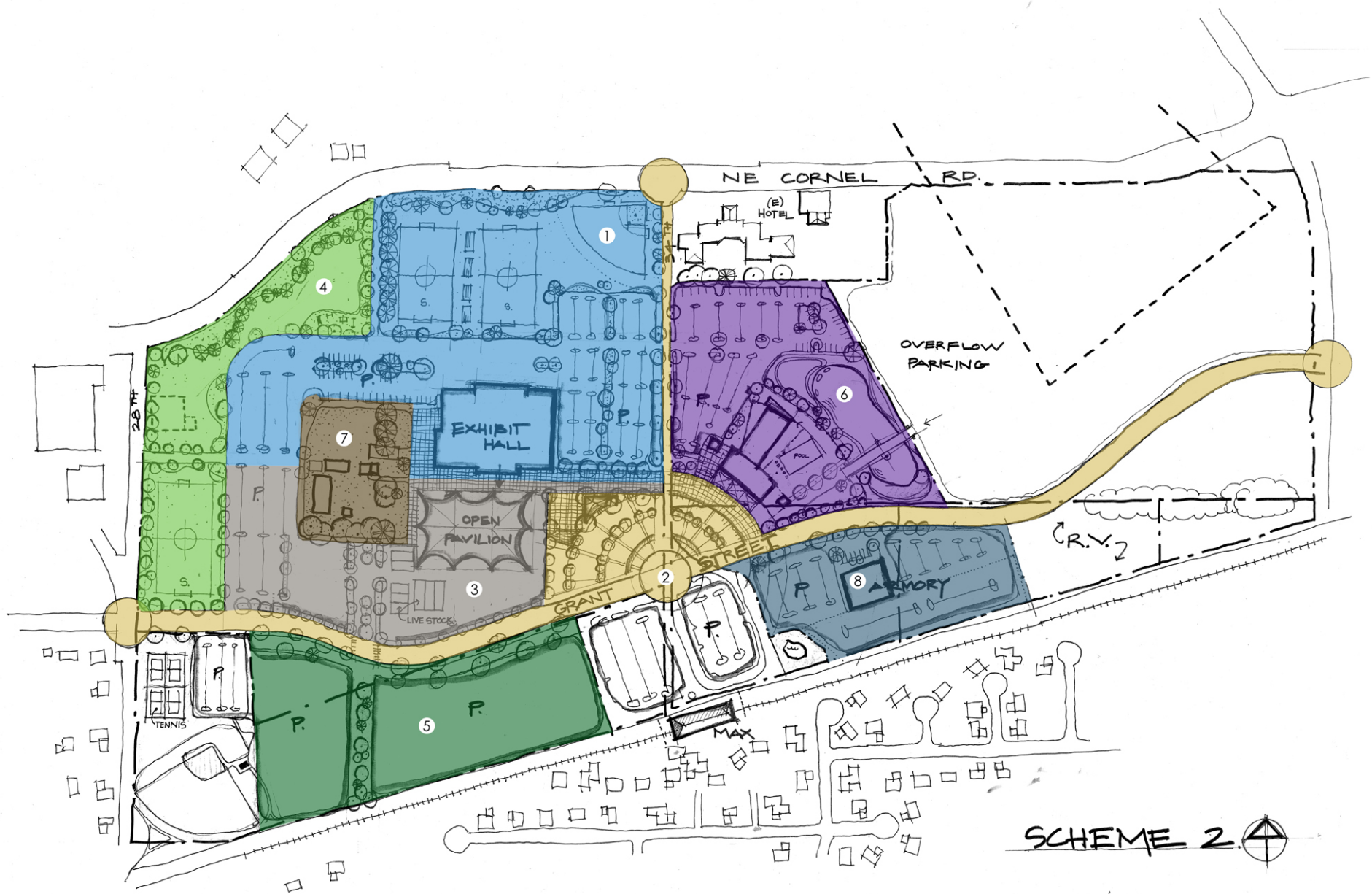
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Component	DCC & Program Contingency	Inflation	Soft Costs	Owners Contingency	Subtotal	Total	Comments
<u>Scheme 1</u>							
Phase 1	35,431,000	8,789,000	8,844,000	2,653,000	55,717,000		
Phase 2	6,118,000	2,052,000	817,000	449,000	9,436,000		
Phase 3	25,928,000	10,774,000	7,340,000	2,202,000	46,244,000		
Phase 4	2,410,000	1,206,000	542,000	208,000	4,366,000		
Phase 5	8,110,000	4,667,000	2,555,000	767,000	16,099,000		
Phase 6	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Project Cost Scheme 1	\$77,997,000	\$27,488,000	\$20,098,000	\$6,279,000		\$131,862,000	NIC - By others
<u>Scheme 2</u>							
Phase 1	31,822,000	7,893,000	7,943,000	2,383,000	50,041,000		
Phase 2	10,747,000	3,605,000	1,435,000	789,000	16,576,000		
Phase 3	22,468,000	9,336,000	6,361,000	1,908,000	40,073,000		
Phase 4	4,095,000	2,049,000	614,000	338,000	7,096,000		
Phase 5	5,763,000	3,317,000	908,000	499,000	10,487,000		
Phase 6	17,761,000	11,620,000	5,876,000	1,763,000	37,020,000		
Phase 7	0	0	0	0	0		Existing Facility
Phase 8	0	0.00	0	0	0		NIC - By others
Total Project Cost Scheme 2	\$92,656,000	\$37,820,000	\$23,137,000	\$7,680,000		\$161,293,000	

Escalation / Inflation Assumptions:

	2008	8.00%	8.00%
	2009	8.00%	16.64%
Phase 1	2010	7.00%	24.80%
Phase 2	2011	7.00%	33.54%
Phase 3	2012	6.00%	41.55%
Phase 4	2013	6.00%	50.05%
Phase 5	2014	5.00%	57.55%
Phase 6	2015	5.00%	65.43%
Phase 7	2016	5.00%	73.70%
Phase 8	2017	5.00%	82.38%

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<u>Scheme 1 - Phase 1</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	24,600 sf	6.00	148,000		
site / pavement / amenities	33.7 acre	5,000	168,000		
Subtotal				316,000	
Site Development					
Parking	915,788 sf	8.50	7,784,000		curbs, ac pvmnt, light, lndscpe
Park & Amenities	55,402 sf	2.00	111,000		restrooms, shelters, paths, etc.
Play Fields, natural turf	267,357 sf	1.50	401,000		
Secondary roads / access	1,200 lf	175.00	210,000		
Cornell Interface	1 sum	100,000	100,000		allowance
Infrastructure					
water, fire & domestic	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
storm	1 sum	400,000	400,000		
sanitary	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
lighting	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
telephone / cable / etc.	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
Commons / Plaza	73,076 sf	20.00	1,462,000		
Landscape - east of EH	36,117 sf	3.50	126,000		
Gates / Control	1 sum	150,000	150,000		
Subtotal				11,494,000	
Structures					
Exhibit Hall	120,000 sf	170.00	20,400,000		
Subtotal				20,400,000	
Subtotal Scheme 1				32,210,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		3,221,000		
Inflation assume 2010	24.8%		8,789,000		
				12,010,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				44,220,000	
Soft Costs	20.0%		8,844,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		2,653,000		
Total Project Cost				\$55,717,000	

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Component	Area	\$ / SF	Subtotal	Total	Comments
<u>Scheme 1 - Phase 2</u> Demolition					
site / pavement / amenities	35.4 acre	10,000	354,000		
Subtotal				354,000	
Site Development					
Grant Street	4,350 lf	1,000.00	4,350,000		
NE 134th Ave. Extension	1,450 lf	350.00	508,000		
Cornell / 28th / Brookwood Interface	1 sum	350,000	350,000		allowance
Subtotal				5,208,000	
Subtotal Scheme 1				5,562,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		556,000		
Inflation assume 2011	33.5%		2,052,000		
				2,608,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				8,170,000	
Soft Costs	10.0%		817,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		449,000		
Total Project Cost				\$9,436,000	

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<u>Scheme 1 - Phase 3</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	32,800 sf	6.00	197,000		
site / pavement / amenities	23.0 acre	5,000	115,000		
Subtotal				312,000	
Site Development					
Parking	717,302 sf	8.50	6,097,000		curbs, ac pvmnt, light, lndscpe
Park & Amenities	90,456 sf	2.00	181,000		restrooms, shelters, paths, etc.
Secondary roads / access	400 lf	175.00	70,000		
28th Ave Interface	1 sum	100,000	100,000		allowance
Infrastructure					
water, fire & domestic	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
storm	1 sum	400,000	400,000		
sanitary	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
lighting	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
telephone / cable / etc.	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
Commons / Plaza	59,259 sf	20.00	1,185,000		
Landscape - east of Pavilion	36,117 sf	3.50	126,000		
Entry Features	1 sum	500,000	500,000		entry towers, pavilions ,kiosks, etc.
Gates / Control	1 sum	350,000	350,000		
Subtotal				9,759,000	
Structures					
Open Pavilion / Concessions	100,000 sf	135.00	13,500,000		
Subtotal				13,500,000	
Subtotal Scheme 1				23,571,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		2,357,000		
Inflation assume 2012	41.6%		10,774,000		
				13,131,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				36,702,000	
Soft Costs	20.0%		7,340,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		2,202,000		
Total Project Cost				\$46,244,000	

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<u>Scheme 1 - Phase 4</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	24,600 sf	6.00	148,000		
site / pavement / amenities	35.4 acre	10,000	354,000		
Subtotal				502,000	
Site Development					
Park & Amenities	566,992 sf	2.00	1,134,000		restrooms, shelters, paths, etc.
Water feature premium	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
Secondary roads / access	600 lf	175.00	105,000		
Cornell / 28th Interface	1 sum	200,000	200,000		allowance
Subtotal				1,689,000	
Subtotal Scheme 1				2,191,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		219,000		
Inflation assume 2013	50.0%		1,206,000		
				1,425,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				3,616,000	
Soft Costs	15.0%		542,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		208,000		
Total Project Cost				\$4,366,000	

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<u>Scheme 1 - Phase 6</u>					
Armory					
Demolition	328,843 sf	0.00	0		NIC - By others
Site Development	293,843 sf	0.00	0		NIC - By others
Armory	35,000 sf	0.00	0		NIC - By others
Subtotal				0	
Subtotal Scheme 1				0	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		0		NIC - By others
Inflation	0.0%		0		NIC - By others
				0	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				0	
Soft Costs	20.0%		0		NIC - By others
Owners Contingency	5.0%		0		NIC - By others
Total Project Cost				\$0	

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<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 1</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	47,740 sf	6.00	286,000		
site / pavement / amenities	27.2 acre	5,000	136,000		
Subtotal				422,000	
Site Development					
Parking	455,850 sf	8.50	3,875,000		curbs, ac pvmnt, light, Indscape
Play Fields, natural turf	518,823 sf	1.50	778,000		
Secondary roads / access	750 lf	175.00	131,000		
Cornell Interface	1 sum	250,000	250,000		allowance
Infrastructure					
water, fire & domestic	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
storm	1 sum	400,000	400,000		
sanitary	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
lighting	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
telephone / cable / etc.	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
Commons / Plaza	88,665 sf	20.00	1,773,000		
Gates / Control	1 sum	150,000	150,000		
Subtotal				8,107,000	
Structures					
Exhibit Hall	120,000 sf	170.00	20,400,000		
				20,400,000	
				28,929,000	
Subtotal Scheme 2				28,929,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		2,893,000		
Inflation assume 2010	24.8%		7,893,000		
				10,786,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				39,715,000	
Soft Costs	20.0%		7,943,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		2,383,000		
Total Project Cost				\$50,041,000	

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<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 2</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	0 sf	6.00	0		
site / pavement / amenities	31.7 acre	10,000	317,000		
Subtotal				317,000	
Site Development					
Grant Street	4,350 lf	1,000.00	4,350,000		
NE 134th Ave. Extension	1,450 lf	350.00	508,000		
28th / Brookwood Interface	1 sum	150,000	150,000		
Commons / Plaza	146,105 sf	20.00	2,922,000		allowance
Landscape - east of Pavilion	60,924 sf	25.00	1,523,000		
Subtotal				9,453,000	
Subtotal Scheme 2				9,770,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		977,000		
Inflation assume 2011	33.5%		3,605,000		
				4,582,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				14,352,000	
Soft Costs	10.0%		1,435,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		789,000		
Total Project Cost				\$16,576,000	

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<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 3</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	88,660 sf	6.00	532,000		
site / pavement / amenities	12.2 acre	5,000	61,000		
Subtotal				593,000	
Site Development					
Parking	371,595 sf	8.50	3,159,000		curbs, ac pvmnt, light, lndscpe
Secondary roads / access	1,000 lf	175.00	175,000		
Infrastructure					
water, fire & domestic	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
storm	1 sum	400,000	400,000		
sanitary	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
lighting	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
telephone / cable / etc.	1 sum	125,000	125,000		
Commons / Plaza	61,125 sf	20.00	1,223,000		
Entry Features	1 sum	500,000	500,000		
Gates / Control	1 sum	125,000	125,000		entry towers, pavilions ,kiosks, etc.
Subtotal				6,332,000	
Structures					
Open Pavilion / Concessions	100,000 sf	135.00	13,500,000		
				13,500,000	
Subtotal Scheme 2				20,425,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		2,043,000		
Inflation assume 2012	41.6%		9,336,000		
				11,379,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				31,804,000	
Soft Costs	20.0%		6,361,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		1,908,000		
Total Project Cost				\$40,073,000	

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Component	Area	\$ / SF	Subtotal	Total	Comments
<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 4</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	0 sf	6.00	0		
site / pavement / amenities	31.7 acre	10,000	317,000		
Subtotal				317,000	
Site Development					
Play Fields, natural turf	443,018 sf	1.50	665,000		
Secondary roads / access	300 lf	175.00	53,000		
Cornell / 28th Interface	1 sum	350,000	350,000		allowance
Subtotal				1,068,000	
Structures					
NW corner (concessions / restrooms)	8,500 sf	275.00	2,338,000		
				2,338,000	
Subtotal Scheme 2				3,723,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		372,000		
Inflation assume 2013	50.0%		2,049,000		
				2,421,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				6,144,000	
Soft Costs	10.0%		614,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		338,000		
Total Project Cost				\$7,096,000	

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<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 5</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	0 sf	6.00	0		
site / pavement / amenities	13.3 acre	5,000	66,000		
Subtotal				66,000	
Site Development					
Parking	577,692 sf	8.50	4,910,000		curbs, ac pvmnt, light, lndscpe
Secondary roads / access	500 lf	175.00	88,000		
Gates / Control	1 sum	175,000	175,000		
Subtotal				5,173,000	
Subtotal Scheme 2				5,239,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		524,000		
Inflation assume 2014	57.5%		3,317,000		
				3,841,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				9,080,000	
Soft Costs	10.0%		908,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		499,000		
Total Project Cost				\$10,487,000	

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<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 6</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	0 sf	6.00	0		
site / pavement / amenities	13.8 acre	5,000	69,000		
Subtotal				69,000	
Site Development					
Parking	222,761 sf	8.50	1,893,000		curbs, ac pvmnt, light, lndscpe restrooms, shelters, paths, etc.
Park & Amenities	181,982 sf	2.00	364,000		
Water feature premium	1 sum	250,000	250,000		
Gates / Control	1 sum	50,000	50,000		
Rec. Center Site Development	160,888 sf	22.50	3,620,000		
Subtotal				6,177,000	
Structures					
Rec. Center	36,000 sf	275.00	9,900,000		
				9,900,000	
Subtotal Scheme 2				16,146,000	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		1,615,000		
Inflation assume 2015	65.4%		11,620,000		
				13,235,000	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				29,381,000	
Soft Costs	20.0%		5,876,000		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		1,763,000		
Total Project Cost				\$37,020,000	

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<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 7</u>					
Demolition					
buildings	0 sf	6.00	0		
site / pavement / amenities	0.0 acre	10,000	0		
Subtotal				0	
Site Development					
Parking	0 sf	8.50	0		curbs, ac pvmnt, light, lndscpe
Subtotal				0	
Structures					
Existing Facilities / Site	172,355 sf	0.00	0		NIC, no work
				0	
Subtotal Scheme 2				0	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		0		
Inflation	0.0%		0		
				0	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				0	
Soft Costs	0.0%		0		
Owners Contingency	5.0%		0		
Total Project Cost				\$0	

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<u>Scheme 2 - Phase 8</u>					
Armory					
Demolition	328,843 sf	0.00	0		NIC - By others
Site Development	293,843 sf	0.00	0		NIC - By others
Armory	35,000 sf	0.00	0		NIC - By others
Subtotal				0	
Subtotal Scheme 1				0	
Estimating / Program Contingency	10.0%		0		NIC - By others
Inflation	0.0%		0		NIC - By others
				0	
Subtotal Direct Construction Cost				0	
Soft Costs	20.0%		0		NIC - By others
Owners Contingency	5.0%		0		NIC - By others
Total Project Cost				\$0	

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From: Leah E. Perkins-Hagele, Fair Coordinator
Lisa DuPre', Marketing/Events Director
Washington County Fair Complex

Re: 2007 Frite Lites

A great opportunity has presented itself this year in relation to the production of Frite Lites. The owner of the haunted attraction known as the 13th Door, produced by Haunting Productions Inc., has agreed to become a partner in our event.

The 13th Door was formerly located at the old cinemas at Washington Square and is considered by most to be the best haunted attraction in the Portland Metro area. Due to the impending demolition of the old cinemas, 13th Door found itself to be without a home this year at the same that Frite Lites found itself to be without a haunted attraction, due to the owner of the previous haunted house quitting the business. We thought without a haunted attraction we would not be able to secure sponsors and media support to continue Frite Lites this year, the picture has now drastically changed with this new partnership.

Amato Communications is finding great interest not only for potential sponsors but in media partners due to the outstanding reputation that the 13th Door has and will be bringing to Frite Lites.

13th Door's attendance and financial track record are quite impressive. Working with Haunting Productions will take Frite Lites to the next level due to the caliber of the production and expertise that they bring to the table.

In keeping with our goal to be a full family event for all ages, Frite Lites will continue to offer activities for youngsters and families who will not be interested in the 13th Door attraction.

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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 29, 2007

To: Washington County Fair Complex Board
Washington County Fair Complex

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

Re: 2007 County Fair & Rodeo Report

Find attached a number of reports generated from activities at the 2007 County Fair & Rodeo.

Here is some ancillary information regarding this year's event.

Attendance – Total attendance was approximately 90,000 with Sunday having more than 37,500 visitors, helped in part by the Latino Concert in the Amphitheatre as well as programming support from Oregon.Live. The event was fortunate to have missed the hotter weather earlier in the month. Other fairs have also report strong numbers this summer.

Fairtime Revenues – Not all revenues are available, but most, if not all major revenue categories are likely to exceed budget estimates. Carnival and food concession revenues should show final increases of 15-20% given the overall attendance increases.

Most concessionaires reported stronger than normal food sales on Sunday given the larger than expected crowds.

Outside Commercial Exhibit sales showed strength late in the month with only two available spaces remaining at fairtime. This is impressive given the fact that major traveling exhibits such as the John Deere®, Verb Yellow Ball® and Avon®, did not materialize this year.

With 2007 not being an election year, demand for Inside Commercial Exhibit Space dropped allowing staff to move the Art & Crafts, Photo, Land Products, and Grange Exhibits back into the south end of the Main Exhibit Hall.

Arena Events – The most attended single-performance arena event for 2007 was again the Sunday night Demolition Derby. Cricket was the title sponsor for this event. As in 2006. The Box Office had to close with visitors still in line due to the strong appeal of this event. This year included a VIP Tournament of Destruction where local businesses completed in their own demo derby. Ten businesses competed and based upon early discussions, this event is likely to be repeated in 2008.

The NPRA Rodeo Presented by Madden Industrial drew good crowds over two performances. A power failure minutes into the Friday night program delayed the performance by approximately 45-minutes. The power failure primarily affected the announcer's stand, and was caused by a bad breaker in the electrical panel adjacent to the Crow's Nest.

As an aside, the Northwest Professional Rodeo Association (NPRA) that sanctions the rodeo, changed its entry rules for 2006 which limited the opportunity for cowboys in other rodeo associations such as the Idaho Cowboy Association and the California Cowboy Association, from earning overall points when participating in NPRA sanction rodeos. This rule change affected the number of cowboys entering primarily in the rough stock events, and resulted in few entries for the two rodeo performances. Staff, along with representatives from other Oregon NPRA sanctioned rodeos, will be contacting the NPRA at their September General Meeting to revisit this rule change for 2007.

The Regency Homes Truck Pull was the third most attended single-performance arena event, but still had strong attendance.

Shavings – Both the 4H Horse Show and the annual County Fair struggled in obtaining livestock bedding this year. With the growing alternative uses of wood byproducts and the Fire Marshall restriction of using straw bedding, it will continue to be challenging to obtain appropriated livestock bedding at a reasonable cost for future fairs. Staff will continue to study options and alternatives.

DockDogs® – This second-year event featured on Friendship Plaza all four days drew good crowds throughout the day, but after two years at the County Fair, staff will search for an equally strong activity for 2008.

Pirates Parrot Show – Although in a new location, this show, provided by Hillsboro Feed, played to standing-room-only crowds almost every day. Shows of this caliber are usually only seen at state fairs and other larger festivals.

Attachments

Rodeo Winnings Report

Hillsboro,OR, July 27 - 28, 2007

Stock Contractor:	Rogue River	Pickup Man 1:	Jesse Belyea
Secretary:	Rita Rattray	Pickup Man 2:	Mitch Coleman
Judge 1:	Larry Barney	Timer 1:	Tona Springer
Judge 2:	Mike Erickson	Timer 2:	Jana Griffith
Flagger:	Jim Creer	Co-approvals:	Pro-West/ICA
Bullfighter:	Dave Murdock/Ryan Wilson	Number of Competitors:	208
Clown:	Clinton Selvester	Total Purse Payout:	\$28,800.00
Announcer:	Dec Boene		

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Sammy Jo Willis	Terrebonne	All Around Contestant		

Bareback Riding

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Ryan Schmelzer	Spokane	102	75.00	\$646.00
Travis Schwerbel	Terrebonne	X149	70.00	\$484.50
Nick Arnold	Yamhill	D-2	65.00	\$323.00
Cody Marshall	Hermiston	76	62.00	\$161.50

Barrel Racing

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Sammy Jo Willis	Terrebonne		17.63	\$752.40
Jerita Belyea	Hermiston		17.63	\$752.40
Coti Fuller	Lewiston		17.85	\$627.00
Bailey Gow	Roseburg		17.88	\$543.40
Stevie Rae Willis	Terrebonne		17.92	\$418.00
Kelly Wallis	Canby		17.92	\$418.00
Stacy Houston	Myrtle Point		18.08	\$292.60
Jennifer Storts	Coquille		18.15	\$209.00
Mary Shae Hays	Hermiston		18.20	\$125.40
Leslie Hurford	Prineville		18.29	\$41.80

Breakaway Roping

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Sammy Jo Willis	Terrebonne		2.60	\$1,212.20

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Kyle Sloan	Ellensburg	3.20	\$898.70
Mindi Primley	Battle Ground	3.20	\$898.70
Scotti Fuller	Lewiston	3.30	\$585.20
Jeana Goodwin	Eltopia	3.40	\$376.20
Kayde Jo Davenport	Goldendale	3.70	\$69.67
Michelle Lyons	Warren	3.70	\$69.67
Stacy Jones	Oregon City	3.70	\$69.67

Bull Riding

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
No Qualified Rides				

Saddle Bronc Riding

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Tucker Lind	Yamhill	32	75.00	\$722.00
Mark Gage	Homedale	X93	74.00	\$541.50
Adam Larkin	Elmira	X122	70.00	\$361.00
Ross Hartman	Redmond	841	66.00	\$180.50

Steer Wrestling

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Jordan Luenella	Shoreline		4.20	\$936.70
Casey Arnold	Glenwood		4.30	\$775.20
Jesse Sleeman	Roy		5.20	\$613.70
Travis Taruscio	Walla Walla		5.30	\$452.20
Shawn Brown	Bend		5.40	\$290.70
Rusty Thompson	Yoncalla		5.70	\$161.50

Team Roping Header

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Cody Barney	Klamath Falls		7.00	\$1,212.20
Bobby Alexander	Redmond		7.20	\$1,003.20
Del Foley	Roseburg		8.00	\$794.20
Travis Severance	Prineville		8.40	\$585.20
Russel DeVoogd	Glide		8.50	\$376.20
Jack Talburt	Powell Butte		8.70	\$209.00

Team Roping Heeler

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Bo Patzke	Klamath Falls		7.00	\$1,212.20
Casey Green	Warm Springs		7.20	\$1,003.20
Roger Nonella	Klamath Falls		8.00	\$794.20
Allan Britton	Terrebonne		8.40	\$585.20
Rusty Thompson	Yoncalla		8.50	\$376.20
Colt Finley	Mt Vernon		8.70	\$209.00

Tie Down Roping

<i>Name</i>	<i>Home Town</i>	<i>Stock</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Money Won</i>
Tyson Runyan	Silver City		9.00	\$1,157.10
Roger Nonella	Klamath Falls		9.80	\$957.60
Clay Schricker	Adrian		10.00	\$758.10
Jake Pratt	Ellensburg		10.30	\$558.60
Shane Erickson	Terrebonne		10.50	\$359.10
Ryan Gallagher	Merrill		10.90	\$199.50

CHAMPION LOTS

Beef Cattle - Black Angus - Champion and Reserve
1st - Mike Schmidlin, Vernonia, OR

Beef Cattle - Black Angus - Jr. Champion & Reserve
1st - PKM Angus, Sherwood, OR

Beef Cattle - Black Angus - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - PKM Angus, Sherwood, OR

Beef Cattle - Black Angus - Champion & Reserve
1st - Mike Schmidlin, Vernonia, OR

Beef Cattle - Black Angus - Jr. Champ.& Res. Champ. Female
1st - Laurie VanRoekel, North Plains, OR

Beef Cattle - Black Angus - Sr. Champ & Res. Champ Female
1st - Mike Schmidlin, Vernonia, OR

Beef Cattle - Black Angus - Gr. Champ & Res Champ Female
1st - Laurie VanRoekel, North Plains, OR

Beef Cattle - Charolais - Champion and Reserve
1st - Richard Large, Canby, OR

Beef Cattle - Charolais - Jr. Champion & Reserve
1st - Richard Large, Canby, OR

Beef Cattle - Charolais - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Richard Large, Canby, OR

Beef Cattle - Charolais - Champion & Reserve
1st - Carolyn K Ganger, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Charolais - Jr. Champ.& Res. Champ. Female
1st - Bill Ganger, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Charolais - Sr. Champ & Res. Champ Female
1st - Suzie Wiley, Lafayette, OR

Beef Cattle - Charolais - Gr. Champ & Res Champ Female
1st - Bill Ganger, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Hereford - Champion and Reserve
1st - Sue Schurman, Vancouver, WA

Beef Cattle - Hereford - Jr. Champion & Reserve
1st - Sue Schurman, Vancouver, WA

Beef Cattle - Hereford - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Sue Schurman, Vancouver, WA

Beef Cattle - Hereford - Champion & Reserve
1st - Tess Proctor, Woodland, WA

Beef Cattle - Hereford - Jr. Champ.& Res. Champ. Female
1st - Tracy Koberstein, Molalla, OR

Beef Cattle - Hereford - Sr. Champ & Res. Champ Female
1st - Tess Proctor, Woodland, WA

Beef Cattle - Hereford - Gr. Champ & Res Champ Female
1st - Tess Proctor, Woodland, WA

Beef Cattle - Limousin - Champion and Reserve
1st - Becky Redden, Colton, OR

Beef Cattle - Limousin - Jr. Champion & Reserve
1st - Pat O'Dell, Colton, OR

Beef Cattle - Limousin - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Pat O'Dell, Colton, OR

Beef Cattle - Limousin - Champion & Reserve
1st - Pat O'Dell, Colton, OR

Beef Cattle - Limousin - Sr. Champ & Res. Champ Female
Lots 22,23,24.
1st - Pat O'Dell, Colton, OR

Beef Cattle - Limousin - Gr. Champ & Res Champ Female
1st - Pat O'Dell, Colton, OR

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Champion and Reserve
1st - Tom Gordon, Forest Grove, OR

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Jr. Champion & Reserve
1st - Dixie Berg, Battle Ground, WA

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Sr. Champion & Reserve
1st - Laurie Blair, Scio, OR

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Dixie Berg, Battle Ground, WA

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Champion & Reserve
1st - Donna Laney, Canby, OR

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Jr. Champ.& Res. Champ. Female
1st - Dixie Berg, Battle Ground, WA

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Sr. Champ & Res. Champ Female
1st - Donna Laney, Canby, OR

Beef Cattle - Pinzgauer - Gr. Champ & Res Champ Female
1st - Donna Laney, Canby, OR

Beef Cattle - Other Breeds - Champion and Reserve
1st - Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Other Breeds - Jr. Champion & Reserve
1st - Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Other Breeds - Sr. Champion & Reserve
1st - Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Other Breeds - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Other Breeds - Champion & Reserve
1st - Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro, OR

Beef Cattle - Other Breeds - Jr. Champ.& Res. Champ. Female
1st - Dani Peters, Albany, OR

Beef Cattle - Other Breeds - Sr. Champ & Res. Champ Female
1st - Dani Peters, Albany, OR

Beef Cattle - Special Open Beef Awards - Supreme Champion Bull
1st - PKM Angus, Sherwood, OR

Beef Cattle - Special Open Beef Awards - Supreme Champion Female
1st - Laurie VanRoekel, North Plains, OR

Beef Cattle - Special Open Beef Awards - Beef Herdsmanship
1st - Donna Laney, Canby, OR

Baked Goods - Special Awards - Sr Queen or King of Kitchen - Rosette & Plaque
1st - Julie M Kemper, Forest Grove, OR

Baked Goods - Special Awards - Jr Queen or King of Kitchen Rosette
1st - Catherine Upton, Hillsboro, OR

Beverages - Best of Show - Red Grape Wine
1st - Jonathan Armstrong, Forest Grove, OR

Beverages - Best of Show - White Grape Wine
1st - Lori Prichard, Portland, OR

Beverages - Best of Show - Fruit/Berry Wine
1st - Kenton Erwin, Portland, OR

Beverages - Best of Show - Home Brewed Beer
1st - Douglas P Savin, Hillsboro, OR

Dairy Cattle - Ayrshire - Jr Champion Female - Ribon Only
1st - White Water Farms, Inc., Banks, OR

Dairy Cattle - Ayrshire - Sr. Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Sheila Evers-Harris, Banks, OR

Dairy Cattle - Ayrshire - Grand Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Sheila Evers-Harris, Banks, OR

Dairy Cattle - Jersey - Jr Champion Female - Ribon Only
1st - Gerritt Schmidlkofer, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Jersey - Sr. Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Zack Evers, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Jersey - Grand Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Zack Evers, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Other Breeds - Jr Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - White Water Farms, Inc., Banks, OR

Dairy Cattle - Other Breeds - Sr. Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - White Water Farms, Inc., Banks, OR

Dairy Cattle - Other Breeds - Grand Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - White Water Farms, Inc., Banks, OR

Dairy Cattle - Brown Swiss - Jr Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Matthew Jansen, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Brown Swiss - Sr. Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Michael Jansen, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Brown Swiss - Grand Champion Female - - Ribbon Only
1st - Michael Jansen, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Holstein - Jr Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Danica Baggenstos, Cornelius, OR

Dairy Cattle - Holstein - Sr. Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Eric Evers, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Holstein - Grand Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Eric Evers, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Guernsey - Jr Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Guernsey - Sr. Champion Female-Ribbon Only
1st - Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Guernsey - Grand Champion Female - Ribbon Only
1st - Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Special Awards - Supreme Champ Cow
1st - Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Cattle - Special Awards - Herdsmanship
1st - Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Goats - Nubians - Doe Jr. Champion
1st - Conway Family Farms, Camas, WA

Dairy Goats - Nubians - Doe senior champion
1st - Conway Family Farms, Camas, WA

Dairy Goats - Nubians - Doe Grand Champion
1st - Conway Family Farms, Camas, WA

Dairy Goats - Nubians - Champion Challenge Class
1st - Conway Family Farms, Camas, WA

Dairy Goats - La Manchu - Doe Jr. Champion
1st - Jessica McDonald, Mulino, OR

Dairy Goats - La Manchu - Doe senior champion
1st - Jessica McDonald, Mulino, OR

Dairy Goats - La Manchu - Doe Grand Champion
1st - Jessica McDonald, Mulino, OR

Dairy Goats - Oberhasli - Doe Jr. Champion
1st - Susan Rutz, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Goats - Oberhasli - Doe senior champion
1st - Susan Rutz, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Goats - Oberhasli - Doe Grand Champion
1st - Susan Rutz, Forest Grove, OR

Dairy Goats - Special Award - Herdsmanship Special Award
1st - Conway Family Farms, Camas, WA

Dairy Goats - Special Award - Best Doe of the Show
1st - Conway Family Farms, Camas, WA

Draft Horse - Halter - Champ. Res. Champ Other Breeds
 1st - Day Break Percherons, Battleground, WA
 Draft Horse - Halter - Supreme Champ. Registered
 1st - Day Break Percherons, Battleground, WA
 Fleece & Fiber - Wool & Fiber - Champ. & Res. Champ
 1st - Mandy Oriet, Gaston, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Class 14 Garden Club Arr. - Trophy Mills
 1st - North Plains Garden Club, Forest Grove, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Class 1 Lot 69 Herb Col. - TVGC
 1st - Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Class 1 Lot 124 - Col. Annuals - TVGC
 1st - Beatrice Peters, Cornelius, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Class 1 Lot 129 Col. Perennials - TVGC
 1st - Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Class 5 Lot 35 Biewener Mem.-TV Rose Society/Kordseii
 1st - Violet Selby, Forest Grove, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Class 5 Lot 39 Rose Bloom Cycle - TV Rose Society
 1st - Gail Selby, Forest Grove, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Best Horticulture non-garden - TVGC
 1st - Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Best Plant - Adult - TVGC, West Union Plaque
 1st - Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Best Youth Horticulture - TVGC \$, Rosette
 1st - Ben Ganger, Hillsboro, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Sweep. Design Non Gard. Club - Rosette
 1st - Donna Pohlman, Hillsboro, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Sweep. Design Garden Club - Rosette
 1st - Evelyn Herinckx, Banks, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Sweep. Design Youth 6-12 - Rosette NPGC
 1st - Lauren Kam, Portland, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Sweep Design Youth 13-17 - NPGC \$, Rosette
 1st - Jered Babcock, Forest Grove, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Best Arboreal - Rosette
 1st - Beatrice Peters, Cornelius, OR
 Floral - Special Awards - Best Horticulture-Garden Club - Five Oaks \$, Rosette
 1st - Beatrice Peters, Cornelius, OR
 Food Preservation - Special Awards - Ball Award - Fruit - Adult
 1st - Pamela Allen-Dean, Hillsboro, OR
 Food Preservation - Special Awards - Ball Award - Vegetable - Adult
 1st - Julie M Kemper, Forest Grove, OR
 Food Preservation - Special Awards - Ball Award - Pickles - Adult
 1st - Maren Johnson, Hillsboro, OR
 Food Preservation - Special Awards - Ball - Soft Spread - Adult
 1st - Virginia Nufer, Portland, OR
 Land Products - Special Awards - WCFB Silver Shovel - Most Total Points LP
 Silver Shovel Award
 1st - Lisa Goldbeck, Hillsboro, OR
 Land Products - Special Awards - TVGC Sweeps. Classes 1,2,3,4
 1st - Joe Duyck, Forest Grove, OR
 Land Products - Special Awards - Winona Grange Best Sheaves - Class 2
 1st - Joe Duyck, Forest Grove, OR
 Land Products - Special Awards - TVGC award for classes 5,6
 1st - Lisa Goldbeck, Hillsboro, OR
 Land Products - Special Awards - TVGC award classes 10,11,12
 1st - Florence M Herinckx, Cornelius, OR
 Land Products - Special Awards - WCFB most pts in class 15
 1st - Mark Kalsch, Hillsboro, OR

Land Products - Special Awards - Most points Rosette - 15 under
1st - Paul Nemeyer, Forest Grove, OR
Pygora Goats - Wethers - Champion & Reserve
1st - Mandy Oriet, Gaston, OR
Pygora Goats - Does - Champion & Reserve
1st - Lisa Roskopf, Gaston, OR
Pygora Goats - Does - Champion & Reserve Sr. Doe
1st - Lisa Roskopf, Gaston, OR
Pygora Goats - Does - Gr. Champ. & Res. Gr. Champ Doe
1st - Lisa Roskopf, Gaston, OR
Pygora Goats - Other Classes - Best in show
WCF-Rosette /NWPC from 1-7 classes award
1st - Lisa Roskopf, Gaston, OR
Poultry - Special Awards - Champion Large Fowl
1st - Zach Endicott, Tigard, OR
Poultry - Special Awards - Champion Bantam
1st - Zach Endicott, Tigard, OR
Poultry - Special Awards - Champion Duck
1st - Jakkay Haase, Sherwood, OR
Poultry - Special Awards - Champion Pigeon
1st - Michelle A Woodward, Beaverton, OR
Sheep and Wool - Columbia - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Rolland /Cec Aschim, Dallas, OR
Sheep and Wool - Columbia - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Rolland /Cec Aschim, Dallas, OR
Sheep and Wool - Montadale - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Patty Abell, Aurora, OR
Sheep and Wool - Montadale - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Patty Abell, Aurora, OR
Sheep and Wool - Natural colored - wool - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Rolland /Cec Aschim, Dallas, OR
Sheep and Wool - Natural colored - wool - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Rolland /Cec Aschim, Dallas, OR
Sheep and Wool - Jacob - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Karen Lobb, Newberg, OR
Sheep and Wool - Jacob - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Karen Lobb, Newberg, OR
Sheep and Wool - Navajo-Churro - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Karen Lobb, Newberg, OR
Sheep and Wool - Navajo-Churro - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Karen Lobb, Newberg, OR
Sheep and Wool - Romney - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Jack Kalina, Albany, OR
Sheep and Wool - Romney - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Jack Kalina, Albany, OR
Sheep and Wool - Shropshire - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Stephanie Barker, Hillsboro, OR
Sheep and Wool - Shropshire - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Stephanie Barker, Hillsboro, OR
Sheep and Wool - Southdown - Grand Champ & Reserve Champ
1st - Abell Family, Aurora, OR
Sheep and Wool - Southdown - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Ashley Harelson, Aurora, OR
Sheep and Wool - Suffolk - Gr.Champ & Res. Champ Ewe
1st - Johnny O'Neill, Forest Grove, OR
Sheep and Wool - Special Awards - Herdsmanship
1st - Abell Family, Aurora, OR

Sheep and Wool - Special Awards - Overall Supreme Ewe - ROSETTE
1st - Stephanie Barker, Hillsboro, OR
Sheep and Wool - Special Awards - Overall supreme Ram - ROSETTE
1st - Jack Kalina, Albany, OR
Sheep and Wool - Special Awards - Overall Best young flock
1st - Abell Family, Aurora, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Niftiest Needler - Plaque
1st - Julie M Kemper, Forest Grove, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 1 - \$25 gift
certificate from Quilted Hill
1st - Marybeth Pavlik, Hillsboro, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 2
1st - Deanna Johnson, Portland, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 3
1st - Margaret Ann Smith, Hillsboro, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 4
1st - Deanna Johnson, Portland, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 6 - \$25 gift
certificate from Knit Purl
1st - Nancy Hinsch, North Plains, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 7
1st - Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 8
1st - Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 10
1st - Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 11
\$25 from Acorns & Threads
1st - JoAnn Thoulion, Portland, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges's Choice Class 15
1st - Alice Vuylsteke, Hillsboro, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges Choice Class 16
1st - Irene Barnes, Hillsboro, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges Choice Class 17
1st - Lauria Mandich, Aloha, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Judges Choice Class 20
1st - Charles Siegel, Beaverton, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Best Overall Teddy Bear
1st - Irene Barnes, Hillsboro, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Jr Niftiest Needler (22-24)
1st - Paige Snodgrass, Beaverton, OR
Textiles - Special Ribbons & Awards - Best Jr Exhibit
1st - Stephanie Barker, Hillsboro, OR

Project Analysis Summary

MainFair

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Project Description / Class Type	Entries	Exhibits	People	Ttl Entries	Ttl Exhibits	Ttl People
Educational Displays, Other (for Fair Only)	15	15	15	15	15	15
Educational Displays, Expressive Arts	3	3	3	3	3	3
Educational Displays, Home Economics	7	7	7	7	7	7
Educational Displays, Natural Resources	3	3	3	3	3	3
Educational Displays, Horticulture	3	3	3	3	3	3
Educational Displays, Animal Science	27	27	27	27	27	27
Educational Displays, Engineering	3	3	3	3	3	3
Public Speaking				22	22	22
Contests	22	22	22			
Creative Writing	79	79	44	79	79	44
Art Painting	162	162	49	162	162	49
Ceramics	3	3	3	3	3	3
Cake Decorating	19	19	17	19	19	17
Photography	119	119	50	119	119	50
Fiber Arts (Quilting, Embroidery, Cross Stitch)	35	35	21	35	35	21
Child Care / Development	4	4	4	4	4	4
Clothing and Textiles	80	80	42	134	134	52
Contests	23	23	17			
Judging Contests	31	31	31			
Home Environment	4	4	3	4	4	3
Knitting	46	46	26	46	46	26
Crocheting	6	6	6	6	6	6
Recycling	24	24	24	24	24	24
Foods and Nutrition	141	141	53	243	243	75
Contests	67	67	43			
Judging Contests	35	35	35			
Food Preservation	40	40	16	40	40	16
Crops				10	10	10
Judging Contests	10	10	10			
Gardening, Fruits and Vegetables	55	55	17	120	120	59
Contests	60	60	45			
Judging Contests	5	5	5			
Flower Gardening	76	76	27	125	125	42
Contests	39	39	38			
Judging Contests	10	10	10			
Container Gardening	34	34	15	34	34	15
Beef	55	45	24	79	45	24
Showmanship	24		24			
Poultry	72	72	21	108	87	23
Showmanship	21		21			
Judging Contests	15	15	15			
Exotic Birds	12	12	11	24	12	12
Showmanship	12		12			
Dairy Cattle	39	32	19	68	42	22
Showmanship	19		19			
Judging Contests	10	10	10			
Horse and Pony	674	674	125	1,187	1,045	126

Project Analysis Summary

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Project Description / Class Type	Entries	Exhibits	People	Ttl Entries	Ttl Exhibits	Ttl People
Showmanship	142		125			
Contests	371	371	68			
Rabbits	91	91	33	163	126	39
Showmanship	37		37			
Contests	4	4	3			
Judging Contests	31	31	31			
Cavies	39	36	12	65	50	17
Showmanship	12		12			
Judging Contests	14	14	14			
Dogs	8	8	7	23	15	8
Showmanship	8		8			
Judging Contests	7	7	6			
Sheep	72	67	37	112	69	40
Showmanship	38		38			
Contests	2	2	2			
Swine	105	83	61	166	83	61
Showmanship	61		61			
Goats - Dairy	3	3	3	6	3	3
Showmanship	3		3			
Goats - Angora	11	11	6	17	11	6
Showmanship	6		6			
Goats - Pygmy	9	6	1	10	6	1
Showmanship	1		1			
Meat Goats - SF	14	10	3	17	10	3
Showmanship	3		3			
Llamas	3	3	3	6	3	3
Showmanship	3		3			
Computer	18	18	16	31	31	22
Contests	13	13	10			
Electricity / Electronics	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wood Science	12	12	12	12	12	12
Engineering	1	1	1	1	1	1
4-H Adventures	43	43	19	48	48	20
Judging Contests	5	5	5			

Grand Totals 3434 2990 1043

Total Number of Exhibitors with Entries * 436

Total Number of Exhibitors at Fair ** 337

Total Number of Exhibitors with Static Entries Only *** 99

* All exhibitors in fair (counts each exhibitor once)

** Exhibitors who came to the fair to PARTICIPATE in their classes (show animals, participate in contests)

*** Exhibitors with one or more static exhibits, and NO participation entries. They did not have to come to fair to participate in any of their classes.

Entries: every entry in every class. One exhibit (one cow) may account for several entries.

Premiums Offered and Paid by Department

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Fairbook Description		Number of Exhibitors	Entries Judged	Premiums Paid	Premiums Offered	% Paid	Add-On Amount
BC	Beef Cattle	25	225	\$6,714.00	\$29,750.00	22.57%	
BG	Baked Goods	85	303	\$840.00	\$1,617.00	51.95%	
BV	Beverages	16	42	\$102.00	\$648.00	15.74%	
CG	Cashmere Goats			\$0.00	\$216.00	0.00%	
CR	Open Class Crafts	89	209	\$537.00	\$2,583.00	20.79%	
DC	Dairy Cattle	22	148	\$6,320.00	\$14,380.00	43.95%	
DG	Dairy Goats	10	95	\$1,000.00	\$4,652.00	21.50%	
DH	Draft Horse	2	10	\$300.00	\$1,050.00	28.57%	
FF	Fleece & Fiber	7	23	\$118.00	\$180.00	65.56%	
FL	Floral	57	577	\$1,113.00	\$1,734.00	64.19%	
FP	Food Preservation	25	110	\$340.00	\$1,285.00	26.46%	
GR	Grange and Community Exhibits			\$0.00	\$400.00	0.00%	
LP	Land Products	42	248	\$735.00	\$1,412.00	52.05%	
PD	Painting & Drawing	76	172	\$335.00	\$1,665.00	20.12%	
PG	Pygora Goats	8	36	\$305.00	\$574.00	53.14%	
PH	Photography	134	500	\$451.00	\$1,710.00	26.37%	
PL	Poultry	9	61	\$183.50	\$2,523.00	7.27%	
SH	Sheep and Wool	14	230	\$3,209.00	\$8,537.00	37.59%	
TX	Textiles	104	415	\$1,373.00	\$4,557.00	30.13%	
Report Totals			3404	\$23,975.50	\$79,473.00	30.17%	\$0.00

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Abell, Patty	--2887A	\$237.00
Abell Family,	--02887	\$276.00
Allen-Dean, Pamela	000--07718	\$140.00
Alvarado, Elle	--08212	\$4.00
Alvarado, Statton	--05223	\$3.00
Anderson, Cindy	--00566	\$4.00
Anderson, Don	--02285	\$3.00
Anderson, Marcelle	--05285	\$67.00
Anderson, Ty	--07786	\$12.00
Anliker, Betty	000--04182	\$33.00
Annis, Micaela	--00032	\$4.00
Arendt, Cassandra	--05021	\$5.00
Armstrong, Jonathan	--05050	\$10.00
Aronhalt, Elizabeth	000--01993	\$7.00
Aronholt, Carolyn	--01280	\$8.00
Ascher, Garnet	000--00346	\$6.00
Aschim, Rolland /Cec	--01621	\$380.00
Atkinson, Erika	000-000-04864	\$50.00
Austin, Joan	000--07828	\$11.00
Austin, Samuel	--07165	\$4.00
Babcock, Bailey	000--00114	\$3.00
Babcock, Jayden	000--04942	\$5.00
Babcock, Jean	000--05964	\$23.00
Babcock, Jered	000--04838	\$18.00
Baggenstos, Danica	000-000-06712	\$60.00
Baggenstos, Robin	--07895	\$70.00
Baiter, Nancy	--05455	\$27.00
Baker, Rochelle	000--07829	\$8.00
Bamberg, Jeannine	000--01290	\$3.00
Banke, Adele	--2900A	\$4.00
Barker, Stephanie	000--00761	\$480.00
Barnes, Irene	000--05156	\$159.00
Baskins, Lela	--08917	\$5.00
Berg, Dixie	--05091	\$355.00
Berger, Ruth	--07762	\$5.00
Bergstrom, Cassandra	000-000-04165	\$100.00
Bierly, Phil	--01313	\$2.00
Bierly, Robert	--01198	\$3.00
Billick-Lamarche, LeAnn	--8757A	\$4.00
Blackmun, Masako	000--00435	\$5.00
Blair, Laurie	--00031	\$302.00
Blankenship, Amy/Chris	--04802	\$33.00
Bloch, Ellen	000--02757	\$10.00
Boatwright, Tiffany	000--02769	\$66.50
Bolewicz, Barry	--03582	\$9.00
Bolewicz, Linda	--08247	\$22.00
Boser, Lisa	--03240	\$8.00
Boyer, Marietta	--07804	\$5.00
Boyer, Steven	--08598	\$4.00
Boyer, Vivian	--04233	\$2.00
Bradley, Judith	--04489	\$90.00
Bronleewe, Bonnie	000--06817	\$16.00
Bronleewe, Maya	--08800	\$3.00
Bronleewe, Sophie	--4657A	\$2.00
Brown, Roger	--09143	\$6.00
Burke, Dick	--2174A	\$4.00
Burton, Tina	000--07325	\$44.00
Caldwell, Margaret	--04263	\$18.00

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Carlisle, Brooke	000--07538	\$21.00
Carlisle, Crystal	--00905	\$2.00
Carlisle, Deanne	000--06473	\$3.00
Carlisle, Tim	000--03311	\$3.00
Carpenter, Dessie	000--09186	\$15.00
Carroll, Dorothy	--08410	\$6.00
Carstens, Emily	000--09488	\$4.00
Carstens, Krista	000--0809A	\$3.00
Carstens, Seth	000--00035	\$3.00
Casey, Hannah	000--05764	\$3.00
Casey, Jill	--09385	\$4.00
Cedar Mill Garden Club,	000--01711	\$15.00
Chave, Alex	000--00318	\$4.00
Christensen, Birgitte	--05183	\$4.00
Christensen, Sandy	--05780	\$3.00
Christenson, Alton	000--08127	\$7.00
Clark, Melva	--00174	\$4.00
Clymore, James	--04221	\$285.00
Collins, Barbara	--04351	\$4.00
Concepcion, Charolyn	000--05208	\$9.00
Connolly, Madison	--03646	\$7.00
Conway Family Farms,	--08121	\$215.00
Cotton, Donna	000--09722	\$5.00
Coussens, Jeffrey	000--02250	\$8.00
Coussens, Kasey	000--00073	\$13.00
Coussens, Rose	000--00186	\$25.00
Cowley, Ann Marie	--07254	\$22.00
Cunningham, Katrina	--04305	\$4.00
Cyphers, Hazel	000--01538	\$56.00
Dailey, Suzanne	000--02532	\$14.00
Davis, Pam	--01308	\$42.00
Dawhaniuk, Danielle	--05669	\$4.00
Day Break Percherons,	--00001	\$80.00
Dobbs, Patty	000--01452	\$63.00
Dragoo, Christabelle	--02294	\$9.00
Duyck, Joe	--04023	\$105.50
Duyck, Marlene	000--01635	\$5.00
Ela, Kamoizatana	--07220	\$8.00
Endicott, Zach	--02947	\$27.00
Engelfried, Nicholas	000--09048	\$7.00
Engelfried, Rosemary	000--09897	\$33.00
Engstrom, Nadine	000--02164	\$19.00
Erhardt, Myrna	--02050	\$4.00
Erhardt, Teresa	--05476	\$3.00
Erhardt, Tom	--00439	\$4.00
Erskine, Terri	000--05605	\$3.00
Erwin, Kenton	--05068	\$4.00
Evans, Dallas	000--00809	\$4.00
Evers, Cary	--4336C	\$2.00
Evers, Dale/Candace	--09965	\$290.00
Evers, Eric	--03195	\$230.00
Evers, Ignatius	--06415	\$19.00
Evers, Lori	--04925	\$70.00
Evers, Marcie	--09720	\$7.00
Evers, Nick	--09281	\$120.00
Evers, Zack	--06095	\$545.00
Evers-Harris, Sheila	--03465	\$580.00
Eyer, Brandon	--07354	\$4.00

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Eyer, Kelsey	--05454	\$8.00
FGrove FFA,	WA-FFA-CLUB	\$187.00
Fentton, Cassie	--05895	\$6.00
Fery, Pam	--05487	\$52.00
Fischer, Tom & Rachel	--03106	\$6.00
Foster, Alexa	000--07824	\$8.00
Freid, Matthew	--01424	\$11.00
Fry, Terrie	000--06226	\$4.00
Fullmer, Dolores	--01856	\$23.00
Ganger, Ben	000--03071	\$26.50
Ganger, Bill	--06556	\$50.00
Ganger, Carolyn	--03868	\$122.00
Ganger, DJ	000--03382	\$13.00
Ganger, Katie	000--09097	\$19.00
Gilray, Grant	000--08908	\$18.00
Gnos, Bob	--07560	\$9.00
Goldbeck, Lisa	000--04877	\$151.00
Goldbeck, Randy	000--6316A	\$20.00
Gordon, Micheale	--09339	\$4.00
Gordon, Tom	--01192	\$232.00
Gore, James	000--06465	\$3.00
Gregg, Adam	--03542	\$2.00
Gregory, Janice	--06151	\$3.00
Grimes, Sally	--07738	\$194.00
Gustafson, B.	--05850	\$4.00
Gustafson, Dejá	--09791	\$2.00
Haak, Brittany	000-000-03603	\$169.00
Haase, Jakkay	--07886	\$35.00
Hadley, Lynda	000--02601	\$8.00
Hahn, Bethany	--00615	\$7.00
Hahn, Timothy	--01811	\$3.00
Harelson, Ashley	--03726	\$388.00
Harrowitz, Irene	000--09941	\$12.00
Hauser, Mike	--2136A	\$4.00
Hauser, Mike & Luna	--02136	\$4.00
Hayes, Bonny	--06504	\$2.00
Hayes, Elewa	--01353	\$4.00
Hayes, Kathy	--00835	\$2.00
Hergert, Richie	--9060A	\$2.00
Herinckx, Evelyn	000--03855	\$86.00
Herinckx, Florence	000--06326	\$74.00
Hinsch, Nancy	000--02704	\$4.00
Hiscoe, Lorraine	000--09407	\$11.00
Holland, Kathryn	000--01579	\$15.00
Holland, Rachael	000--1579B	\$5.00
Holland, Rebecca	000--1579A	\$21.00
Hooson, John	--09451	\$17.00
Horton, Shereen	000--06720	\$5.00
Howe, Amber	000--01479	\$4.00
Huffard, Don	--03077	\$8.00
Hula, Jacob	000--02280	\$28.50
Hula, Jamie	000--05100	\$2.00
Hula, Jesse	000--04304	\$3.00
Humburg, Nena	--06146	\$7.00
Hurd, Emily	000--07719	\$3.00
Hurd, Suzanne	000--02244	\$11.00
Hurlbert, Ryan	000--00019	\$4.00
Hurliman, Wanda	000--04103	\$12.00

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JNS Cattle (Mosby),	000-000-06775	\$30.00
James, Karen	000--02341	\$6.00
Jansen, Christopher	--07777	\$25.00
Jansen, Matthew	--03497	\$190.00
Jansen, Michael	--06820	\$465.00
Johnson, Deanna	000--04398	\$46.00
Johnson, Georgia	000--06233	\$46.00
Johnson, Maren	--08892	\$4.00
Juth, Debbie	--3505A	\$4.00
Juth, Emma	--09163	\$33.00
Kalina, Jack	--02105	\$437.00
Kalsch, Brandy	--02281	\$6.00
Kalsch, Coley	000--05162	\$2.00
Kalsch, Karen	000--01146	\$16.00
Kalsch, Mark	--06625	\$14.00
Kam, Lauren	000--01708	\$41.00
Kam, Maile	000--02758	\$36.00
Karvia, Tabatha	--04987	\$3.00
Kassissieh, David	--03628	\$14.00
Keizur, Maddy	--03059	\$8.00
Kemper, Julie	000--00608	\$253.00
Kennedy, Elizabeth	--02334	\$4.00
Kennedy, Mary Ann	--01134	\$2.00
Kennedy, Rebecca	--05800	\$4.00
Kesavan, Vijay	--08961	\$7.00
Ketsdever, Aimee	000--09389	\$23.00
Killion, Allison	--00927	\$3.00
Killion, Amber	--01117	\$11.00
Killion, Drew	--00788	\$4.00
King, Liz	--00423	\$34.00
Kirschner, Kimberly	--05625	\$4.00
Kirschner, Tamara	--05771	\$3.00
Knox, Haley	--03491	\$3.00
Koberstein, Tracy	--03916	\$285.00
Kromwall, Jennifer	--02885	\$2.00
LaCounte, Kean	--9562A	\$15.00
LaCounte, Kess	000--03647	\$25.00
LaTray, Emily	000--01119	\$16.00
LaTray, Jessica	--00422	\$5.00
LaTray, Sarah	000--00130	\$7.00
Lair, Susan	--06316	\$4.00
Lamarche, Alexandria	--01850	\$18.00
Lamarche, Arthur	--06489	\$3.00
Landon, Celeste	--06011	\$3.00
Laney, Donna	--00553	\$405.00
Large, Richard	000-000-03124	\$535.00
Latray, Hannah	000--01217	\$10.00
Lawlor, James	--8553A	\$5.00
Lazy J Red Angus,	000-000-04714	\$580.00
Lee, Andy	000--06459	\$10.00
Leslie, Mary	000--02197	\$8.00
Leslie, William	000--02820	\$7.00
Lincoln, Judy	000--06213	\$5.00
Lindow, Krista	--09301	\$405.00
Lippert, Dylan	000--00917	\$10.00
Lippert, Erika	000--01017	\$6.00
Lippert, Matthew	000--01950	\$11.00
Lobb, Karen	000--04918	\$487.00

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Maberry, Matthew	000--06959	\$16.00
Maddy, Sophia	--1144A	\$5.00
Mandich, Lauria	000--09378	\$38.00
Mandich, Nicolette	000--00209	\$7.00
Mangham, Ruth	--03369	\$2.00
Manning Acres,	--01926	\$192.00
Marsh, Anna	--09388	\$70.00
Marsh, Brandi	--09528	\$50.00
Marsh, George	--06070	\$160.00
Marsh, Harry	000--06573	\$2.00
Marsh, Jacob	--09616	\$4.00
Marts, Eric	000--08753	\$7.00
Marts, Hannah	000--09852	\$26.00
Marxer, Eileen	--02836	\$26.00
Mayer, Anita	--06828	\$4.00
Mayer, Bernie	--03194	\$3.00
McClaughry, Andrea	000--05580	\$3.00
McDonald, Jessica	--09723	\$110.00
McDowell, Christen	--07446	\$10.00
McGee, Randolph	--09060	\$14.00
McGlone, Madison	--04190	\$3.00
McMahon, Marianne	--07705	\$6.00
McOmie, Joyce	000--01618	\$7.00
Miller, Alyssa	000--03391	\$17.00
Miller, Jane	000--02794	\$25.00
Miller, McKayla	--05796	\$3.00
Miller, Peggy	--01651	\$249.00
Miller, Rochelle	000--07005	\$23.00
Miller, Ronda	--07822	\$12.00
Moellmer, Sami	--03253	\$6.00
Mohorich, Alyssa	--04283	\$20.00
Mohorich, Jessica	--01271	\$44.00
Moore, Ian	--00002	\$5.00
Morelli, Mary Helen	--08104	\$12.00
Morgan, Glen	--09002	\$6.50
Morgan, Grant	--02638	\$6.00
Morgan, Henry	--06448	\$4.00
Mullen, Colleen	--04852	\$7.00
Myers, Megan	--04476	\$10.00
Nemeyer, Paul	--2165A	\$14.00
Nguyen, McKenna	--00583	\$8.00
Nichols, Rachel	--5850A	\$17.00
Nichols, Rosemary	--05851	\$24.00
North Plains Garden Club,	000--2532A	\$20.00
Nufer, Virginia	000--07993	\$20.00
Nunnenkamp, Adam	000--05087	\$86.00
Nunnenkamp, Nichole	000--08055	\$35.00
Nunnenkamp, Norma	000--01292	\$4.00
O'Connor, Alex	000--08509	\$13.00
O'Dell, Pat	--01392	\$595.00
O'Neil, Lisa	--00702	\$2.00
O'Neill, Johnny	--01149	\$15.00
Odden, Tracie	--01992	\$5.00
Ohlson, Cheryl	--08946	\$15.00
Oliver Jr., Fred	--02741	\$5.00
Oriet, Mandy	--09862	\$64.00
Osborne, Amanda	--09345	\$11.00
Osborne, Charlotte	--06519	\$26.00

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Osborne, Jack	--05898	\$3.00
Osborne, Jasmine	--03904	\$4.00
Osman, Pauline	000--06010	\$3.00
PKM Angus,	--04292	\$307.00
Palumbo, Jacob	--2454A	\$10.00
Palumbo, Judi	--09423	\$4.00
Palumbo, Maura	--02124	\$4.00
Patten, Bruce	--02876	\$12.00
Patterson, David	--04855	\$6.00
Pavlik, Bethany	000--07292	\$18.00
Pavlik, Marybeth	000--05280	\$10.00
Pease, Fran	000--00940	\$46.00
Pence, Rachel	--00701	\$15.00
Pence, Victoria	000--06272	\$14.00
Perkins, Carrie	000--01916	\$30.00
Perry, June	000--01289	\$15.00
Perry, Marcy	--04187	\$24.00
Peters, Beatrice	000--07639	\$98.00
Peters, Dani	000--01163	\$50.00
Pfister, Fred	--07085	\$4.00
Pierce, Caroline	--3815A	\$7.00
Pierce, Christa	000--09376	\$14.00
Pierce, Nancy	000--05848	\$6.00
Poe, Anne	000--06580	\$12.00
Pohlman, Clarence	000--04335	\$24.00
Pohlman, Donna	000--03740	\$62.00
Pokorny, Sandy	000--09979	\$3.00
Pope, Katie	--06348	\$4.00
Price, MacKenzie	--09011	\$3.00
Prichard, Lori	--05833	\$4.00
Proctor, Tess	--05443	\$145.00
Quiett, Grayson	--05211	\$11.00
Quiett, Jillian	--01453	\$24.00
Quiett, Landon	--00584	\$7.00
Radtke, Samantha	--00966	\$20.00
Redden, Becky	--02291	\$290.00
Reid, Elizabeth	000--05164	\$7.00
Reilly, Annie	--01810	\$5.00
Reilly, Mary	--8954A	\$8.00
Renzema, Amy	000--07017	\$5.00
Renzema, Hayley	000--00211	\$20.00
Renzema, Kristin	000--07616	\$2.00
Richfield, Cody	--01610	\$18.00
Richfield, Diana	--00158	\$27.00
Roberts, Alison	--08446	\$3.00
Roberts, Deborah	000--04224	\$2.00
Roberts, Jennifer	--05075	\$7.00
Roberts, Justin	--06351	\$4.00
Roberts, Lauren	--5042A	\$4.00
Rodriguez, Mistina	000--03700	\$4.00
Roesch, Bill	000--02165	\$7.00
Rogers, Bob	--07173	\$2.00
Roluffs, Amy	--05261	\$53.00
Roluffs, Andrew	--05263	\$20.00
Roluffs, Megan	--05262	\$55.00
Rosero-Howe, Tyler	--1479A	\$5.00
Roskopf, Lisa	000--09948	\$153.00
Ross, Ashton	--05643	\$2.00

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Name and Address	Exhibitor #	Premium
Ross, Peter	000--06231	\$2.00
Royster, Kelly	000--03608	\$4.00
Rutz, Susan	--04243	\$232.00
Sahlfeld, Travis	000--05142	\$4.00
Sandberg, Pat	000--06917	\$30.00
Saul, Michael	--08826	\$120.00
Savin, Douglas	--00067	\$29.00
Sayre, Kyle	--1715A	\$14.00
Sayre, Patricia	--01854	\$7.00
Schmidlin, Mike	--07286	\$617.00
Schmidlkofer, Byron	--04201	\$3.00
Schmidlkofer, Gerritt	--07362	\$35.00
Schmidlkofer, Mathias	--07848	\$95.00
Schmidt, Danielle	000--02973	\$6.00
Schoeler, Ron	000--07170	\$27.00
Schoeler, Shirley	000--01526	\$4.00
Schurman, Sue	--03107	\$590.00
Scott, Jennifer	--03286	\$4.00
Seibel, Beverly	000--04953	\$34.00
Selby, Gail	000--04260	\$60.00
Selby, Violet	000--04599	\$75.00
Settlemire, Kim	000--00100	\$35.00
Shaner, Terry	--08069	\$7.00
Shaner, Theresa	--08266	\$18.00
Sheets, Arden	--00377	\$107.00
Sheets, Connie	--07892	\$29.00
Sherman, Daniel	--06004	\$15.00
Shields, Lisa	--05408	\$4.00
Shonk, Carolyn	000--00129	\$4.00
Siegel, Charles	000--07105	\$8.00
Sipe, Gabriele	--05221	\$4.00
Sipe, Luca	--06749	\$21.00
Smith, Cassie	000--03483	\$4.00
Smith, Emmaline	--04006	\$4.00
Smith, JoAnn	000--09238	\$4.00
Smith, Larry	000--02359	\$124.00
Smith, LeAnn	000--09280	\$10.00
Smith, Margaret Ann	--05773	\$18.00
Snodgrass, April	000--01412	\$30.00
Snodgrass, Paige	000--03666	\$31.00
Snyder, Carolyn	--01129	\$3.00
Sorensen, Erik	000--03764	\$3.00
St. Peter, Carol	--03160	\$2.00
Stec, Maia	000--01531	\$7.00
Steigerwald, Nicole	--09146	\$12.00
Stone, Bill	000--01493	\$13.00
Stone, Diane	--04222	\$12.00
Stone, Rob	000--07025	\$23.00
Strever, Benjamin	--05761	\$2.00
Strever, Cara	000--03122	\$20.00
Stuva, Ben	--06162	\$7.00
Swain, Sue	--03208	\$4.00
Symes, Maureen	--06289	\$140.00
Taylor, Lynne	--00381	\$6.00
Tellin, Benjamin	000--07713	\$10.00
Tellin, Kim	--6465A	\$4.00
Tellin, Zachary	000--0294A	\$4.00
Terry, Ashley	--02966	\$4.00

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Name and Address	Exhibitor #	Premium
Terry, Kaylyn	--08660	\$5.00
Thompson, Jane	000--00526	\$5.00
Thomson, Barb	--08992	\$6.00
Thoulion, JoAnn	000--02376	\$15.00
Tilp, Janet	000-000-03574	\$12.00
Tilp, Nathaniel	--07425	\$15.00
Todd, Jalen	--03287	\$3.00
Todd, Okeka	--04657	\$4.00
Trobough, Doug	000--06317	\$9.00
Trobough, Nathaniel	000--06315	\$12.00
Trom, Jennifer	--00247	\$4.00
Trout, Peggy	--01148	\$4.00
Underwood, Caroline	--06929	\$13.00
Upton, Catherine	000--02457	\$63.00
Upton, Emily	000--05098	\$33.00
Upton, Nancy	000--02995	\$7.00
Upton, Wendy	000--09819	\$41.00
Upton, Wesley	000--01355	\$9.00
Van Dyke, Duane	000--04631	\$220.00
Van Loo, Rachel	--01888	\$4.00
VanRoekel, Laurie	--02362	\$302.00
Vandehey, Jason	000--04988	\$4.00
Vandehey, Jean	--04316	\$8.00
Vandehey, Sarah	000--00888	\$2.00
Vanderzanden, Kristie	--02615	\$4.00
Viducich, Mary	--07115	\$15.00
Viera, Hannah	000--05509	\$16.00
Vincent, Jayme	--08507	\$4.00
Vinson, Janet	000--07014	\$3.00
Vinson, Madeline	000--09554	\$18.00
Vinson, Michelle	000--03924	\$7.00
Vlietstra, Haley	--03379	\$2.00
Voyles, Danielle	--05484	\$9.00
Voyles, Michael	--02738	\$3.00
Vuylsteke, Alice	000--02531	\$43.00
Wagner, Philip	--08421	\$9.00
Walker, Mary	000--05795	\$2.00
Walter, Judy	--01603	\$8.00
Weiss, Abigail	--05453	\$6.00
Weiss, Kimberly	--01108	\$4.00
West Union Garden Club,	000--02154	\$12.00
White Water Farms, Inc.,	--09233	\$2,015.00
Whorley, Joyce	000--01763	\$6.00
Wil-Rene Farms,	--04322	\$670.00
Wilcox, Bailey	--07839	\$7.00
Wilcox, Kristin	--4336A	\$16.00
Wiley, Suzie	--02506	\$235.00
Williams, Roxanne	--05695	\$14.00
Wilson, Margaret	--04949	\$8.00
Wilson, Pam	--04004	\$3.00
Wohlfarth, Sandra	000--09350	\$40.00
Woodward, Michelle	--00493	\$89.00
Wray, Julie	--06299	\$97.00
Wren, David	--03035	\$25.00
Wu, Ethan	--09674	\$8.00
Wu, Phoebe	--06529	\$7.00
Zavala, Gerardo	--09985	\$10.00

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Exhibit Numbers

Textiles

2007: 415 entries, 104 exhibitors
2006: 431 entries, 112 exhibitors
2005: 453 entries, 125 exhibitors
2004: 473 entries, 121 exhibitors
2003: 570 entries, 144 exhibitors * New Super
2002: 533 entries, 119 exhibitors
2001: 438 entries, 115 exhibitors
2000: 590 entries, 158 exhibitors
1999: 552 entries, 170 exhibitors
1998: 708 entries, 192 exhibitors

Baked Goods

2007: 303 entries, 85 exhibitors
2006: 295 entries, 84 exhibitors * New Super
2005: 311 entries, 80 exhibitors * New Super
2004: 242 entries, 69 exhibitors
2003: 314 entries, 82 exhibitors
2002: 349 entries, 100 exhibitors * New Super
2001: 330 entries, 104 exhibitors
2000: 443 entries, 139 exhibitors
1999: 466 entries, 141 exhibitors
1998: 420 entries, 138 exhibitors

Beverages

2007: 42 entries, 16 exhibitors
2006: 74 entries, 26 exhibitors
2005: 61 entries, 13 exhibitors
2004: 20 entries, 9 exhibitors
2003: 33 entries, 12 exhibitors

Crafts

2007: 209 entries, 89 exhibitors
2006: 257 entries, 119 exhibitors * New Super
2005: 310 entries, 124 exhibitors * New Super
2004: 322 entries, 138 exhibitors
2003: 319 entries, 112 exhibitors
2002: 325 entries, 139 exhibitors
2001: 326 entries, 159 exhibitors * New Super
2000: 338 entries, 174 exhibitors
1999: 395 entries, 182 exhibitors
1998: 409 entries, 209 exhibitors

Floral

2007: 577 entries, 57 exhibitors
2006: 573 entries, 64 exhibitors
2005: 543 entries, 73 exhibitors
2004: 761 entries, 89 exhibitors
2003: 855 entries, 110 exhibitors
2002: 863 entries, 109 exhibitors
2001: 882 entries, 125 exhibitors
2000: 864 entries, 118 exhibitors

1999: 723 entries, 109 exhibitors

1998: 605 entries, 81 exhibitors

Food Preservation

2007: 110 entries, 25 exhibitors

2006: 84 entries, 25 exhibitors

2005: 147 entries, 40 exhibitors

2004: 167 entries, 36 exhibitors

2003: 296 entries, 122 exhibitors * New Super

2002: 343 entries, 63 exhibitors

2001: 330 entries, 86 exhibitors

2000: 595 entries, 107 exhibitors

1999: 540 entries, 104 exhibitors

1998: 403 entries, 92 exhibitors

Land Products

2007: 248 entries, 42 exhibitors

2006: 289 entries, 45 exhibitors

2005: 153 entries, 36 exhibitors

2004: 295 entries, 51 exhibitors * New Super

2003: 232 entries, 65 exhibitors

2002: 244 entries, 61 exhibitors

2001: 297 entries, 67 exhibitors* New Super

2000: 405 entries, 71 exhibitors

1999: 295 entries, 70 exhibitors

1998: 276 entries, 76 exhibitors

Paintings and Drawings

2007: 172 entries, 76 exhibitors

2006: 272 entries, 119 exhibitors * New Super

2005: 311 entries, 126 exhibitors * New Super

2004: 373 entries, 147 exhibitors

2003: 387 entries, 151 exhibitors

2002: 373 entries, 145 exhibitors

2001: 424 entries, 152 exhibitors * New Super

2000: 446 entries, 186 exhibitors

1999: 480 entries, 192 exhibitors

1998: 452 entries, 186 exhibitors

Photography

2007: 500 entries, 134 exhibitors

2006: 473 entries, 118 exhibitors * New Super

2005: 448 entries, 130 exhibitors * New Super

2004: 518 entries, 159 exhibitors

2003: 353 entries, 125 exhibitors

2002: 297 entries, 93 exhibitors

2001: 334 entries, 106 exhibitors * New Super

2000: 366 entries, 130 exhibitors

1999: 358 entries, 123 exhibitors

1998: 301 entries, 108 exhibitors

Beef

2007: 225 entries, 25 exhibitors * New Super

2006: 231 entries, 25 exhibitors * New Supers

2005: 196 entries, 25 exhibitors

2004: 273 entries, 27 exhibitors

2003: 304 entries, 30 exhibitors

2002: 168 entries, 34 exhibitors * Super requested to change barns and have non-split show

2001: 228 entries, 51 exhibitors

2000: 175 entries, 43 exhibitors

Cashmere Goats

2007: None

2006: None

2005: None

2004: 24 entries, 3 exhibitors

2003: 20 entries, 4 exhibitors

2002: 29 entries, 5 exhibitors

2001: 35 entries, 11 exhibitors

2000: 32 entries, 6 exhibitors

Dairy Cattle

2007: 148 entries, 22 exhibitors

2006: 120 entries, 16 exhibitors

2005: 145 entries, 21 exhibitors * New Supers

2004: 165 entries, 21 exhibitors

2003: 175 entries, 24 exhibitors

2002: 110 entries, 24 exhibitors

2001: 95 entries, 16 exhibitors

2000: 112 entries, 17 exhibitors

Dairy Goats

2007: 95 entries, 10 exhibitors

2006: 78 entries, 6 exhibitors

2005: Cancelled. Dairy Goat Nationals held in Spokane Washington during our fair.

2004: 185 entries, 14 exhibitors * New Super

2003: 121 entries, 7 exhibitors * New Super

2002: 64 entries, 7 exhibitors *Dairy Goat Nationals held in Colorado 7/20/02. Will be held on 7/19/03 in Iowa.

2001: 154 entries, 16 exhibitors

2000: 161 entries, 15 exhibitors

Fleece & Fiber – Formerly the Wool category. Separated from Sheep category in 2007

2007: 23 entries, 7 exhibitors

Llamas

No longer an Open Class Llama and Alpaca show

2000: 10 entries, 2 exhibitors

Poultry

2006: 71 entries, 17 exhibitors

2005: 55 entries, 12 exhibitors

2004: 54 entries, 11 exhibitors

2003: Blue Ribbon not used this year for Poultry

2002: 118 entries, 9 exhibitors * New Super

2001: 180 entries, 13 exhibitors

2000: 42 entries, 8 exhibitors

Pygora Goats

2007: 36 entries, 8 exhibitors * New Super

2006: 37 entries, 8 exhibitors

2005: 23 entries, 8 exhibitors

2004: 32 entries, 7 exhibitors * New Super

2003: 62 entries, 12 exhibitors

2002: 50 entries, 11 exhibitors

2001: 43 entries, 10 exhibitors

2000: 28 entries, 8 exhibitors

Sheep

2007: 230 entries, 14 exhibitors

Sheep & Wool – Seperated

2006: 226 entries, 19 exhibitors

2005: 267 entries, 21 exhibitors

2004: 234 entries, 18 exhibitors

2003: 251 entries, 21 exhibitors

2002: 152 entries, 22 exhibitors

2001: 188 entries, 31 exhibitors *New Super

2000: 94 entries, 19 exhibitors

Calendar of Events
August – December 2007

Date	Event	Location
August		
10 – 12	No Board Meeting	
24 – Sept. 3	Oregon International Air Show	Parking Lots Open
29	Oregon State Fair	Salem
	OFA Combined Area Meeting	State Fair
September		
3	Labor Day	Office Closed
5	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
5	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
7 - 23	Western Washington Fair	Puyallup, WA
19	Revitalization Task Force	Hillsboro Civic Ctr. (6:00 PM)
28 – Oct. 7	Central Washington Fair	Yakima, WA
October		
3	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
3	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
17	Revitalization Committee	Hillsboro Civic Ctr. (1:00 PM)
12 - 13	Frite Lites	Grounds (7:00 PM)
19 – 31	Frite Lites	Grounds (7:00 PM)
November		
7	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
7	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
14	Revitalization Task Force	Hillsboro Civic Ctr. (1:00 PM)
23	Thanksgiving	Office Closed
December		
5	Board Meeting	Floral Building (4:30 PM)
5	Booster Meeting	Floral Building (7:00 PM)
12	Revitalization Task Force	Hillsboro Civic Ctr. (1:00 PM)
25	Christmas Holiday	Office Closed

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WASHINGTON COUNTY OREGON

Fair Complex

July 17, 2007

Board of Commissioners
Washington County
155 N. First Street, Suite 300
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Chairman Brian and Members of the Board of Commissioners;

On behalf of the Washington County Fair Complex Board, volunteers and staff, I extend an invitation to each of you to "Discover the Fun" at the 2007 Washington County Fair & Rodeo, July 26-29, 2007.

We have assembled Washington County's best including competitive exhibits ranging from dairy cattle, beef, swine, sheep, poultry, rabbits, textiles, arts & crafts, floral exhibits, 4H, FFA and fiber animals as well as truck pull, demolition derby and two action-packed performances of the NPRA Rodeo Presented by Madden Industrial Craftsmen on July 27 and 28 starting at 7:00 pm each evening.

This year's County Fair will also again feature a regional DockDogs® Competition all four days where "Man's Best Friend" takes a running start off a 40-foot ramp, leaping in to 27,000-gallon pool of water, to see which canine can jump the farthest.

Don't forget to enjoy an array of tasty food ranging from the traditional corndog to BBQ, plus some of the best country, pop, and blues music performed live on the Brews and Blues Stage presented by Tuality Healthcare.

Remember, this is your County Fair & Rodeo and we hope that you will come out and take a look at some of the exciting activities planed for 2007. Fair admission is free to everyone, everyday, all the time. More details can be found at www.faircomplex.com.

If you need any special accommodations, please feel free to call me at 503.648.1416 extension 205.

Sincerely,
WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR COMPLEX

Don G. Hillman, CFE
Executive Director

Cc: Washington County Fair Complex Board

August 20, 2007

Washington County Fair Complex Board
Scholarship Selection Committee
873 N.E. 34th Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Dear Scholarship Selection Committee:

Thank you for your consideration of my application to the Jeanne Leeson Memorial 4-H Scholarship and for the distinction of being selected to receive this award. I greatly appreciate the time and resources that were contributed to the scholarship, and I am very humbled to be its first recipient. It is heartwarming to receive such generous support from the 4-H community, and I am truly honored by this gift.

Sincerely,


Kelsii Dana

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Washington County Fair Complex Boosters
MEETING MINUTES - June 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Rohrer, in the Floral Building. Those present introduced themselves. Minutes from the last meeting were approved as mailed. Treasurer's report was distributed, and approved. The treasurer presented bills for approval: Insurance, Oregon Fairs Assoc. dues, Downtown Hills. Business Assoc. dues, Fire extinguisher recharge, Cake for birthday (at meeting). Motion made and approved for payment of bills.

Dave Rohrer reported on the outcome of the **Task Force for Revitalization** of the Fair Complex on May 16. The next meeting will be held on June 20 in Beaverton.
Time: 1-4pm at building across from the Library, on 5th St.

Lyle Spiesschaert reported for the **Strategic Committee**.

Discussion was held about a proposal to change the management structure of the Fair Complex. It would be similar to how some Fairs operate now. It was voted to approve a presentation to the Fair Board.

On June 12, Lyle will talk at CPO 8 meeting (North Plains) about Booster activities.

Tom Black is coordinating the re-roofing of the First Aid building (aka 'Meeting Room'). Tom volunteered to do this job, which is not a Booster project.

The Booster entry into the **Hillsboro 4th of July Parade** will be coordinated by Sue Willhoite and Diane Steward. Help is need to decorate our entry, which will be a truck and trailer provided by Dave Rohrer. Volunteers are need to help, and to ride on our 'float'. A collection was taken at the meeting for purchase of candy. Helpers and Riders are asked to call (503) 681-8086 or 819-6769 for further information.

Ed Kristovich reported on the **Booster Food Booth** near the Rodeo grounds. There was a problem with the lock, with was fixed. The person living in a trailer near the Booster Booth and the Fair Office asked if he could place a refrigerator in our Booth for his personal use. After a discussion, it was decided to refer him to Don Hillman, before any decision was made.

Flower Planter Boxes - Bill Ganger, the Master Gardeners and others that work at the Demonstration Gardens at the Fairgrounds will plant the boxes. Motion approved for \$200. to be spent on potting soil and flowers.

Hillsboro Tuesday Market - Our booth is further east on Main St, than where we were last year. Kathy Schmidlkofer will assist in storage of items used. Paul Goldmann will 'take charge' of the set-up, and scheduling workers. **Volunteers needed:** Tuesdays 5:00pm to 8:30pm.

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Membership Renewal: Sheila Day reminded all members that it is time for payment of your 2007-08 dues. Our membership year is JULY 1 through JUNE 30. Dues can be mailed to the Boosters postal box (shown on form) or when you are visiting the Fair - pay them at the Booster Booth in the Main exhibit building.

Set up of the **Booster Booth in Main Exhibit Building** during the Fair, was discussed. Inez Griffels and Judy Goldmann are coordinating the lay out of the booth, and obtaining necessary items for display. We rented the space similar to last years booth. Those volunteering to work in the booth during Fair: Jim Clute, Paul Goldmann, Dave Rohrer, Lyle Spiesschaert. Focus will be to promote membership

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Day
Sheila Day, Secretary

County Fair Dates:

JULY 26 - 29

NEXT MEETING: JULY 10, 2007

Tuesday 7:00 pm

New fair board member announced

The Washington County Board of Commissioners will soon appoint Don McCoun as the newest member of the county's fair board.

"Per our normal process, names for various boards, committees and commissions are nominated by commissioners at a work session prior to being placed on the

regular agenda," said Chairman Tom Brian via e-mail Friday. "While it is only a nomination, we generally give deference to the nomination unless there is specific objection by a member of the Board."

McCoun will fill the vacancy created by Ken Maden's resignation.

Brian said McCoun has demonstrated a 30-year commitment to the county fair and many events that occur year-round. As former owner of KUIK Radio, located across the street from the fairgrounds, McCoun knows the fair and other events at the fairgrounds well, Brian said.

Current Fair Board Members:

*Kathy Christy
Rafe Flagg
Herb Hirst
Dan Logan
Mike Steward
Rich Vial*

Fair Complex Booster Minutes

Acting chairman Lyle Spiesschaert called the July 10th meeting of the Washington County Fair Complex Boosters to order at 7:25pm at the Floral Building. In attendance were Paul Goldmann, Mike & Diane Steward, Glenna Dryden, Ed Kristovich, George Horner, Carolyn Ganger, Lyle Spiesschaert & Judy Marsh.

Al Goldmann made a motion to approve the minutes of our last meeting as sent out. It was seconded by Ed Kristovich. Passed unanimously.

Al Goldmann gave the treasurers' report. After a little discussion, Ed Kristovich made a motion to accept the treasurers' report and pay the bills. George Horner seconded. Passed unanimously.

Al & Ed gave a brief report on the Booster's food booth. They said they need two more members for each shift to help with the cooking. We sell hot dogs, nachos & cheese, chili and beverages. Al also brought up that we will be raising our prices to stay competitive with everyone else.

Booster Booth in the Main Exhibit Building-Inez Griffels and Judy Goldmann are co-chairing this project. To help with expenses to put this booth together there was a motion made by Diane Steward: To give Inez & Judy up to \$100 a day for expense related to the Booster booth, but not to exceed \$400. It was seconded by Judy Marsh. Passed unanimously.

Paul Goldmann brought up Tuesday market and how long we should be there. His talking points at the market are to get people to become members of our organization, to talk about what the Task Force is about and the date, time, and place of their next meeting. The thought was to only sponsor the booth at the market until fair time. Paul will contact Kathy Schmidlkofer to discuss the agreement we have with the market.

Paul thought we should increase our efforts to sign up 4-H leaders, 4-H parents, & even 4-H clubs to become members or associate members. It was thought that Terry Palmer might be able to talk about membership at the morning 4-H meetings that are held at the fair.

Election of officers is not far away, a nominating committee needs to be formed. Anyone who would like to be on the committee or who would like to be considered for an office in our organization needs to contact our President David Rohrer.

It was a consensus that we would like to be greeters at the fair. We would wear our Booster Shirts and welcome people to the fair. We could talk to them about basic things that have to do with events and facilities at the fair grounds. Maybe even have a map of the ground to help direct people where they want to go. This would all have to be cleared with Manager Don Hillman. Lyle asked Mike Steward to take this idea to Don for his approval. Along with that idea, we asked Mike to see if we could put our flower planters out and about around the livestock barns. Also we would like to have the animal silhouettes put up on the barns again this year. Mike said he would talk to him as soon as possible. If Don approves of us being greeters, there would be a sign up sheet at our

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booth in the main exhibit building. At the time of sign up, there would be a guide sheet on what we were there to do and talk about.

Mike Steward was thanked for all he has done for those he represents. Mike also said we should thank Dan Logan for all that he has done. Thanks was also expressed to the Middle Age Housewives for their constant work as a watchdog group.

Those present do not believe in the fairgrounds current management model. There was also concern expressed about rewriting the manager's job requirements without public input or knowledge, which was apparently done at an emergency meeting in July. The entire process of calling an emergency Fair Board meeting and then going into executive session to discuss a change in employment status for the Complex executive director is concerning. It is hard to restore public trust when our appointed public officials conduct the public's business inappropriately.

To discuss this employment issue and our new management model proposal we should request a meeting with Fair Board representatives. It was suggested to request a meeting with three representatives possibly Flagg, Logan and McCoun. These three could meet with an equal number of Fair Boosters. Booster member Spiesschaert and President Rohrer will request such a meeting in writing addressed to President Flagg.

It was brought up that not all the membership is getting all the information on what the boosters are doing, achieving, or what we are looking to do in the future. One suggestion was to have a detailed report developed twice a year and then posted to the web site.

August meeting date was discussed. No decision was made, but it was brought up to have it after the Task Force meeting which is to be held August 15 at the Hillsboro Civic Center.

The Booster organization was discussed and it was suggested, since the Fair Board is inconsistent with their meeting times, dates and locations it was affecting our continuity. Therefore, rather than becoming victimized by their lack of organization we should develop a yearly event calendar in advance that outlines our major events, meetings, etc. We should give time, date, location, etc. and make arrangements for facilities well in advance. Judy brought up the fact that she went on the web site to see about tonight's meeting and it showed this meeting being on July 4th. There needs to be someone to monitor the web site.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Marsh

Announcements:

Boosters Barbeque & Potluck, Labor Day, September 3, 2007, 4 PM @ Lyle Spiesschaert's.

Boosters Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 7 PM @ Fairgrounds

Meet us at the Fair

Washington County Fair Complex Boosters

Even though the Fair Boosters have not received an invitation from the Fair Board or Fair Staff to participate in this year's fair, the membership has again agreed to honor their mission of support for the annual county fair. Their continuing vision and strategic planning to protect and preserve the fairgrounds, as a public asset that is affordable, available and accessible to all the residents of Washington County remains their constant goal. Through patience and perseverance this grass roots organization has saved the fairgrounds from becoming a mall and now are working cooperatively with the County Task Force in defining and deciding a strategic plan to build out to the future.

Given the lack of a welcoming environment for the Boosters to participate in the fair, we will limit our involvement during fair time. We are however prepared to provide a welcoming presence for all those that may attend the fair this year and look forward to next year with a new vision that will welcome all. We can use your help and support in this endeavor.

Boosters Food Booth

Location: Main Arena

Contact: Ed Kristovich (503) 681-0728 or Al Goldmann (503) 648-9597

Purpose: Provide food and beverages for guests attending arena events

Needed: Help prepare and serve food for all arena events

Boosters Information Booth

Location: Main Exhibit Hall

Contact: Judy Goldmann (503) 648-9597 or Inez Griffels (503) 846-1307

Purpose: Tell the Booster's Story, answer questions, provide a place for Boosters to assemble.

Needed: Persons to serve various shifts to staff the booth.

Boosters Planter Boxes

Location: Throughout Exhibit Areas

Contact: Bill Ganger (503) 648-5706

Purpose: Beautify the fairgrounds and create a presence for the Boosters

Needed: Persons to distribute before fair, water during fair, and collect after fair.

[More California news](#)

Bulls escape pen at California State Fair, hurting officer

ASSOCIATED PRESS

9:43 p.m. August 21, 2007

SACRAMENTO – Two bulls broke free from their steel pen at the California State Fair, injuring a police officer as she tried to steer children out of their path.

Snorting and raging, the bulls also trampled a horse and terrified a grandstand full of people who were gathered Sunday to watch a “Dancing With Bulls” event featuring rodeo clowns. The clowns were quickly pressed into action, scooping children out of the animals' way.

The animals lifted 100-pound metal panels that formed their enclosure by simultaneously sticking their heads through the panels and lifting them apart.

“We've never had that happen, never in my life,” said Cotton Rosser, whose Flying U Rodeo staged the event. “Those panels are heavy.”

The bulls broke loose as children were leaving the rodeo arena after a contest in which kids gathered dollar coins tossed on the ground.

As the bulls rushed out, Cal Expo Police Officer Pam Irey summoned onlookers to get out of the way. Her daughter Shelby, 16, was preparing for a flag ceremony in the staging area with nearly two dozen members of the sheriff's Explorers program.

“My mom grabbed a 5-year-old boy and tossed him over the fence to a cowboy so he wouldn't be trampled,” she said. “She distracted the bulls from another Explorer.”

Then the bulls charged Irey. She remained hospitalized Tuesday with broken ribs, a minor concussion and some abrasions, State Fair spokeswoman Jessica Dunning said.

The fair's deputy general manager, Brian May, called Irey a hero.

“Her instinct as a police officer was to warn people,” May said. “She waved her arms, drew the attention of the bulls and was charged herself.”

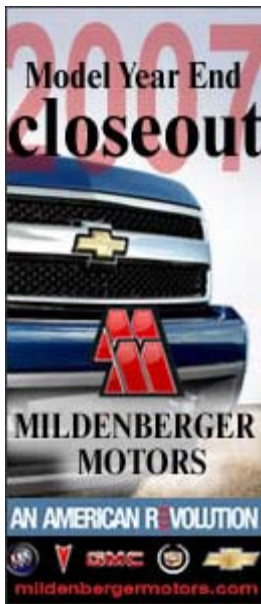
Rodeo hands and cow dogs were able to round up the bulls later and load them into trailers.

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County to scrap fair board

By KIM BRIGGEMAN of the Missoulian



Missoula County Commissioner Barbara Evans listens Monday morning to recommendations from county administrators to abolish the fair board. "I apologize to the public for any part of this that is my doing, and I hope we can fix it and make it better," Evans said. Photo by KURT WILSON/Missoulian

Its staff jumping ship, its master plan a shambles, the tilt-a-whirl saga of the Western Montana Fair took a dizzying turn Monday when Missoula County administrators recommended the fair board be disbanded.

If all goes as planned, it'll happen in 10 days, said Ann Mary Dussault, the county's chief administrative officer. First, however, the public will be asked to weigh in.

"We're at a crossroads, a junction if you will," said outgoing commissioner Barbara Evans. "I believe this is the best course of action."

Three of the fairgrounds' four regular employees - manager Scot Meader, administrative assistant Eunice Misbe and rental coordinator Toni Hinton - have resigned or said they planned to. All cited poor working relationships with the

board.

The commissioners last month indicated their lack of support for the conceptual designs of a new fairgrounds the fair board came up with.

Dussault said the recommendation to scrap the board stemmed from a request by the commissioners for a course of action to deal with those two issues.

That suggested course, as arrived at by a senior management team made up of Dussault, chief financial officer Dale Bickell and human resources director Steve Johnson, is for the county to devise an organizational structure to run the fairgrounds and the 2008 fair itself.

The seven-member fair board, down to six people after chairman Buck Smith resigned last week, would cease to exist on Aug. 30 if Evans and fellow commissioners Jean Curtiss and Bill Carey so decide.

Further, the commissioners should come up with plans, with public input, that will detail how to run the fairgrounds and future fairs; to determine "what an annual Missoula County fair event should look like in future years"; and to decide what's "the highest and best use of the property" the fairgrounds sit on.

"While the recommendations will effectively dissolve the structure of a fair commission, our intent is neither to punish nor cast blame," Dussault read. "We sincerely hope that past and current fair commissioners will be active participants in the planning processes."

This doesn't negate the work the fair board has done on a master plan the past two years, Curtiss said.

"I think there'll be lots of things they learned through the public process," she said.

The board has compiled comments on its master plan and the fairgrounds' future, and plans to present a report to county commissioners Tuesday, chairwoman Betty Jo Johnson said.

Evans thanked fair board members past and present for the hard work.

"It's been a complicated situation and a good share of it is the commissioners' doing," she said. "I'm perfectly willing to take my share of the blame, in that over the years we should have been spending money on the fairgrounds. We should have been refurbishing the buildings. We should have been recognizing some of the problems along the way and dealing with them.

"So I apologize to the public for any part of this that is my doing, and we hope we can fix it and make it better."

Johnson said the fair board, while disappointed, will take the high road.

"We serve at the discretion of the county commissioners and this is the direction they have for the fair and the fairgrounds," she said. "We're all professionals, and we've acted professionally up until now."

Evans, who announced her retirement from the county last month, wanted something done before she leaves on Aug. 30. She has talked with her successor, Larry Anderson, and he indicated his support for the extreme move.

A proposed schedule calls for a vote on Evans' last day.

A public hearing will be conducted Wednesday, Aug. 29, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the courthouse. Public comment will be solicited until then via e-mail, letters or comment at the commissioners' public meeting Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

Dussault said she didn't know if there are other fairs operating without volunteer boards to run them. But the recommendation came after consulting with Mike Sehestedt, the county's chief deputy attorney. Auditor Barbara Berens reviewed the plan for policy compliance.

Citizen boards run all Montana fairs and almost all others in the region.

John Pitz, manager of the Twin Falls County Fair in Idaho and president of the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs, said there's one small fair in Idaho that is directly managed by the county.

"But it's way smaller than you guys are," Pitz said.

In his opinion, Pitz said it would be "a political nightmare" for elected commissioners to be charged with setting up policies and making rules for a county fair.

"I would think that would be political suicide," he said. "In the fair business, there's no way you can make 80,000

people happy. Every year, you make X amount of enemies."

Johnson said she's not sure how the fair can run without the board.

"Personally, I think they need all of the volunteers that we've had. I think they need all of us who have worked really, really hard for the last many, many years," she said. "But I believe the commissioners must have a plan. Maybe they will include some of us, maybe they won't."

"They need something or somebody who has the experience and the know-how to put on a large entertainment package, which the fair is," said Bill Nooney, who retired as an active board member in 2001 after 38 years.

Johnson took over as chairwoman Aug. 10 when Smith resigned from the board after 16 years. She has served for 25, while Julie Gemar-Williams and Charlie Deschamps have each volunteered for nearly two decades.

The other board members include Kim Latrielle and newcomers Kristen Bounds and Michelle Felde, who joined in January when the board was expanded from five to seven.

"We all have a passion for the fair and love the fair, otherwise we wouldn't put in the time we did," Johnson said. "We work harder than a lot of other fair boards, but it's necessary to do it. And we worked extra hard the last couple of years."

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All's fair

Copies of the county senior management team's recommendations can be found at the commissioners' office in the Missoula County Courthouse, at the Western Montana Fair office, at the Missoula Public Library and online at www.missoulain.com or www.co.missoula.mt.us.

Comments can be made at the commissioners' public meeting Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the courthouse annex. They can also be sent to bcc@co.missoula.mt.us (please put "fair" in subject line), by fax at (406) 721-4043, or by letter to Board of County Commissioners, Missoula County Courthouse, 200 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802.



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See y'all next year

Fair attendance improves, say officials

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SAN MATEO

FOR GEOFF HINDS and his team, growing attendance at the San Mateo County Fair is a little bit like refining a science experiment each year. They see what worked and which ingredients were missing. If all goes well, they end up with more visitors than the previous year.

Hinds does not have the look of a mad scientist, however — just a very busy and exhausted fair manager. Now in his third year as fair and festivals manager since upper management brought him in to revitalize lagging fair attendance, Hinds has been operating on four hours' sleep almost every night since the fair opened.

As the fair drew to a close Sunday and sleep beckoned, Hinds took some time to analyze what went right this year — and which parts of the science experiment went wrong.

Overall, attendance through Saturday (Sunday's numbers were not yet available) picked up slightly over last year's attendance numbers — 115,094 people in 2007 compared with 114,868 at the 2006 fair, or about a quarter of a percentage point. Despite the slow growth trend, Hinds said this year's attendance was near an "all-time record" going back several decades.

"You're going to see some plateaus and valleys. You can't hit a home run every year," he said.

His ambition is to attract 200,000 people to the fair over the next five or 10 years, but there's no perfect formula. The fair used to be best known for its flower exhibition, but over the years a new demographic has grown to favor the rides, rock shows and pig races. Young people are now the most bankable group, more likely to spend money at food stands and carnival games, and the fair has changed to reflect that. A popular BMX bike show returned this year, and more animals were available to pet (such as goats) and ogle (such as a boa constrictor).

"We really had to reinvent ourselves and find a way to attract a new segment of the community," said Hinds.

Much of the fair's success derives from the popularity of the bands that play, drawing in the nighttime crowds. This year's lineup left the two strongest acts, Joan Jett and newcomers Blue October, for the final weekend. Neither of the acts was a smash hit, however.

"We didn't have any concerts that were completely full this year, where we have to close the door," said Hinds. "It's always a moving target to anticipate what's going to be popular, especially with up-and-coming acts."

Notable in its absence was perennial rock favorite Tower of Power, which was off touring with another group and could not perform. People kept asking where the group was, said Hinds.

Next year's fair will have an Olympics theme, as much of the fair's run will correspond with the summer Olympics in Beijing. Hinds said his team was already discussing some features, such as international decor, use of the Expo Hall as a wide-screen television Olympics viewing area, and inviting several former local Olympians to demonstrate their sport at the fair.

Some features will never change, however. The pig races were still the most popular event at the fair this year, and will be back. The new interactive exhibit "Rancho California," which featured historical facts about California's farm industry, and several live farm animals on hay bales also drew crowds.

On Sunday, 8-year-old Carlos Ruiz of Pittsburg leaned over a hay bale to pet a small brown calf that mooed enthusiastically. His favorite part of the fair was definitely "the rides," he said. "But I like looking at the big animals too.

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Crafts left behind in hurried times

Clackamas County Fair sees a decline in labor-intensive entries that take time to perfect

Friday, August 17, 2007

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The Oregonian

CANBY T he Clackamas County Fair is about as traditional as they come. In the Pioneer Village, men with long beards hammer metal into hooks and bundle straw into brooms.

In the craft and hobby hall, women's handiwork has been the mainstay since the fair started in 1906. Quilts and crochet items are showcased, just as they were 101 years ago.

But fair organizers have had to adapt to trends, even in the fair that's "the most country" of the Portland-area fairs, according to textile assistant Cynthia Nordstrom.

Traditional craft and food entries -- such as lace making and pickling -- have declined in recent years. In an age of 30-minute meals, it's tough to get people interested in these time-consuming tasks, fair manager Rayven Davis said.

If participation in certain categories dwindles, fair organizers combine or eliminate them. Over time they cut the initially popular lace division to two categories in the "miscellaneous" section.

Craft and textile superintendent Chris Bitz said entries such as woodcarving and sewing are dying out because parents don't have time to teach their children. "They're so busy with their careers," she said.

Sometimes the teaching falls to 4-H clubs. The fair's 4-H Fashion Revue featuring clothing made by club members is set for 7 p.m. tonight on the Main Stage.

On Thursday, Nina Huffman, 89, walked between glass cases in the main pavilion and pointed to items she entered: three aprons, a crocheted handkerchief and a quilt, among others. This is the 20th year she's entered handmade items in the Clackamas County Fair.

Huffman said she learned to sew, embroider and crochet in fifth grade in a one-room schoolhouse. She tried teaching her two girls how to sew, and her older daughter is talented, she said.

"My younger one doesn't sew, she doesn't crochet," Huffman said. "But she's a good salesperson."

She said she thinks traditional craft entries are declining because adults have different priorities.

"It's a lot of work," she said.

In the food division, organizers are experiencing a similar decrease in traditional entries. Cookies fill glass cases around the room, but pickling and canning aren't as popular as they used to be, division superintendent Susan Sommers said.

"People don't take the time to do it," she said. "It's easy to go to the store to buy it."

Children aren't taught to sew or cook in home economics classes as often as previous generations were, but as different crafts become popular with children, fair officials adapt.

Bitz added knitted scarves as a category when teens started entering the beginning-level knitted items. She also said the bead section has grown because young women like making necklaces and bracelets.

Nordstrom sat in the middle of the craft, photography and textile hall on Thursday, feeding dyed wool and dog hair into a wooden spindle. She said children often come up to her and ask her what she's doing, and some want to try spinning yarn.

She and Bitz say they are hopeful the traditional crafts will be passed down many more generations, whether it's through 4-H programs, community classes or adult mentors.

"I think there's always going to be someone to keep the spark going," Bitz said.

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Fairground dreams won't come cheap

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The Argus

Wednesday, the Washington County fairgrounds task force got to find out the price of its dreams.

Architects with the Portland firm LRS laid out a price tag of between \$130 and \$160 million to add a state-of-the-art exhibition hall and open air pavilion to the 101-acre fairground tract just south of Cornell Road. Plans also called for a green area west of the large buildings called the "Heritage Commons," a welcoming plaza near the fairground's MAX station, community buildings, more ballfields and a water feature.

The changes would be phased in six or eight steps, depending on which model was pursued, if any, said architect Steve Mileham. At the very soonest, construction could begin in about 2 1/2 years, Mileham said.

The architects presented three synthesized composites based on the June musings of the 15-member group. Members were instructed then not to consider the costs of revitalization.

Co-chair Tom Brian said it was important the task force not try to fool the public into believing improvements would be cheap, much like the Portland tram project, which came out much more expensive than earlier promised.

"Shocking as these numbers are, we need to get them out and talk about them," Brian said.

Co-chair and Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes noted the architects had included every possible expense in the total costs. Traffic impact fees and grants would be available to defray the costs of infrastructure in the concepts, including the extension of Grant Street from Cornell to Brookwood Avenue.

"These were drawn not so much to answer questions, but to pose them," he said.

Mileham reiterated that the plans were conceptual, just to give task force members a basis for discussion. One of the three composites even left an area east of 34th Avenue open for "future development." That could be anything from an amphitheater to an IMAX, Mileham said.

"It's just a placeholder in my mind," Mileham said. "The sizes and locations will be determined later."

Task force members were overwhelmingly in favor of a water feature, and agreed with member Andy Duyck's suggestion it be a fountain rather than a lake, as the nearby airport would be adversely affected by the attracted waterfowl.

"A water feature is almost critical," said member Delna Jones.

Member Dave Rohrer reminded the task force that many of the existing buildings at the fairgrounds were

important for storage, and should not be ignored, but improved. He felt the plans didn't address one of the county fair's most pressing needs, which was more room for livestock shows.

"We've got kids showing their animals out in the grass," he said.

Member Jack Franklin pointed out that while it might be convenient to have the two main halls close together, there might be shows that conflicted with one another, like a horse show and a demolition derby.

"That could cause disturbances and complaints," Franklin said. "Maybe you should move one to the east side."

The three concepts should be online at www.co.washington.or.us/fairgroundtaskforce some time today.

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Fair puts food on vendors' tables

Concessionaires at the Oregon State Fair, which starts Aug. 24, grossed \$2.28 million last year

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The Oregonian

Is a quarter-pound of fried dough dusted with a tablespoon of sugar and cinnamon too healthy for you? You can pay an extra 50 cents at the Oregon State Fair and get your elephant ear topped with jam.

Perhaps you prefer your fair food on a stick? The state fair's 34 food vendors also sell spring roll on a stick, pork chop on a stick, pork loin on a stick and chocolate-dipped frozen cheesecake on a stick -- with nuts, an extra 50 cents.

Sweet and greasy foods do more than define summer fairs for the hundreds of thousands who attend the state fair and the 36 county fairs in Oregon. They also provide livelihoods to fair vendors.

Nobody sells more food at the state fair, the granddaddy of agriculture fairs in Oregon, than Bud Elgin of Bud Elgin Concessions of Salem.

More than 30 vendors at the state fair, which starts in Salem on Friday, Aug. 24, grossed \$2.28 million last year. Elgin, who this year will operate 10 separate food stands at the fair, last year grossed about \$475,000. That's more than 20 percent of the fair's total.

Elgin, 62, said he got into food sales at summer fairs to leave him time for his winter love: snowmobiling. He sells at only three fairs a year: a three-day Irish festival in May; the four-day Tillamook County Fair; and the 11-day state fair. He also spends about nine days a year catering summer events.

Elgin said he grossed about \$900,000 last year, about half at the state fair. He declined to reveal his net income, but said the majority of last year's revenue went for food, labor and commissions.

Commission payments aren't trivial. The state fair, for example, charges vendors from 22 percent to 30 percent of their revenue. The fair netted more than \$600,000 last year from food sales. At a commission of 29 percent, Elgin's payment to the state fair was \$139,000.

The fair has 65 food stands, with 15 operated by year-round concessionaires and the other 50 available to private companies or nonprofits. A committee chooses vendors based on food product and handling, experience, stand appearance and other criteria.

Elgin's 10 stands employ 204 people and sell all kinds of food. A partial list: barbecue chicken, hamburgers, cinnamon rolls, Pronto Pups, curly fries, yakisoba noodles, spring rolls, pork loin on a stick, ice cream, fried shrimp, clam chowder, pizza and spaghetti.

Fair organizers are trying to nudge vendors into selling more gourmet and healthy dishes, but Elgin believes the first thing fairgoers are after is large portions.

"I believe that people, when they go to the fair, they want grease and sugar," he said. "I try and make sure

my portion sizes are as large as anyone would want to eat."

Elgin owns all his equipment to contain costs and increase reliability. He owns 31 deep fryers, nine commercial convection ovens and a dozen grills.

Some food vendors are impressed. Rose Burnette is co-owner of Bubba's Smoky Mountain Cuisine of Creswell, a much smaller operation than Elgin's. She said she can't earn enough selling barbecued pulled pork at fairs so she keeps her job with Springfield Public Schools.

"I think Bud's smart," Burnette said. "He runs a good business."

Jody Carver, the owner of Dee Jay Concessions of Lewiston, Idaho, said he's been unable to get a spot in the Oregon State Fair. Still, Carver said he grosses about \$100,000 a year selling foods at 14 fairs a year.

"What's good about this is you can make a year's worth of wages in about five months," he said. "What's bad about it is you've got to do about 20 hours a day. It's not easy. You're on the go all the time."

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Attendance continues increasing at Clark County Fair

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VANCOUVER -- The carnival rides are packed and gone. Cleanup is well in hand. And the numbers have been been crunched to reveal that attendance at the Clark County Fair was up during its 10-day run, which ended Sunday.

A total of 268,226 people -- a 2.14 percent increase from 2006 -- walked through the gates, whether they paid the admission fee, showed their animals, worked the event or came for opening day's free pancake breakfast, when just a sponsorship coupon provided entry, said fair manager Tom Musser.

However, with larger sponsorships this year -- the fair's 139th -- the number of fair-goers who paid to attend dropped by 4.8 percent, to a total of 140,192, Musser said.

The fair didn't lose money with paid attendance down, but it's too early to know whether it made what directors budgeted to help pay expenses for the grounds' year-round operation, Musser said. Analyzing all aspects of the fair starts Monday, when the 27 board members meet for the first of nine critique sessions, he said.

Attendance has been on a steady rise since 2004, when ongoing construction of the air-conditioned exhibition hall and temperatures topping 100 degrees pushed attendance down to 220,000, Musser said. The previous high in Musser's 14-year-tenure was six years earlier when the band 'N Sync performed, helping push attendance to 300,000, he said.

This year, the Junior Livestock Auction set a record: \$321,000 was paid for cattle, pigs, goats, sheep and other animals sold at the fair. That included money raised through the first Youth Efforts Against Hunger, a program in which purchasers bought animals at auction and donated them to area food

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banks. The donations will put more than 3,000 pounds of meat in freezers for the needy.

Gross sales at the first-time beer and wine garden were slightly more than \$50,000. Adults from 33 states, some as far away as Vermont and Hawaii, visited the garden, where they had to show identification to be admitted.

The six-digit attendance number pleased Musser, but he also was happy with one single-digit count: Zero. That's how many people were arrested during this year's fair.

"Usually we have somebody picked up on a warrant," he said. "This year, it was a very mellow fair."

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Fair beer garden foes remain vocal

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

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A new beer garden at the 2007 Clark County Fair led to no arrests, but that hasn't shaken some elected officials' determination to shut off the taps in 2008.

"I'm still against it," said county Commissioner Marc Boldt, who said he'd visited the garden last week without partaking of its beverages. "I think it's potentially dangerous, and more than that, I think it sends the wrong message."

Sheriff Garry Lucas agreed, saying the lack of incidents at the fair - this was the first in years to see zero arrests - was beside the point.

"My opposition is philosophical, not operational," Lucas said Monday. "I don't think you have to drink beer to have a good time with your family."

Even if the garden were to stay around for five years without trouble, Lucas said he'd still oppose it in the sixth year.

The fair board's president, meanwhile, said he hopes to keep the garden next year, and advertise it more heavily with signs inside the fair.

"We see huge potential for improvement or increase in the revenue," board president Scott Horenstein said.

The fair sold \$50,000 worth of alcohol, fair manager Tom Musser said. The guards at the gate scanned 5,428 IDs from 33 different states.

Five people were turned away from the garden over the course of the week, Musser said, because they all had apparently gotten drunk elsewhere first.

The families of the intoxicated patrons drove them home, Musser said.

Musser said he didn't know yet if the garden, which sat next to the grandstand ringed by a chain-link fence, had turned a profit.

Ads drive revenue

Sponsorships from the beverage providers - Coors, Blue Moon, Maryhill Winery, Leaping Horse Wine and Mike's Hard Lemonade - provided much of the beer garden's revenue.

Lucas said there is a possibility that the county might prevent a 2008 beer garden by amending the fairgrounds' liquor license, which is shared by the Amphitheater at Clark County and year-round events at the fairgrounds.

Horenstein said about 25 people had thanked him for providing alcohol at the fair.

"It was adults who were there without kids who just wanted a beer, and adults or friends who had kids who didn't need to be chaperoned," he said. "People need to understand this is so commonplace among fairs now. So commonplace."

The fair had tried to increase the garden's visibility midweek by hanging a sign about the beer garden over the grandstand seats.

"We would do a lot more of that if we do this beer garden again," Horenstein said.

Fair Medical calls

The temporary Fire District 6 station fielded 21 medical calls during the 2007 Clark County Fair, taking seven people to the hospital, said spokeswoman Leah Edwards.

In 2006, there were 44 medical calls at the fair. Edwards attributed the sharp decline to the cooler weather this year.

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2007 Airshow draws 93,000

Tuesday, August 14, 2007

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The Argus

The 2007 Oregon International Air show was ... The Blues.

Yes, it had Sean Tucker and Team Oracle teasing the sky in dizzying loops and rolls, the Golden Knights parachuting to perfect bulls-eye landings, Bill Reesman dropping "bombs" and trailing "smoke" from his MiG and a host of other exciting air acts, static displays, games and giveaways.

Yet the real draw was The Blue Angels. According to Steve Callaway, spokesman for the Oregon International Airshow, 93,000 people came to the event, and Saturday's show drew the largest crowds.

There were noticeably fewer spectators at Friday's show, which did not include a Blue Angels performance. Those who came opening day were treated to a bevy of flyboy acts, including lavender flames shooting from the jet engines of Fat Albert, The Blues' gargantuan support plane, as it zoomed nearly straight up on takeoff.

As darkness fell, the Golden Knights sent out streamers of light as they fell groundward to a techno beat, followed by Oregon Aero SkyDancer shooting sparks of Mardi Gras colors - yellow purple and green - against the velvety backdrop of night.

Bill Reesman rocketed across the sky in his MiG, dragging jets of light, dropping fireworks in his wake like a mini-comet, accompanied by a wall of fire on the runway that startled and thrilled spectators.

These were but a prelude to a half-hour fireworks show that started at 9:47 p.m. It started with two fireballs from the ground, to the tune of Jerry Lee Lewis' "Great Balls of Fire.

For the next 30 minutes, with only an infinitesimal break near the end of the Homeland Fireworks show, huge showers of sparks, and firework shapes of "fireflies," rings, hearts and a plane assaulted the skies, accompanied by giant booms, reverberations and a soundtrack of popular and patriotic music.

Saturday's show featured Tucker's lighthearted play-by-play commentary as he displayed his low-altitude pinpoint precision and death-defying tailspin dives.

Hundreds of kids put in earplugs or mounted dad's shoulders to see the Blue Angels roar their way through the sky.

An unusually wide "sterile corridor" had to be maintained during the Blues' performances, but the crowds didn't seem to mind.

On Sunday, crowds packed the Hillsboro airport early. Many visited the static displays of aircraft while checking out the show in the air. Paul and Aaron Borntrager came from Bull Mountain to the show. The two were looking at older planes while waiting for The Blues.

"I like to see fire coming out of the back end of the jets," said Aaron, 5. Paul's favorite show piece was on the ground: "I like the vintage planes, because they are a piece of history. I'm especially interested in seeing the MiG at the Airshow, because I remember a time when they were on the other side."

The children of Hillsboro's Nagode family sported faces painted in Army-style camouflage. Michaela and Kermit brought Kiel, 10, Myli, 7 and Kyli, 5 to see The Blues and other acts. "I'm here for the Blues, mostly," said Kiel, "I also like the Army men with their guns, tanks and clothes."

A patriotic addition this year was the Veterans of Oregon Field of Honor, a display of 500 U.S. flags honoring America's men and women in the service. Tom Jones, a Veteran's of Oregon spokesman, said of the display, "We bring this all over the state, and we're going to have 1,000 flags. We hope this will bring peace to everyone."

Callaway said late Sunday he was glad the event had no major problems.

"Everything has gone very, very well this year. We had one child lost for about 1 1/2 minutes yesterday and one of the local TV stations locked keys inside their truck, but that's about all that happened."

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Behind the ribbons, three winners' stories

More than 90,000 people take in the Washington County Fair this year



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ABOVE | Cody Vincent, the winner of two blue ribbons at the Washington County Fair, displays his teddy guinea pig.

UPPER RIGHT | Fran Pease (left) and Dessie Carpenter show off their award-winning knitting at the Washington County Fair.

RIGHT | Molly Hammond shows off her pig, an overall champion at the Washington County Fair.



MARJON ROSTAMI/THE OREGONIAN

The 2007 Washington County Fair has come and gone, but many area residents have championship ribbons to remember it by. Here's a look at four winners of various competitions at the fair, which drew more than 90,000 people during its four-day run in Hillsboro at the end of July.

Cody Vincent, 11, won blue ribbons for showmanship and for conformation.

Cody described the showmanship award as one that judges him and the conformation award as one that judges his teddy guinea pig.

"It's fun and I used to watch my sister doing it, and I really admire her," said Cody, who is home-schooled.

An added bonus, Cody said, is that winners are rewarded with small cash prizes. But, he said, "I mostly do it for the fun of it."

— Jerry Casey

Dessie Carpenter and **Fran Pease** both won awards at the Washington County Fair for their socks.

Carpenter from Beaverton and Pease from Sherwood took first and second in their textile division.

"I taught her how to knit a year ago, and she took first place and I took second," Pease said. "I'm tickled that she beat me."

Both have been entering textiles in the fair since the late 1980s.

— Marjon Rostami

Molly Hammond's pig was named overall champion in its class at the Washington County Fair.

Molly, a Banks Elementary School student, said her pig won based on his looks and bone structure.

"I enjoy being around hogs," said Molly, who is 11. "That's what I was meant to be."

— Marjon Rostami

WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR WINNERS

Here is a full list of winners in Washington County Fair competitions.

BEEF CATTLE

Black Angus: Champion and reserve from lots 12,3: Mike Schmidlin, Vernonia
Black Angus: Junior champion and reserve from lots 5,6,7: PKM Angus, Sherwood
Black Angus: Grand champion and reserve champion from lots 9,10: PKM Angus, Sherwood

Black Angus: Champion and reserve from lots 14,15,16: Mike Schmidlin, Vernonia
Black Angus: Junior champion and reserve champion female from lots 18,19,20: Laurie VanRoekel, North Plains

Black Angus: Senior champion and reserve champion female from lots 22,23,24: Mike Schmidlin, Vernonia
Black Angus: Grand champion and reserve champion female: Laurie VanRoekel, North Plains

Charolais: Champion and reserve from lots 12,3: Richard Large, Canby
Charolais: Junior champion and reserve from lots 5,6,7: Richard Large, Canby

Charolais: Grand champion and reserve champion female: Pat O'Dell, Colton
Charolais: Junior champion and reserve champion female from lots 18,19,20: Bill Ganger, Hillsboro

Charolais: Senior champion and reserve champion female from lots 22,23,24: Suzie Wiley, Lafayette

Charolais: Grand champion and reserve champion female: Bill Ganger, Hillsboro
Hereford: Champion and reserve from lots

12,3: Sue Schurman, Vancouver
Hereford: Junior champion and reserve from lots 5,6,7: Sue Schurman, Vancouver
Hereford: Grand champion and reserve champion from lots 9,10: Sue Schurman, Vancouver

Hereford: Champion and reserve from lots 14,15,16: Tess Proctor, Woodland, Wash.
Hereford: Junior champion and reserve champion female from lots 18,19,20: Tracy Koberstein, Molalla

Hereford: Senior champion and reserve champion female from lots 22,23,24: Tess Proctor, Woodland, Wash.
Hereford: Grand champion and reserve champion female: Tess Proctor, Woodland, Wash.

Limousin: Champion and reserve from lots 12,3: Becky Redden, Colton
Limousin: Junior champion and reserve from lots 5,6,7: Pat O'Dell, Colton

Limousin: Grand champion and reserve champion from lots 9,10: Pat O'Dell, Colton
Limousin: Junior champion and reserve from lots 14,15,16: Pat O'Dell, Colton

Limousin: Senior champion and reserve champion female from lots 22,23,24: Pat O'Dell, Colton
Limousin: Grand champion and reserve champion female: Pat O'Dell, Colton

Pinzgauer: Champion and reserve from lots 12,3: Tom Gordon, Forest Grove
Pinzgauer: Junior champion and reserve from lots 5,6,7: Dixie Berg, Battle Ground, Wash.

Pinzgauer: Senior champion and reserve from lots 9,10: Laurie Blair, Scio
Pinzgauer: Grand champion and reserve champion from lots 14,15,16: Dixie Berg, Battle Ground, Wash.

Pinzgauer: Junior champion and reserve from lots 18,19,20: Dixie Berg, Battle Ground, Wash.
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Pinzgauer: Champion and reserve from lots 14,15,16: Donna Laney, Canby
Pinzgauer: Junior champion and reserve champion female from lots 18,19,20: Dixie Berg, Battle Ground, Wash.

Pinzgauer: Senior champion and reserve champion female from lots 22,23,24: Donna Laney, Canby
Pinzgauer: Grand champion and reserve champion female: Donna Laney, Canby

Other Breeds: Champion and reserve from lots 12,3: Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro
Other Breeds: Junior champion and reserve from lots 5,6,7: Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro

Other Breeds: Senior champion and reserve from lots 9,10: Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro
Other Breeds: Grand champion and reserve champion from lots 14,15,16: Lazy J Red Angus, Hillsboro

Other Breeds: Junior champion and reserve champion female from lots 18,19,20: Dani Peters, Albany

Other Breeds: Senior champion and reserve champion female from lots 22,23,24: Dani Peters, Albany

Special Open Beef Awards: Supreme champion bull: PKM Angus, Sherwood
Special Open Beef Awards: Supreme champion female: Laurie VanRoekel, North Plains

Special Open Beef Awards: Beef herdsman: Donna Laney, Canby
BAKED GOODS

Special Awards: Senior queen or king of kitchen rosette and plaque: Julie M. Kemp

er, Forest Grove
Special Awards: Junior queen or king of kitchen rosette: Catherine Upton, Hillsboro

SEVERAGES
Best of Show: Red grape wine: Jonathan Armstrong, Forest Grove
Best of Show: White grape wine: Lori Pritchard, Portland

Best of Show: Fruit/berry wine: Kenton Erwin, Portland
Best of Show: Home brewed beer: Douglas P. Savin, Hillsboro

DAIRY CATTLE
Ayrshire: Junior champion female ribbon only: White Water Farms Inc., Banks

Ayrshire: Senior champion female ribbon only: Sheila Evers-Harris, Banks
Ayrshire: Grand champion female ribbon only: Sheila Evers-Harris, Banks

Jersey: Junior champion female ribbon only: Gerrit Schmidtker, Forest Grove
Jersey: Senior champion female ribbon only: Zack Evers, Forest Grove

Jersey: Grand champion female ribbon only: Zack Evers, Forest Grove
Other Breeds: Junior champion female ribbon only: White Water Farms Inc., Banks

Other Breeds: Senior champion female ribbon only: White Water Farms Inc., Banks
Other Breeds: Grand champion female ribbon only: White Water Farms Inc., Banks

Brown Swiss: Junior champion female ribbon only: Matthew Jansen, Forest Grove
Brown Swiss: Senior champion female ribbon only: Michael Jansen, Forest Grove

Holstein: Junior champion female ribbon only: Danica Baggenstos, Cornelius
Holstein: Senior champion female ribbon only: Eric Evers, Forest Grove

Holstein: Grand champion female ribbon only: Eric Evers, Forest Grove
Guernsey: Junior champion female ribbon only: Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove

Guernsey: Senior champion female ribbon only: Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove
Guernsey: Grand champion female ribbon only: Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove

Special Awards: Supreme champion cow: Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove
Special Awards: Herdsmanship: Wil-Rene Farms, Forest Grove

DAIRY GOATS
Nubians: Doe junior champion: Conway Family Farms, Camas, Wash.

Nubians: Doe senior champion: Conway Family Farms, Camas, Wash.
Nubians: Doe grand champion: Conway Family Farms, Camas, Wash.

Nubians: Champion challenge class: Conway Family Farms, Camas, Wash.
La Manchur: Doe junior champion: Jessica McDonald, Mulino

La Manchur: Doe senior champion: Jessica McDonald, Mulino
La Manchur: Doe grand champion: Jessica McDonald, Mulino

Oberhasli: Doe junior champion: Susan Rutz, Forest Grove
Oberhasli: Doe senior champion: Susan Rutz, Forest Grove

Oberhasli: Doe grand champion: Susan Rutz, Forest Grove
Oberhasli: Doe senior champion: Susan Rutz, Forest Grove

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CIVIC
CALENDAR

Today

North Bethany Open House: Washington County is hosting an open house to present concept planning and take comments on North Bethany. 4:30 to 7 p.m., Portland Community College, Rock Creek campus, 17705 N.W. Springfield Road.

Monday

Washington County Public Affairs Forum: U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., will speak on health care. Lunch at 11:30 a.m., speaker at noon, Beaverton Elks Club, 3500 S.W. 104th Ave.

Tuesday

Washington County Board of Commissioners: 8:30 a.m. work session only, Public Services Building, 155 N. First Ave., Hillsboro.

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WINNERS

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Special Awards: Herdsmanship special award: Conway Family Farms, Camas, Wash.

Special Award: Best doe of the show: Conway Family Farms, Camas, Wash.

DRAFT HORSE

Halter: Champion and reserve champion other breeds: Day Break Percherons, Battle Ground, Wash.

Halter: Supreme champ, registered: Day Break Percherons, Battle Ground, Wash.

FLEECE AND FIBER

Wool and Fiber: Champion and reserve champion: Mandy Oriet, Gaston

FLORAL

Special Awards: Class-14 garden club arrangement trophy mills: North Plains Garden Club, Forest Grove

Special Awards: Class-1 lot 69 herb col. TVGC: Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Class-1 lot 124 - col. annuals TVGC: Beatrice Peters, Cornelius

Special Awards: Class-1 lot 129 - col. perennials TVGC: Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Class-5 lot 35 Blavener Mem. TV Rose Society/Kordse: Violet Selby, Forest Grove

Special Awards: Class-5 lot 39 Rose Bloom Cycle TV Rose Society: Gail Selby, Forest Grove

Special Awards: Best horticulture nongarden TVGC: Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Best plant - adult TVGC: West Union Plaque: Tiffany Boatwright, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Best youth horticulture TVGC: Rosette: Ben Ganger, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Sweep, design nongarden club rosette: Donna Pohlman, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Sweep, design garden club rosette: Evelyn Herinckx, Banks

Special Awards: Sweep, design youth 6-12 rosette NPGC: Lauren Kam, Portland

Special Awards: Sweep, design youth 13-17 NPGC rosette: Jared Babcock, Forest Grove

Special Awards: Best arboreal rosette: Beatrice Peters, Cornelius

Special Awards: Best horticulture garden club five oaks, rosette: Beatrice Peters,

Cornelius

FOOD PRESERVATION

Special Awards: Ball Award - fruit - adult: Pamela Allen-Dean, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Ball Award - vegetable - adult: Julie M. Kemper, Forest Grove

Special Awards: Ball Award - pickles - adult: Maren Johnson, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Ball - soft spread - adult: Virginia Nuffer, Portland

LAND PRODUCTS

Special Awards: WCFB Silver Shovel most total points LP Silver Shovel Award: Lisa Goldbeck, Hillsboro

Special Awards: TVGC sweeps, classes 1,2,3,4: Joe Duyck, Forest Grove

Special Awards: TVGC award for classes 5,6: Lisa Goldbeck, Hillsboro

Special Awards: TVGC award classes 10,11,12: Florence M. Herinckx, Cornelius

Special Awards: WCFB most points in class 15: Mark Kalsch, Hillsboro

Special Awards: Most points rosette - 15 and under: Paul Nemeyer, Forest Grove

PYGORA COATS

Wethers: Champion and reserve from lots 4,5: Mandy Oriet, Gaston

Doe: Champion and reserve from lots 7,8,9: Lisa Roskopf, Gaston

Doe: Champion and reserve senior doe from lots 10,12,13,14: Lisa Roskopf, Gaston

Doe: Grand champion and reserve grand champion doe from lots 10,15: Lisa Roskopf, Gaston

Other Classes: Best in show WCF-rosette /NWPC from 17 classes award: Lisa Roskopf, Gaston

POULTRY

Special Awards: Champion large fowl: Zach Endicott, Tigard

Special Awards: Champion bantam: Zach Endicott, Tigard

Special Awards: Champion duck: Jakkay Haase, Sherwood

Special Awards: Champion pigeon: Michelle A. Woodward, Beaverton

SHEEP AND WOOL

Columbia: Grand champion and reserve champion ewe: Rolland/Cec Aschim, Dallas

Montadale: Grand champion and reserve champion ewe: Rolland/Cec Aschim, Dallas

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Special Awards: Overall supreme ram rosette: Jack Kalina, Albany

Special Awards: Overall best young flock: Abell Family, Aurora

TEXTILES

Special Ribbons and Awards: Niftiest needler plaque: Julie M. Kemper, Forest Grove

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-1 \$25 gift certificate from Quilted Hill: Marybeth Pavlik, Hillsboro

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-2: Deanna Johnson, Portland

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-3: Margaret Ann Smith, Hillsboro

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-4: Deanna Johnson, Portland

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-5 \$25 gift certificate from Knit Purl: Nancy Hirsch, North Plains

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-6: Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-7: Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-8: Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-9: Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-10: Hazel Cyphers, Cornelius

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-11 \$25 from Acorns and Threeds: JoAnn Thoulon, Portland

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-12: Alice Vuystek, Hillsboro

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-13: Irene Barnes, Hillsboro

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-14: Laurie Mandich, Aloha

Special Ribbons and Awards: Judges' choice class-15: Charles Siegel, Beaverton

Special Ribbons and Awards: Best overall teddy bear class-16, lots 7,8,9: Irene Barnes, Hillsboro

Special Ribbons and Awards: Junior Niftiest Needler (22-24): Paige Snodgrass, Beaverton

Special Ribbons and Awards: Best junior exhibit: Stephanie Barker, Hillsboro

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County fair ends; future unclear

OFFICIAL CONCEDES EVENT WILL FINISH IN THE RED AGAIN

By Joshua Molina
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With the future of the Santa Clara County Fair on shaky ground, there was no way that die-hard fairgoer Rene Lovato was going to miss this year's festivities.

It didn't even matter that his wife and children were out of town. The fair is a tradition, a reminder of his youth and the days when life was simpler.

"I have been coming here for 20 years," said the cheery 47-year-old San Jose resident, sitting on a foot-massager chair and chowing down on french fries and tri-tip. "I've seen the decline. I wish they would take some of that money they spend on the grand prix," referring to the summertime San Jose downtown racing event that has also suffered from weak attendance.

With this year's fair over, questions are swirling over whether the 66-year-old fair that once boomed with excitement and entertainment is about to meet the Grim Reaper.

The fair has been on death's door for years, as attendance has plummeted. It has not turned a profit in more than a decade.

Once a local jewel, the fair has dropped off the radar as one of the region's top family events.

The fair's managers had hoped to turn the tide this year, but aimed too high in their expectations. Initially they predicted 90,000 people would pack the fairgrounds for the five-day event. On Sunday - the last day of the run - they revised their hopes to just 60,000 - a number that would roughly double last year's 31,000.

Steve Stagnaro, a spokesman for the fair, said he didn't have any firm figures but speculated that as of early Sunday afternoon about 40,000 people had gone to the fair.

He did admit that there was no way that the event, which costs roughly about \$750,000 to put on, was going to turn a profit.

Many fairgoers Sunday expressed mixed feelings about the event. While they enjoyed the rides, the farm animals and the games, they also felt the fair was its own worst enemy.

It's just too expensive, some complained.

"To be honest with you, we brought \$100 in and we got \$20 left," said Nick Rodriguez, a San Jose resident who came with his wife, Gina, and children, Austin, 8, Aaliyah, 5, and Dylan, 3. "And we haven't really eaten yet."

Just to enter the fair cost the Rodriguezes \$31 for tickets and parking.

Their youngest got in for free. But then it cost \$20 for 24 ride coupons - with each ride costing about three tickets. He'd like to see the fair offer a discounted family pass next year.

In previous years, organizers experimented with offering free parking and charging for admission, or vice versa, but returned to charging for both admission and parking last year because the pricing changes weren't improving attendance.

Still, the Rodriguezes hope the fair doesn't die.

"If the fair didn't come back, it would be kind of like a lost tradition," Gina Rodriguez said.

Some merchants, who set up tables down the fair's main drag, grumbled that sales were glacial this year and seemed

resigned to the possibility that the fair's best days are over. Others said business was not great, but OK, and hoped to return again.

"It's a slow season," said carnival barker Stephanie Winters, then shouted to a kid to drop \$2 for a chance to sink a basketball and win a large pink cat. "I don't know if it's gas prices or what."

But business was good for Jamez Perry, and he can thank Dora the Explorer and SpongeBob SquarePants for filling his pockets for the day.

"It's been a lot better this year," said the balloon-seller, who scoffed at the possibility of the fair's demise.

"The fair's always going to continue," Perry said. "It's a tradition - no matter if they are making money or not."

For many families, the fair is not just about popcorn and cotton candy. It's also about pigs, turkeys and cows.

"I think the animals are pretty cool," said Matt Zavala, who along with Lisa Beltran, brought their 2-year-old daughter, Mareesa, to the 4-H livestock area of the fair. "Some of them look pretty sad."

Zavala remembers coming as a kid. He hopes the fair will stay.

"It would be sad if this was the last year," he said. "It's part of our childhood. My dad used to bring me here."

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will ultimately decide what to do about the fair.

Lovato, the man who loves the fair so much he came without his family, said elected officials should be ashamed of themselves.

"It's almost an embarrassment," he said. "The county needs to have a fair. How do you take a county as big as we are and not have a fair? What does that say about our leadership? It's a travesty."

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Fairgrounds reality check
A Register-Guard Editorial
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The Lane County fairgrounds is always invited to play when developers of big projects in the Eugene-Springfield area begin one of their games of musical chairs. The fairgrounds' 55-acre site west of downtown Eugene looks like a perfect spot for a hospital, an urban village, a hotel and conference complex - just about anything besides the county fair. The latest idea would have the fairgrounds move to northwest Eugene as part of a city plan to enlarge Golden Gardens Park.

The Lane County Board of Commissioners will discuss the fairgrounds' future in the fall, when results of a survey of fairgoers and a consultants' findings will be available. The commissioners will quickly discover that the fairgrounds is not easily portable. A move would require a substantial investment that could be only partially offset by proceeds from the sale of the current site. A move also would invite sharp conflicts. The commissioners would be well advised to ensure a high degree of public involvement from the very start.

It's easy to understand why the idea of moving the fairgrounds keeps coming up. Not only is the current site a desirable piece of real estate, its urban location is increasingly unsuited to traditional fairgrounds activities - meaning agriculture and animal husbandry. Livestock has been largely banished from the fairgrounds because of the need to protect the Amazon Channel from pollution by runoff from manure. For the past 30 years the fairgrounds' primary use has been as space for trade shows, exhibitions and other events having little to do with Lane County's agricultural roots. The buildings that house these events are aging and require a steadily rising subsidy. Whether the fairgrounds is seen as a venue for horses or home shows, promoters of both have reason to dream of greener pastures.

It's widely assumed that a move would be greased by buckets of money from the sale of the current site. That assumption would need to be examined if a sale became a live possibility. For any use other than its current ones, the fairgrounds property would need to be rezoned. The type of zoning would bear heavily on the sale price. A zone change resulting in the most intensive use, such as commercial and office development, could meet resistance in surrounding neighborhoods and beyond. Zoning for less intensive use would reduce the proceeds from a sale. The value of the property is almost entirely in the land - most or all of the buildings would be tear-downs. Even at top dollar, the fairgrounds could be expected to fetch a price in the \$30 million to \$40 million range.

That's a lot of money, but far from enough to replicate existing fairgrounds facilities at another site. Those facilities would have to be built from the ground up - including streets, sewers and other infrastructure at an undeveloped site like the one at Golden Gardens. Land acquisition, site preparation and the construction of buildings to replace the ones at the current site would combine to push the price tag for a new fairgrounds above \$100 million, and perhaps half again that much. Any doubts that a new fairgrounds would be expensive can be answered by looking at the combined \$200 million cost of a new Eugene Water & Electric Board operations building and a new Eugene City Hall.

Of course, Lane County would not wish to build a replica of the existing fairgrounds - and that's another problem. Lane County hasn't decided whether it wants its fairgrounds to be a place for livestock events, indoor exhibitions or both. Those two types of uses need different types of facilities, and the interests of one might be met only at the expense of the other. The county can't settle on a location for the fairgrounds, much less begin to design new facilities, without a consensus on what the fairgrounds is for.

Even if such a consensus were to emerge, any plan that asked taxpayers to fill the gap between the proceeds from the sale of the old site and the cost of a new fairgrounds would be a tough sell. Lane County already has trouble supporting its essential services, all of which are threatened if federal payments to timber-dependent counties are discontinued. Voters would have legitimate doubts about paying for a new fairgrounds at a time when the county can't afford to keep criminals behind bars.

All of these difficulties are likely to raise the question of whether Lane County ought to be in the fairgrounds business at all. Few events at the fairgrounds can be considered a central responsibility of county government. Commercial events and trade shows, being more urban in nature, might fit better under the sponsorship of Eugene and Springfield. Livestock events already have migrated largely to private sponsorship.

Selling the fairgrounds and using the proceeds to fill gaps in the county budget would be a pivotal step in the life of the community, one that would be difficult to reverse and might soon be regretted. But that's at least as likely to occur as the full-scale relocation that many envision. Any development plans that depend on changes in the location and use of the fairgrounds are depending on something that sounds simple but would in fact be extremely difficult. All that is certain is that whatever happens, the public should be involved from the start.

County fair board sees red

By Kendall S. Cable Of the News-Times

An emergency meeting of the Lincoln County Fair Board was held Wednesday evening to determine its strategy to recover from an estimated \$40,000 shortfall.

Citing inclement weather during the fair, Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo Executive Director Rick Kissock said attendance decreased from an estimated 17,000 in 2006 to 11,000 people this year. Vendor sales also decreased an estimated 20 percent according to preliminary numbers. Further figures are forthcoming.

"As we all recall, during (the) fair when we saw that the weather wasn't going to cooperate and Mother Nature was just going to be mean to us this year, we at that time knew that we were going to have to take some other action and couldn't wait to do it," Kissock addressed the board.

The financial summary of the Lincoln County Fair and Rodeo states the current balance is \$844. Kissock said action needed to be taken within 45 days and urged members to be proactive via fundraiser planning.

Board members offered such ideas as: an American Idol-type event, mud bog, wrestling event, harvest and back to school dances, a surplus sale, and bull riding contest.

One board member, Rudy Shuping, suggested a golf tournament at Chinook Winds, where he is employed as a marketing director.

The situation's urgency was tempered with details Kissock shared regarding an existing revenue stream - facility rentals.

"We've got a revenue stream," Kissock said. "It is not extremely strong, but the revenue stream is there. What we need to do is look at how we are going to, if you will, turn the tide and turn the stream into a little bit of a river."

Terry Dillman, board member, encouraged his colleagues to garner fundraising ideas from the public to deepen the stream. He also followed up on the financial situation.

"Humpty Dumpty is just cracked and not scrambled," Dillman said. "Is that what we are saying right now?"

"Yeah, for the most part," Kissock said. "He's fallen."

Kissock added a group of individuals wish to create a "Friends of the Fair" foundation. He said this would open the door for grants and a possibility of obtaining 501(c)3 status. He said the process to acquire the status was started five years ago.

"It just kind of got bogged down because no one was interested," said Kissock.

In a telephone conversation Thursday, Kissock said in the five years he has served in his position he has encountered "nothing like this." He said in the short-term, some maintenance projects such as the completion of the horticulture building will be delayed and supplies ordered only when necessary.

The board will meet again Wednesday following a dinner to begin at 6 p.m.

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The Oregonian

County fair crowd at 20-year high

Four-day run - Demolition Derby and El GranD help build on last year's gains

Wednesday, August 01, 2007

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The Oregonian

Don Hillman's favorite part of the Washington County Fair is people-watching on the bench near the entrance. This year, the bench was busy.

The fair attracted more than 90,000 people in its four-day run -- the highest attendance at the fair in more than 20 years, said Hillman, the fair's executive director.

"The biggest publicity for this year's fair was last year's fair," Hillman said. "The people who came out last year liked it and must have told a few friends to come with them this year."

Last year, more than 75,000 attended. In 2003, before the fair opened its doors for free, 43,508 tickets were sold for the event.

"We are learning from each fair and we try to keep the things that work, like the Demolition Derby, to keep people coming out every year," Hillman said.

The arena for the Demolition Derby, which was featured in its second year, was filled to capacity of 2,500 within 10 minutes of opening the doors, Hillman said. People were in line starting at 4 when doors opened at 7 p.m.

Sunday was the fair's biggest day, attracting about 38,000 people. Hillman said he credits the increased attendance to the Latino music festival, El GranD.

Parking in the 6,000-space field lot was scarce Sunday, prompting officials to drop the \$5-per-car fee toward the evening, Hillman said.

"We didn't turn anyone away, but we opened up parking and said, 'Hey, if you can find a spot that's great because we sure don't see any open,'" Hillman said. "Attendance is just one aspect that lets us know we've had a successful fair."

Hillman said there were only a few instances of minor domestic violence at the fair. The county sheriff's department had 16 officers on the ground each day and the Hillsboro Police Department had 12 officers.

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Poultry slam

Sisters, Megan and Maria Biggi, of Bald Peak, show off their chickens before judging Thursday, July 26, at the Washington County Fair in Hillsboro. Megan, 14, holds her rooster, Alex, while Maria, 11, holds Ali, her hen. The girls are with the Chehalis Mountain 4-H Club. The fair began July 26 and ran through Sunday, July 29. Fair-goers enjoyed a rodeo, heart-pounding rides, music, food, judging of crafts, foods, farm animals, music and much more to make it four days of pure fun. The Hillsboro Argus will publish a special section devoted to Washington County Fair winners on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

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Stephanie Barker won it all at Fair

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

The Hillsboro Argus

If Washington County Fair gave out a prize for most prizes won, Stephanie Barker would win it too.

Barker, 17, entering her senior year at Hillsboro High School this fall, said she's been "doing the fair her entire life." As a toddler she sat in a stall and played in the sawdust, she said.

Barker's presence was everywhere at this year's fair. She showed animals in FFA, 4-H and Open Class events.

In FFA, she was grand champion sheep showman, won the master showmanship competition, showed the reserve champion pygmy goat and supreme champion ewe.

In 4-H Barker was the champion senior boer goat showman, and showed champion and reserve champion Romney ewes.

Competing in open class, Barker's Romney won reserve champion ewe, her Shropshires won champion ram and champion ewe, and she took first place for young flock. Her ewe then won the supreme ewe prize.

She also entered her handiwork in the 4-H static exhibits, and every one of her entries received champion ribbons, she said. These included a three-piece wool outfit, a needle-felted picture, a hooked rug, a stain-glass patterned quilt and a photograph.

In woodworking, her self-designed quilt rack won a 4-H champion ribbon, and her checker board and pieces were FFA champions.

She also had the champion education display for Oregon youth representative for Oregon Make-it With Wool.

Barker will take her skills to the Clark County Fair before heading to the Oregon State Fair. She also plans to show in the Puyallap County Fair at the Western Washington Fairgrounds in September and attend the North American International Livestock Exposition in Kentucky in November.

She plans to major in architecture at Portland State University. "I will build my own display room (for trophies and ribbons) when I'm rich and famous as an architect," she said.

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2007 County Fair a memorable event

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

By Susan Gordanier
The Hillsboro Argus

The Argus

Corn dogs to DockDogs, barbecued rib-eyes to steaks on the hoof - all this, and more, greeted crowds at the Fairplex for the four-day run of the 2007 Washington County Fair.

Crowds were huge, especially Sunday as fairgoers flocked to the La GranD festival in the DeMar Batchelor Amphitheater or to take a last pass through the fair's offerings.

Fair Coordinator Leah Perkins said, although official attendance numbers won't be available for a few days, one fair worker, who'd witnessed 22 previous fairs, said Sunday was the "biggest day ever."

Food vendors ran out of food and cups, Perkins said, and then wiped out supplies at nearby Albertson's and Costco stores, and the beer garden's supply was exhausted by 7 p.m. "It was a wild, wild day," she said.

All four days provided classic fair experiences: The promise of overly generous cones kept everyone patiently waiting in the long lines at the Dairy Women's barn. Oversized inflatable toys - signaling Midway triumphs - were everywhere. As families strolled through the animal barns, children called "Wilbur" to the pigs or reached into pens to pet the goats. Teens linked up with friends to take on the Funtastic Carnival rides.

While such scenes form the fair's "big picture," long-term memories come from the chance sightings, different for every fairgoer.

While each leap off the pier brought cheers from the DockDogs' grandstands, no canine competitor had a better response than Squirrely, a little Jack Russell terrier. Compared to retrievers that regularly flew over 15 feet before splashing down, Squirrely's 2 feet, 7 inch second attempt wasn't much, but, as the announcer said, "Not many dogs get to say they tripled their first jump."

Boomer and Gracie, two of the free-flying macaws in the Pirate's Parrot Show revolted during Saturday's final show and perched in the top of the nearby cottonwoods. Chris Biro, the pirate, called repeatedly and even shot a fat toy crossbow up into the branches to get the birds' attention. They moved to an adjoining tree and continued snipping off twigs. Biro reported both birds returned to their cage before sundown.

Halsy Carter, the Homemade Fried Bread vendor, devised a perfect promotion for his elephant ears, outlining an elephant's head in apple butter on a giant pastry to draw customers to his counter for what he called the "essential fair commodity."

B. Jean Reeves worked 29 spools while weaving bobbin lace Sunday in the main exhibit hall. Reeves showed how to keep the spools organized for transport, pinning fabric over her work pillow to hold the spools tight. Leaping pet cats can pose a greater tangling threat, she said.

Regina Howell brought her two chihuahuas to the fair in a baby carriage. In cooperation with Bonnie Hayes Small Animal Shelter, Howell said her goal was to teach small children safe animal petting. She was spotted rewarding the dogs, spoonful by spoonful, from their own dish of ice cream.

At the youth livestock auction Saturday, Cody Richfield's grand champion steer fetched well over \$3 per pound. Bids for animals that followed hovered around \$2.30 - except when Christiana Logan showed her steer. The girl, all smiles and barely as tall as her steer, was rewarded with a bid of \$2.60.

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A little bull enters the ring ready to take on the big boys

Stock | A prize calf with a big heart is shown at the Washington County Fair

By JESSICA RIFFEL
THE OREGONIAN

Ice Man is popular with the under-5 crowd at the Washington County Fair. The children timidly stroke his red coat as he stretches out his rough, pink tongue to lick them.

Becky Redden, 20, rushes from one cow to another, brushing, blow-drying and watering, but she always has time to pause and introduce the calf to curious children.

At noon Saturday, Ice Man is almost ready to enter the show ring with Redden and her parents' 13 other Limousin cows. Even though her calf is young and inexperienced, Redden is hopeful he'll place in the junior division for his breed.

Saturday is a busy day for fairgoers showing beef cows. Dozens of cows meant for breeding and meat are presented to judges under tin-roofed shelters. Today, 4-H and FFA members will show their cattle, but Saturday was open to everyone else. Redden's only worry is that Ice Man is too skinny.

Ice Man is smaller than other

calves his age because he was bottle fed since birth. He was born on the icy ground in a storm on Feb. 28. His mother, Gypsy, and his twin sister died.

Redden has been Ice Man's mom since then, feeding him several bottles of milk replacement twice a day.

"He calls for me and follows me around," she says. "To him, I am a cow."

As Redden blow-dries a recently washed black bull, her parents, Pat and Melody O'Dell, work on the other cows. The three brush, clip and shine the cows' coats, fluffing up their legs to make them look bigger, and smoothing down their rumps to make them look flatter.

"If they have flaws or imperfections, you have to cover it up," Pat O'Dell says. "It's kind of like a bald guy with a comb-over."

Because Ice Man is small, Redden fluffs his entire coat, giving the illusion that he's bigger. He ignores the hurried grooming and munches on hay like a child eating spaghetti.

Redden changes into a pink and blue plaid button-up shirt for the show. She adds a belt with a large, shiny buckle that she won at a past competition.

She's shown cows since she was 6, and she's also handled



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Becky Redden, 20, leads two of her show cows back to the stalls after washing them for their Saturday competition at the Washington County Fair. Ice Man, the smaller one, is a 5-month-old Limousin calf born during an ice storm Feb. 28.

goats, sheep, pigs and horses through 4-H, FFA and on her own.

"The animals are my life," she says.

She plans to start school at Linn-Benton Community College in Albany in the fall on a scholarship for livestock judging.

It's showtime, and Ice Man enters the ring. He's the only one in his class — there are no other 5-month-old Limousin cows at

the fair, but he behaves as if he were fighting for a title against dozens of other cows.

He stands still and straight, with his front legs together and back ones apart, as Redden holds his head high. The judge walks toward him with a stoic expression and his hands in his pocket, then picks up the microphone.

Great potential, too small.

Redden's parents bring out

Schedule

The final day of the Washington County Fair runs from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. today. Admission is free; some activities require tickets. For more details, go to www.faircomplex.com or call 503-648-1416.

Today's highlights

Blues and Brews Stage: Musicians are scheduled, noon to 10 p.m.

Carnival: Rides open noon to midnight.

Demolition Derby: 7 p.m. in the arena. Gate opens at 6 p.m. \$10. Tickets available at the arena box office.

Discover the Fun Stage: Family entertainment, 11 a.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Dock Dogs Competition: Dogs compete on jumping distance. Competitions are every two hours from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. today. Schedule subject to change.

"La Grand": Latino music festival, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., DeMar Batchelor Amphitheater. \$20 for adults, \$8 for ages 8 to 12, free for ages 7 and younger.

Getting to the fair

Where: 873 N.E. 34th Ave. in Hillsboro, south of Cornell Road

Parking: \$5 a vehicle; \$10 a bus

MAX: A shuttle bus runs from the Fair Complex/Hillsboro Airport MAX station to the fair entrance.

Online

Fair coverage on Oregon Live:

<http://blog.oregonlive.com/washingtoncounty/2007fair>

See photos from the fair online:

http://blog.oregonlive.com/photogallery/washington_county

two bulls for the junior division competition. After a quick inspection, the judge declares the other two to be superior. Ice Man is led off without a title.

He doesn't seem the least bit disappointed, and neither are his owners.

"He did good," Melody O'Dell says. "He's a good boy."

Redden agrees: a different

judge, a different day, and he might win.

He'll show more in the future, Redden says, and as he fattens up on hay and grains, he'll be a contender.

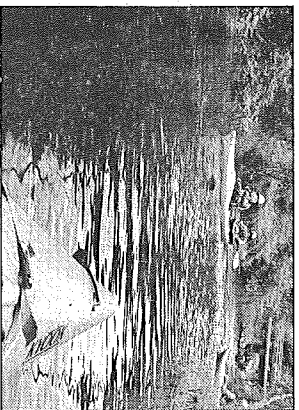
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2 Party in the Park Hey, sports fans, join Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District for a day of climbing, bouncing, free swimming, organized sports, music and food. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, *Temperning Recreation Complex*, 50 N.W. 158th Ave. at Walker Road. **FREE**

3 Great Oregon Steam-Up (Brooks) Vintage farm implements are the highlight of this two-weekend show featuring historic tractors, trains, cars, steamers and other engines. 7 a.m.-6 p.m. *Saturday-Sunday and Aug. 4-5, Antique Powerland Museum, Powerland Boulevard and Brooklake Road in Brooks*. \$6-\$8 (12 and younger free). www.antiquepowerland.com.

4 Ho'ike & Hawaiian Festival Esther Short Park is filled with the music and movement of traditional Hawaiian dancing. Arts and crafts, food and other vendors round out the event. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. *Saturday, in the park at 400 W. Sixth St., Vancouver*. **FREE**

5 A Midsummer Night's Tour at Loan Fir Cemetery Portland's rich history comes to life as characters and stories from 100 years ago are re-created by actors portraying those buried in the historic cemetery. 5-7:30 p.m. *Saturday, at the cemetery, 2715 S.E. Morrison St.*; \$2-\$5 or \$10 per family. www.friendsloanefircemetery.org.

—Rosemarie Stein

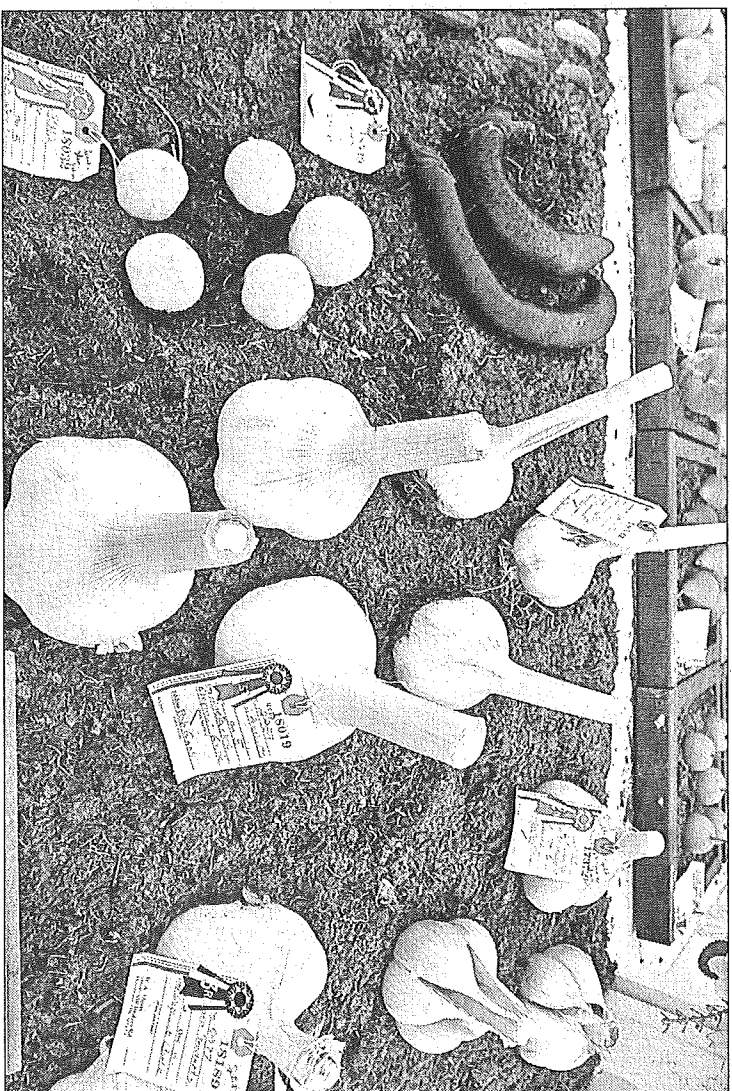


Big screen mean machines

Cars.com's list of top movie cars:

5. '68 Ford Mustang GT 390 from "Bullitt"
4. '64 Aston Martin DB5 from "Goldfinger"
3. '61 Ferrari 250 GT (pictured) from "Ferris Bueller's Day Off"
2. '77 Pontiac Trans Am from "Smokey and the Bandit"
1. '81 DeLorean DMC-12 from "Back to the Future"

What? No Herbie the Love Bug?



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Washington County Fair and Rodeo

Your mother told you to eat your vegetables. Maybe you listened, or maybe you slipped them under the table for the dog. Either way, vegetables are serious business at the Washington County Fair. Gardeners gather their best tomatoes, onions, squash, cabbage and garlic and vie for that coveted blue ribbon. The county fair offers other attractions from a more simple time, including livestock exhibits, arts and crafts, cake decorating, handmade ice cream and hometown entertainment. The fair also includes a carnival with rides and games. Friday and Saturday there's professional rodeo (7 p.m. both nights, admission \$10). On Sunday take in the hot sounds of Latin music with the evening stage performance of Latino Festiva Musica (check the Web site for updates on performing bands). Free stage and music performances happen throughout the weekend. *Fair hours 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Washington County Fair Complex, 873 N.E. 34th Ave, Hillsboro*; www.faircomplex.com. Gate admission is free each day.

—Rosemarie Stein

nickel and dime



A spin through this week's bargain bin

FREE "The Misanthrope" Masque Altresco presents a modern adaptation of Molière's original play based on social satire and slapstick comedy, plus references to contemporary politics. 6:30 p.m. *Friday-Sunday, Beaverton Library Lawn, 12375 S.W. Fifth Ave.*

www.masquealtresco.com.

FREE "Our Beautiful World" Arts in Action and New Moon

Productions offer an original student musical based on the theme "respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." 2 and 4 p.m. *Saturday, 6 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave.*; 503-402-1994.

FREE "Dido and Aeneas" Henry Purcell's Baroque masterpiece, featuring opera students and local opera professionals

supported by experts in the five-piece orchestra. 7:30 p.m. *Monday, Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave.*; 6 p.m. *Wednesday, Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park Ave.*; and 6 p.m. *Aug. 3, Multnomah Arts Center*. Details: 503-725-5808.

FREE "Scarface" As part of the Someday Lounge's movie series, Film Forum West, they'll be playing this classic Brian De Palma film, which stars the bad-

boy himself, Mr. Al Pacino. 8 p.m. *Monday, Someday Lounge, 125 N.W. Fifth Ave.*; 503-248-1030.

FREE SplashDance BodyVox Dancers lead children in movement-based storytelling and play, in and out of the Jackson Square Fountain. *Wednesday mornings through Aug. 29, between Northwest Kearney and Johnson streets*; 503-229-0627.



The Oregonian

Boys show their cows and commitment to past

County fair - Four descendants of Peter Evers vow to keep Ever May Farms a dairy farm

Friday, July 27, 2007

MARJON ROSTAMI The Oregonian
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HILLSBORO -- Always smile at the judge, always keep eye contact -- but don't stare -- and go slowly.

Zack Evers, 15, reminded his cousin, 10-year-old Jake Sandhagen, what to do during the Washington County Fair dairy cow competition Thursday, the opening day of the fair. It continues through Sunday.

The two are among four of Peter Evers' great-great-grandsons who will carry on the family legacy that he started in the late 1800s.

Peter bought Ever May Farms in 1881, said Jeana Sandhagen, his great-granddaughter. The 200-acre farm just outside of Forest Grove city limits has been passed down each generation and remains the family's source of income.

"You don't see a lot of dairy farms around these days, which is sad," Sandhagen said. "Kids just don't want to be farmers like their entire families have been. And you can't blame them -- it's a lot of work."

Don Hillman, the fair's executive director, said dairy division fair entries have dropped by about half in the past two decades to nine entries this year. In part, that's because family dairy farms are turning into subdivisions, he said.

"The city is growing out, and the farmers tell us that their kids want to go out and be lawyers, doctors and engineers," Hillman said. "That's just the changing demographics."

But Zack and his brothers -- Nick and Eric are also competing at the fair -- and cousins said it is important to them to keep up the family farm when it's their turn.

"As a parent you say to your kids, 'Really? Are you sure about that?' because they're getting themselves into some really hard work," said Sandhagen, who is Zack's aunt and Jake's mother. The families live near one another on the property.

The boys wake up at 4:30 every morning to milk the cows by 5 a.m. and don't finish their day until nearly 10 p.m.

The boys will compete in the 4-H, FFA and open class divisions today. The owner of the winning cow can receive as much as \$60 in prize money.

"It's a lot of work, but it's fun. It's fun to get away for a few days and show your animals," said Zack, who enters at least three competitions a year. "And the money is just a bonus."

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It's Fair Time

Friday, July 27, 2007

The Hillsboro Argus

After all the tons of newsprint and barrels of ink we've put into the Washington County Fair, it has finally arrived, again. Over the last year it's been hay hooks and paint brushes verses Renaissance chic and property development at 30 paces. The Fair Board and the Fair Boosters have not always been on the same page.

But this weekend should be different. Starting Thursday at 10 a.m. that magic consisting of homemades, midways, prize stock, raw talent, hot dogs, curly fries and beer opened in 70-degree weather with the promise of a great climate for a classic American experience. We're sure the Board and the Boosters will be on their best behavior.

Washington County has been celebrating its agricultural roots since 1855. The "Fair" has had multiple locations and financial follies. Through it all, people have come. It's been held on the streets of Hillsboro and at the Pacific University campus. It enjoyed real growth (1925-52) when a freshly minted Fair Board invested in land at Shute Park.

It has ended up where all things seem to end up these days, at Hillsboro Airport. Well, just south of it. The land, around 80 acres, is worth a bunch. And if you're a taxpayer in Washington County, you own it.

While you're there, enjoy the sights, sounds, smells and synergy of when old meets new. At some point in the future, you'll probably be asked to vote for a bond or shell out some money to save the Fair. At least, have an opinion. You won't be alone. Last year over 77,000 of your closest friends were there. There's a reason. It's a great event - something worth fighting for in this age of indifference.W. Clark Gallagher

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Tomorrow's county fair -- today!

Holding onto the past as it tries to lure the future, the Washington County Fair is changing

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Farmers leading lambs and carnival riders seeking the latest thrill will be joined by high-tech gadgetry this week at the Washington County Fair.

Area high school students will jab the air with digital recorders for a quick quote from fairgoers, and middle school students will track their steps with a handheld global positioning system, trying not to trip while their attention is focused on a 3-inch screen.

The annual event traditionally known for its rodeo, livestock auction, crafts and baking competitions is adding technology events such as podcasting and GPS scavenger hunts this year. The fair will open its doors for four days beginning today, hoping to attract a crowd of tech geeks.

But the fair, which began in 1855, is not losing sight of its roots. It still wants to offer what many people expect from the fairs of their youth. But fair officials say they know they have to adapt to changing times, especially in an increasingly urban county that's heavy on high-tech companies.

"The county's farmlands are being eaten up by the urban sprawl," said Don Hillman, the fair's executive director. "We're trying to catch up with the times to bring in that urban crowd."

The Washington County Fair has taken an economic roller coaster ride in the past decade as attendance dipped but then crept up after admission was made free in 2004. Last year, more than 75,000 people attended. In 2003, the last fair with an admission fee, 43,508 tickets were sold for the four-day event.

Hillman said the county's new residents who are moving into the expanding developments do not typically go to the fair.

"Years ago, the county fair was the big thing, and now the only thing we can do is put ourselves out there and market," Hillman said. "Everybody has memories of their childhood county fair, and we want them to have memories of our county fair."

If the fair's declining attendance is any indication, new memories were not being made. But the Ferris wheel spokes began to click faster when Leah Perkins-Hagele, then 27, took over as fair coordinator in 2001. She said she studied attendance and the number of competition entries from 1998 and noticed something missing.

"We didn't have anything digital," she said. "People who have worked here since the early '70s didn't think the digital thing would catch on."

A digital photography competition was proposed for the 2002 fair and has since become one of the most popular fair events. Last year, more than 150 digital photo takers threw their glossy print in the hat while, by comparison, fewer than 10 competed in the dairy cattle division, according to fair records.

Rising interest in the digital competition prompted the fair board to seek other technological divisions, Perkins-Hagele said. New to the fair this year is a cell phone picture competition. The Washington County 4-H Tech Wizards youth group will have Lego robotics presentations, GIS and GPS competitions, and a fair podcast for the first time.

Marla Calico, director of grants and special education for the International Association of Fairs and Expositions, said county and state fairs around the nation are also evolving technologically.

"The fair is all about celebrating the best of its local community," she said. "And the challenge is always how do we do keep the event fresh and attract interest, particularly the younger generation."

States such as North Dakota have added text messaging competitions to their state fair, she said.

As Washington County and the metro area as a whole become more suburban and diverse, 4-H clubs are adding activities such as GPS and photography to capture the interests of young people.

"The competitions reflect our society and the world we live in," said Lisa DuPre, the fair's event manager. "People have changing hobbies, and we try to reflect that in the fair."

Baking and preserves, for example, are declining in popularity, DuPre said. Last year, fewer than 80 people entered those competitions.

"When it's more than 100 degrees, no one in their right mind wants to bake," Hillman said. "Last year, we had a lady come and throw down a loaf of bread and say, 'I don't know why I'm baking in 105-degree weather.'"

Lyle Spiesschaert, a member of the fair boosters group and a former fair board member, said he's glad the fair is keeping up with change but would like to see a greater emphasis on community involvement.

"The fair is a time where the country and the city meet," said the Forest Grove native. "Instead of going there to spectate, I think we should go there to participate and showcase the community."

Spiesschaert said the county could go a long way toward reinventing its fair while maintaining a sense of tradition.

Perkins-Hagele agreed, saying fairs are a way for the community to show off the year's work, and that will never change. The county fair will continue to adapt to the changing demographic but will try to keep the past alive, she said.

Though traditional competitions have fewer entries every year, they will always have a spot at the fair, Hillman said.

"But as times change, you need to adapt to the interest of people and bring relevance to what kids are interested in now."

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Outgoing teen will put people's words online

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Sergio Saucedo, 18, loves meeting people, asking them questions and putting his interviews on a Web site.

The recent Hillsboro High School graduate began podcasting this year as part of the Washington County 4-H program and will document the county fair with seven other students from the group.

"It's a pretty cool way to meet a lot of people and learn a bunch of new stuff," he said. "I get to go behind the scenes, you know, and see the fair from the other side."

Saucedo's past projects include interviews with 4-H alumni and veterans to raise interest in the program. At the fair, he will interview judges, competitors and visitors and create a digital audio file to broadcast on the Internet as what is called a podcast.

Although Saucedo is always excited to bring out the digital recorder, about the size of the original iPod, and press the little red button, he said he'll never start without having a list of questions.

"It's too hard to wing it," he said. "You have to really think about asking open-ended questions so you can get more than just 'yes, no' answers."

When his friends at school started talking about the 4-H Tech Wizards program, Saucedo said he wanted to see what it was all about and has been hooked for three years. When it comes time to upload the interview and edit before broadcasting his work to the world, Saucedo said, he gets a little nervous.

"The hard part is editing," he said. "The recorder picks up all the sounds, and sometimes the interview doesn't come out so good, you know, and you want it to be the best so more people can get to know about 4-H."

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Engineering student sees the art of mapping trees

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An artist turned engineer, Liz Gonzalez, 18, said she credits the 4-H Tech Wizards program for her change of heart.

"I used to think I wanted to major in art or something," said the recent Hillsboro High School graduate. "I didn't think you could express yourself through technology and presentations."

Two weeks before the Washington County fair, Gonzalez and a group of 4-H high school students spent three hours every morning developing a map of Hillsboro's trees using geographic information system techniques. They will compile their information -- tree status, type and location -- to exhibit. Teams of four from the 4-H group will compete against each other and will be judged on presentation, layout, symbols used and presentation quality.

"I'm not worried about the presentation," she said, "but I haven't actually presented in front of thousands of people before."

The group has been surveying more than 12,000 trees along Hillsboro's sidewalks for the past two years, said Lisa Conroy, director of the Tech Wizards program. Their results will help the city's planning department track tree conditions and make a bid to become a Tree City, USA.

The group has worked from roughly Southeast 10th Avenue to 32nd Avenue between West Baseline Road/East Main Street and Tualatin Valley Highway. They have found most of the area's trees to be red maple and Lombardi poplar trees.

The 4-H high school volunteers determine the type of tree by matching its leaves to books and entering the results into the GIS, which is a handheld device that manages geographic data.

Gonzalez said she doesn't mind walking around city sidewalks inputting information, but she prefers working with the software to develop maps.

In the fall, Gonzalez will begin work toward her engineering degree at Rice University in Houston, Texas.

"I don't know how I got into Rice," she said. "I'm sure being in Tech Wizards probably helped a lot."

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Preteens tackle building, programming challenges

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Rodrigo Amaro, 11, , counts out loud the number of seconds he thinks it will take for a Lego robot to move in certain directions. He runs to a computer to type the figure in before he forgets.

Jack Wilson, 9, sits on the tile floor looking through his long bangs and testing different Lego pieces on a robot. He would rather concentrate on building, leaving the programming to Rodrigo.

The pair, both of whom are students at David Hill Elementary School in Hillsboro, are part of a team of four that will enter the first 4-H Lego Robotics competition at the Washington County Fair.

The boys build the robot from a Lego manual. The base is about the size of an adult's palm, and the robot can be as tall as 10 inches. Building the robot takes time, and programming takes patience. The robot is perfected through trial and error.

Every afternoon recently, the boys ran into the David Hill gymnasium toward plastic bins of Lego pieces. Even though the lightweight bins are no more than 6 inches wide and 10 inches deep, Rodrigo and Jack carry one together.

As Jack snaps on the finishing touches, Rodrigo asks to download the commands. But Jack doesn't look up.

"I'm just putting stuff on for fun now," he said. "Programming is hard. You need to get it perfectly right."

The boys said they are eager to show their friends and family the results of their hard, sometimes frustrating, work.

When the boys found out they would get to present a robot at the fair, "We were really surprised and hyper," said Rodrigo, who wants to be a computer programmer. "My mom was really shocked. I think this is a very special moment for her."

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Breaking News

Ain't no bull

BY ELENA BORYCZKA ✉

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There are many reasons to visit the 2007 Washington County Fair, few of them bigger than a 3,500 pound bull named Bubba.

"He's about as long as a compact car and maybe taller," said Judy Bradley, who owns the animal with her son Pat Morin of PKM Angus in Sherwood. "[People] can't believe how big he is."

Bubba's owners are regulars at the annual event, as the two have been coming on and off ever since Morin first got involved as a child with a 4H group more than 25 years ago. Now that both are a little older, their motivation for attending the event has evolved into catching up with old friends and spending quality time with family members.

"We do it because it is such a special time, we get to meet a lot of friends who have seen us for years and years and years," Bradley said of the fair, which opens today and runs through Sunday. "We just like to do it. And as a family thing it is wonderful. The family knows where we are and they come out and join us . . . We just have the best time."

Held at the fair complex in Hillsboro, the annual event gives an estimated 75,000 people the chance to enjoy all sorts of activities and excitement including the livestock, arts and crafts, baked goods and floral judging competitions. A lengthy list of musical acts are scheduled to take over the



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Bubba, the pride of PKM Angus in Sherwood, will compete for glory once again at this year's Washington County Fair.



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Blues and Brews stage; the complete list of all bands and schedules can be found on the Web site www.faircomplex.com.

Other popular attractions include the Family Stage, (with performances by the Kent Family Magic Circus and Ronald McDonald), Pirate's Parrot Show and continuous DockDogs competitions, which were brought back because of the number of people who said they enjoyed it the year before.

With free admission into the grounds and a lineup of free entertainment, marketing and events director Lisa DuPre said it is easy for people of all ages to have a good time.

"I think we try to have something for all age ranges," she said. "We do try to have something that you can bring your kids out to. A family can find something for the little kids, something for the teenagers."

The pro rodeo, truck pull and demolition derby all require an additional fee, as do the carnival rides and food offerings, but almost everything else inside the fair is free and adds to the tradition started many, many years ago.

"It's been an institution on the county for a long, long time," DuPre said. "People come also just to see the animals though the barns, and watch them when they are being judged."

Bradley said Bubba usually gets a good amount of attention from curious people, and he really enjoys being handled and looked at by the crowds.

"He's very good. He has a great temperament and we let all those that want to pet him or have a picture taken with him."

Most of the animals brought by PKM Angus typically do well; this year they only brought 10 for the competitions, but Morin and Bradley are still optimistic about their chances of winning some awards.

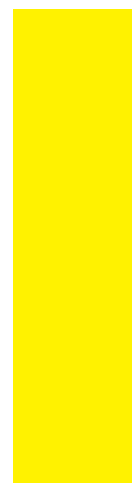
"We get some blue ribbons," Bradley said. "Bubba has taken Herd Sire for his class for many, many years now."

The Washington County Fair & Rodeo opens today and runs until Sunday at Washington County Fair Complex, 873 N.E. 34th Ave. in Hillsboro.

The fair is open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. each day and features a wide variety of entertainment, including livestock judging, DockDogs competitions, Washboard Willy and Wishboard Wanda, a family carousel, carnival rides and more. The Brews and Blues stage promises performances by some of the top blues acts from around the Portland-Metro area.

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Study shows farmers markets often failing

OSU - 24 percent of new markets close during or soon after their first year

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Despite the tremendous popularity of farmers markets in Oregon, simply starting one is no guarantee of success.

In fact, according to an Oregon State University study, more than half -- 32 out of 62 -- of those launched in the state from 1998 to 2005 failed.

"It's a bit of a warning to markets that are starting out," said Garry Stephenson, a small farms specialist at OSU and the study's lead author. "It's significant that all markets don't succeed."

The study, released Monday and accepted for publication by the British journal Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems, identified five major reasons for farmers markets' failures:

Not enough vendors.

Not enough selection among farm products, particularly fruits and vegetables.

Not enough revenue to cover operating costs.

Low-paid or volunteer market managers.

High manager turnover.

The study found that 24 percent of new markets closed during or soon after their first year. "Many simply got off on the wrong foot," Stephenson said.

More than 2,000 farmers markets have opened nationally since the mid-1990s, the study found. There are more than 80 markets in Oregon.

Dianne Stefani-Ruff, executive director of the highly successful Portland Farmers Market, was surprised by the findings. The Portland Farmers Market operates four farmers markets in Portland.

"I think some market managers are more idealistic than practical," Stefani-Ruff said. "They set fees too low, they don't have a solid business plan. You need a solid business plan."

Still, she said, properly planned markets should succeed. She cited the Montavilla Market in Southeast Portland as one on the right track: About 2,000 customers flocked to the market's first day on Sunday.

That market will probably succeed, she said, because it has support from the local business association. "Anyone starting a market needs to do their homework beforehand," she said.

The study, "When Things Don't Work: Some Insights Into Why Farmers' Markets Close," is available online at <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/oregon-small-farms-technical-reports>.

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As fair rises, judge's palate is on the job

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At 10 o'clock Monday morning, a field of white tents was taking shape over the Washington County Fairgrounds.

And Mary Masters was tasting bread.

By noon, a crew was putting the final touches on the sheep and swine barns, hammering nails into loose boards and spreading wood shavings.

And Masters was tasting chocolate cake.

Two hours later, the tractor trailers hauling the last of the amusement rides were pulling in the gate and lining up side by side, awaiting orders on where to set up for this week's show.

And Masters was working her way through a dozen variations of brownies and chocolate chip bars.

During the school year, Masters teaches culinary arts at Hillsboro's Liberty High School. On Monday, she was grading the work of Washington County's bakers.

"By the end of the day she'll have so much sugar in her system she'll read through Harry Potter non-stop," joked Chuck Masters, her husband.

He was part of the four-person team processing entries in the fair's annual baking competition.

But it was Mary who decides which ones get the blue ribbon.

She picks one of four brownies off a paper plate and looks at it for flaws.

"They need to work on the shape," she tells the assistant.

Mary grabs a long knife and slices a small piece from the edge of the brownie. She looks closer at the texture, squeezing it in her fingers.

"The texture is even. It's very fine and moist."

Then she puts a small piece in her mouth and lets the fruit of someone's kitchen labor tickle her tongue.

"It's got very good taste," she proclaims. "The nuts are finely cut. It's delicious."

"Give it a 95."

She puts the untouched portion of the brownie on a separate plate. It is already piled high with slices of banana bread, coffee cake and cookies and becomes a magnet for kids helping out in the building.

Then she moves on to the next brownie.

While the Washington County Fair formally opens Thursday morning, volunteers have been gearing up for it for weeks, judging food, clothing, art and photography.

None of them has a job as sweet as Mary's.

Phyllis Wills, superintendent of the section, said she expected it would take at least eight hours to judge everything.

Mary won't hurry. When her body says "no more" she'll take a break.

"I don't want to judge when I'm not able to do the best job I can," she says. "I know how much time and effort goes into making these things, and it wouldn't be fair not to be objective."

Of course, much of the judging is subjective. (We disagree, for example, on how big the pieces of nuts in chocolate chip cookies should be.)

She was a food judge for about 10 years when she and her husband lived in Arizona, before moving to Oregon. "I learned at the side of some very knowledgeable people," she says.

Every now and again Chuck will grab a piece of an entry and go through much of the same routine as his wife, testing, tasting, considering the texture and mix of flavors.

But Chuck doesn't have any say in who wins the ribbons.

I think he just likes dessert.

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Demo garden ready for fair visitors

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Washington County Master Gardeners and the Tualatin Valley Garden Club will open their demonstration garden at the Washington County Fair this Thursday through Sunday.

Among the displays are a new raised-bed bog garden, maturing miniature garden, square-foot garden, native plant garden, deer-resistant plant bed, and vegetables, flowers and landscaping.

Free daily garden education topics will be presented from 1 to 3 p.m. The schedule includes composting and worm bins on Thursday, July 26; container gardening on Friday, July 27; growing and preserving everlasting plants on Saturday, July 28; and adaptive gardening techniques and raised beds for gardeners with limited mobility.

The garden is at the west end of the fair grounds adjacent to the Hillsboro Armory.

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Will the fair have no covered wagon?

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By Kurt Eckert
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The Argus

It seems there will be no covered wagons allowed at the Washington County Fair this year, sparking one local farmer with historical ties to the community to question fair management.

Lyle Spiesschaert has restored the wagon his great-great-grandparents and seven children rode in when they emigrated to Oregon more than a century ago. After more than 20 years of Spiesschaert bringing the wagon to the fair for display, Executive Director Don Hillman says there will be no covered wagons this year.

Spiesschaert said the fair has done a good job in bringing in outside entertainment acts for people to look at, but may have lost touch with what the fair is all about - the people who live here.

"I feel like there's a real disconnect between the fair and the community," Spiesschaert said. "If I'm willing, at my expense, to bring my wagon to the fair, where's the harm and foul in that?"

Two pioneering families, the Ostermans and the Knapps, came in the handsome buckboard wagon on the Oregon Trail in 1884, settling in the Verboort and Roy areas, Spiesschaert said. It was one of the later migrations, he said.

"The train was already in by then, but many of the poorer people who wanted to transport all their possessions and animals still came on the Oregon Trail," he said.

Spiesschaert said most wagons from that area fell victim to weather and wear, "sinking right into the ground." But his dad had his eye on restoring it since he knew it existed in a Verboort farmhouse. The 123-year-old wagon has been in their family for more than 40 years.

Spiesschaert is also involved heavily in the Washington County Wagon Train, which recently completed its 26th annual trip. In 1980 Morris Elverud and George Spiesschaert came up with the idea of incorporating a 4-H youth leadership program with the pioneer experience of a wagon train adventure.

Washington County's 4-H Wagon Train is the only such program in the country.

Judi Palumbo, of the Middle-Aged Housewives for Livability and Open Government, shared Spiesschaert's disappointment.

"It appears that although this wagon is an important part of Washington County history, the public will not be given a chance to view it this year," Palumbo said. "It will be loss for the entire community."



Fair board looks at meeting in other cities

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The Hillsboro Argus

The Washington County Fair Complex Board of Directors this year has bandied about the idea of holding meetings in cities throughout the county to increase the visibility of fairgrounds redevelopment and other issues it believes are county-wide concerns.

Don Hillman, executive director of the fairgrounds, said because the Floral Building will be rented out to the Pioneer Heritage Academy each Wednesday, as of September, the tour of other cities, particularly the more populous suburbs to the east, would be a practical solution.

In e-mails, counsel for the board has "opined in the affirmative" that the idea is plausible, but a growing group says it's against the law.

Senior Assistant Counsel Brad Anderson wrote that he and others in the county legal offices believed the jurisdiction of the fair board could be interpreted to mean the entire county.

"I think that the 'geographic boundaries over which the public body has jurisdiction' does not mean just the Fair Complex," he wrote. Anderson says the Fair Board can hold a public meeting anywhere within Washington County that is accessible to the public so long as it meets American Disabilities Act and other standard public meeting requirements.

"Best practice is to hold Fair Board meetings at the Fair Complex, but the Fair Board is not legally limited to only meet at the Fair Complex," Anderson wrote in an e-mail.

Judi Palumbo, of the Middle-Aged Housewives for Livability and Open Government, disagrees, quoting Oregon Revised Statute 192.630(4), which states that meetings of the governing body of a public body shall be held within the geographic boundaries over which the public body has jurisdiction, at the administrative headquarters of the public body or at the nearest practical location.

"The Fair Board's authority, control and legal power to administer rests solely within the physical, or geographic, boundaries of the fairgrounds," Palumbo wrote in an e-mail. "Outside of the geographic boundaries of the fairgrounds the Fair Board has no jurisdiction and thus is required by law to meet on fairgrounds property.

"The law could not be written more clearly on this matter."

The ORS says governing bodies can hold "training sessions" outside their jurisdiction, as long as no deliberations toward a decision are involved.

Palumbo and other members of the Housewives say they are not against holding meetings outside of Hillsboro, but are simply trying to educate the board it is not acting in accordance with public meetings law.

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Awed spectators 'flip' over Extreme Motorsports show

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Of the News-Register

Long before the crowd began to file out of the Yamhill County Fairgrounds from Saturday's Extreme Motorsports Spectacular, plans were already being made for a return visit next year.

"I was just talking to (Yamhill County Fair Manager) Al (Westhoff) and he told me to mark it off the calendar for next year, and next year we may be looking at two nights or something," said John Borba of WGAS Motorsports, who put on the show. "We just want to get bigger and go better and better each year."

The size of the crowd caught plenty of people by surprise, as there were long lines to use the bathroom facilities, which prompted a delay coming back from the intermission break, but Borba said the crowd was extremely patient.

"Next year, we'll be ready for them and have more of everything," he said.

The large crowd was treated to freestyle motocross performances from Nick Dunn and Grant Teel, who had to deal a problem flat front tire during the show; monster truck demonstrations; and a demolition derby.

"I was expecting about the half the crowd," Dunn said. "It was the loudest crowd I've been in front of in a long time. They were a lot louder than a lot of big towns that we go to."

Dunn, who has been riding motorcycles for nearly 15 years and performing freestyle motocross for about four, got into freestyle when a friend of his bought a ramp and things pretty much escalated from there.

"We got all crazy and stuff," he said.

Nowadays, there isn't anything considered too extreme for the sport, which is getting more dangerous all the time, as riders try to out-do one another.

"Everyone's doing double back-flips and stuff," Dunn said. "It's getting crazy."

Dunn has competed in competitions but admits he enjoys the demonstrations more.

"I like doing this sort of thing," he said. "In the competitions, you have to make sure everything's really dialed in."



Grant Teel performs a flip during the freestyle motocross demonstration at the Extreme Motorsports Spectacular on Saturday at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in McMinnville.

Allen Moody/News-Register

"I try to get in at least four shows a month, but sometimes it's like two and sometimes it's six or eight if you're doing the weekends."

Overall, Dunn said things went well in front of the McMinnville crowd.

"I was happy with it," he said. "I thought it was a good ride, and I had fun with it."

Dallas' Bob Morton won the demolition derby, despite driving a less-than-intimidating pink automobile with a large rooster on top.

Morton, who has competed in demolition derbies for 11 years, escaped the qualifying round in good shape, needing only to change tires, while other crews were busy with sledgehammers, engine repairs and cutting away bent metal around the tire area.

The final two drivers were Morton and Randy Forlines. Morton said there is some psychology involved when it comes down to the final two drivers.

"You try to move fast and try to show you're the most aggressive driver, so if it comes down to one last little bump, the more aggressive driver is going to win," Morton said. "You get the crowd behind you with big hits and stuff, so you try to make it more interesting for the crowd."

There were several monster truck demonstrations, which were performed by the recently married couple of Jen and Brad Campbell.

Borba's company presents up to four shows a week, but he said he has the luxury of going to whichever shows he wants to and he was more than happy to get a chance to escape to Oregon.

"I love it up here, so I get to hang out here," he said. "Next weekend, I'm in Newport, so I'm going to spend the week over there."

Borba said it was a great feeling to bring the show to McMinnville and introduce some of the events to people who may not have ever seen them before.

"It's something brand new and we like doing new things," he said. "All this stuff here is right out of the heartland picture of America. We're doing all the macho stuff, the monster trucks, the hot rods, and we have the crazy kids on their motorcycles."

Borba said the show wouldn't have been possible without the help of a lot of local people, ranging from sponsors to the fairgrounds to the enthusiastic crowd.

"I want to extend a personal thank-you to everybody that helped make the show a success," he said.

"The community support was just amazing."



Getting chippy at 2007 County Fair

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Chocolate chips take center stage this year with two special baking competitions at the 2007 Spirit Mountain Casino Washington County Fair.

While the normal entries for "Baked Goods" are taken on July 22 prior to the fair opening, the Washington County Dairy Women's Cake Contest and the Kids' Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest actually take place after the fair opens to the public.

The Washington County Dairy Women have selected a Chocolate Chip Pound Cake recipe for their contest this year. Those entering the contest must bring along the labels from the butter, milk and sour cream containers to prove they used the dairy products. There's the Senior Division for those 16 and up, and the Junior Division for those 15 and under. First prize in each age group is \$50 and second prize is \$35. The cakes need to be brought to the baked goods area of the exhibit tent between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

And just for youngsters, it's the Kids' Chocolate Chip Cookie Contest on Saturday, July 28, at the fair. Children under 15 can bring their cookies to the baked goods area of the exhibit tent from 10 a.m. to noon. Judging starts at 1 p.m. Categories are best-tasting, largest in diameter and most-chocolatey.

The Dairy Women's cake recipe calls for:

1 cup butter, softened; 2 cups sugar; 4 eggs; 1 teaspoon vanilla extract; 4 cups all-purpose flour; 4 teaspoons baking powder; 1 teaspoon baking soda; 2 cups (16 ounces) sour cream; and 2 cups (12 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips.

For the glaze: 1/4 cup semisweet chocolate chips, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 1/4 cups confectioners sugar, 3 tablespoons milk and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract.

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder and baking soda. Add to creamed mixture alternately with sour cream. Fold in chocolate chips.

Pour into greased and floured 10-inch Bundt cake pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 60-65 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the glaze: In a saucepan over low heat, melt chocolate chips and butter. Remove from the heat; whisk in confectioners sugar, milk and vanilla until smooth. Working quickly, drizzle over cooled cake.

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Washington County Fair full of festive fun

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Start planning now to attend the 2007 Washington County Fair sponsored by Spirit Mountain Casino.

The fair runs Thursday, July 26, through Sunday, July 29, at the Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34th Avenue, in Hillsboro.

The gates open at 10 a.m. and close 11:00 p.m. Admission is free. The midway opens at noon and closes at midnight, though entry is only allowed until 10 p.m.

Parking is \$5 for regular passenger vehicles and \$10 for buses.

A shuttle bus will run regularly from the Fair Complex MAX Station to the fair entrance gate.

Highlighting daily entertainment is DockDogs, where man's best friend takes a running start off a 40-foot ramp into a 27,000 gallon pool of water.

Those who watch the dogs compete tend to get hooked, and can come back every day to watch how things progress towards the finals on Sunday, fairgrounds marketing director Lisa DuPre said.

The Pirates Parrot Show presents a delightful variety of specially trained parrots for the public to view, pet, hold and cuddle. The elaborately dressed Pirates and their colorful "crew" of 10 to 15 parrot species reveal the enchanting personality, rare beauty and significant value of parrots and other endangered species.

The Tuality Healthcare Brews and Blues Stage returns to the fair this year, bringing you some of the top blues performers, and rock acts, from around the Portland-Metro area.

The Discover the Fun Stage features the Jest In Time Circus of Fools and The Kent Family Magic Circus. Ronald McDonald will perform Saturday and Sunday. Unique, interactive children's entertainers, Washboard Willy and Wishboard Wanda, make their return after a five year absence.

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The whole family can ride a traditional carousel for only \$1 each person.

Unlimited ride bracelets are available Thursday, July 26, presented by Baxter Auto Parts.

Bracelets are just \$21 and come with a \$3 coupon for Baxter Auto Parts stores. Bracelet sessions run from noon to 5 p.m., and 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Thursday. The Family Carousel is not included in the unlimited ride promotion.

In the Halton Rental Arena, a truck pull presented by Regency Homes is Thursday, with a pro rodeo presented by Madden Industrial Craftsmen Friday and Saturday. All events start at 7 p.m. and admission for all seats is \$10. The arena box office opens at noon.

Come to a free draft horse driving show in the arena Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

Then get ready for some real action Sunday night for the Cricket Demolition Derby. Tickets are \$10, and action starts at 7 p.m.

This year the show features the Open Class Demolition Derby competition, freestyle motocross, and something a little different - the V.I.P Tournament of Destruction, a competition featuring companies decorating their own demo derby cars and selecting their own drivers:

Saturday, July 21, is the first day to bring in entries for food preserves, beverages, textiles and arts and crafts (crafts, paintings and drawings, and photography).

Entries will be taken at the Main Exhibit Hall from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

On Sunday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., entries will be accepted in the preceding categories and is the only day to enter the baked goods category.

Land Products entries will be taken from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Exhibit Tent, just west of the Main Exhibit Hall on Tuesday, July 24.

Floral entries will be taken from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Floral Building Thursday, June 26.

For more information, call 503-648-1416, or visit the Web site at www.faircomplex.com. The e-mail address is generaloffices@faircomplex.com.

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State Fair Gets Federal Money

The "Big One" isn't as big as it use to be. Last year the South Dakota State Fair shortened its length of days from eight to five.

Fair officials say that decision helped the fair make money for the first time in several years. But now it's getting money from another unlikely source.

The theme for this year's state fair is "We're the One."

That's how Congress must feel too, because lawmakers have approved spending \$250,000 to help make improvements to the fair grounds' facilities and that's never happened before.

That's on top of \$750,000 passed this year by the state legislature.

Other sources of revenue that add to the fair's bottom line come from gate admission which is \$5.00 for adults \$2.00 for youth, vending fees, grandstand ticket sales, sponsorships and display registrations.

The state fair has struggled to make money in the past and attendance numbers have been up and down like a roller coaster. But fair officials say they feel they're on track to keep the state fair one South Dakota's biggest annual attractions.

The \$250,000 from Congress will be used specifically to make improvements to the Beef Complex and Hippodrome.

This year's fair is August 30 through September 3.

[Don Jorgensen](#)

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Horse whisperer loudly proclaims Buck is the one

Wednesday, July 11, 2007

The Oregonian

Katie Merrill was calling the shots Tuesday morning as the team of four teen girls lathered up Gidget at the wash rack.

Gidget -- picked for the job because she needed a bath -- seemed indifferent to all the attention.

The girls were readying the mare for competition at the annual 4-H Horse Fair, which runs through Sunday at the Washington County Fair Complex in Hillsboro.

While Katie soaped up the horse and worked the suds into her coat, Adrienne Long, Haley Rogerson and Falon Tombs combed the horse's mane, polished her hoofs and did the dozens of other things needed to get the horse ready to show.

Consider it like detailing a car for Sunday's Concours d'Elegance . . . minus toothbrushing around the wire wheels.

"She's very serious about competition," says Katie's mom, Annette Merrill. "We have a very low-budget horse, but she gets everything out of it."

Katie's horse is Buck. While her parents foot the big bills, Katie works the counter at the Hillsboro Pharmacy to buy the extras needed to compete.

"And my folks really wanted me to work," she says.

Katie squeezes in the job between being a 4.0 sophomore and playing sports at Hillsboro High School.

"There are lots of kids like her," says Don Hillman, fair manager. "They don't make the headlines so we just don't hear much about them."

Apparently, women love horses for the same reason most men don't.

"They've got a mind of their own," says the Hillsboro teen. "They are unpredictable and you never know what they will do. You can train them and train them, but once in a while they'll forget everything you've worked on for hours, and just do something totally different."

There was the time Katie and Buck had been called back into the show ring to compete for one of the top prizes in a division.

"He did everything he was supposed to do," she says. "Then he suddenly reared up and took off running around the rodeo ring. I have no idea what got into him."

They were immediately disqualified. Katie says she was disappointed, but not upset.

"It was just Buck being Buck."

Buck, she says, has always been a bit different.

When Katie got him five years ago, Buck was a 12-year-old that hadn't been ridden in about three years.

"I had people offer to train him, but I wanted to do it myself. I wanted Buck to be my horse, not someone else's.

"I wanted to be able to look at him and say 'This is what I did,' " she says.

Annette Merrill says that when it became obvious that Katie is a better horsewoman than Buck is a horse, she and her husband offered to get her a steed to match her talents.

"She wouldn't hear of it," she says.

But then Buck began developing cataracts, which are slowly robbing the horse of his sight.

"It's been real gradual," says Katie, "so he's adjusting to it well."

This week, she and Buck will compete dressage, English and western equitation and showmanship.

"People told me he could never do dressage," she says, "but I just knew he could."

She says as Buck's vision gets gradually worse, he has to rely on her more.

"As long as he trusts me, we can do almost everything."

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Executive session fairly uneventful

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An executive session to discuss the retirement and re-assignment of Washington County Fair Complex Executive Director Don Hillman was fairly uneventful.

Only board member Mike Steward spoke about the need to have more discussion about the overall direction of fair management before changing Hillman's employment status.

"What changes are we making, and what impact does it have on the bottom line?," Steward asked.

The rest of the board argued that there would be plenty of time to redefine roles. Rich Vial said Hillman wasn't asking the board to sign a contract, but was instead giving it complete freedom as his time winds down.

With the newly formed Fairgrounds Task Force, much of Hillman's role was disappearing anyway, board president Rafe Flagg said.

"Don was hired to spearhead redevelopment," Flagg said. "The task force took that away from him.

"It makes absolutely complete sense to keep Don on as a part-time employee," Flagg continued. "It makes sense from a budget standpoint, and we get the benefit of his expertise."

Herb Hirst said this was a very common way for a public employee to retire.

"He's taken a lot of heat the last few years for things he didn't have any control of," Hirst said. "If I was him, I would have left last year."

In an interview Monday, Steward reiterated concerns about a lack of communication between board members.

"That meeting should have never happened the way it did," Steward said.

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County counsel: Fair Board executive session was wrong

Tuesday, July 10, 2007

By Kurt Eckert
The Hillsboro Argus

The Argus

Legal counsel for the Washington County Fair Board has admitted an executive session called June 29 was "not appropriate," but maintains that the votes cast by the board following the meeting can stand.

The board voted 4-0 to allow Don Hillman to retire to part-time status as chief executive officer of the Washington County Fair Complex. Board member Mike Steward abstained, while members Herb Hirst, Rich Vial, Don McCoun and Kathy Christy voted yes. The emergency meeting was called when it was learned Hillman could not collect retirement benefits if he didn't act by July 1.

Senior Assistant County Counsel Brad Anderson now says that under Oregon statute 192.660, subsection d, the meeting should have been held in public.

"At the time I thought (the) subsection did not apply because the position the Fair Board was considering is a temporary position, which are handled quite differently in Washington County than permanent positions," Anderson wrote in an e-mail.

Anderson said this was the first time he'd reviewed the statute since it was revised in 2004.

Under the revisions, a governing body may hold an executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, only if the body has satisfied certain prerequisites.

This includes advertising the vacancy for the position, adopting regular procedures for hiring and allowing public comment, said Rod Bersin, executive director for the Oregon Government Standards and Practices division.

Anderson disagreed with this interpretation in an e-mail, saying a governing body can discuss and decide to hire any employee in a special or regular session, without public comment.

"Under the Public Meetings Law, even if no executive session was held at the special meeting, the public would not have a right to speak at the special meeting on the discussion and decision the fair board made on the temporary position," he wrote.

While making clear he could not comment on this specific case, Bersin said a board should at least have had a public meeting saying they wanted to move a full-time position to a temporary position, Bersin said.

"The public should have the right to comment on the employment," Bersin said.

Even if an investigation turned up a violation, the fair board would not be subject to civil penalty because they we're acting on the advice of legal counsel, Bersin said. A lawyer is subject to penalty from the state

bar association.

The Middle-Aged Housewives for Livability and Open Government said there were further violations of public meetings laws when the public was not informed which board members were present at the teleconferenced meeting, or who voted in the affirmative and negative.

"We consider this a serious breach of responsibility of both the Fair Board and the County Counsel of Washington County to conduct public business legally and in compliance with all the appropriate Oregon state statutes," the Housewives said in a written statement.

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Fairgrounds change: Director retires to part-time position

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By Kurt Eckert
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In a rush vote that was apparently unavoidable, the Washington County Fair Complex Board of Directors Friday voted unanimously to allow the semi-retirement of the complex's executive director.

The employment status of Don Hillman will immediately change from full-time to retired and working on a temporary part-time basis. Under Oregon's Public Employee Retirement System, he can only work up to 1039 hours each year.

He will no longer be eligible for any county-paid benefits such as medical, dental, vision, PERS or holiday pay.

He will continue to earn an hourly salary of \$45.34, plus any allowable cost of living increase.

He says he expects to work 40 hours a week through August, then taper off to two or three days a week. He declined to give a definite final day.

Hillman, 57, says he is retiring to pursue some personal projects with his wife.

Assistant County Counsel Brad Anderson said Hillman had been under the impression he could delay this decision until after the county fair in late July, but was told Thursday, June 28, that he needed board approval by July 1, or he would not be able to collect retirement benefits this year. Hillman said that was why the emergency meeting was called.

Fair Board President Rafe Flagg said having Hillman's longtime experience will help the board as the responsibility for fairgrounds redevelopment shifts more into the purview of the newly formed Fairgrounds Task Force.

"It feels right," Flagg said. "It may not have limited our opportunities, but would have limited opportunities for Don."

The temporary, part-time status of Hillman's employment gives the board maximum flexibility as it looks at the future role of the executive director and, in fact, the role of the board itself, Flagg said.

"This is a very common way for someone in public employment to retire," said board member Herb Hirst.

The Middle Aged Housewives for Livability and Open Government were one of the few groups with representation to show up at the end of the emergency meeting, following the executive session of the board.

Housewife Linda Mokler wondered why Hillman has been working 40-hour weeks if the position only requires two or three days a week.

"At 20 hours per week, Don will not exceed the 1039 hours per calendar year and theoretically could remain as a part-time employee indefinitely," Mokler wrote in an e-mail. "How quickly the fair board moves to advertise and fill the opening will speak volumes."

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Santa Clara County Fair taps former glory

INCREASE IN FUNDING RESTORES TRADITIONS

By Janice Rombeck
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After five years of shrinking, and amid concerns it might not come back at all, the Santa Clara County Fair will open in August with a measure of its former splendor, thanks to a bigger budget and a return of some popular features that had been axed to cut costs.

The 2007 fair will expand from three to five days, bring back the Midway carnival rides and offer an entertainment lineup likely to draw larger evening crowds. And, this year, just like old times, adults will once again be allowed to submit exhibits alongside their kids.

That pleases Marilyn Miller of San Jose. Her family is planning to enter plates of cookies, muffins and kuchen (German coffecake), along with pots of herbs.

"We always thought the fair was a highlight of the summer," Miller said.

The fairgrounds on Tully Road also are getting a mini-makeover, but not all of the improvements will be ready for the fair's Aug. 1 opening, said Art Troyer, executive director of Fair Management Corp., running the 63-year-old event.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors last year approved \$4.5 million for long-delayed repairs to sewer and water lines, restrooms, and electrical wiring. The money also will pay for air conditioning in two large exhibition buildings and provide a \$285,000 boost to the fair's operating budget.

Although the county faced a severe budget crunch this year and had to pare services, the money for the fair was set aside in earlier years in a special fund earmarked for revitalizing the fairgrounds. The added funding for operations also marked an about-face after years of cuts.

"It's sort of a new beginning for us," Troyer said.

A year ago, the fair was facing an uncertain future as supervisors weighed building a concert hall on the 150-acre fairgrounds, a project that had been delayed by litigation. The board rejected the concert-hall proposal in August because of escalating costs and instead invited developers to offer other proposals for the county's largest undeveloped parcel of land.

Staying put

A decision on those proposals, which are due in the fall, won't come until March, said John Gibbs, chief of staff for Supervisor Don Gage. But no matter what is chosen, supervisors say they are committed to reserving space for a fair and large festivals.

Gage had proposed moving the fair to the southern portion of the county, but that idea was shelved because of the cost and a lack of suitable sites, Gibbs said. "The focus has been to try to find ways to make the annual county fair more successful on the existing site," he said.

The extra funding, which increases the fair's operating budget to about \$650,000 from \$375,000 - under the theory that spending money will help the fair increase attendance - means organizers now can offer an entertainment lineup comparable to venues such as the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. On tap is Elvin Bishop, Greg Rollie, ShaNaNa, Starship with Mickey Thomas and country singer Jamie O'Neal. There also will be performing pigs and sea lions and fireworks on opening and closing nights.

"People wanted to have more of a full fair," said Delana Romero, exhibits manager. "We responded to that."

In 2006, the fair used only a small portion of the fairgrounds, limited exhibits to junior competition and focused on families

with young children, offering petting zoos, hands-on activities and contests, kids' rides and a community talent show.

The approach disappointed longtime fairgoers Miller and her family, who have long made entering the fair a summer tradition.

Tradition restored

"The first night we run around and see if we won anything," she said. "So last year when they said adults couldn't enter, we were just crushed."

Attendance has dwindled over the years amid competition from other events, leading to revenue losses. Fair organizers cut the fair from 10 days to three in 2002. For four years, it was offered for free, but admission fees were brought back last year.

Fairgoers this year will pay \$8 for adults, up from \$5 last year, and \$5 for children ages 6 to 12 and adults 65 and older, up from \$3 last year. Five-day passes will be offered for \$20 and five-day ride passes will cost \$12 to \$20. Parking, free last year, will cost \$8 a car.

Fair Management Corp. was hoping last year's focus on youths would attract 50,000 fairgoers - enough people to break even - but attendance over three days was 35,000, contributing to a \$170,000 loss.

The biggest improvements to the fairgrounds will be ready after the fair, in time for a slate of planned fall events. Besides the annual fair, the 66-year-old fairgrounds holds 200 events a year, from small family gatherings and weddings to bigger festivals such as the Vietnamese Tet Festival, Cinco de Mayo and Fiesta del Sol.

High-priority projects include air conditioning for the fairgrounds' Expo Hall and Pavilion and a 3,500-seat bleacher arena with floor seating for 1,500 patrons. Troyer expects the open-air arena to be finished in September.

Also in September, the dusty back half of the fairgrounds will be seeded for a grass-like ground cover, Troyer said. The grandstand and the barns that had existed on that site were demolished in 2001, when the plan was to develop the fairgrounds into an entertainment complex.

Troyer hopes this year's entertainment lineup as well as expanded carnival rides, exhibits and vendors will draw 80,000 to 90,000, an attendance figure that hasn't been reached since 2004.

"We had lost so much money that our entertainment and marketing budget really suffered," Troyer said of the revenue losses. "This will breathe new life into the event."

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Committee bats around ideas for Fair Complex

Planning - In a brainstorming session, members outline visions for the Hillsboro site

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KATHLEEN GORMAN
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Build a convention/expo center at the Washington County fairgrounds in Hillsboro. Preserve and honor the county's agricultural roots, including the county fair. Keep all parts of the county in mind.

Those visions are shared by members of a committee charged with revitalizing the Washington County Fair Complex. The group, which has met monthly, is working with consultants to draw up a plan for the 101-acre complex on Northeast Cornell Road in Hillsboro. They expect to have a proposal by the end of the year.

County officials kicked off the carefully coordinated effort this spring after years of arguing soured one proposed redevelopment plan and curtailed discussion on another.

Although the group still has months to go -- and a lot of work to do -- the ultimate goal, Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes said, is to "move this issue off our plate."

"Too long we have been at each other's throats," he said, during a committee meeting last week in downtown Beaverton.

During the meeting, members of the group outlined what they would like to see at the fairgrounds. Although cost concerns them, they agreed to brainstorm first and discuss later how to pay for changes. Otherwise, discussions would have spilled over the three hours set aside for the meeting.

In fact, Hughes and County Commission Chairman Tom Brian cut short a debate over whether to offer free or paid admission to the annual county fair -- it's now free -- so the group could stay focused on the future.

"What we really want to do here," Brian said, "is talk about the vision."

Hughes outlined what Hillsboro would like to see at the fairgrounds. The city, he said, values the fact that it is home to the fair and respects the agricultural heritage on display there.

It also appreciates the ball fields in the southwest corner, even though they "play a little bit like asphalt," he said. The fields, which the city leases, could be moved if that would help redevelop the property. Regardless of where they are, city officials would like to buy them from the county, he added.

An expo center could host events year-round, including rodeos, graduations and home and garden shows, Hughes said. In addition, the city wants Northeast Grant Street to extend through the property to relieve congestion on Northeast Cornell Road.

County Commissioner Andy Duyck said he would like to see the fair complex become "a new backyard for people," with an expo center, the county fair, possibly the county historical museum, a library and ball fields.

On his way to the meeting, Duyck said, he saw crowds enjoying the sun around the Beaverton City Library

and thought "that's what I'd like to see in Hillsboro" at the fairgrounds.

Whatever is built needs to be done right or it won't draw people from all parts of the county, said Delna Jones, a committee member who has served as a state legislator and county commissioner.

In addition, Jones said, it might be time to reconsider the name. "It needs to have a name that brings them here besides at fair time," she said.

Brian said the fairgrounds needs to deliver a "sense of place" as well as provide something that is rapidly disappearing in the county: open space.

"It's going away, folks," he said.

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County fair attendance slides for third straight year

By Aaron Swarts, STAFF WRITER
Inside Bay Area

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STOCKTON — The San Joaquin County Fair, as it is presently constituted, may have just sung its swan song.

"Change is in the wind," promised Executive Director Forrest White after revealing that attendance at the fair has plummeted for the third year in a row.

"We are trying to figure out what the heck is going on," White said. "It is clearly time to examine what we are, who we are and who we are going to attract to the fair in the future."

Last year, more than 169,000 county residents attended the fair, with just more than 146,000 people coming through the gates in 2007, despite a number of promotions.

White believes a bigger variety of year-round county attractions may be the primary cause for the decline.

"Three years ago there was no downtown arena, no rebuilt Fox Theatre and no waterfront ballpark," he said. "Add those things to the equation and there are far more entertainment choices for area residents."

White added that the "idea of the fair being the main source of summer entertainment, which it has been for almost 150 years, just doesn't exist anymore. We are no longer the only game in town."

The fair's lone silver lining could be found at the horse racing track, where after a down year in 2006 and one fewer day of racing, business flourished.

"We had mega numbers at the track," White said. "And I don't think it is a coincidence that racing is the one entertainment option that cannot be found elsewhere in the area."

Typically, racing makes up about half of the fair's more than \$4 million budget. Last year the track generated more than \$1 million in revenue, but bounced back to more than \$2 million this year, with an average daily attendance of more than 4,500 people, up from an average of 3,900 in 2006.

"Because the numbers were down last year, we had a day of racing taken away," White said. "Which makes this year's numbers more impressive considering we had nine days of racing instead of 10. Obviously it is a unique product that people really enjoy."

With the current success, White expects the fair to return to 10 days of racing next year, "if not more."

As for the rest of the fair, officials will soon be sitting down to see what changes and improvements might generate attendance in excess of 200,000 people in 2008.

"We need to look at how we can be a unique entertainment option," White said. "We need to look at what areas need to be changed and what needs to be added. Things are going to change, it is just a matter of when and how."

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Rent dispute leads to closure of Dairy Bar at Outagamie Fair

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By Susan Squires

Post-Crescent staff writer June 25, 2007

SEYMOUR — For the first time in 48 years, the Outagamie County Fair will go on without the 4-H Leaders Association's Dairy Bar concession and its famous malts.

A dispute between the 4-H leaders and the Outagamie County Fair Association, the nonprofit organization that owns and manages the fair, has closed the Dairy Bar for the year. The fair runs July 10 through July 15.

"There are quite a few people disappointed about it," 4-H Leaders' Vice President Jeremy Trost said.

The Fair Association asked the leaders, who had previously operated rent-free, for \$2,000 a year. The leaders countered by offering 5 percent of the revenue they'd averaged over the last five years, which would have been \$759 for 2007.

"They declined it and said they wanted \$2,000," Trost said.

The Fair Association is distressed about the disagreement, President John Cumicek said, but the fair's board believes the \$2,000 is more than reasonable.

The 4-H leaders, along with American Legion Post 106 and the Seymour firefighters, paid for their concessions' construction when the Fair Association built its new grandstand in 1994.

According to the terms of their contracts, each occupied its space rent-free until 2000. The American Legion and the firefighters began paying, but the Fair Association didn't broach the subject of rent with the 4-H leaders until 2006.

"The bottom line has gotten more difficult," Cumicek said.

According to its filings with the Internal Revenue Service, the fair lost \$95,323 in 2004 and \$61,771 in 2003. Its profits in 2002 and 2005 were \$17,506 and \$13,945, respectively.

"Our board looked at it and said perhaps we should be charging the 4-H Leaders Association," Cumicek said.

The Fair Association figures the Dairy Bar's share of electricity, advertising, maintenance and insurance is \$2,856. The members of the Leaders Association, however, questioned the fair board's calculations and rejected the contract.

The organization uses the proceeds from the Dairy Bar to help pay for educational trips for the county's 943 4-H members. According to Trost, leaders have tried to insulate the kids from the

dispute.

"The whole purpose of 4-H is to learn and grow, and it isn't necessarily the most positive situation," he said.

Nevertheless, both the Fair Association and the Leaders Association hope to resolve the dispute before the 2008 fair.

"We would love for them to be there," Cumicek said.

At Del Mar, bands paid fair market value

Fee based on how well an act can pack 'em in

By Elizabeth Fitzsimons
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

June 23, 2007

DEL MAR – Just what does it say about a band when it is being paid \$150,000 to play for 75 minutes at the San Diego County Fair? And what about the group that's only getting \$10,000?

"It's all about how many people they'll draw," said Rebecca Bartling, the fairgrounds' deputy general manager. And whether their star still burns bright or is barely a flicker.

"Some people get a lot more money," Bartling said.

Take Earth, Wind and Fire, the R&B band that still packs them in after 30 years. The group performs Tuesday for \$150,000, making it the fair's highest-paid act.

Toward the other end of the scale is '80s hair-metal band Quiet Riot, which may not have endured time's passing as well.

Quiet Riot is scheduled to play July 4 for \$10,000, which doesn't exactly line the four band members' pockets when you consider travel and crew costs – not to mention hair spray.

"Well, every dog has its day," said Gary Bongiovanni, editor of *Pollstar*, the concert industry's leading weekly publication.

Most of the fair's grandstand concerts are free with a ticket to the fair. Six of them – including LeAnn Rimes, who will be paid \$85,000 for her Wednesday night show; Paul Anka, \$85,000 for Friday; and The Moody Blues, \$135,000 for July 2 – require separate tickets ranging from \$110 to \$25.

Appearing the same night as Quiet Riot is fellow hair-metal band Slaughter, which also will be paid \$10,000, and Vince Neil of Mötley Crüe, who's getting \$25,000.

But Quiet Riot and Slaughter can take heart, as neither was the lowest-paid act. The reggae group Boom Shaka got only \$4,000 for its June 9 performance.

But the money isn't the fair's only draw for performers. The fairgrounds pays the musicians a flat fee and is responsible for packing the seats.

"There's no risk of failure to the artist," Bongiovanni said. "They don't have to worry about showing up at a



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There was a kind of hush all over Del Mar as Engelbert Humperdinck strutted his stuff at the fair Thursday. The Las Vegas icon received \$50,000 for his performance.

club and only having sold five tickets.”

While there used to be some stigma attached to performing at a fair, there's no shame in it now, Bongiovanni said.

There's a decent stage, and the sound and lighting are done professionally. It's hardly setting up on the back of a truck with a bunch of straw on the ground.

And the fair is holding its own with other concert facilities.

“If they get paid \$150,000 and \$135,000 at Viejas, they're not going to come to the fair and get \$40,000,” Bartling said. “We're very competitive with other venues.

“We try to find something to appeal to all different markets. We'll have country and we'll have pop and we'll have classic rock,” she said.

And then there's Engelbert Humperdinck, the Las Vegas icon who received \$50,000 for his performance at the fair Thursday. Humperdinck certainly has some appeal. Women still throw their underwear at him during his shows.

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Task force dares to dream about fairgrounds future

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By Kurt Eckert
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The Argus

A task force dared to dream about the future of Washington County fairgrounds at a meeting in Beaverton Wednesday afternoon.

Putting aside the dirty little subject of who's going to pay for it, members of the Fairgrounds Revitalization Task Force were allowed to enter their best ideas into the ether, imagining anything they saw as a plus for the 101-acre tract off Northeast Cornell Road.

"We have plenty of time down the road for reality to set in," county Commissioner Tom Brian said.

An exposition center with multiple uses was near the top of the wish list for all 15 members of the task force, which is co-chaired by Brian and Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes.

Hillsboro could benefit from an exposition center, which is part of the Hillsboro 20/20 Vision plan, said Hughes. Though the plan is silent about where that center would be located, the fairgrounds' board of directors is listed as the lead partner, he said.

Hughes said because Hillsboro is the home of the fairgrounds, the city is willing to bear a larger part of the responsibility for making improvements, but not sole responsibility.

"My vision is real simple," Hughes said. "Just that we move this issue off our plate at some time." The issue of redeveloping the fairgrounds has become caustic and abrasive, whereas, in reality, the community needs to come to a consensus and act, he said.

It would probably be prudent to consider both a closed convention center and an open-air arena for things like rodeos and livestock shows, said Dave Rohrer, president of the Fair Boosters. He pointed to the 360-acre fairgrounds in Deschutes County, which has an events center and six livestock barns.

Brian reminded the task force that Deschutes County later found out the events center had electrical limitations and poor acoustics.

"We have to keep these things in mind," Brian said.

The hall could have state-of-the-art technology, and large-scale kitchen facilities, suggested Deanna Palm, president of the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce.

"There's nowhere in Hillsboro where you can feed more than 200 people at once," she said.

Hotelier Terry Goldman echoed Palm's sentiments about high-tech.

"They might be bringing horses, but they'll also be bringing their laptops," he said.

Several members thought attractive open spaces, like the fountain and playground in front of the Beaverton library, could serve to attract visitors from around the county year-round.

Almost everyone present expressed a desire to maintain a relationship with the Oregon National Guard. Guard representatives have said their current armory facilities on the west side of the fair complex are woefully small for today's standards.

Agricultural exhibits, a museum and maintaining or expanding the existing city ball fields were also mentioned several times.

Interestingly, most members of the committee opposed the expansion of Grant Street to bisect the fairgrounds. The expansion has long been expected to be a Hillsboro street project to relieve congestion on Cornell Road. Hughes said it could probably be paid for with traffic impact fees.

Not everyone was willing to forget about the issue of money. Fair board President Rafe Flagg said the final vision created by the task force has to stand the test of time.

"How (these things) get here can be all Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz," Flagg said. "But then they have to be sustainable." A park-like setting is nice, but it has to be a park that is easy to maintain, Flagg said. Parking will be an issue and an important source of revenue, so a developed parking structure must also be considered, he said.

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Aging Cal Expo cries out for modernization

By Mary Lynne Vellinga - Bee Staff Writer

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As the start of the California State Fair nears, the staff at Cal Expo is rushing to pretty up the place. Rows of potted trees wait to be dragged out onto the grounds. A man-made rain forest is rising in the floriculture area.

But temporary beautification efforts can't conceal that CalExpo, now nearing 40 years old, needs a deep makeover. Its 1960s-era concrete towers look dated, its buildings lack creature comforts, and its electrical and water systems need modernizing.

Workers routinely cannibalize parts from one of the four aging monorail trains to keep the other three running.

State Fair attendance, meanwhile, has stagnated, and fair officials are struggling to come up with ways to draw more people and make the sprawling facility more appealing to event organizers in non-fair months.

"I think it's underutilized," said state Sen. Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, an ex-officio member of the Cal Expo board. "And physically, it's not that attractive. We all feel that hot concrete during the State Fair."

Cal Expo occupies 360 acres of prime real estate near Arden Fair mall. City and fair officials agree that the property could be put to much better use while still maintaining room for the fair. They have yet to come up with firm proposals, but have suggested retail as one possibility.

Cal Expo's central location and its wealth of land recently caught the eye of the National Basketball Association, which is trying to devise a plan to build a new arena for the Kings.

Brian May, Cal Expo's deputy general manager, said NBA consultant John Moag toured the facility when he was in town about six weeks ago. May hasn't heard from Moag since.

"He was just fact-finding," May said. "He was impressed with the property ... by its scale, its location, its curb appeal.

City Councilman Rob Fong, who has been in periodic contact with Moag, said the NBA appears to have narrowed its arena search down to two possible sites: Cal Expo and the downtown railyard. The railyard was the site of last year's failed attempt by the city and county to secure voter approval for a sales tax increase to build an arena.

"I think the (NBA) is still talking with the folks at Cal Expo, and they're certainly still asking about the railyard as well; those are really the two places," Fong said.

May said there have been no discussions about exactly where such an arena would go, or how it would be financed. In his mind, the most desirable spot would probably be the dirt field that now serves as overflow parking along the Capital City Freeway.

While Cal Expo's central location, land and freeway access make it attractive as a potential arena site, there's one big downside: traffic. The fairgrounds sit alongside one of Sacramento's worst freeway bottlenecks.

In addition, May said, there's no way Cal Expo could help pay for an arena. The fairgrounds don't generate enough cash to make a dent in its own \$40 million list of deferred maintenance needs, let alone invest in sports facilities. Cal Expo doesn't receive any money from the state general fund.

Cal Expo recently studied the idea of building a smaller arena for minor league hockey, concerts and other events, but dropped the idea, May said.

"The study concluded it would probably break even, at best," he said.

Cal Expo currently generates \$30 million a year -- about 60 percent of it from the State Fair. Other revenue sources include trade shows and rent payments from such tenants as harness racing and Raging Waters, the new operator of the former Water- World USA. May said every dollar is pumped back into the facility.

"The State Fair is our business, and it will always be our business," May said. "We won't let anything impact the State Fair."

Despite the name "California State Fair," nearly all the people who attend come from within a 75-mile radius. Increased competition from amusement parks dotted around the state -- and other entertainment venues -- has weakened the pull of a fair featuring carnival rides and farm animals. More people now attend the Los Angeles County Fair.

Given this reality, Cal Expo's board is searching for ways to boost the fair's appeal, and also to put Cal Expo to better use at different times of year.

Cal Expo now hosts more than 200 events annually, ranging from home and garden shows to the winter Christmas tree sale. Earlier this week, girls in town for a volleyball tournament cruised around the grounds on skateboards and scooters.

But most of the business comes during the weekend from consumer related events, May said. The spread-out campus of Spartan buildings holds less appeal for corporate meeting planners, often sitting empty on weekdays.

A master plan adopted by the Cal Expo board in 2004 calls for knocking down Cal Expo's centerpiece, the eight-building concrete complex known as Expo Center, which needs about \$9 million in seismic upgrades. May said the board would like to replace Expo Center with a single building that has breakout rooms for smaller groups, something Cal Expo now lacks.

The plan also recommends razing two-thirds of the racing grandstand, which can seat 6,000.

"Given the state of horseracing today, 600 seats is probably what's needed, not 6,000," May

said.

In another move to free up space, Cal Expo is looking at moving its farm and forestry exhibits into the 400 acres it owns in the American River Parkway next to the developed portion of Cal Expo.

Cal Expo currently lacks the funds to carry out any of these ideas. It is sponsoring a bill by state Sen. Dave Cox, R-Fair Oaks, that would set up an authority that could issue bonds to improve the fairgrounds.

"We're talking somewhere in the neighborhood of \$150 million," Cox said. "That would allow them to modernize the fair."

Cal Expo still needs to figure out how to pay the bonds back, however.

May said the fair board plans to explore possible partnerships with private developers to build retail or other business enterprises that may work well with the fair, and improve the facility's bottom line.

"The ideal vision is to build a business model that will enable Cal Expo to survive another 40 years."

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County toughening policy enforcement at fairgrounds

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Organizations participating in the Curry County Fair in August will have to present proof of liability insurance before they can set up booths.

Curry County Manager Dick Smith told county commissioners at Tuesday's meeting the policy has been selectively enforced over the years, but the new fairgrounds manager, Justus Anderson, is now enforcing all the fairground's lease requirements equally.

The fairgrounds manager position was created last year.

Earlier in the meeting, county resident Bill Bollinger asked commissioners why they were enforcing the insurance policy requirement now.

"I think it's not fair," Bollinger said. "The people involved don't need to get blindsided by the (insurance policy)."

Bollinger, who said he has been involved with the county fair for about 50 years, said he was not speaking for his group at the meeting. He said many booths at the fair are run by volunteer groups who can't afford to buy an insurance policy.

Assistant County Manager Lance Pyle said a liability insurance policy has always been a requirement in the fair's lease contract.

"We've had events that we've turned down because they couldn't provide that insurance coverage," Smith said. "It's uniform, it's across the board. It basically comes down to this: If you want to rent the facilities you need to show us that you have insurance coverage to do that."

Bollinger said his organization has agreed to pay for an insurance policy to stay in the county fair.

"We'll be there come hell or high water," he said.

In other action, commissioners:

- Approved the final plat for the Jorde Ranch subdivision project on the condition a contract guaranteeing the completion of Cando Road is provided.
- Approved a \$10 bonding charge for inmates who pay their bonds at the county jail.
- Approved use of BI Cellular electronic monitoring units for inmates on house arrest. The department will use it for inmates who do not have land-line phones in their homes. The county detention department will charge inmates \$3 a day for the ankle bracelets.
- Approved an additional \$28,000 for unanticipated expenses to the Curry County Fairgrounds budget. County Finance Director Mark Lansford explained that the unanticipated costs included hiring part-time employees.
- Heard the Curry County Comprehensive Plan summary from Paul Huckaby of Consensus Planning. The plan will go to further review.
- Heard Pyle report on the county's Drafted Personnel Policy. Since there is no deadline for its approval, commissioners will schedule another open meeting to discuss the policy further.

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\$20 million more available for State Fair arena, barn renovations

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OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - The Oklahoma City council approves spending \$20 million more on renovations and improvements at State Fair Arena and its nearby horse barns.

In 2004, voters approved an increase in Oklahoma City's hotel-motel tax from 2% to 5.5%. The majority of the money raised by the tax increase is financing \$55 million worth of bonds to pay for the upgrade of equine facilities at State Fair Park.

Revenues from the tax were higher than expected, providing fair officials with the additional \$20 million.

The fair's general manager, Tim O'Toole, says \$7.5 million of the new money will be spent on new seating, a new scoreboard, restrooms, meeting space, a roof replacement and other interior renovations at State Fair Arena, which hosts about 15 major horse shows annually.

About \$8.5 million will be spent on a new entrance, security improvements, signage, parking lots and drainage improvements.

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Fair Board applicants grumble about off-list choice

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By Kurt Eckert
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The Argus

The man selected by Washington County Commissioners to serve on the county's fairgrounds board did not turn in an application for the position before the May 8 deadline.

Board Chairman Tom Brian said he handpicked former KUIK owner Don McCoun because of his 30-year history of involvement with the fairgrounds. County bylaws clearly give the commissioners the right to pick someone they feel is particularly well-qualified, whether or not they formally apply, he said.

According to county bylaws: "Following receipt of applications, the Board may select from such list a designee to fill such vacancy by majority vote. If no name is acceptable to the Board, the matter shall be continued until a designee is selected."

"The Board is not bound to select a nominee from the list," Brian wrote in an e-mail. "Quite often commissioners will recruit someone they feel is particularly well-qualified or who represents a geographic area, philosophy, expertise, gender or ethnicity that would be helpful or appropriate to the entity to which they would be appointed."

Applicant Tom Black said the argument that none of the 15 people who applied on time were qualified didn't wash.

In an e-mail, he questioned the legitimacy of determining a candidate's qualifications or values without an interview of any kind.

"I don't remember that that question was on the county's application form," Black wrote. "And if it was, what values am I supposed to share with the commissioners?"

Brian noted McCoun had narrowly missed being named to the new fairgrounds task force.

McCoun represents a point of view that wouldn't be identified as being on "one side or another," noted Brian.

Applicant Lyle Spiesschaert said Brian chose to deny the opportunity of service to all those who applied according to the commissioners' rules.

"This fact seriously jeopardizes the democratic principle to be heard and to have a true voice in our government, no matter what the issues are," Spiesschaert said. "It goes to the core of the people's right to be involved in their government."

Commissioner Andy Duyck said it was a matter of long-standing tradition for commissioners to handpick those who they felt best suited. Without the option of handpicked candidates, there were several times

before the controversy surrounding fairgrounds redevelopment when there would have been no one on the fair board with agricultural experience, he said.

"I think that I have earned the right to make certain appointments based on my own choices and not based just on who fills out the application," Duyck wrote. "If I am not certain about a candidate's leanings, I am not going to take a chance and appoint them just because they are on the list."

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Playing games: Megan Petersen (left) and Adrienne Vaughn, both 12, laugh as they play a water gun squirt game last year at the Ingham County Fair.

Mid-Michigan fair guide

70th annual Clinton County 4-H and Youth Fair

- When: July 30-Aug. 4
- Admission: Free
- Where: Clinton County Fairgrounds, East State Street, St. Johns

152nd annual Eaton County Fair

- When: July 5-July 14
- Admission: \$5
- Where: Eaton County Fairgrounds, South Cochran Avenue, Charlotte

153rd annual Ingham County Fair

- When: July 30-Aug. 4

- Admission: \$5
- Where: Ingham County Fairgrounds, East Ash Street, Mason

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Fairs scrambling: County traditions struggle to adjust amid state cuts

Seth Roy
Lansing State Journal

County fairs, a long-standing tradition of farming expos, down-home concerts and thrill rides, are in jeopardy because of the state budget crisis.

This year, funding for prize money for children participating in 4-H expositions has been frozen. Funding for fairgrounds upkeep has been slashed.

The situation leaves many fair organizers scrambling to make ends meet.

It also leaves many wondering about the long-term future of the events.

"If I knew the answer to that, I'd feel a lot better," said Barbara Hensinger, director of the Fairs, Exhibitions and Racing Division at the Department of Agriculture. "It's very difficult to project at this point in time, given the state budget."

Money for premiums - prize money - soon may be on its way to fair organizers. However, they expect deep cuts in the funding for general upkeep of buildings and grounds.

The money in question is collected by the state from casinos and pari-mutuels and funneled to fairs. However, officials say it is not guaranteed, which further concerns fair organizers.

Last year, said Ingham County Fair Executive Director Tom Edman, his event received \$39,195 in premiums. This year, he fears, it could be zero.

Last year, the fair also received \$14,290 for upkeep, which it matched with money made from the fair.

Edman said the fair plans to pay premiums this year despite the uncertainty of receiving state money to pay for them.

"We're hoping that this year we get that money back," Edman said, assuming that the state budget will eventually be settled. "We have our fingers crossed that they do come through."

Expecting less

Ingham County isn't the only county that's affected.

The loss could be just as staggering for the Eaton County Fair, said Board President Theo Savage.

Last year, the fair received about \$20,000 for premiums and \$17,000 for upkeep and stables. This year, Eaton County Fair officials expect less and are trying to adjust.

"We've got to scramble and find some way to keep the upkeep on the grounds," Savage said.

Right now, the fair isn't paying premiums for its contests.

"This might be the first year that we won't," Savage said. "We are not going to get paid. We will reimburse the kids if we get that (premium money)."

On top of these issues, the fair also is dealing with the reality that it lost \$6,000 in revenue last year. In response, organizers are slashing gate fees from \$10 to \$5 to get more people onto the fairgrounds, and they plan to raise prices for rides and grandstand events.

"We have to find some way to change things, and that's why we changed the gate fee," he said.

While fair organizers say they are bracing for tough times, Hensinger, the director of the Fairs, Exhibitions and Racing Division at the Department of Agriculture, insisted fairs have received a small amount of money for premiums and upkeep.

Concerning upkeep funding, she said about \$600,000 in upkeep was distributed to fairs across the state, down from more than \$963,000 last year.

She also said the state expects to receive more money for premiums, derived in part from a casino tax.

"The premiums for a period of time were caught and frozen in that grant process," she said.

Wagering revenue

Statewide in 2006, the Department of Agriculture gave out more than \$1.6 million for premiums. It is unclear how much will be collected this year, Hensinger said.

Building and track funds, however, are another issue, she said.

"There is a revenue shortfall in that funding in '07," Hensinger said.

That money is derived from the Equine Industry Development Fund, which is composed of pari-mutuel horse track wagers and a tax on three Detroit casinos. Horse track wagering has declined, Hensinger said.

She said the state's funding of fairs reflects the tradition of farming in Michigan.

"It's been a long tradition that we have supported the county fairs through these two programs," Hensinger said. "I think county fairs are about our agricultural heritage."

Savage, of the Eaton County Fair, said he doesn't think state funding will ever again be available to help pay for upkeep.

"I'm worried," he said. "There are at least three fairs that have totally gone out already in the state. We have no idea what's going to happen."

Edman shares similar worries, though he is hopeful that things will turn around.

"I'm saddened that we're cutting this deep," Edman said. "If we lose this, we lose our history and our heritage. That's our pride. It's our culture."

Kids involved

Thousands of children, including Niki Opp, 17, of Stockbridge, show cattle, dogs, sheep and other animals at fairs across the state.

She's been showing animals at the Ingham County Fair for about 10 years as part of 4-H.

"I just really like to work with animals ... and meet new people," she said.

She said she will continue entering fair contests despite concerns that money to pay premiums is scant.

"I would still be involved," Niki said.

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State Fair entry forms move from handbook to Web site

By JO DEE BLACK
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New this year:

Last year, the Montana State Fair's exhibitor entry information handbook took top honors in the International Association of Fairs and Exhibitions competition. For dozens of years before that, it's been an invaluable tool for folks entering every thing from peach pie and pickles to gladiolas and quilts at the fair.

This year, the book never made it to press.

"We were spending about \$10,000 on the printing and cover design," said Lori Cox, the marketing director for the fair. "We have to be reasonable."

Instead, information about entering pigeons, rabbits and rhubarb desserts is on the fair's Web site.

"We set it up so that the Web pages are in the same format that the printed pages in the book looked like in the past," Cox said. "We want to do everything we can to make the transition a gentle one."

Entry forms for exhibits for the fair's 24 departments also are available in hard copy at the fair's administration office.

Exhibitors have two choices to preregister their projects and displays this year. The Montana State Fair invested about \$3,500 for software called Showworks, which accepts entries online.

"We can't accept entry fees online this year," said Sue Lorang of the State Fair's entry office. "We want to get the online registration part ironed out first."

In the past, exhibitors received a post card in March letting them know the fair books were ready to be picked up.

"We did get some calls from people when that didn't happen," Cox said. "For the most part, people have been very understanding when we explain the reason it was not printed this year is because of the cost."

Betty and James Super are green-thumb wonders. They've taken home top honors in gardening and floriculture for the last 15 years. The couple owns a computer with Internet access, so online entries aren't intimidating.

James Super is hot, however, about another change concerning State Fair entries.

For the first time, entries in the Culinary, Home Arts, Gardening and Floriculture departments require a \$1 entry fee.

"Entering the fair is a neat incentive to keep trying to produce good, quality stock and we look forward to competing with other people," he said. "Then along comes this deal."

Entry fees help offset about one-third of the \$70,000 to \$75,000 in prize money — called premiums — exhibitors judged in the top of their class receive. Top prizes range from \$3 to \$35, depending on the department and number of entries.

Charging entry fees for those four departments will allow the premiums paid to increase, Cox said.

Anita Pecukonis worries the \$1 fee will discourage participation, especially in the gardening department, where some people enter several dozen flowers. She and her son, Josh, are regular entrants in the fair's Livestock, Garden and Crops departments.

"We are trying to get more people involved in the fair, drum up new people to come," she said.

The fair is offering exhibitors a new perk to offset the added cost of entering projects.

Any exhibitor who pays \$50 in entry fees by July 13 will get a free exhibitor pass. It's a punch card good for 10 entrances to the fair and worth \$20. In the past, the free passes were only offered to livestock department exhibitors.

"You can use it to bring 10 different people to the fair at once, or use it to get into the fair 10 times yourself," Cox said.

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Petting zoos can have hidden dangers, officials warn

Jake Stump

Daily Mail Capitol Reporter

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Petting zoos - like cotton candy and Ferris wheels - are a popular staple of fairs and festivals in West Virginia.

But coming in contact with these animals could put you on an unsettling ride of contracting a dangerous strain of E. coli, according to the West Virginia Department of Agriculture.

With fairs and festivals beginning to sprout up across the state this summer, Agriculture officials are warning residents of the potential health hazards from touching animals at petting zoos.

Even animals that appear healthy can carry E. coli, a bacterium that can ultimately cause kidney damage or even death, said Buddy Davidson, spokesman for the state Department of Agriculture.

No direct treatment exists for the disease in humans. There is no vaccine available to immunize animals against the disease, either.

"There's a low percentage of animals that can carry it at any time," Davidson said. "It might not affect the animal at all."

Several fairs and festivals in West Virginia host petting zoos, a popular activity geared for children who can feed and pet animals such as ducks, goats and sheep.

Davidson urges everyone to wash their hands thoroughly after coming in contact with any of these animals.

Considering the prevalence of carnival-style finger foods and the lack of hand-washing facilities near petting zoos poses a risk for contracting the bacteria.

"We don't want to scare people away from fairs or festivals," Davidson said. "But the way you can get the disease is by putting it into your mouth. And we know how everyone loves those finger foods at the county fair."

Davidson added, "Even if an animal looks clean, it's not necessarily clean."

There have been no reported cases linking petting zoos to E. coli in West Virginia. But several incidents have been reported elsewhere.

Last month, a 7-year-old girl and a 53-year-old woman settled lawsuits against the Florida Strawberry Festival after both became ill from an E. coli outbreak at a petting zoo there two years ago.

The girl had contracted a strain of E. coli from her best friend, who had petted goats at the festival, and the woman became ill after taking her nephew to the festival's petting zoo.

Both experienced severe nausea and diarrhea and were hospitalized. They have since recovered.

Other lawsuits are pending against the Florida State Fair and the Central Florida Fair in Orlando involving dozens of people who also fell ill after exposure to infected livestock.

"There have been no known incidents in West Virginia, but they've definitely made the link between petting zoos and kids getting desperately ill," Davidson said. "E. coli can cause kidney failure. That's nothing to play around with."

Dr. Jan Charminski, director of the Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Inspection Division, said the primary pathogen, E. coli 0157:H7, is a particularly dangerous strain to humans.

"Animals will pick up fecal matter when they lay down and their immediate environment may also become contaminated," Charminski said. "Therefore, any contact with the animal should be considered a possible contamination."

The department advises that young children who suck on their thumbs should not be allowed to touch the animals, the fences surrounding them or any nearby equipment.

Waterless hand sanitizers do the trick, but warm, soapy water is better for washing your hands, officials say.

E. coli can also survive for extended periods of time outside the body. Clothing can be a source of infection, and it is advised to scrub and wash any clothing with warm, soapy water.

"We certainly don't want to panic anyone or make a big scare," Davidson said. "It's just like cold and flu season. The best way to prevent it is by washing your hands."

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Fair makes a comeback

By Chrissie Long
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BOXBOROUGH -

The agricultural fair had all but died out last year.

Younger generations didn't seem interested in participating and older generations were too tired to continue it.

Like most historical pastimes, this old-fashioned event was phasing out of existence.

But Jessica Eichelburg, who moved to town four years ago, wants to see if the past planners will bring the Boxborough Agricultural Fair back.

"We expected it to be there last summer," said Eichelburg, who lives on Hill Road with her husband and two children. "But we heard from our neighbors that there was a lack of interest. I said, 'Wait a minute! Lack of interest? But I am interested.'"

Eichelburg, who grew up in northern New York, thought that the fair was a unique opportunity for residents to demonstrate hidden talents and for children to experiment with gardening.

"I remember one kid bragged about a 14-foot sunflower he needed a saw to cut down," Eichelburg said.

And who could forget cow bingo? Longtime resident Donald Morse would divide a pen into squares and residents would have to guess which square the cow would "decorate" with its droppings.

Women would sit behind long tables, their crafts covering the space before them. Oversized vegetables would line one wall of the Town Hall and unique — sometimes unusual — baked goods would line another row.

"You get to find out what people do for hobbies," said Dick Golden, who has been a driving force behind the fair for the last three years. "A lot of people have hidden talents and this is a chance to exhibit those talents. In my point of view, this fair is a part of Boxborough and a reminder of Boxborough's past as a farming community."

But the fair didn't happen last September and the town didn't seem to notice.

Wrapped up kids activities, work and other obligations, residents expressed indifference.

"People didn't seem interested in having it," Golden said. A sparse group of attendees would walk between tables, but there wasn't nearly as much participation as there had been in the past, according to agricultural fair committee members.

Eichelburg is hoping to resurrect the fair by stimulating participation among younger generations.

"The kids will breath life into it," she said. "With the kids being involved, it will show the older generations that this matters."

With the help of the agricultural fair committee, Eichelburg sent 2,000 sunflower seeds home with Blanchard Memorial School students. Attached to the seed packet was a yellow flyer encouraging students grow the biggest sunflower.

The event is scheduled for Sept. 8, the Saturday after Labor Day.

The agricultural fair began as a grange fair in the post-Civil War era. According to Phyllis Foss, a longtime grange fair planner, the event was intended to help get the country back on its feet after the war, prompting residents to grow vegetables or tend to livestock in a competitive fashion.

For a century and a half, residents battled for the best-looking cow or the tastiest vegetable.

"The fair brings the community together in a spirit of competition," said Owen Neville, longtime participant and planner. "It is a competition. ... It's a way for residents to determine: Are my tomatoes better than my neighbors? Is my pie better than the people up the street?"

In early 2000, the Boxborough Grange decided to eliminate the livestock aspect of the fair, due to the death of a bunny and the liability of dealing with animals.

Instead, they chose to call the event the agricultural fair and include many of the same activities that had taken place for centuries.

Without participation from the town's newer and younger residents, the fair was phasing out.

"Lifestyles have changed," said Foss, 77, who has lived in town nearly all her life. "The event has slowly gone downhill in recent years."

Foss remembers the fair being a highlight of her childhood.

"Every September, I looked forward to having them. When it came that time of year to have it last year, and it wasn't there, I thought that it was too bad. It has always been fun."

Eichelburg is hoping that she can help spark the interest of younger generations, to mirror what it was like a decade ago, maybe not precisely, but enough to capture the character of the event.

"Hopefully, we will get enough participation so that we can enjoy it in the coming years, our children can enjoy it and maybe even our grandchildren," Neville said. "We skipped a beat, but we are bringing it back. It was obviously missed."

The fair is scheduled for Sept. 8 at the Town Hall and the United Church of Christ. Residents are being urged to start growing now.

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State Fair's losses continue to climb

The auditor's report renews questions of the annual Pueblo event's financial viability. The loss came despite a fair schedule that was cut by five days.

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The Colorado State Fair racked up a nearly \$1.2 million operating loss in 2006 - prompting the state auditor to raise concern Tuesday about the fair's financial viability.

The loss, which doesn't count the decrease in value of fair buildings and other property, is the fourth year in a row that the fair has posted a larger loss than the previous year, according to the auditor's report.

In addition, efforts by fair management to cut costs by reducing the fair's operation from 16 days to 11 failed to curb the growing losses.

Colorado Agriculture Commissioner John Stulp said taxpayers should expect to help cover the fair's annual bills because the fair provides a service to state residents.

"We saw the fair as an opportunity to give back to the community," said Stulp, describing his experience funding county fairs for 13 years as a county commissioner. "We subsidized the opportunity for people of the community to come together."

Stulp inherited the financially strapped state fair this year when he became Gov. Bill Ritter's commissioner of agriculture.

Taxpayers will subsidize future state fairs. In 2006, lawmakers approved giving the fair \$550,000 per year to help cover operating costs.

Last year's financial woes were caused in part by inclement weather, which decreased attendance, said Chris Wiseman, general manager of the State Fair.

Another factor: rising energy bills. The fair spent about \$125,000 more for electricity last year, Wiseman said. The fair plans to hold those costs down by redesigning the fairground's electrical system.

Higher gasoline prices also dampened attendance at nonfair events, such as horse shows and car races. With lower attendance at such events, the fair collects less money from food and beer vendors.

In addition, the cost of entertainment bookings was not adjusted for the shorter, 11-day

fair. This year, the fair will have musical entertainment on eight nights to reduce the costs associated with those events.

To limit future losses, the fair's management has raised admission rates on the weekends from \$6 to \$8.

This fair will also allow beer vendors to increase prices from \$5.50 to \$6.25, potentially boosting the fair's share by as much as \$35,000.

Also, tickets for unlimited carnival rides will rise from \$20 to \$25. That move could raise as much as \$200,000.

Some lawmakers on the Legislative Audit Committee defended the fair, which has existed for more than 125 years, as an essential part of the state's agricultural heritage and as a training ground for future state leaders who are members of 4-H clubs.

Still, other lawmakers have suggested moving the state fair out of Pueblo to break its money-losing ways.

"I'm afraid the fair is going to die if we don't move it or do something," said Sen. Steve Johnson, R-Larimer County, who has supported efforts to move the fair to the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland.

Johnson suggested that the state could invest the same amount of money in economic development in Pueblo and have a better impact than a money-losing fair. Another option: Rotate between Pueblo and Loveland to minimize losses.

Wiseman rejected the idea as impractical because Loveland's facility is not equipped to offer everything that Pueblo can offer.

"If you want to do a quality fair," Wiseman said, "the only way to do it is at the Colorado State Fair in Pueblo and at that campus."

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Operating losses at the Colorado State Fair

Operating losses exclude depreciation and amortization costs.

Year ending June 30 ... Loss

2006 ... \$1,167,995

2005 ... \$737,361

2004 ... \$639,851

2003 ... \$574,770

2002 ... \$397,826

Source: Colorado State Auditor

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Random alcohol checks a new part of Sonora fair

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Mother Lode Fair organizers plan to randomly check patrons' ice chests for alcohol and bolster security on the grounds after alcohol-related arrests spiked at last year's fair, including a fight that resulted in six arrests.

Other efforts will include posting signs prohibiting alcohol in the Midway area — where sideshows, games and rides are located — and reducing the hours of the pre-Junior Livestock Auction bar from four to two, said Diane Bennett, a fair board member.

It was in the grassy area south of the auction arena that a confrontation occurred last year. An argument between some parents over a minor traffic accident earlier in the day that involved some of the parent's children boiled over, according to Sonora Police Department Lt. Mark Stinson.

In all, 20 arrests were made during the four-day event, quadruple the number in 2005 and more than the three previous years' combined totals, according to Stinson.

Why all the problems?

"I don't know," Stinson said. "We weren't doing anything different. The fair wasn't doing anything different."

Alcohol consumption did seem to be greater than usual and each of the arrested persons either tested or physically appeared to be beyond the legal driving limit, he said.

The fair has long officially barred patrons from bringing ice chests through the main gates, prohibited hard alcohol sales by vendors and required all booths serving beer to have at least one person with training from Alcohol Beverage Control to be working at all times. But last year's incidents prompted the Fair Board to create a committee to consider further measures to prevent future problems, Bennett said.

"There is going to be some beefed up enforcement, especially in the livestock area," she said.

Ice chest checks will be done in that area, as well as at the livestock gate and the gate along Southgate Drive, where many arena event participants enter.

The Sonora Police Department and California Highway Patrol, which each contract with the fair to provide security, will provide the same level of force as previous years — four patrol officers and one supervisor.

But two citizen patrol officers will man a Stockton Road pedestrian crossing, freeing up regular officers who in past years have manned the intersection, Stinson said. Two sheriff's deputies will also join the fair's security team for the first time, he said.

A private security firm responsible for the ice chest checks, will also increase the size of its force, according to Bennett. The fair staff, however, did not have numbers available on the size of the change.

Bennett also suggests there is another, intangible reason why this year's events should be more subdued.

"I think the parents in the livestock area are totally embarrassed and disappointed," she said. "The livestock families have really been in the lead in saying this is unacceptable."

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EDITORIAL

Two local fairs give us plenty of choices

Those who complain there is nothing to do in Grant County (not that we agree with you) should find plenty to do over the next couple of weeks, especially in the way of fairs.

The Converse Fair gets under way today and runs through Saturday.

Events at the Grant County 4-H Fair get under way Friday and run through June 23.

Admission to the grounds of both fairs is free.

The Converse Fair is offering its usual round of carnival rides, livestock shows, entertainment and other activities.

Harness racing will be the week after the fair, June 19 and 20.

At both events there is great food. Come on. In summer who can resist a tenderloin, corn dog, elephant ear and all manner of such good fair food? It's one of the reasons for going to the fair isn't it?

Residents need to make sure to hit the Converse Fair - which dates back to 1871 when it was an agricultural fair known as the Xenia Fair - this week.

In recent years, organizers have struggled to make ends meet because of low attendance and other issues and, at one time, thought about ending the fair but decided against it.

We can show our support by attending the fair and participating in its activities.

It would be a shame to let something with such a long history die from lack of participation by the community.

The Grant County 4-H Fair will offer much the same: carnival rides, entertainment, competitions, a demolition derby and a host of 4-H activities.

Don't let the 4-H portion of the fair go unnoticed in your visit. For the past several months, 604 regular 4-H members and 119 Mini 4-H members have been busy working on projects that will be showcased in the community building and in the various shows at the livestock barn.

These kids work hard, and their efforts should not go unnoticed by a community who wants to support the good things about children.

And there's some new fun stuff.

Mini 4-Hers will have a livestock show for the first time. The show will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the pavilion, and the Mini 4-H horse show is set for after lunch June 23 in the horse arena. At 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, as part of the swine show, there will be an adult showmanship class. Can we expect dads and moms to participate?

Nothing to do in Grant County?

We don't want to hear that for the next two weeks.

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Advocates hope to discourage smoking at County Fair

BY DANIEL LOPEZ

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In the latest move to snuff out smoking in Santa Cruz County, visitors to this year's Santa Cruz County Fair who want to enjoy a cigarette will be asked to think twice before lighting up.

Denise Gannon of Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, the nonprofit behind the push to create smoke-free environments, said signs will be posted around the fairgrounds giving visitors a friendly reminder not to smoke.

"We don't want to be the tobacco police," Gannon said. "It's voluntary, and we are not going to worry about enforcement. It's more to raise awareness"

Fair manager Yvette Jordan said while she has not noticed that smoking is a problem during the fair, she is in favor of encouraging people not to smoke.

"When people come to the fair you hate to put restrictions on what they can do," said Jordan. "I understand though that people including myself don't like the smoke"

Gannon said her group, People Advocating Smoke Free Environments Outdoors, are particularly concerned with areas where children and crowds gather, such as the carnival and near food vendors at the fair.

"Let's face it. Smoking is not a healthy activity, and we don't want to be modeling that to children," she said.

Some studies have shown that smoking in outdoor public venues may expose nonsmokers to levels of tobacco smoke as high or higher than in indoor spaces where smoking is allowed.

Gannon also is pushing for a ban on smoking in Watsonville city parks.

In April, the issue was brought to the Parks and Recreation Commission, which voted 4-3 in favor of recommending to the City Council that it ban smoking in parks and at city-sponsored events in the interest of public health.

The proposal is expected to come to the City Council in August.

A ban on smoking in county parks already exists. The Board of Supervisors approved it in February.

In the city of Santa Cruz, smoking is also banned on Cowell and Main beaches.

It's also prohibited in Grant Street and San Lorenzo parks.

Capitola also has banned smoking on its beach.

Gannon said she hopes that by posting signs at the fair, the group will help change social norms of smokers.

"Maybe they will think twice about lighting up," she said. "We feel it's a family event"

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Fair board meeting enters 'rancor' zone

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The Argus

Rancor reared its ugly head again at the Washington County Fair Complex Board of Directors meeting Wednesday night.

During board member Dan Logan's regular report on the activities of the Fair Boosters, he mentioned the decades-old organization was talking with county commissioners about a new management structure for the fairgrounds.

The talks were apparently about dividing responsibility between a fair director and a facilities director, an idea the Boosters have often touted in the last year.

Rather than debate the merits of the idea, board President Rafe Flagg said he was incredibly disappointed such a topic would be discussed outside the purview of the fair board.

With a new Task Force just beginning their work to set a sustainable strategy for the future of the 101-acre fairgrounds, he wondered why the Boosters wouldn't simply request time at the board meeting, and present their proposal. The fair board will have the final decision on fair staff and the direction they are to be given for work, he said.

"In the era of cooperation I thought that we were entering, I don't understand that," Flagg said.

Executive Director Don Hillman said it might be putting the cart before the horse to start talking about changes when the Task Force hasn't yet decided what model they want in place.

Board member Herb Hirst said after all the things that have gone on the last year, and all the criticism the board has taken, it was also difficult for him to understand.

"This does nothing more than continue the rancor between groups," Hirst said. "If any plan is going to succeed, that has to come to a screeching halt."

Booster's President David Rohrer said nothing but preliminary discussions had gone on.

Board member Rich Vial said if that was true, the board should have the opportunity to participate.

"Consider a report, or a proposal, or a set of musings - if that's all they have at the time - and bring it to a board meeting," Vial said. Thursday, Rohrer said he would press for a meeting with the board July 12.

In his report on the Task Force, Flagg said it was clear that financing would be the biggest hurdle to clear. Survey data showed that of those who knew about the fairgrounds, there was wide support for all kinds of

improvements.

Many surveyed said they would like to see the county pay for the improvements, which led to board member Kathy Christy asking about the quality of the pollster's questions. The only way the county can raise funds is through a tax on the people, she said.

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Concert tickets buy fair entry

Promoters hope bargain will help to attract bigger crowds

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For the first time in Oregon State Fair history, patrons who buy tickets for paid musical concerts before midnight Aug. 23 will receive free admission to the fair.

After complaints from fair-goers that paying for the fair plus the concert was too expensive, concert organizers set up the offer this year to keep crowds coming.

"The most important thing to us is that the concert-goers see a value -- you get the most for your dollar," said Penny Williams, the talent coordinator for the fair.

Tickets will be for sale beginning June 16 and range in price from \$20 to \$35.

Rising gas prices, plus competition with casino shows and Portland events also played a role in the decision, she said.

Williams said that if there is a positive response to the special offer, organizers will continue the deal in future years.

The fair opens Aug. 24 and continues through Sept. 3.

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Petting zoos fun but can lead to close encounters of the pathogenic kind

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TORONTO (CP) - Petting zoos are popular attractions for little kids drawn to cute calves, downy chicks and gamboling goats. But furry friends can play host to a swarm of nasty infections that could send the kiddies home with more than fun memories and great photos.

And the operation of petting zoos can be less than ideal when it comes to trying to minimize the risk of a chance exposure to bugs like E. coli O157, salmonella and the diarrhea-causing parasite cryptosporidium, a new study suggests.

Researchers at the Ontario Veterinary College in Guelph surreptitiously observed 36 petting zoos across Ontario, recording a number of incidents and problems that would make most people cringe.

Toddlers with pacifiers, bottles or sippy cups moving among the animals. A dropped and possibly soiled toy picked up handed back to a child. Parents and their children ignoring hand washing facilities as they left the animal pens.

Dr. Jeff Bender was not involved in this study, but as one of the drafters of guidelines to minimize the risk from animal-human interactions drawn up by the U.S. National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, he has seen all these things and more.

"We have seen issues where the pacifier has fallen onto the ground (in a petting zoo)," said Bender, program director for veterinary population medicine at the University of Minnesota.

"Mom may lick it or put it right back into the baby's mouth. But the five-second rule really doesn't work in that setting."

Lead author Dr. Scott Weese specializes in the pathogens that pass between humans and the animals we keep as pets or as food stock. The father of young children, Weese said the idea for the study came from personal experience.

"I guess one of the things that triggered my interest was just going to petting zoos with my family and seeing things that, as an infection control or infectious disease person, just don't make sense," he said.

"Some are very good. And some are very bad."

Thirty-six petting zoos were observed for the study, which will be published in the July 1 issue of the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases.

Most - 82 per cent - allowed food and drink to be brought into the animal pens. One even sold human food in the petting zoo.

Bad idea, Bender said.

"When people have food in one hand and are petting with the other hand, there's just a lot of potential contamination of food items that quickly go into ... a child's mouth."

Experts like Weese and Bender say the single most important way to minimize risk of infection from animals is hand-washing after leaving petting zoo pens.

But only 17 of the 36 petting zoos visited had signs urging patrons to wash their hands after contact with the animals.

Hand-washing facilities were available at 34 of 36 petting zoos, but only 30 of them had running water and only 29 had liquid soap. (None had bar soap.) Disposable paper towels were available at 25, but reusable towels were present at four.

A key problem with hand-washing facilities was the fact that they weren't always the first thing patrons saw as they left the animal pens. Having the hand-washing station in clear view is critical, Weese said, "so you don't have to go searching for it."

Some of the animals appeared sick in 11 (31 per cent) of the zoos. Sick animals should be excluded from petting zoos, Weese said - though he noted that even healthy animals can be shedding pathogens that can make people, especially vulnerable little children, sick.

Some animals just have no place in a safe and well-run petting zoo, Weese said. Unfortunately, at least two of them are crowd favourites.

"The classic is baby chicks, where kids will pick them up, walk around with them. And it's not uncommon for them to defecate in the child's hands," he noted.

"Baby calves, people like to see them. They're quite cute and interactive. But they do have high rates of infectious agent shedding."

One of the bugs calves shed is *E. coli* 0157, the dangerous bacteria behind the massive tainted water outbreak in Walkerton, Ont. *E. coli* outbreaks linked to petting zoos have been recorded in at least three U.S. states in recent years, with one in North Carolina infecting at least 108 cases.

Ontario experienced a large *E. coli* outbreak linked to a petting zoo in the fall of 1999 in the Middlesex-London area. Nearly 160 ill people may have been exposed through that facility, which was housed at a local fair.

David Jensen, a spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Health, said the province is in the process of finalizing new recommendations on the safe operation of petting zoos. That guidance should go out to public health units this summer, he said in an email.

In the U.S. too changes are afoot, Bender said.

Some states are developing rules or guidelines. In other cases, operators who are worried about the lawsuits that can follow infections are working to make their facilities safer, he said.

Both Weese and Bender see the value in petting zoos and both think the risks are relatively low. But they could be lower with better standards.

"Any time you have any encounters in life there is some risk. And what we try to do is reduce that risk as much as possible while keeping things practical," Weese said.

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