



# Fair Family

# NEWS

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## Family Album



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## Contemplating Another Great Fair!



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# Family Calendar

## August



31 Deadline to submit Board candidate statements for publication in the Fair Family News and the Voters Pamphlet

## September



10 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, Hub Yurt, OCF Site  
10 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE  
13 Last day to register as a Fair member to vote in the 2007 election for Board of Directors  
17 Work session, Employee evaluation, 7 pm, Central Presbyterian Church, 15th and Ferry, Eugene  
24 Work session, Path Planning, 7 pm, Central Presbyterian Church, 15th and Ferry, Eugene

## October



1 Board of Directors Meeting, 7 pm, EWEB Community Room, 4th and High, Eugene  
1 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE  
13 Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm, Knights of Pythias Hall, 12th and Lawrence, Eugene  
14 Highway Pickup, Meet at 10 am at the Ware House

## Happy Birthday to Our Fair Family Virgos

- Aaron Nine-Gelman ..... Water Crew
- Ande Grahn ..... Main Camp
- Anne Morris ..... Recycling
- Anthony Stoppiello ..... Energy Park
- Aster Grahn ..... Kitchen
- Barbara Lee ..... Lot Crew
- Bob Demaline ..... Far Side
- Candace Reed ..... Traffic
- Catherine Clark ..... Pre-post
- Cathy Lindberg ..... Fire
- Charles Corp ..... Lot Crew
- D. Keigh Smiley ..... Traffic
- Dan Corp ..... Lot Crew
- Daniel Dillon ..... Blintz Booth
- Dan Cohn ..... Fair Family News
- Dave Crockett ..... Boothperson
- Denny Guehler ..... Main Stage
- Diana Gardener ..... Crafter
- Don St.Clair ..... Crafter
- Doug Green ..... Backup Manager
- Faith Petric ..... Entertainment
- Francine Six ..... Crafter
- George Utterback ..... Fire
- Greg Rikhoff ..... Admissions
- J.A.R. Smith ..... Construction
- James Ince ..... Security
- Jessica Rose ..... Tucker Registration
- Jim Richards ..... Traffic
- Kathryn Madden ..... Fair Central
- Ken Ely ..... Water Crew
- Kenneth Howe ..... Recycling
- Keri Stutesman ..... Entertainment
- LaRheta Gale ..... Main Camp Security
- Lynn Watson ..... Recycling
- Mary Doyon ..... Fair Family News
- Melisa Largent ..... Lot Crew
- Melissa Evans ..... Pre-Post Security
- Mike Swett ..... Lot Crew
- Nancy Bright ..... Crafter
- Neil Friedman ..... Crafter
- Phillip Guyette ..... Alice's Camping
- Randy Waugh ..... Recycling
- Raven Parker-Hartog ..... Pre-Post Security
- Reggie Soto ..... Traffic
- River Pagliaro ..... Quartermaster
- Rivka Gross ..... Security
- Rob Farquhar ..... Security
- Robert Ray ..... Water
- Sallie Edmunds ..... Back-up Manager
- Seraf Moses ..... Registration
- Sheridan Richardson ..... Lot Crew
- Starcloud Koepf ..... Sauna
- Steve Bouton ..... Recycling
- Susan Johnson ..... Recycling
- Thomas Smith ..... Lot Crew
- Tim Beyer ..... Lot Crew
- Vicki Lynn ..... Wootten Security
- Victoria Stoppiello ..... Energy Park
- Vince LaRoche ..... Crafter
- Willy Gibboney ..... Craft Inventory



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## Fair Thee Well: Tom Keller

Our condolences to the family of Tom Keller, OCF Security, who died of a heart attack at the age of 55 on Aug. 2. A celebration of life was held Aug. 6 in Eugene. Survivors include Tom's life partner, Rhapsody Farrell and their baby son, Owen. Remembrances can be made to the Keller Family Fund at Washington Mutual Bank.



2007 Dan Cohn

## Correction:

An item in the Fair Flashbacks article run in June's Fair Family News was incorrect. Thirty years ago, in May 31, 1977, Jill Heiman filed the Oregon Country Fair as a nonprofit corporation with the state of Oregon. The Fair did not become a 501(c)(3) federal tax-exempt nonprofit until April 1980.

## Wanna Wiki?

by Chris "Samba" Cohn, Internet Committee

The OCF Internet Committee is exploring ways to improve year-round interconnectivity for our Fair Family.

We have two experimental Wikis that allow anyone who signs up to post and edit content. These are fun — no more difficult than e-mail to navigate, and since they are experiments, you can't mess anything up.

There's a page called the sandbox that allows one to play around with all these functions and get a feel for how they work: <http://wholecountryfair.pbwiki.com/> — The password is: allofus

Another one, "What is all this technology," created by Ben Barrett, has links to explain things: [www.ulul8.net/mediawiki/index.php?title=OCF Internet What Is All This Technology](http://www.ulul8.net/mediawiki/index.php?title=OCF%20Internet%20What%20Is%20All%20This%20Technology)

Here are two examples of great interactive sites that could serve as models of what we all can build together: Tribe.net: [www.sanfrancisco.tribe.net/welcome](http://www.sanfrancisco.tribe.net/welcome) and Burning Man: <http://www.burningman.com/>

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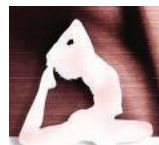
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- Emily "Spinal Twist" Semple
- Brad "Resting Child" Lerch
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- Dan "Pigeon" Cohn
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Malachai: After Friday night VitaGirls, and Saturday's tamale tango, I missed my big chance to say hi when I saw you at the Ritz Sunday night. Try again? Maya 360-468-4625

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Did you loose something at the Fair (that you hope to find again)? Lots of things get turned into the Lost & Found. To find out if yours did email office@oregoncountryfair.org call 541-343-4298 or stop by the office (442 Lawrence).

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## Family Letters

This newsletter is directed to the Oregon Country Fair Family and all material is volunteered from the membership.

Opinions expressed here are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the policies of the Fair or the FFN.

Letters must be limited to 300 words. They will be edited for length and clarity. Please include name, Fair Affiliation and a method of communication (i.e. phone number or e-mail).

## Tooth Faery Tale

Dear Fair Family News,

My name is Hanalei and this was my seventh Fair. Earlier this year I lost a tooth in Europe and the Tooth Fairy paid me in Euros. I lost one tooth on Saturday at the Fair and another at one in the morning on Sunday. I put my bottom tooth under the pillow and the Fair Tooth Fairy gave me a food voucher because that's the local currency.

I figured that I could get a half of a slice of fudge with the voucher, but when I told this story to the lady at the fudge cart by Main Stage I learned that Tooth Fairy Food Vouchers pay double!! I love Fair magic and have a big gap-toothed smile!

Hanalei Steinhart  
Fair Kid

## Bikin' Route 126 Out to the Country Fair

by Tim Boyden, BRING volunteer

Peddlin' to the place of peace, love and a little skin barin'  
Colorful parades, new paradigms and a whole lotta carin' and sharin'  
While roadside treasure starin'  
I saw two hubcaps and a blue heron  
My butt was a wearin'  
Several massive trucks blew by hippie glarin' and a swearin'  
Causin' the wild blue chickory to dance a jig I am declarin'  
Whilst I did the handlebar death grip sweatin' and a fearin'  
My long beard and lovely orange safety vest rippin' and a tearin'  
Awaiting my BIG BANG and final trip to the bright light I was preparin'  
Got me thinkin' bout my 25 years with Bert and me marryin'  
I hummed some old tunes of Bobby Darin  
All whilst ridin' my bike out to the lovely Oregon Country Fair, that Mecca of tie dye wearin'  
Thank you for showin' me THE WAY great blue heron!



## Reward Non-Smokers

Dear Fair Family News,

For many years I worked Security, craft booths and a food booth, attending all but one Fair since 1971.

This year I had major surgery. One motivation for my recovery was the vision of attending the Fair. When my wife and I entered the Fair, we were informed of the impressive variety of alter-abled services. I very much appreciated the rickshaw ride to our vehicle at the end of the day. Because much walking was beyond my physical capacity, we spent most of our time in Chela Mela Meadow.

It was very disappointing, however, to discover that the two nicest places in the Meadow to sit and rest (the seating areas under the two big shade trees just southwest of the Gazebo) were designated as tobacco-smoking areas. The carcinogenic fumes from the smokers there forced us to move and sit in the sun. We observed old people, families with toddlers or infants, and others moving out of the shade

to avoid the second-hand smoke.

I have sympathy for smokers; I finally kicked my own addiction after almost 20 years of smoking.

Ideally, the Fair should become a non-smoking event. Since that seems unlikely, I don't know where to recommend for officially designated smoking areas. Perhaps immensely wealthy tobacco corporations could be cajoled into donating some moolah to build smoking areas. There could be a contest to name the structures: the Virginia Slims Emphysema Shelter, for example, or the Camel Lung-Cancer Lean-To, or the American Spirit Sputum Station.

Frankly, I do not understand why tobacco smokers (clearly a small minority of fair attendees) should, at the expense of the rest of us, be rewarded with the most cool and comfortable places to sit and rest. I hope that by the next Fair you will post the areas with NO SMOKING signs.

Jerome Garger  
Fairgoer

## Fair Farewell

Hello to all the family,

I just wanted to say to all that my years with Fair have been most enjoyable (for the most part) and I will be sorry to see them end. I am leaving the Fair and don't know if I will return (at least in this lifetime) and I just wanted to say thanks for the good memories.

Many years of Traffic and Water Crew have shown me that we really can pull together and be a family when we need to. The days in the hot sun telling people "where to go" and the years on Water Crew (with super-soaker in hand) have been some of the best.

Sadly to say, differences of opinion have caused me to re-evaluate my priorities and send me in another direction. Nobody's fault but my own, I guess. Still and all it has been a wonderful ride, and maybe I will return some day.

Love to all,  
Michael "Just Michael" West  
Formerly of Water Crew

## Vision Fund Recipients Send Their Thanks

by Michael Connelly, Jill Heiman Vision Fund



While members of the Jill Heiman Vision Fund are still counting Food Vouchers and tallying other forms of generous donations for recipients of the 2007 Vision Fund Grants, agencies who benefited from the unparalleled generosity of 2006 donations take this opportunity to give thanks for the recent generosity of the Fair Family.

### South Lane Wheels

We at South Lane Wheels are so very grateful to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund for awarding a generous grant in the amount of \$4,462.93 to support our Fair Fare Program — subsidizing bus fares to low-income riders. The grant has supported the expense of providing rides to qualified riders, making it possible for them to reach essential destinations such as medical appointments and services, food and other shopping needs, and social service appointments.

The Fair Fare program is a big success thanks to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund and all the Oregon Country Fair-goers who give so generously.

### ShelterCare

Thank you for the generous contribution from the Jill Heiman Vision Fund.



Ring of Fire Staff donated \$1,300, which will translate into \$3,900 after the board match of two-for-one.

Offering affordable child care to families at risk for homelessness is a very effective strategy for homelessness prevention, and this strategy stands as a strong complement to other community interventions. Your commitment to improving the prospects and circumstances of at-risk families is greatly appreciated by all of us at ShelterCare, and certainly by the families we serve.

Thank you again for your generosity as you continue making a positive and admirable impact upon this community.

### FOOD for Lane County

We appreciate your support and have en-

joyed partnering with you and the Oregon Country Fair Board to build food self-sufficiency among Lane County residents and provide opportunities to our community's youth.

The FOOD for Lane County Gardens Program eliminates hunger by growing healthy food, creating skill-building opportunities for low-income youth and adults, while connecting people to the land and each other.

The three FFLC gardens (the Youth Farm, the GrassRoots Garden, and the Churchill Community Garden) had our most successful season ever, growing healthy produce and engaging more community members of all ages and backgrounds in our work.

Thank you for once again supporting our work, and for all the other worthwhile organizations and projects the Oregon Country Fair enables to do good work in the community.

The Jill Heiman Vision Fund is seeking individuals interested in joining this entirely volunteer team. If you are interested, please drop a note to the Jill Heiman Vision Fund, c/o Oregon Country Fair, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401.



# Fair News & Notes 2007

by Suzi Prozanski, Fair Family News

Another has Fair come and gone, bringing happy coincidences and leaving great memories.

## Peach Power Solar Project

The Energy Park Electric Co. got the 2007 Fair off to an energetic start. On July Fourth, "Bob-O" Schultze, "Bob-1" Maynard and George Patterson completed installation of the Peach Power Solar Project. The project's photovoltaic cells started generating energy flow into the grid at 10 a.m. that day. This is the first step in the Peach Power long-term goal of turning the Fair into a net alternative energy exporter. Among other solar projects, the EP Electric Co. also powered four stages with 100 percent solar energy; one stage with 85 percent solar energy; and created a new cell phone recharging station. The cell phone station was a last-minute idea-turned-into-reality that brought in \$146; the money was donated to the Peach Power Fund.



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## Stellar stars

The gorgeous Stars across the river were created by artists at inflatablearts.com, Ambiance Co-coordinator Jay Hogan says. The designer, Bill Kennedy, couldn't make the Fair, so he sent his executive producer, Zack Darling, who has come to the Fair before. Zack brought

Monicka Urueta and Brian Willison. The crew also added a pair of red inflatables to the lanterns flanking Main Stage and a couple of stars, in pink and orange, suspended from a tree over Youth Stage.

"Besides the beauty of the lanterns, I can't say enough good about working with Zack and Monicka," Jay says. "They were always bright and enthusiastic, and remained patient and gracious when encountering problems. David Andres helped with technical support (the lanterns were powered by 12-volt batteries) and the Archeology Crew cleared them for their need to put stakes in the ground. Initially, (Zack was) put off by the logistics of ferrying everything by canoe to such an inaccessible spot, (but) I persuaded Zack that the canoe rides could be fun, and that this location was ideal for showing off their work. After the Fair, Zack told me that he would love to do more displays on this spot at future Fairs."

## Stage Grid

Kudos to the Peach Pit for putting the stage schedules into a time-and-space relevant grid. It helped add structure to impromptu wanderings.

## Stage Left Revolution

The next generation ably took over the Stage Left Vaudeville Show with *You Say You Want a Revolution*. The play was written, appropriately enough, by Jasper Patterson, son of Flying Karamazov Brother Howard Patterson, and Alex Craig, granddaughter of folksinger Faith Petric. Jasper cast himself as a control-freak with juggling issues, and he bans juggling among the vaudeville kids. As the plot unfolds, kids who love to juggle keep trying to get away with it, leading to comic antics. (A fire juggler urgently whispers to the audience, "Shh! No Clapping!" while frantically and fantastically juggling fire behind Jasper's back.) There's also a "pee fight" with water guns (although we heard from a reliable source that it was NOT real pee, just water). In the end, Faith Petric saves the day with a song reminding everyone to get along. This was Classic Fair vaudeville with a message...and a twist: Now it's our young folks creating the story!

## Funny & serious

The Royale Famille Du Caniveaux show featured a refreshing take on war protests: the *Mimes for Peace vs. the Clowns Against War*. The troupe earned peals of laughter with their "awkward" acrobatics in animal-print outfits and punny song-and-dance routines. But this show was especially meaningful because it made people laugh even as it presented anti-war themes.

The Spoken Word program served a broad array of thought-provoking speakers, from Wavy Gravy to the Wayne Morse Youth Program's open mic.

"There's a new term going around," Site Manager Steve Wisnovsky said. "Fair-indipity."

Indeed!



2007 Sheena Foster

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