

FAIR FAMILY NEWS

OREGON COUNTRY FAIR ☉ ONE CREATIVE FAMILY

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Fully Loaded for the Fair!





Happy Birthday to Our Fair Family Cancers

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June

- 21 Last day to submit plans for major booth work
- 24 Community Village General Meeting, 1 pm, OCF Site
- 25 Human Intervention Training at the Fair Site
- 25 Board of Directors Meeting, 4 pm, Alice's Fire Pit
- 27 Cost of S.O. Passes increases to \$140, vendor camping passes increase to \$100, and vehicle stickers increase to \$80
- 28 Coordinator Meeting, 3:30 pm, OCF Site

July

- 5 All construction requiring inspection must be completed
- 6 All construction completed
- 6 Meeting of Booth Participants, 7 pm, Shady Grove
- 7, 8 & 9 **PSYCHOSPIRITUAL REJUVENATION**
- 10 No Camping on OCF Property
- 15 Main Camp Closes
- 17 Community Center Committee, 6 pm, OCF Office
- 30 Culture Jam runs through August 6
- 31 Food Voucher redemption expires
- 31 Last day to request refunds from Registration

August

- 7 Board of Directors Meeting, 7pm, 2621 Augusta St., Eugene
- 7 FAIR FAMILY NEWS DEADLINE
- 9 Craft Committee meeting, 5:30-7:30 pm, OCF Office, (join in online or by phone with GoToMeeting)
- 12 Teddy Bears' Picnic, 2 pm, Main Stage Meadow
- 27 Craft Committee Work Session Group, 11 am-1 pm, OCF Office (join in online or by phone in with GoToMeeting)

- Aaron Lasky.....Lot Crew
- Amigo Cantisano.....Organic Matters Booth
- Andrea Nickel.....Advertising
- Anna Hostenstein.....External Security
- Ben Mooney.....Shower Crew
- Blake Loney.....Traffic
- Bob Fennessey.....Community Village
- Bob Durnell.....Zenn Acres
- Bonnie Watson.....Far Side Crew
- Brenda Lederman.....Dusty Rose Booth
- Brian Fuller.....Recycling
- Carolyn Hewitt.....Recycling
- Carrie Hamm.....Advertising
- Chloe Miller.....Chela Mela
- Chrystal Richter.....Flower Crew
- Cindy Peterson.....Lot Crew
- Cindy Lee Wilson.....Water
- Clif Cox.....Info Tech
- Dan Mooney.....Shower Crew
- David Paul.....Main Stage
- Dean Middleton.....Neighborhood Response
- Dennis Fletcher.....Lot Crew
- Dick Stewart.....Recycling
- Doug Quirk.....Registration
- Erica Lerch.....Security
- Fiora Starchild.....Crafter
- Fran Chylek.....Great Falafel Booth
- Gabe Thomas.....Security
- Gary Rondeau.....Information
- Geni Middleton.....Vegmanecs
- Glenn Johnson.....Wildlife Team
- Hawk Owl De Young.....Traffic
- Jason Tanenbaum.....Refer Crew
- Jay Schwichtenberg.....Registration
- Jeff Johnson.....Groundskeeper
- Jesse Autuchovich.....Pre-Fair Kitchen
- Jill Evans.....Registration
- Jim Snyder.....White Bird
- Jonathan Daniel.....PreFair Kitchen
- Karen Irmscher.....Office Crew
- Kathee Lavine.....Vision Action Committee
- Kelly O'Neill.....Green Thumb Crew
- Ken Kirby.....Craft Inventory
- Kevin Card.....Internal Security
- Kim Langolf.....Registration
- Laura Ratti.....Community Village
- Lois Fulgham.....Booth member
- Lucy Kingsley.....Inventory / Board
- Lucy Way.....Registration
- Mark Frohnmeyer.....Registration
- Matt Marcus.....Traffic
- Melissa Druck.....Pre-Fair Kitchen
- MiaTree Oquilo.....Alter-Abled Advocacy
- Michael O'Malley.....Security
- Nick Badovinac.....Recycling
- Patty Marx.....Elder
- Paxton Hoag.....Elder
- Percy Hilo.....Community Village
- Peter Dumbleton.....Booth #465
- Phil Moses.....Registration
- RedLeaf Westwood.....External Security
- Robert Thompson.....Security
- Ron Callaway.....Main Stage
- Sandy Anderson.....Internal Security
- Stefano Cremonesi.....Gabbiano Leather
- Sue Theolass.....Crafter / Board
- Susan Young.....Green Thumb Flowers
- Thurman Scheumack.....Crafter
- Tim Stratis.....Lot Crew
- Todd Agan.....4A
- Vip Short.....Elder



Leos

- August Weinstein.....Site Crew
- August West.....Construction
- Bev Pylw.....Booth #465
- Cailean Dow.....Teen Crew
- Cathy Coulson-Keegan...Touch the Earth booth
- Chuck Jensen.....Recycling
- Dana Merryday.....Deconstruction
- Deane Morrow.....Booth participant
- Denise Radow.....Risk of Change
- Doe.....Entertainment
- Donna Murray.....Crafter
- Eve Woodward.....Pizza Company Booth
- Gary Van Horn.....Internal Security
- Geoffrey Silver.....Security
- George Hutchinson.....Path Rover
- Heidi Doscher.....Membership Secretary
- Jeff Vasey.....Registration
- Jeya Aerenon.....Inventory
- Jill Nishball.....Fire
- Jo Schoffstoll.....Shower Crew
- John Chambers.....IT Committee
- Judy Stickney.....Energy Park
- Kendon Bright.....Quartermaster
- Kyle "Smiz" Lighthear...Shower Crew
- Lawrence Taylor.....Sanitation
- Lisa Tores.....Registration
- Lothar Hooper.....Ramblin Rose Cart
- Lynn Reichman.....Community Village
- Martha Wiley.....Recycling
- Meadow Martell.....Internal Security
- Mickey Stellavato.....Recycling
- Monica Maynard.....Main Camp
- Morgen Spiess.....Entertainer
- norma sax.....Staff
- Oso Harper.....Internal Security
- Queen Accordiana.....Entertainer
- Randy Dalbey.....Shower Crew
- Ray Neff.....Peach Pit
- Rebecca Bradvica.....Elder
- Rich Chinitz.....Registration
- Richard Logan.....Fire
- Richard Luster.....Main Stage Security
- Sandy Liberty.....Childcare
- Scott Freitas.....Far Side Crew
- Sheila Landry.....Elder
- Shadowfax Cotter.....Security
- Sheldon Doughty.....Traffic
- Shelly Winship.....Vaudeville
- Stephanie Talbott.....Staff
- Steve Tracer.....Tree Crew
- Tyson Peltzer.....Recycling
- Wes New.....Registration



FFN REJUVENATORS

Kim "Enliven" Griggs
Suzi "Inspire" Prozanski
Dan "Invigorate" Cohn
Mary "Motivate" Doyon
Brad "Restore" Lerch
Niki "Vitalize" Harris
norma "excite" sax
Michael "Renew" Ottenhausen
Stephanie "Infuse" Talbott



Booth Registration Hours

MAIN CAMP

JUNE 3 – JUNE 24

Saturday & Sunday..... 10 am – 6 pm
Monday & Tuesday..... Closed
Wednesday to Friday..... 10 am – 6 pm

JUNE 25 – JULY 3

Daily..... 10 am – 8 pm
Open July 4th!
(Hours to be announced)

WRISTBAND BOOTH

for Vendors, Crews and Troubleshooters

Wednesday, July 5..... 9 am - 10 pm
Thursday, July 6..... 9 am - 10 pm
Friday, July 7..... 9 am - 9 pm
Saturday, July 8..... 9 am - 9 pm
Sunday, July 9..... 10 am - 2 pm

**Entertainers, Community Village,
Energy Park and Teen Crew
have their own hours.
Please check with them for times.**

Lost & Found

Lost something? Please go to the Odyssey Information booth (near the Tofu Palace) to see if it's been found or to file a report if it hasn't yet appeared. All found items will be collected from Information booths and taken to Lost and Found Central at Odyssey by 6 pm each day of the Fair.

After the Fair, please email: lostandfound@oregoncountryfair.org with your contact info and a complete description of your item. Because of the volume of reports we receive, we may not be able to get back to you if we don't have your item. If you don't hear from us within 2 weeks, it's because we do not have what you're looking for.

If your item is given to us after the Fair, we will do our best to re-unite it with you by mail (at your expense). If you're in the Eugene area, we may be able to deliver it to you. We keep found items for about 30 days after the Fair and then donate unclaimed goods to a local charity.

Please consider putting some sort of identification on your precious possession so we can easily return it to you. An address label is a good idea. Cell phones, ipads, cameras, fanny packs, all turn up and astonishingly enough, don't always get claimed. We would return items much faster if we can easily identify to whom they belong.

Found something? Please bring it to the Odyssey Information booth and your good karma points will increase considerably.

Minors On Site Forms

Everyone coming on site pre-Fair with a minor must fill out one of these forms. You need to fill it out only once. They can be found online at oregoncountryfair.net or from the Junk Yard Dogs when you get to the site. Filling the form out before you get to the site will earn you extra brownie points.

Pre-Fair Childcare

Pre- and post-Fair child care services are provided on a limited basis for working crews only as designated by the management team. Please instruct your children and non-working teens not to rely on Main Camp kitchen as a resource. Bring adequate food and water for kids.

Bring Your Water Bottle

Bring reusable water bottles. Pass the word. Stay hydrated.

Info for Lost Parents, Found Children

During the hours the Fair is open to the public, found children should be taken to the closest Child Care location, either New Kid's Child Care on Wally's Way or Child Care Sesame Street. Fair Central will be notified immediately of any lost or found children, so parents can check in at any Information booth regarding their lost child.

During the Sweep, parents/guardians without a wristband who become separated from children in their care should be directed to New Kids Child Care near the front of the Fair on Wally Way. The New Kids staff will work with Sesame Street staff to find out if the lost child is there and to arrange reuniting parents/guardians with children.

During the Sweep, parents/guardians with a wristband who become separated from their child should be directed to the closest Child Care location where staff will work with Fair Central to locate the child. Lost children will be taken to New Kids on Wally's Way and Fair Central will be notified.

After the Sweep, all found children should be taken to New Kids Child Care. Security, Child Care and Fair Central will work in concert to reunite parents/guardians and children as quickly as possible. After 9 pm, all found children will be taken to New Kids.



Drug-Free Event

Alcohol and marijuana consumption is not allowed in public places during public hours. Please ask others to cooperate. Selling alcohol or marijuana at the Fair is illegal. Such sales risk closing the Fair, as well as criminal charges.

No Dogs on Site

NO DOGS allowed on site as of June 1. Dog control will be making laminates for service dogs starting Tuesday, June 2.

Close the Lid

Gotta go while you're at the Fair site? Close the lid when you are done and don't slam the door! Thank you, thank you!!



Fire Danger

Fire danger goes up daily. Make sure to have a fire extinguisher, burlap bags and a bucket of water in your camp. Training to use a fire extinguisher will be held on site July 6 and 7, noon to 5 pm both days. Everyone is welcome.

Pack it in! Pack it out!!

Leave no trace. Pack it in, pack it out. Please clean up your booths & camp sites. Mother Earth thanks you.

Get Cash

ATMs are located at Dragon admissions and at Main Stage, along the fence on the right side as you face the stage.

Volunteer Insurance

We have insurance to cover injured volunteers. If a volunteer is injured while doing their Fair job under the direction of their coordinator, they should let their coordinator know and go to White Bird for treatment. If further assistance is needed, White Bird will give them the proper insurance form. These are not Workers Comp claims, but will be covered under our volunteer insurance policy.

Shower Hours

Six shower locations are available for staff and performers. Hours vary, but most are open early and stay open until around 9 pm. Please bring your own towels and shower supplies. Please be mindful that every gallon of water we use showering, we have to pay a hefty per gallon removal fee. So please keep your showers short to conserve water.

Hours and locations are as follows:

Shower Central (dahinda's)

Thursday..... 5 pm – 9:30 pm
Friday & Saturday 7 am – 9:30 pm
Sunday 7 am – 4:30 pm

Alice's

Friday thru Sunday 8 am – 5:30 pm

Zenn

Friday thru Sunday 8 am – 5:30 pm

Flowin' Notes

Friday thru Sunday 8 am – 10:30 pm

Farside

Thursday..... 5 pm – 9:30 pm
Friday & Saturday 7 am – 9:30 pm
Sunday 7 am – 4:30 pm

Miss Piggy's

Thursday..... 5 pm – 9:30 pm
Friday & Saturday 7 am – 9:30 pm
Sunday 7 am – 4:30 pm



OCF Sex Offender Policy

The following motion was adopted as policy at the May 1994 Board of Directors meeting:

1. Adjudicated sex offenders who are not currently in, or have not successfully completed, a sex offender program with a licensed counselor, are not welcome at the Fair as employees, staff, volunteers, contractors, entertainers or significant others.
2. Any person wishing to shall present documentation of an offense to the Executive Director, who is granted the authority to bar said offender from entering the property, and may designate whichever crews necessary to enforce that prohibition.
3. Any coordinator or OCF staff person who is presented with aforementioned documentation will immediately report that information to the Executive Director.
4. Any person barred from the OCF property may appeal exclusion through: a) the Grievance Procedure, or b) in June and July, when the Grievance Procedure is not in effect, the OCF president.

Smoking Areas

If you want to smoke, please be considerate of your fellow Fairgoers and smoke only in designated areas. Smoking areas have signs and brightly-colored butt cans. If you don't see the can, don't light up!

Hospitality

The main Hospitality is located in Main Camp and is open 12 pm to 5 pm, Friday through Sunday. Cool drinks, fresh baked goodies and a light buffet are served.

A hospitality center is also located in Flowin' Notes Shower area (near the Ware House). It is open Thursday through Saturday nights from 7 pm to 10 pm, and serves warm beverages and small snacks.

Feedback

During the Fair, feedback forms are available at any Information Booth. After the Fair, forms or written comments complete with your name, address and phone number can be mailed to: Feedback, OCF, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401 or emailed to office@oregoncountryfair.org. Your feedback is appreciated, welcome and given attention!

Need Help?

We hope you don't have any emergencies, but if you do, go to the nearest Information Booth or to the White Bird Medical Clinic by the Main Stage. See map for locations or ask at any booth. White Bird is a complete emergency medical system staffed by nurses, doctors and other health care professionals. Information Booths are equipped to handle minor first aid situations and can get you connected with the care you need.

Thinking of Wheels? Think Again!

Please leave the kids' bikes at home. This has been in the guidelines for a while. Only service bikes are allowed. We have many trucks driving on site. The Snivel/Smile corner is especially dangerous.

There is a new process for non-street legal vehicles — i.e. golf carts. There has been an explosion of personal golf carts, gators and other motorized vehicles. Check in first with QM (Quartermaster) or the management team before bringing a motorized vehicle to the Fair. These vehicles will be limited for service and not personal transportation.

Celebrating the Cycle of Life

FAMILY LETTERS



This newsletter is for 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).

Dear Fair Family,

Observing that a steady stream of our Fair Family are leaving our company in the Land of the Living, for the past several years we of Stage Left/Fighting Instruments of Karma have created a new Fair tradition.

On Sunday morning of the Fair, in memory of members of our Fair Family who have left our Mortal Plane in the past year, we have slow-marched, N’Orleans style, with an elite Jazz band squad, from Stage Left to the Junction — the Crossroads, where the Lands of Living and Dead meet — to arrive at 10 am. We very briefly commemorate the departed; names are mentioned and honored; those of us of the Tribes of Israel (and others who choose to join us) recite the Kaddish, the ancient Aramaic memorial prayer (scripts provided); and then we

return whence we came, playing a traditional uptempo Second Line-style march, leaving the Junction around 10:15 am to return to our camp and get ready for our first full Parade. We invite all Fair Family who would like to bid farewell to a Loved One to join us. My hope is that, eventually, jazz bands from all over the Fair will all convene upon the Junction to solemnly join our humble ceremony, and then joyously radiate our message of Hope and reverent acknowledgement of the Cycle of Life back to the entire Fair, marching and dancing from the Crossroads to our many home camps.

Please join us.

In Loving Memory,

*Howard Patterson, aka Ivan Karamazov,
aka Field Marshal Hector Martinet, FIKMCB/O*

On Angel Wings

Dear Fair Family,

Language is important. The people who seek to control the rest of us at our Fair have started to speak of booth people as “tenants.” We are not “tenants.” All the staffers and booth people are member-owners of the Fair (be sure to apply to be a member).

The people who seek to control the rest of us member-owners have started to speak of the Fair itself as “the event.” They are impressed that they control a robust, year-round organization with a large and growing budget. But that bank comes from the ticket sales and fees collected around the three-day “event.” Without the “event,” the

year-round institution couldn’t exist. And yet the Fair government has taken on a life of its own. The needs of the staffers and booth people seem secondary when they should be paramount.

What has become of our common purpose? Do we exist to strengthen a year-round institution? Does “reverence for the land” have any meaning when we are so intolerant of each other? Or is “reverence for the land” just another means of control? Perhaps it’s time for a member-owner bill of rights wherein the Fair government is reminded of whom they serve. The first item is easy. Fair volunteers should be given 10 food vouchers for each of the four days the food booths are open.

The Fair government needs to make life easier for its member-owners, perhaps it’s only legitimate purpose. Religions and governments seem to exist to control. What if all we humans are angels, plodding along with our wings folded away, in the only paradise any of us will ever know. What if agencies of control could be brought to a state of grace where all those angel wings would be allowed to be more visible?

One person’s opinion,

John Parrott,

Ritz Sauna, former OCF Board member

50th Anniversary of OCF – Secret Plans for Future Development

Dear Fair Family,

It seems that the release of Hillary Clinton’s e-mails contained one sent by an unidentified OCF Board member inviting her to speak. As an incentive, she was offered the last available dose of Owsley acid that has been kept in a time capsule buried beneath the Dragon to be opened at the fiftieth anniversary of the OCF.

Clinton was expected to announce the initiation of several projects that the Board members have been working on, but which have been kept secret because they are in the earliest stages of development. The largest project is a Convention Center Complex that will be an expansion of the

Community Center project. Part of the Convention Center Complex will include an OCF assisted living center for Fair Elders. New Elders will be taken from their crew or booth and forcibly transported to the ALC. After five years in the ALC, all those still alive will be sent to work in Recycling to make sure they catch a fatal disease and die more quickly. Elders can choose to be cremated in the Ritz furnace that will be fueled by wood from the former Fair story pole.

To fund the project, Board members have approached various potential sponsors, including Tillamook and Nike, who might have the inside track. If Nike comes up with enough dough, the

Fair will be known as “Nike Presents the Formerly Drug-Fueled Oregon Country Fair, Now Family Friendly Fair Using Only Legally Prescribed Drugs.” Volunteers will receive Nike sneaker vouchers that can be used to buy new sneakers every five years. Also, instead of wristbands, volunteers will receive RFID implants that can be updated every year to improve security. The second 50 years of OCF will be bigger and more profitable than ever!

Robert Kirschenbaum

Crew Services, 1989-99; Sweep Band



FAIR PHILANTHROPY:

Grassroots Giving

by the Jill Heiman Vision Fund Committee



The Jill Heiman Vision Fund exemplifies the Fair’s principles of grassroots community action. The fund honors the attorney who helped the Fair become a nonprofit agency and purchase the site.

Your donations of cash, food vouchers, and checks are matched two-to-one by the Fair Board, up to \$20,000. Wooden donation boxes can be found at all Info Booths. Please include your address if you would like a mailed receipt for this tax-deductible donation.

Since 1996, the Vision Fund has donated more than \$420,000. Together, one dollar or food voucher at a time, we are making a difference in our community. Thank you!

The 2017 grant recipients are:

• **White Bird Clinic:** For weather gear such as

socks, tarps, blankets, hats and gloves for low- and no-income individuals

• **Springfield Public Schools’ Brattain House:** For bus passes, school supplies, hygiene products and meals at the school’s drop-in program for teen-agers

• **Relief Nursery:** For families at risk of child abuse and neglect to use for emergency funds for transportation, utilities, food cards, moving costs, rent support, etc.

• **Florence Food Share:** To repair wood boards on 32 garden beds where volunteers grow fresh produce for people in need

• **First Place Kids Center:** For classroom furniture for homeless children ages 2 to 5, plus food for lunches

Dear Jill Heiman Vision Fund Committee, I’d like to thank you for awarding Florence Food Share a grant for this funding cycle.

Because of the amount of rain in Florence this year, there is a good possibility we will lose even more of our garden infrastructure, so this grant approval comes at an especially important time for us. We look forward to hearing what the final amount is in September.

Because of you, we will be able to produce close to 10,000 pounds of organic vegetables for our clients each year. We truly appreciate this. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Norma Barton,

Executive Director of Florence Food Share



Fourth of July

Agentle reminder, July 4 is within the final week of Main Camp (aka Crunch Week) and the Board of Directors confirmed in April that we would not have fireworks on site, so Tuesday, July 4 will be a regular work day.

Please remember, per our guidelines, camping begins Wednesday July 8.

Looking forward to celebrating another Fair spin around the sun with our family!



Fair Thee Well: Michael Canning

A Celebration of Life for Michael Canning will be held July 1 from 2 pm to 5 pm at the McDonald Theater in downtown Eugene, 1010 Willamette Street. Michael passed away unexpectedly on May 14, 2017, from complications of pneumonia. Sadly, he succumbed to the pneumonia just hours after he had been diagnosed.

Michael was an an-air host and the music director for KLCC Public Radio in Eugene for 35 years, retiring last year. He was a longtime participant in the KLCC booth at the Oregon Country Fair. His love of music spanned all genres.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Hawkins; his mom, Shirley Canning; brother Doug and his wife, Kathy, their daughters, Nicole and Emily; his sister Chris and husband Alan, her son, Jeremy Dice, his wife Ashley, and their children, Mckenley, Korbyn, and Alese.

Seeking New (and Renewing) Board Members

Each year OCF voting members elect a few (six to be precise) good women and men to serve a new two-year term as a member of the Board of Directors. They will help set policy, determine the budget, and grapple with current issues and long-range planning.

The Board meets on the first Monday of the month with additional meetings scheduled as necessary. Board members also serve as liaisons to one or more committees and attend those meetings also.

If you have the time and (com)passion to make this commitment, submit your candidate statement, photo, and contact information by regular mail, ATTENTION: Election Committee, 442 Lawrence St., Eugene, OR 97401 or e-mail elections@oregoncountryfair.org by August 25, 2017, 5 pm.

The election is held at the OCF annual membership meeting on October 21, 2017.

For more information about being a candidate or becoming a voting member of the OCF, email elections@oregoncountryfair.net. Closer to election time, you will also find election information at the www.oregoncountryfair.net website.

Temporary Parking Etiquette

When parking in a temporary / unloading spot, please remember to leave a contact cell phone number CLEARLY visible on your driver side dashboard. The tow you prevent may be your own.



Fair Thee Well: Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche

Taliesin "Tally" Myrddin Namkai-Meche, a lifelong Fair participant, died as a hero defending two teen-age girls from a man yelling racial slurs on a Portland MAX train in May.

Taliesin and two other men stepped in after the suspect yelled at the two teens to "go back to Saudi Arabia" and kill themselves. As the girls moved to the back of the train, the suspect pulled a knife and stabbed the three men who stepped in to intervene.

One train passenger who tried to help Tally after the stabbing recalled his last words. "I told him, 'You're a beautiful man. I'm so sorry the world is so cruel,'" passenger Rachel Macy said in an interview with CBS affiliate KOIN in Portland.

"He said, 'Tell them, I want everybody on the train to



know, I love them.'"

Taliesin, 23, and Ricky John Best, 53, died from their injuries. The third man, Micah David-Cole Fletcher, 21, was recovering from his wounds. Jeremy Joseph Christian has been charged in the stabbings.

Taliesin was the youngest son of Pacific Dome founder Asha Deliverance and her partner, Chris. Tally earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 2016 from Reed College in Portland and worked for the Cadmus Group, a Portland consulting firm.

This brave young man, this young hero, will be long remembered by his Fair Family.



Fair Thee Well: Cesar Enrique Gonzalez Rivas

A memorial throwdown will be held for Cesar Enrique Gonzalez Rivas on Friday, July 7, from 9 pm to 11 pm at the Blue Moon Stage. A Fair participant and ambience performer, Cesar was tragically killed in Calistoga, California, on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016. He had turned 40 years old just two weeks before.

Born and raised in Caracas, Venezuela, Cesar came to the United States when he was 18 years old and stayed for the rest of his life. He lived in Berkeley, California; Takilma, Oregon; Eugene, Oregon; and Oakland, Willits, Nevada City, Calistoga, and Santa Rosa, California. He was only able to return to his home country one time to see his mother and family in all of the 22 years he lived here.

Cesar spent his early years at the Oregon Country Fair working for Newman's mask booth and animating the big puppets with the Illuminated



family of friends are all still in shock and mourning and look forward to being able to celebrate his life together in the OCF spirit!

Fools. He later performed in various ambience acts, including the Mud People and Peachi the Dragon's parade. He also performed with Foli Kan dance and drum ensemble. He spent plenty of time drumming; he adored the circus and the psychedelic nightlife of Fair; and he sported some the sweetest Fair fashion!

He is survived by his mother, Alejandrina Rivas De Cruz; his sister Erika Rivas Rota; brother-in-law Mario Rota; and nephew, Sebastian Rota; all of Caracas, Venezuela.

Always easy-going, funny, generous and kind, Cesar was adored by his huge family of friends who have planned the memorial for the Friday night of this year's Fair. There will be an altar and a place where folks can pay their respects. His

Be a CULTURE JAM! Kitchen Volunteer

Looking to help? Be a Culture Jam Kitchen Volunteer this August! Although there are no passes in exchange, or a Country Fair going on at that time, by taking part in this special OCF program you get to make something magical happen for a whole lot of young people ages 14-18.

Previous food and beverage experience recommended (but not necessary). We welcome anyone wanting to prepare greatness in our kitchen! There are a variety of volunteer shifts available to best suit your needs. Interested? And/or want to know more about Culture Jam? Contact Robin at the Fair office, robin@oregoncountryfair.org.

FARTS Hours of Operation

(Fair Area Rapid Transit Service)

Tuesday	6 pm-midnight
Wednesday	8 am-midnight
Thursday	8 am-midnight
Friday morning	7 am-9 am
Sunday night	9 pm-midnight
Monday	6 am-7 pm

**Recently Unclassified
Material**

We accept UnClassifieds up to 30 words for \$5 each, per issue. Send listing with \$5 to O.C.F.-F.F.N. 442 Lawrence St. Eugene, OR 97401. For questions, information about display underwriting and to submit listings, Email bradlerch@aol.com

Share/Store camping trailer with 4A Elder. Chalet Arrowhead popup trailer (1996). Store for me, use other 11 months than July. Electric scooter available. email:sunwolf@icloud.com for details.

Attention, I'm looking for a booth space! I'm a leather artist specializing in masks, barrettes and jewelry. Been vending at OCF since 2007. donovansoland@hotmail.com wingandtalon.etsy.com 607-280-0882 Thanks, Donovan Soland

I need space in a booth to sell my dolls & finger puppets. I am a very negotiable person who's been here since 2008. Please call or email Lisa 541-232-4141 imishiara-inbowint@earthlink.net

Have a soft spot for woo-woo? Quantum physics? Space to share with a happily married couple plus massage table? Need a carpenter for booth construction? "YES"? Email Amy & Tait: exquisitehealing@gmail.com

Needed: Booth space for 2017. I've successfully sold my hats for 20+ years, have a great following. Will help with booth building/repair, year-round storage, etc. Please contact coronahats@gmail.com

Mama Jean maker of zombies, skeletons, sugar skulls and all things dead quilted wall hangings and quilts looking for a space to share. mamajeanskindthreads@gmail.com

Artist looking for booth space to share. Flexible and easy to work with. Will help with build up and tear down. Have been a fair goer and lover for 15+ years. sarahmedinaart@gmail.com

Looking to share a booth! Unique, Hand Carved Wooden Flutes by singingtreeflutes. Can fill large, or small space. Hard working, friendly and easy going! My flutes attract crowds!! Miguel Medina (503) 407-0569 mmsingingtree@yahoo.com www.singingtreeflutes.com



Cottage Treasures
Handmade for your Home, Garden, Bath & Body
A unique retail store featuring the work of crafters & artists in many different mediums.

Vendor Space Available! Contact us!

Tues-Sat 10a-6p CottageTreasures3@gmail.com
88267 Territorial Hwy STE 7 ~ Veneta, OR ~ 541.554.1423

RAW
FOOD BOOTH AT OCF

LOCATED IN XAVANADA #X18

Delicious FRESH Organic WRAPS **RAWtermelon LEMONADE**
Strawberry CHEESECAKE GREEN DRINK

Come by and say "hi"! \$2.00 OFF with FAIR food voucher!

After 25 years, Kathleen & Stefano, aka **Gabbiano Leather**, are taking the 2017 fair off.

Thanks for all the fun and support over the years, and see you in 2018!

LATE NIGHT AT RITTA'S

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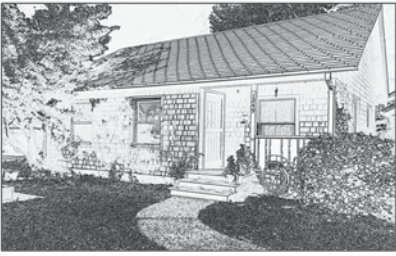
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And Now, A Word from the Fire Crew

Your OCF Fire Crew

Howdy folks. The Fair is creeping up on us like an old ally cat and before it pounces, please take the time to consider a few fire safety issues for this year.

First off, after much cussin' and discussin' we are NOT conducting the usual fireworks show on the Fourth of July. Our concern is that there could be an increase of personal fireworks and as the guidelines clearly state, "NO FIREWORKS" are allowed. So either leave them at home or go elsewhere to set them off.

In April we conducted a table-top exercise with Lane Fire Authority, simulating an RV fire in South Miss Piggy's lot. Our purpose was to test the Fair's overall response and get a feeling from LFA if that response was adequate to meet the situation and their suppression needs. Some of the biggest issues stem from how best to evacuate the affected campers and securing access to the area. If you are caught in this situation, we implore you to leave the area on foot and not move your vehicles. Leave the keys in them so that if necessary we can move them in an orderly fashion. We've written about this in the past and with the increase of RVs at the Fair it's only a matter of time before this actually happens. Are you prepared? Do you have working CO2 and smoke alarms? Do you have a certified, up-to-date fire extinguisher that is adequate for your RV? One five pounder won't last very long, so think of getting a second one or investing in a 10-pounder. Do you have a Fire Plan that you've discussed with your neighbors that considers fuel removal (tents, canopies, tapestries), shutting off gas sources, evacuations, and how to account for everyone in case of an emergency? And finally, have you thought about how you are parked in order to easily create a defensible

space around your RV? Don't box yourself in!

An RV fire in the middle of some of these clusters is one of our biggest nightmares. We are



not equipped or staffed to confront large vehicle fires and the personnel and equipment to do so are five to ten minutes away. Within that timeframe the size and scope of an incident like this could become catastrophic unless we have a way to isolate the affected area. With your diligence, we can reduce this hazard and we all can sleep a little better at night.

Overall, please bring your certified fire extinguishers, buckets and burlap. Mallory (formally Sanderson Safety) is continuing to offer their "OCF Happy Daze" special for Fair family for fire extinguisher re-certifications, recharging, and/ or purchasing, so give them a call at 541-683-9333 for the latest and greatest deals.

A good rule of thumb for your camp is: If you can't see a fire extinguisher or buckets from

where you're standing, then it's a good idea to have more. Clearly mark your fire buckets and use them only for fire water and burlap. Mount your fire extinguisher at eye level if possible and away from other potential fire sources. Ask yourself if your camp has a fire plan and if not, make one. If you need assistance developing a plan, please let us know.

If you are working at the site and are using any gasoline-operated equipment, please have a fire extinguisher with you. Watch for sparks and be extra cautious during refueling.

As far as campfires are concerned, it's too early for restriction predictions, but that could change as we get closer to "Fun Time." Of course, all campfires must have a valid 2017 Campfire permit issued by the Site Manager after Main Camp opens or by the Fire Crew after the Fourth of July and meet all of the requirements as listed in the Guidelines. Don't let the wet spring fool you. Thanks to the wet spring, the brush has grown very well and could be very dry by Fair time.

We will be conducting fire extinguisher training on June 4, noon to 4 pm, and July 5 and 6, noon to 5 pm both days. Location will be determined according to the prevailing winds but we will be conspicuously set up in the parking lots. Don't miss this great opportunity to build confidence on how and when to use an extinguisher. More than 3,000 members of our Fair family have been trained since we started this practical, lifesaving, hands-on training. Come on out!

Last year we had a wet Fair and while 50 percent of the stuff that could burn wouldn't, the other 50 percent could. Who knows what this year will bring? It's truly up to the Fair family to be our eyes, ears and noses to help us help you. Thank you for your vigilance.

Sound Bites

by Dean Middleton, Station Manager of KOCF-LPFM



Hi, I hope you all enjoyed the program schedule in last month's FFN. Please post it on your refrigerator so when you want to listen to 92.5 KOCF you can take a glance and know what's on that day.

We plan to develop more Fair programming soon and into the future. What I mean by Fair programming is music and other performance recorded at the Fair. If you listen to our station, you know most of our programming is music you'd hear at the Fair.

It was good to see Denny Guehler last week at the John Hockenberry event. Many of you know Denny as the voice of the Main Stage: "Goooooo morning Oregon Country Fair." Thank you, Denny, for all the good memories! Glad to see you out and about.

Exciting news! KOCF will have a booth at the Fair this year. Yes, your Oregon Country Fair radio station will have a place where we can meet and greet the family. I hope you get a chance to drop by. We will have a suggestion box for you to put your ideas for programming, fund raising, and anything else you'd like to see your radio station do in the future. Rumors are you might even get a KOCF lammy and a handful of kettle corn. We

are still working out the location but it should be very close to the entrance to the Hoarse Chorale at Chela Mela meadow. We plan to record the music each day and delay the playback by about eight hours. Each evening, you'll be able to listen to Hoarse Chorale performances as you sit around camp.

We are looking for a Native American and/or an indigenous person of the Americas to host a radio show on 92.5 KOCF. The host would not have to live in the Lane County area; the program could be recorded or assembled at home and then sent to the station via the cloud. The program would be placed into our schedule, with the automation system playing it at the correct time. Radio in the twenty-first century! Those interested should please contact me at: deanmiddleton10@gmail.com. Don't let technology scare away potential radio hosts. We have several folks who can help teach people how to build a program. You need is an internet connection, a computer, a USB microphone and an idea for your format. Pitch me your show!

Hope to see you at the Fair.

(The Sound Bites column provides updates about KOCF-FM Fern Ridge Community Radio, a self-sustaining service of the Oregon Country Fair.)

New Food Booths for 2017

The OCF Food Committee is happy to announce the new booths for this year's Fair:

Celestial Snacks, formerly Sweet Heaven, will feature gluten-free perogies as well as ice cream sandwiches in the Pooh Corner neighborhood;

J.Tea, will serve many delightful teas across the path from Altared Space;

Cascade Sno Cones, a one-year cart, will offer several organic flavors as a strolling vendor in Snowcone Jack's space. Snowcone Jack is taking a year off.

Hope you enjoy these new additions!



Fair Family News Editorial Policy

The Fair Family News will provide space for a calendar of events; announcements; Letters from the Family and to and from the Board; information for and from crews, booths and entertainers; committee reports; official information about the Fair; and room for any other Fair Family contributions with the purpose of sharing. In addition, the newsletter will include an issues forum, including letters of opinion from the Fair Family on specific topics named in advance. As space allows, Fair related contributions such as art, short literary pieces and humor will be included.

All printed material will be edited for clarity and length. We will not print personal attacks or material that is libelous. It is the intent of the Fair Family News to print all sides of a debate whenever possible. This newsletter will uphold the OCF Board of Conduct.



2017 Oregon Country Fair Wait/Share List



Do you have booth space to share? If you do, these fine fair family artists would love to hear from you! If you need extra passes for a crafter on the wait/share list, the "Booth Rep." may request them from Registration. The wait/share list is comprised of juried crafters who have participated in the fair within the last

two years. If you are an active juried crafter who wants to be on this list or to be removed from this list, contact Justin at Registration by email at boothreg@oregoncountryfair.org or phone (541) 868-8903 to leave a message. This list is also available at the www.oregoncountryfair.net website

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Volunteers Needed!!!

Contact Stephanie: 541.343.4298, office@oregoncountryfair.org



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING JUNE 5, 2017

7 pm, NW Youth Corps, Columbia room

Board members present: Diane Albino, Ann Bennett-Rogers, Casey Marks-Fife, Justin Honea, Lucy Kingsley, Indigo Ronlov (vice president), Kenya Luvert, Jon Silvermoon, Lawrence Taylor (alternate), Sue Theolass. **Peach Gallery present:** Staff (Crystalyn, Stephanie, Shelly and Robin), Officers (Hilary, Lynda and Randy) and 35 members and guests.

Agenda review

Stephanie: We have been streaming Board meetings and offering them to the members who want to view the proceedings. We are working toward a live stream for the Board meetings. Send an email to office@oregoncountryfair.org if you want to be added to the mailing list.

New Business

Starting in 2019 the Oregon Country Fair public spaces, with the exception of designated areas in parking lots, will be tobacco-free from noon Thursday to 1 pm Monday. (Sue)

Announcements

Martha: The next Board meeting will be on site on Sunday, June 25, at Alice's firepit at 4 pm.

Michael: Anyone from the Fair can go to Mal-lory Safety, formerly Sanderson Safety, and say "OCF happy days" and get your fire extinguisher recharged, buy a new one or have your old one tested.

Indigo: There is a motion on the cultural appropriation and artistic expression. I want to make a couple of announcements on action that has taken place since last month's meeting. We are working on a collaborative meeting and training for Board, staff and leadership around cultural competency. This will take place before this year's Fair. Sara Rich will be facilitating a conversation on Saturday of the event on the Front Porch at 11:30 am. Management and others are working on a kiosk in Xavanadu with visual information on cultural competency. I'm also looking at how to create a yearly training opportunity after the Board cycle so the new Board members have the

opportunity for cultural competency training. Also, last month Dean Middleton opened up a dialogue with the native community locally.

Paxton: We are having a celebration of life for Lois Morford next Sunday, at 1 pm at Shivley Hall with a potluck, stories, singing and a slide show. She had 46 scrapbooks of her life and a lot of them will be there. Please come and carpool.

Stephanie: We have dropped a word on one of the stages and it is just the Caravan Stage.

Lucy: I have only heard from about half the crew coordinators for appointments. So, get an appointment to see me.

Laurel: The Fiftieth Anniversary Task Force is holding open space gathering Sunday, June 11, at 2 pm at Alice's fire pit. The meeting is to figure out how to celebrate in our own event with the greater community. Everyone is invited, including coordinators to help us decide how to celebrate the magic we create. If you know you will be able to make it, please email norma@oregoncountryfair.org so we have enough resources available for everyone.

Indigo: This past weekend was the first of the Tween Camp that we are offering for our 9- to 12-year-olds. It is for staff and volunteers onsite working on pre-Fair crews. It was wonderful and there were children that went into the fields and learned about conservation skills and nature

identification. I want to thank the Board for having supported this experiment. If you have crew that will be on site and they have 9- to 12-year-olds, they can show up at Main Camp at 9:30 am to register and we can take up to 15 kids per day.

Shelly: I want to acknowledge the death of Taliesin Myrddin Namkai-Meche. He and his family were longtime Fair family. I had the distinct privilege of caretaking his family's property a lot of years. I knew Taliesin since he was born. This has rippled through the community and the rest of the world. On sunset on Memorial Day in Portland, we had a small and intimate gathering of the family to say goodbye. There was a larger celebration of life at Reed College. Some have said they want to do something at the Fair, so if you do, contact me.

Lucy: Sunday of Fair at 10 am at the Junction there is a celebration of life recognizing Fair family we have lost.

Staff Reports

Crystalyn: Main Camp is officially open, and we are on our way to a great event! A huge thank you to Shelly and Jeff, Pre-fair Kitchen, Site, and Construction crews for helping prep Main Camp for this past weekend's opening. It is amazing to have such dedicated volunteers to work with for the next month and a half.

We still have not received a ruling from the hearings official regarding the SUP. Unfortunately, without the ruling we have to postpone the Barter Fair for 2017.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge and thank Hot Mama's Wings who are currently washing all of the Fair's durables this year. They've teamed up with Rich Newman and Elizabeth Reed who are heading up the logistics, sorting, and distribution side of the new Durables Team. A special thanks to Amy Hand of Recycling, for guiding us all on this journey. Her insight and past experience has helped create a successful process.

Hilary and norma have been working diligently on the annual review for 2016, with the hopes of getting all the information completed and submitted earlier than in past years.

Charlie Ruff, Thom Lanfear, Shane and I, have been meeting with Lane County on site to get further clarification on how to best move forward. Please remember there is no new building of structures for 2017. Minor repairs should be okay, but please check in with Construction before making needed repairs. We are aware that this may be inconvenient for some this year, and we ask for your patience as we continue to work closely with the county. It is our hopes to have worked through the process, allowing us to return to normal for the 2018 event.

We also want you all to know that Little Wing, the new White Bird facility in Xavanadu, is going to be expanding dramatically this year. Their hours for 2017 will be from 9 am to 3 am. Additionally, they will be dispatching several roving teams from Little Wing, and will have prescribers on shift for most of their open hours of operation to help serve our family and friends should they need medical services.

Ticket sales are going well. One interesting development for this year is we've sold more Friday tickets than Saturday tickets, which is unusual. Ticket sales are trending up for all days, including the three-day passes breaking all former sales records.

Shelly: Thank you to Howard McCartney for your many years of service and dedication. You are a champion mower and your work is much appreciated. Thank you for making the site beautiful. It was a great opening weekend. Please remember to pack out what you pack in. Let's not overburden our Recycling Crew. Please leave your excess packaging at home. When putting items in barrels, please sort properly according to signage. Better yet, take it home with you and spare them having to work so hard to clean up after all of us. Kitchen Crew is rocking it and the food has been delicious. Thank you all for the great opening weekend.

Stephanie: norma and I have been on site since Friday. The phone rings on site and all reimbursements are there as well. We are business as usual with the office open from 9 am to 5 pm. Robin's hours in town is from 1 pm to 5 pm so she can have time to work on Culture Jam. The Entertainment lineup is posted online.

Robin: April and May are some of our busiest months at the Fair office — and as always, it has been wild. Thank you, June! The phones are finally forwarded to Stephanie's Site Office Crew, which is giving me some silence to concentrate fully. All the youth and staff for Culture Jam 2017 have already been placed, now it's time for paperwork to be prepared and communications to be made to make sure everyone is oriented and gets there safely. All we need now are a few more loving and willing volunteers to join us for a day or two or more in the Culture Jam Kitchen (a great place to be!) and we'll be set. Please email me at the office if you're interested, robin@oregoncountryfair.org. May also brought with it a special trip up to a five-day conference with Peggy Taylor and Power of Hope on Whidbey Island. Peggy brought together all of the U.S. and Canadian organizations who are running the camp model Culture Jam uses (created by Peggy Taylor and Charlie Murphy). We talked about the future of this work and how to strengthen our bonds. It was exciting to recognize that we are a part of a larger community and can be of service by sharing what we have learned through our 16 years of experience and success. I want to thank Leslie Scott and all the people who helped bring the model into the warm embrace of the Fair. Because of the Fair's stable care and kindness on a multitude of levels, Culture Jam has been able to thrive.

Committee Reports

Food Committee: Sue reported that Snowcone Jack is taking a second year off, but Cascade Sno Cones will be taking place his place for this year only. Cascade Sno Cones offers handmade, mostly organic, flavorings for the ices.

Archeology Committee: Ann said the committee met in May and reviewed how we are updating our GIS. We are working with providing alternatives to resource conflicts.

LUMP committee: Jon said 10 members and guests met at the OCF office and by Go-to-Meeting in May. We discussed mapping floodwater levels, controlling invasive weeds, and developing a list of toxic and invasive plants. After the Fair, our work plan includes reviewing parking, developing elevation maps, mapping and recording green zones, working with the Community Center committee, reviewing camping, and exploring on-site gray water disposal.

Joseph said the LUMP committee still does not have a green zone policy. We are still working on it, but it will not be in place until we have the GIS mappings.

Community Center committee: Jon said the committee is hiring Pivot, a consulting firm, to provide cost scenarios for the current footprint and size of the building under consideration. The report will provide what meeting minimum building code requirements would cost, what meeting commercial building standards would cost, and third what the building would cost with green technologies and all amenities. The committee hopes that the information from Pivot will provide ballpark numbers for the SUP and building design. We also hope to get some of the variables from Pivot to change those cost figures.

Diversity Task Force: Jon reported that the task force is working on distributing guest passes for various diversity groups who are not well represented at the Fair, as well as working on mechanisms to get feedback from these populations. We will use this feedback to identify things that people find appealing and those that might be hindering our efforts to have a more diverse attendance. The task force has had some attrition and welcomes new folks to join. We want to call out to those wanting to serve on the Diversity Task Force to submit their letters to the Board so that we can move forward with our work.

Elders Committee: Peggy said the WOW Hall Historic Maples are endangered again. Let the WOW board know you want them tested using sonic tomography. Late Night shuttle looks to be welcomed with 46 persons expressing interest. Many have now registered and paid. so it is a go. Thank you Jerry Joffe. Geezer has six drivers signed up. Reviewing whether it is cost effective to purchase one when considering storage, battery maintenance and replacement, mechanical breakdown, delivery fees. Still Living Room needs volunteers. Bonnie, the current lead of this project just had hip surgery and we need someone to manage this year. The Passport Scavenger Hunt was discussed and it is felt it is a perfect fit for the Still Living Room but not this year due to limited resources. There is a possible expansion this year into the Love Lounge. Memorial Project, contact has been made with artist Rogene Manas who is volunteering to be part of this subcommittee. It was suggested to plug into the Fiftieth Anniversary Task Force and combine efforts. On the Candidates Forum, we may lose the videographer who has provided his own equipment and professional skills. We believe he should be compensated with a pass for the Fair. Next Elders meeting will be the annual potluck at Kay's on June 22, 6 pm; potluck to precede the meeting.

Member Input

Mary: I want to thank the Board for their vote last month. I have a statement approved by those who were in attendance last month. "What is OCF's process for accountability when Fair members misbehave and treat others without the respect called for in the Guidelines? How can we make sure we keep our spaces safe? I bring this up because after last month's meeting, a number of our honored guests, mostly women, were followed out into the parking lot and also accosted in the hallway. They felt harassed and intimidated by Fair members. I want to see the Fair address this situation."

Michael: The following is my opinion after the April 3, 2017, Board meeting. Anybody on this Board for any part of the last eight years except the 2016 first term electives should be ashamed. This Board at that meeting showed blatant disrespect for their employees and the trusted volunteers who serve as Backup Managers when they voted in a manner to disallow fireworks with no real legitimate reasoning other than the Guidelines. The Guidelines themselves state that they exist to help us protect the health and safety of all. They are not the rule, nor are they the law. I assumed the Guidelines meant no illegal fireworks, not the ones bought by the Fair, permitted by Lane County and shot off under the supervision of a licensed pyrotechnician because eight years ago it was determined to be the safest and most rewarding way to handle the Fourth of July. The problem was and is the Board of Directors approved the fireworks since they became organized and safe, but failed to do their job at the time by changing the Guidelines to reflect management's decision to make fireworks organized and safe. The words written as Guidelines are meant to help. They are not rule or laws. I would hope the Guidelines at the Board level would be considered as a help not a hindrance, as a tool not a rule. As I read the Guidelines, it is okay to go totally nude during public hours. I also read that I can leave all my belongings onsite until August 31. In accordance with the Guidelines, I wonder what the Fair has done to improve our lands and what ecological standards does the Board recognize and use to steward our lands. Certainly not the ones that the original stewards of the land, the American Indians, used. The Indians would have never permitted their waterways to become obstructed to the point where land damage occurs. You put so much strength in these Guidelines. Maybe you should read them and adhere to them. I am on the Dust committee and it is mandated that the fields be seeded every year and they are not. I want to bring up to the Board that maybe the Guidelines should be taken with a grain of salt. Maybe you should listen to your management

team and BUMs. It is not the Board's job to tell the people they hire how to do their job.

Martha: It is never too soon to declare you are running for next term's Board.

Codi: I want to give a big thank for this last weekend. There were doing a lot of people out doing the heavy work to get the Fair up and running. It was nice to see people sharing their vehicles and working together so well. Site Crew was amazing.

Donations/Secretary Report

Randy: There are no donations in June or July, so we are taking a break in our philanthropy. I do want to speak to the recordings of the Board meetings that have now moved to the YouTube Streaming. We have had a sea change in the way we get the Board meetings out to the Fair family. In this change, I wanted to put it out there that if there were any feelings hurt or if anyone was put off through that change, I sincerely apologize. I know that everyone had good intentions. We've finally come up with a very simple process to get these proceedings online. There was a tremendous amount of work done by Jamie Chamoulos and Paxton Hoag and special thanks goes to them for their efforts. Also thanks to the members of the Internet Meeting Team who have been present since we began this experiment a year and a half ago.

Treasurers' Report/Budget Items

Lynda: The Pivot cost analysis is \$10,000 and is coming out of the designated funds from the General Manager budget. The second update is around reconciliation on the new budget. We've changed our process to having Quickbooks being where the up-to-date budget exists, there are Budget Committee spreadsheets for alignment for food vouchers, t-shirts and passes, and the Inventory spreadsheets are used for historical reconciliation that Grumpy continues to maintain. Hilary, Grumpy and I did a reconciliation and we had a small amount of discrepancies. The comparison of all three sets of data gives a good set of checks and balances.

Hilary: The reconciliation was satisfying. I met with Crystalyn, Shane and norma, and looked over preferences for these bank accounts. The insured balance moving from \$100,000 to \$250,000 helped us out a lot. The balance sheet looks complicated due to the amount of the checking accounts. We are recording all the restrictions on the balance sheet. We designate the Community Center, Peach Power and the Green Ticket money all separately. Before sending the information to the accountant, we reconcile from all these sources. We can send the Quickbooks reports to the Board. What is different is we include Capital Projects, depreciation and endowment earnings. We have almost \$450,000 in the endowment of which half is in CDs and about half in the Oregon Community Foundation. We've been spending out of the endowment money that isn't necessarily the earnings it's been generating because of the interest rates falling. The recovery of the stock market following 2008 has seen the money in Oregon Community Foundation really rebound. At this point they will continue to send us the earnings, if we don't take the earnings, they put it back into our balance. We've notified them we want to get those funds sent to us. It is about \$11,000 this year and will continue with a similar amount. We have about \$275,000 in the Oregon Community Foundation right now. The endowment is generating money that we give away and that is satisfying. As we move toward the event, the money is going to start moving around really quickly. As ever, we are so lucky with the staff and volunteers that we have who are so heavily involved with the cash flows. Thank you for everyone's efforts. We have some budget adjustments from Crystalyn and Stephanie.

Jon: On the endowment, we are taking one-hundred percent of the earnings?

Hilary: No, they determine what is sent and it is about seventy-five percent of the earnings. It is

a calculation that they make.

Jon: Are we taking everything that they are willing to give out of the endowment?

Hilary: This is the first time since 2007 that we've said, please send us the money.

Jon: In the past we've added that to the endowment, or not taken it?

Hilary: About four years ago, they offered money and we did not take it. We have about \$50,000 of earnings, but have a small window to take the current year earnings.

Jon: I guess what I am coming to, is do we have a plan to grow the endowment?

Hilary: That is a good topic for the Board retreat or work session. It is a valid question.

Crystalyn: Shane and I are requesting that we add \$1,080 to the GM telephone line item. We get \$90 towards our cell phones and we believe that Shelly should receive the same due to the amount she is using her personal cell phone for Fair business.

Indigo moved and LT seconded to add \$1,080 to the GM telephone line item.

Jon: Is there any consideration of purchasing cell phones for work use is an option?

Crystalyn: Hilary and I talked about that and we'll be looking into that this fall.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Crystalyn: We are asking for a budget adjustment from Capital Projects for the Main Stage proscenium. Earlier, information had the rental of a box truss proscenium at about \$2,500. After the Capital Project passed, the cost came back at \$6,800, which was negotiated down to \$4,000. We need some money in the same project for artwork to dress up the metal truss. We are asking to increase the Capital Project from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

Indigo moved and Lucy seconded to increase the Capital Project budget for the Main Stage proscenium from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Crystalyn: When Hilary, norma, Shane and I looked at all our bank accounts, there is still a bank account called "kitchen" which was used in the past for the kitchen to buy food. We want to change this account to a Staff checking account. It would operate similar to the QM checking account with a \$500 limit and requiring one signer. It would be the checks Shane and I use and would create more consistency in check numbers.

Casey moved and Sue seconded to create the Staff checking account at Key Bank on account ending in "907" to be used by Crystalyn Autuchovich, Shane Harvey, Stephanie Talbot, norma Sax, Hilary Anthony, Jack Makarchek and Lynda Gingerich.

Casey: Does this change the Kitchen's functionality?

Hilary: No, they have not used this account in many years.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Stephanie: I am asking for a \$1,400 increase in the "AA office supply budget." This will cover networking on Quickbooks for norma and I, so that when she is not there on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, I can cut checks. I got a reduced price Quickbooks license through TechSoup in utilizing our nonprofit status. We are also working with NetCorp, that provides technical help for nonprofits. The Fair Family News needs another Creative Suite license. This is a \$245 subscription.

Indigo moved and Lucy seconded to increase the AA office supply budget line item by \$1,400.

Martha: Are the Quickbook licenses one year or perpetual?

Stephanie: Most of our licenses are on subscription, as is this one. We are continuing to find ways to bring down the costs.

Casey: On the Creative Suites subscription, is it the only way to purchase those products?

Stephanie: It is the only way now to purchase the subscription, and this one is also at reduced price.

Jon: I understand that you used your TechSoup allocation for this year, is that true?

Stephanie: Yes, we only qualify to buy one ac-

counting product per year.

Jon: I understand, you already used it.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Old Business

Indigo: In addition to the announcement I made earlier I have a motion.

Indigo moved and Sue seconded to compose a letter this month, to send to the Siletz and Grand Ronde tribes requesting them to receive us, the Board of the Oregon Country Fair, at a location of their convenience sometime after July with the intention to create greater understanding and to foster better relations with first nation people.

Laurel: I am so proud of the Board and hope you move forward with this conversation. It will make us better members of our own and the greater community.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Indigo: It is my intent to work on the writing of this letter with Jon and have Jack our president sign it.

Jon moved and Sue seconded that the Board create a task force to assess the adequacy of our current office to meet our in-town office needs, evaluate options including but not limited to renovation of our current office and location, and make actionable recommendations to the Board of Directors by the Board's annual retreat. Interested persons are invited to submit letters of interest to the Board. The Board will appoint the task force at the August Board meeting.

Sam: There has been some discussion on homeless people and treating them with dignity on social media. I want to encourage the potential task force to be careful and cautious on the discussion of that piece of the discussion.

Joseph: I appreciate the charge of the task force and encourage the office to stay in the Whiteaker neighborhood.

Tom: What are the reasons for keeping it in the Whiteaker?

Indigo: We have outgrown our office, having our staff on split levels is not conducive to team building and working together. Wherever we find this location, we'll look for a place that meets our meeting needs, employee office needs, and meets our location and transportation needs.

Justin: Thank you, Indigo. The office has served us well for 20 years. It is, however, challenging organizationally and operationally.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Sue moved Casey seconded to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting.

Mary: There was a misspelling of one of the speakers, it is Misa Joo.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Lucy moved and LT seconded to appointment Morgan Self and Jennifer Turner as 4A coordinators.

Codi: Traffic works with 4A a lot and we really appreciate the help Jennifer has been for us.

Justin: I really appreciate the transfer of knowledge from Midge and Jennifer and to Morgan. I appreciate your approach and the love you bring to this transition.

Motion passed: 10-0.

Indigo: I think it would be really appropriate to take a moment of silence to honor the two men killed in the tragedy in Portland.

Moment of silence.

No President's Peace, Jack absent.

Draft Agenda for July's Board meeting

Starting in 2019 the Oregon Country Fair public spaces, with the exception of designated areas in parking lots, will be tobacco-free from noon Thursday to 1 pm Monday. (Sue)