

## Give input on fairgrounds by Feb. 19

Washington County would like to hear from the public by February 19 about a revised agreement draft between the Board of County Commissioners and the Washington County Fair Board. Based on input from the public, changes have been made to the draft agreement that would:

- Identify general interest areas to be represented in Board appointments,
- Change the Fairgrounds "Coordinator" to Fairgrounds "Manager," and
- Clarify that access will be provided to the Fair Board and groups who participate in the annual Fair event during interim (non-Fair) times of the year.

The primary goal of the revised agreement draft continues to be that of strengthening the Fair event held each year at the 101-acre County Fair Complex property located at the intersection of NE Cornell Road and NE 34th Avenue in Hillsboro.

Other provisions of the re-

vised, draft agreement that would remain the same include:

- Strengthening partnership and collaboration among the Board of Commissioners, Fair Board, Fair Boosters, county staff and other interested parties;
- Clarifying Fair Board and county roles and responsibilities and formalizing channels of communication and collaboration;
- Focusing energy, passion and expertise of the Fair Board on the production of the Fair event;
- Optimizing operational efficiencies and leveraging the resources, staff and expertise of Washington County; and
- Forming and staffing an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners to provide input for updating and implementing the Fairgrounds Master Plan, Fairgrounds Capital Projects Plan and other major site-related initiatives.

Members of the public are

## You can help Wash. Co. veterans

Veteran Services of Washington County is looking for two volunteers able to contribute five hours of time a week to help old paper files become electronic data.

The agency is part of the

County's Department of Health and Human Services. The Service Coordinators who work there help returning veterans and their families receive all the benefits promised them when

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welcome to review the updated proposal and send written comments by February 19 to the Board of County Commissioners.

Please visit [www.co.washington.or.us/fair](http://www.co.washington.or.us/fair) for background and to download a form to submit written testimony.

## Visitation Rummage Sale March 4-6

The 25th annual Visitation School Rummage Sale will be held March 4-6 in the Harris Parish Center of Visitation Catholic Church, 4285 NW Visitation Rd., Forest Grove.

The event starts with an early bird sale, March 4, from 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. (\$5 entrance fee).

Regular hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Saturday everything will be on sale at half-price, with a \$3 bag sale from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

For more information visit the website [www.vcsknights.org](http://www.vcsknights.org) or call the school at 503-357-6990.

## Many named to Banks HS Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Banks High School academic Honor Roll for the 2009-10 first semester. \*Denotes 4.00 GPA for this semester. Students are listed alphabetically by first name.

Freshmen – Addison Browning\*, Alaura King\*, Arlana Daskalakis\*, Aubrey Rue\*, Brian Lacock, Chelsea Dunthorn\*, Christopher Munjar\*, Claire Herinckx, Courtney Engeseth, Cuyler Dimeo-Ediger, Emily Cackler\*, Emmitt Vandehey, Eric Sommerfeld, Jalen Todd, Jessica Beatty, Johanna Blake\*, Jordin Duyck, Kaylin Vandomelen\*, Kiana Shurts\*, Laura White\*, Louis Fowler, Makayla Murry\*, Matthew Borchers\*, Megan Sprute, Michaela Shurts\*, Miriam Gibson\*, Riley Gerlinger, Samantha Duyck\*, Samantha Haren\*, Sara Reaser, Sierra Bloomer, Stefani Evers\*, Thomas Blatter, Tucker Sahnaw, and Wyatt

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Sophomores – Alan Jordan\*, Alexander Heath\*, Alexandra Chave\*, Ashley Vandecoevering, Austin Soper, Beatrix Norgren, Bonnia Helm\*, Chelsie Bunn, Daniel Louis\*, Devin Wyckoff\*, Emily Meeuwse\*, Franklin Browning, Jacob Lyda\*, Janet Sanchez-Reyes\*, Jena Holderman, Jessica Bonnett\*, Jordan Trout, Joshua Sladden\*, Kaitlin McGinnis, Kaitlyn Cole, Kajsa Bradley\*, Keith Spiering, Kyle Douglas, Kyle Selfaison\*, Maggi Castellanos, Marla Gooding\*, Melissa Masters\*, Mitchell Evers\*, Molly Miller, Morgan Stone, Natalie Larsen, Odalis Avendano\*, Savannah Lyda, Shea Rue, and Zinaida Polushkin.

Juniors – Allison Hancock, Allyson Philippi\*, Amy Browning\*, Arley Sanchez, Brandon Meier, Caroline Momah, Chelsea Matthews\*, Colby Seyferth, Connor Reynolds, Deven Mur-

ray, Evan Reisinger, Felicia Wilson\*, Garrett Soper, Jessica Markham\*, Kaitlin Sommerfeld, Kathleen Woodruff, Kiciah Gibson\*, Leean Pallett, Linus Norgren, Marcus Malouf, Mark Acosta, Matthew Hidalgo, Matthew McCourt, Maxwell Edison\*, Megan Chalupsky\*, Megan Nielson\*, Robert Huey, Samantha Elwood, Terry Sandstrom, Tiegna Williams, and Trask Bowden.

Seniors – Andrew Jimenez, Brock Markham, Cecelia Cannetti\*, Christopher Shaw, Christy McCarthy, Danielle Lorenz, DeeJay Pickar, Ferdinand Wessels, James Reaser, Jared Acosta\*, Jennifer Helm, Jessica Selfaison, Kalin Morris, Kelsee Miller, Kimberly Duyck, Megan Merritt, Monique Matney\*, Rebecca McCollum, Shaylin Roberts, Sierra Silver\*, Stefanie Spady, Stephen Clink, Tasha Lyda, Tiara Herr\*, and Zackery Evers\*.

## School Board told cost of JV sports

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board conducts an annual evaluation of the superintendent. Foster told the board that he had no problems with the process used last year, and board member Kathy Edison described the evaluation tool in use, which was developed by the OSBA. Board members Norie Dimeo-Ediger and Laurie Schlegel agreed to begin Foster's evaluation this month. Richard Bowden did not attend the meetings. Completed forms will be collated by Moore for discussion during the March workshop.

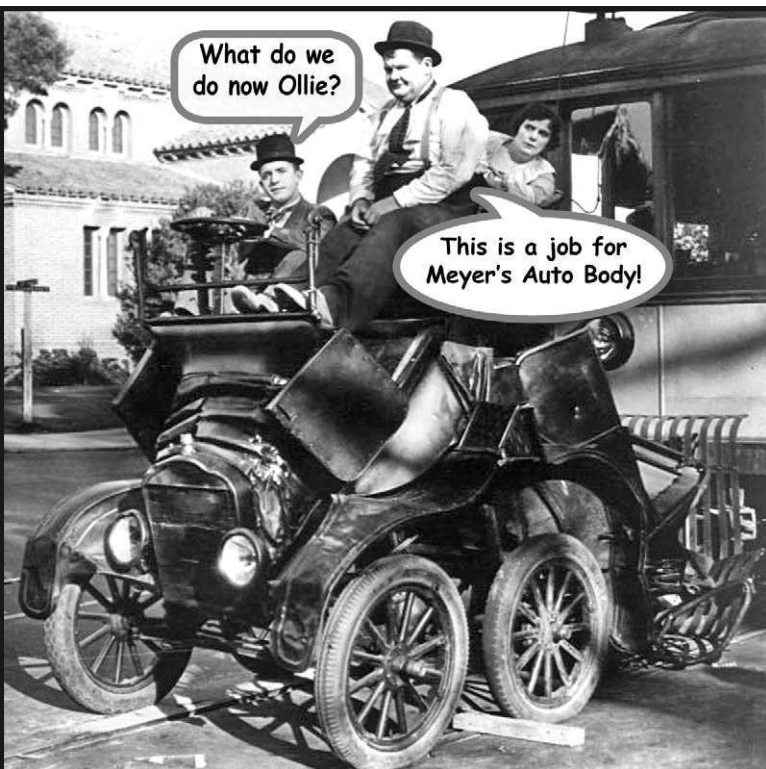
Responding to concerns expressed by Dan Strebrow at the January board meeting, Foster passed out an analysis of costs for junior high sports. As it became clear that costs for junior high JVII volleyball and basketball (boys and girls) could be covered with relative ease by a

combination of increasing pay-to-play fees by \$25 and volunteer coaching, Moore asked the board if they could agree in principal to raise athletic fees from \$100 to \$125 per sport. Dimeo-Ediger clarified that this was not an agreement in advance to funding junior high sports. Schlegel raised the question of raising fees across the board for all activities and athletics. Though there was some agreement, no decision was made and Foster said that he would report current participation fees for student programs at the next meeting.

Foster presented the board with a revision of budget principles at the workshop. Originally adopted to guide decisions until the end of the 2009 funding biennium, this defining document helped administrators and board members shape decisions through a financial cri-

sis not anticipated in 2005. Foster briefly explained that he retained the previous four areas of relevance (Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Student Achievement, and Communication) and created a separate area for technology. Foster said that he added specific language about maintenance and upkeep.

Board members discussed the principles and Foster will bring an updated statement to the next workshop. Moore wondered if the budget principles was a place for the board to make a philosophical statement favoring direct and active counseling and support. In his view the relative lack of such support throughout the school experience is the fundamental difference between public and private schools.



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