Hello Clackamas County Horse 4H family!

The 2014 Clackamas County Horse Fair will indeed be the one that goes down in the history books as memorable! There will be fun to be had by all. This is, after all, a place for the kids to showcase what they have been working on with their project animals all year. All the standards that are expected will be found...The Campbell BBQ...Jr. Advisory Games...Ice Cream Social...Morning Meetings...all of our amazing events to showcase the kids’ hard work...Dad Potter...Championship Classes...Graduating Sr. presentation...Jessica Haney Memorial Scholarship Awarded...and many, many more. For most of us, it is one of our favorite weeks of the year and this one will be one to not miss.

As you have probably heard, the “livestock barn” is unusable due to age and structural damages over the years. It has been decided by the county to dismantle it. Due to the safety requirements involved in such an undertaking, the entire area, from the red barns down including the Ely arena will be unavailable to us for the duration of the demolition. Unfortunately, the time frame for this very possibly could happen during our fair time. The timing is totally under the control of the Clackamas County Commissioners. We are planning accordingly. For all of us that means Horse Advisory and the Fairgrounds management has spent a great deal of time discussing our options at multiple meetings, through many emails, phone calls, and some major logistical planning....we have formulated the best plan possible considering the challenges of producing an event of this magnitude. This letter is to inform each and every participant of the resulting plan.

Our first option, the one outlined in your horse fair sign up packet, will be used if at all possible. Prepare the stall request form that came with your packet with that plan in mind. (This is the plan where we have panel stalls in Ely).

However, if we have no barns or stall spaces available, all participants who live locally will be asked to haul in for your show days. To help us prepare for this option, please also fill out the attached 2014 Clackamas County 4-H Horse Fair ALTERNATE Stall Request and turn it in June 2. Those that have further to travel (Sandy, Estacada, Colton) will be accommodated as best as we can with limited panel stall space available. The plan is to set up panel stalls in the pasture area that is used to house the rodeo stock with a few bull pens available for trouble horses or oversized ones. These stalls are outside and not covered. If any 4Her has any special hardships due to hauling in please alert us and we will do the best we can find a workable solution. There is a possibility of stabling a few horses at nearby farms for closer daily haul in but those numbers are very limited. Carpoolsing is going to be key. Obviously, tying to trailers will be allowed. We are still requiring stall cards on panel stalls and trailers for safety and also ask that you write participant numbers on trailers so we can easily locate people in case of emergency (a wipe off pen would work well for this). Stalls will not be decorated except for stall fronts if desired, although you could choose to decorate your camp area. Herdsmanship judging is still to be decided but all horses will need to be monitored, areas kept clean, and water buckets filled

The Rodeo office will be our show office. All events will be held outside in the rodeo arena and surrounding area. There will be an area tilled for warm up and a place will be provided for limited horse washing. Portable toilets and a shower trailer will be in place also. If you do not wish to keep your tack in your personal trailer or in camp you will be allowed to have a tack trailer parked in a designated place. Feed trailer parking will be as usual along the campground/track. TRAILER ONLY PARKING IN THE INFIELD. All cars are to park in the lot directly across from the fairgrounds. You will be allowed to pull through and drop things off at camp and such. There will be no traffic through the Maple St. gate, instead the Locus St. gate at the East end of the end field will be the gate that is left closed but unlocked for after hours access. Camping will overflow into the infield on the East side of the infield if necessary. More about those specifics will be shared at the June 2nd and 30th meetings.

We hope that with this information your clubs and families will make plans to be able to join all of us. If you choose to not participate due to the challenges presented to us all this year, we totally understand and will miss having you. Keep in mind that there will be no refunds so make sure that you have weighed all the information given to you when you turn in your fair entry on June 2nd. None of these decisions were made without thorough discussion and many, many hours of brainstorming. We have made every effort to exhaust all other options. Feel free to email Shirley Haney at haneysfullranch@yahoo.com or call/text her (503-545-4153) with any questions or concerns about this alternate scenario. Thank you for understanding the hard work that has been put into both of these plans. It will be as much fun and chaos as it always is!

Sincerely,
Clackamas County Horse Advisory Board