Clackamas Extension Celebrates 100 years at County Fair

For the past 100 years, the Oregon State University Extension Service has been serving the needs of Clackamas County citizens through educational programs in 4-H, home gardening and landscaping, forestry and natural resources, families and community health, and agriculture. Extension’s first County Agent was assigned to Clackamas County in 1917 and we are marking the centennial year of service with special events and activities at this year’s Clackamas County Fair in Canby from August 14-18.

Join Extension for a day at the Fair on Thursday, August 16. Here is what you can expect:

- Free Fair admission for everyone from 10:00am to 3:00pm.

- Clackamas County Commissioners Public Board Meeting at 10:00 am on the Main Lawn. All welcome. Come support our youth presenters! More than a dozen 4-Hers will describe their projects and experiences and share bits of 4-H history. The first 4-H clubs in Clackamas County began in 1918. A special birthday cake will mark the occasion, too.

- Extension’s booth on the Main Lawn throughout the day we will share information about our programs and the future plans for a new Extension Education Center in Oregon City. The booth will be staffed with faculty and program staff and volunteers.

- 4-H Exhibits and Contests are found throughout the fairgrounds. Watch animal shows in the Livestock and Small Animal Barns. Tour the exhibits, watch our public speaking competition, and taste a sample from a cooking contest in the 4-H Exhibit Hall.

- Centennial Celebration BBQ Dinner in the Grove from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Join us for a fun, country-style BBQ dinner prepared by the Clarkeys Grange including chicken, coleslaw, roasted potatoes, and carrot cake. $10 for adults; $5 for youth 12 and under. All welcome. Brief program at 6:15pm to share memories of the past 100 years of Extension’s service in the county and plans for the future.

August 16 will be a special day for Extension at this year’s County Fair. We hope you can join us!

Michael Bondi
OSU Regional Administrator
Oregon State University Celebrates 150 Years

You still have time to check out the Oregon Historical Society exhibit - Oregon State University: A Legacy of Transformation, running through September 9, 2018. The exhibit celebrates the 150 years that Oregon State University has provided access to a high-quality college education for all Oregonians, solving tough challenges through groundbreaking research, serving community needs, and propelling the state and global economy. On May 30, some of our Extension staff attended an OSU reception where they had a chance to view the 150 different displays sharing stories on how OSU has transformed the nation, and then watch the debut of the Oregon Public Broadcasting documentary on Oregon State University, which premiered on June 6. If you miss it, you can catch here - https://pbs.org/video/3013298695/.

Kimberly Nelson

75 years of 4-H Residence Camp

This was our seventy-fifth year of hosting Clackamas County 4-H Residence Camp! We had over 80 youth (ages 9-14) and 12 teen counselors attend this year. Our camp provides an out-of-doors living experience and close family living through which we can teach life skills and an appreciation of the environment. We work with each camper to help them develop teamwork, leadership and cooperation skills through through crafts, special games, hikes, canoeing, swimming and many other activities. Having archery for all and Challenge One and Challenge Two opportunities for older campers adds to the experience and really increases the fun!

Jan Williams
4-H Youth Development Instructor

High School Teachers ‘Learn by Doing’ at Hopkins

This summer’s Teacher in the Woods program, hosted by the Hopkins Demonstration Forest and facilitated by Clackamas County Extension, was a huge success. Sixteen high school teachers and three OSU Extension faculty spent a combined 28-weeks working, learning, and developing curriculum together at Hopkins. Gathering mid-June through the end of July, natural resources and biological science teachers spent (individually) 1-2 weeks working on various team projects.

Projects ranged from learning forest management basics to studying water quality, wildlife, and outdoors recreation. After some hands-on activities and learning, teachers used their experiences to create curriculum, student knowledge assessments, and propose field opportunities to take back to their classroom. While there were many highlights, the most memorable was provided by one of our lead teachers as we explored the field of outdoor recreation on one of those near 100-degree days. Thirteen of us piled into rafts for a white-water adventure through an area recently affected by a wildfire. Overall, we had some great adventures in learning, exploring and developing knowledge/curriculum that many of their students will benefit from.

Peter Matzka
Extension Forestry Educator
Cloverbud Day Camp

Two sessions of FUN & FRIENDSHIP were had at Cloverbud Day Camps this year! More than 24 youth, ages 5-8 years old explored forests, meadows, and ponds, finding out what lives there. We made Hula Hoops, crafts, heard stories and went on hikes to discover and explore the different ecosystems found at Hopkins Demonstration Forest.

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Wildfire Facing Oregon

Another bad fire season illustrates the trend of increasing risk of wildfire across much of Oregon. To reduce fire risk and help people prepare for wildfire, OSU Extension is working with local, state, and federal partners across Oregon to develop “Fire Adapted Communities”. This includes education and training to promote personal responsibility and leadership capacity, neighborhood by neighborhood. Key elements of Fire Adapted Communities include:

- Proper management of vegetation surrounding the home reduces fuel hazards.
- Appropriate home construction and maintenance resists ignition.
- Well-designed fuel breaks and known safe areas protect the community.
- Good access helps emergency responders arrive in a timely manner and safely leave when necessary to do so.
- Prepared communities can evacuate safely and effectively.

“As residents of a forested landscape, we accept responsibility for living in a fire-prone area and take steps to prepare our home and our community to withstand wildfire,” said Glenn Ahrens, OSU Extension Forester. If you are interested in helping your community become Fire Adapted, please contact Glenn Ahrens at 503-655-8631 or glenn.ahrens@oregonstate.edu

Glenn Ahrens
OSU Extension Forester

New Column Shares Building News

As most may know, the OSU Extension Service in Clackamas County is planning to build a new home for Extension. Coming issues of Focus on Extension will include brief update reports on our progress.

The new Clackamas Extension Education Center will be located at the southeast corner of Warner Milne and Beavercreek Roads on the County’s Red Soils Campus—one block from our current location. In early July we presented the plan to the Hillendale and Tower Vista Neighborhood Associations for public comment—a required step in the permitting process with Oregon City. We received strong support from the community for our plans.

By early August, all of the application details were submitted to the City for the review—and, hopefully what will be the approval and issuing of building permits later this fall. During the approval process over the coming months, construction documents will be completed for the 22,000 square foot, two story, all-wood, energy efficient building. We hope to break ground sometime in the spring of 2019.

Michael Bondi
OSU Regional Administrator
**Future Events**

**August:**

**Snap-To-It Farmer's Market Tour:** Saturday, August 11 starting at 9:00 am at the Oregon City Farmers Market. The tour will include talks with local farmers and a food demonstration using produce sourced from the market. Contact Kelly Streit 503-557-5885.

**Clackamas County Fair:** August 14-18 at the Clackamas County Event Center.

**Clackamas 4-H Centennial Celebration:** Thursday, August 16 at the Clackamas County Event Center. 4-H will be celebrating all day including cake serving after the Clackamas Commissioners meeting on the main lawn. All are welcome. Contact Jan Williams or Wendy Hein 503-655-8635.

**Extension Centennial Celebration BBQ Dinner:** Thursday, August 16 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Clackamas County Event Center. Join Extension for a BBQ dinner including chicken, coleslaw, roasted potatoes, and carrot cake. The cost will be $10 for adults; $5 for youth 12 and under. Contact Cheryl Keithan 503-655-8631.

**Oregon State Fair:** August 24-September 3 at the Salem Fairgrounds.

**September:**

**Office Closed:** OSU Extension Office will be closed September 3 in observance of Labor Day.

**Eat Smart, Waste Less Workshop:** Thursday, September 6 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Canby Adult Center. Participants learn tips and tricks to extend your food resources, and participate in a Skillet Meal Challenge. Contact Kelly Streit 503-557-5885.

**Community Forestry Day:** Saturday, September 8 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm at Hopkins Demonstration Forest. Contact Peter Matzka 503-655-8631.

**Snap-To-It Farmer's Market Tour:** Saturday, September 8 starting at 9:00 am at the Oregon City Farmers Market. The tour will include talks with local farmers and a food demonstration using produce sourced from the market. Contact Kelly Streit 503-557-5885.

**October:**

**Snap-To-It Farmer's Market Tour:** Saturday, October 13 starting at 9:00 am at the Oregon City Farmers Market. The tour will include talks with local farmers and a food demonstration using produce sourced from the market. Contact Kelly Streit 503-557-5885.

Accommodation requests related to a disability should be made by two weeks before the event to the contact person listed on the event.

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