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## 2020 KLAMATH COUNTY FAIR POSTPONED . . . OTHER 4-H/FFA YOUTH ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FAIR ARE BEING RE-WORKED AND WILL CONTINUE

This notice is being provided to you on behalf of the Klamath County Fair Board.

Following the May 7, 2020 Press Conference of Governor Brown, and like so many other county fairs throughout Oregon, **the Klamath County Fair**, originally scheduled to take place July 30 to August 2, 2020, has been postponed as a direct result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We are saddened and disappointed, "but together we will pull through". We also want to express our appreciation for the efforts already committed to by so many business associates, exhibitors, vendors, service clubs and volunteers for the 2020 Fair. We sincerely hope to see you in  $2021 \sim \text{remember our dates}$  are August 5 through 8, 2021. Those interested in participating in 2021 can contact the Fairgrounds Office, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM @ 541-883-3796.

On a lighter note, the Fair Board, Management, and staff, along with the Klamath County 4-H and FFA Program Coordinators and staff, will continue with plans to hold refigured 4-H and FFA project shows, as well as a livestock auction for 2020. These activities are in celebration of the hard work that our young people have put into their annual projects. Projects such as these are critical in the development of our Klamath Basin youth ~ shaping them for the business world. We hope that you will support these efforts as these folks will become our leaders for the future. These activities will focus on the original Fair dates of July 30 through August 2; however, dates and times may be expanded a bit to accommodate the social distancing and group size restrictions mentioned in the Governor's Phased Plan for Reopening Oregon.

What will happen to the Klamath County Fair in the future?? While postponing a Fair is disappointing news, we are vigorously continuing with our plans for the 2021 Klamath County Fair. We promise that we are planning a huge blow out to celebrate our Basin and all who live here  $\sim$  even in our "new normal."

We are also anxious to open the Fairgrounds/Event Center to the many annual community functions; however, we will respect restrictions from Salem. We do; however, promise that we will open the facilities as soon as is possible, in light of Governor Brown's mandates. The Klamath County Fair Board will always make every attempt to ensure the highest possible degree of community safety. Please watch for posts regarding upcoming events at <a href="https://www.kcfairgrounds.org">www.kcfairgrounds.org</a> OR contact us at 541-883-3796. We'd love to say hello.