



CCF&R LIVESTOCK BARN: June 30th, 2019 Countdown!

Construction of the new 32,682 square foot Coos County Fairgrounds Livestock Barn has begun. Post holes have been augured, footings poured, poles are up, and trusses are being placed. The New Livestock Barn will create a permanent space and an additional 8,000 square feet for the 4-H, FFA, and Open Class livestock programs and Coos County Fairgrounds and save \$29k in annual tent rentals.



Coos County residents are proud of their history and these programs are fundamental to maintaining the values and traditions of our community. While many communities are racing to keep up with the latest trends, the residents of Coos County still encourage their kids to

raise livestock, ride horses, and to enjoy one of the last remaining old fashioned county fairs. We still believe there is tremendous value in teaching our children about life and responsibility. The Coos County Fair & Rodeo (CCF&R) has been providing the children of Coos County and the Coos Youth Auction Committee (CYAC) with a venue without charge, to showcase their animals and the skills they have learned. The CCF&R has been a tradition since 1912.

The number of animals entered in the annual fair has increased for the past two years. All children can participate and with mentorship programs like the pre-4h "Cloverbuds" and "Little-People Showmanship" events, kids work hard all year and are proud to showcase what they've learned in caring for and raising their animals. In 2018, the CYAC raised almost \$500,000 at the fair. The majority of buyers are predominantly local residents and businesses and another indicator of just how important these programs are to the community.

CCFA is collaborating with CCF&R Board to make this project a reality and ***just-in-time for the July 23-27, 2019 Coos County Fair & Rodeo.*** The New Livestock Barn will provide room to grow, without needing to make major modifications to the current fairgrounds layout. With donations and in-kind support of ***\$305,898 raised as of February 6, 2019*** from throughout Coos County, we're ***96% of the way to the "Bare-Bones" & 39% shy of "All the Bells & Whistles."*** Also ***underway, the remodeled Poultry Barn in 2019, and the New Food Pavilion planned for the 2020 Fair. Stay up-to-date at www.cooscountyfairalliance.org where progress photos, project donations and funding levels are being updated weekly. Join-in and let's get it done!***