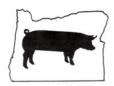
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VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

Our President has asked me to be a substitute for her president's message this quarter; so welcome to my first Vice Presidents message!

I would like to use my first message to talk about the part of our industry I know best, the show circuit.

As I look back on 2013 my mind quickly goes to the volunteers that make our Jackpot, county and state shows go smoothly year after year. What a lot of exhibitors do not see is the preparation that many times starts taking place at the end of a

show and continues throughout the year to make improvements, gather sponsors and update rules to fit our ever changing show circuits. Committees are always meeting to face challenges. Leaders associations are meeting monthly to address concerns and plan next year's shows.

Once at the show a whole new set of volunteers step in to help clerk, paint brand, check in, run pig boards and many other jobs that people step into. Many of these volunteers are never seen, yet without volunteers like them the shows could not go on. I know that everyone is always in a

rush at shows, but please take the time to thank the volunteers that make them happen. A little acknowledgement can go a long way when someone is at the end of a tiring show!

I would like to thank each and every one of you that dedicate your time to help out wherever you can. You are much appreciated!

That's all I have for now. I hope everyone is having a successful fall breeding season and I will see you at the next show!

Greg

OSU TO CLOSE SWINE BARN

OSU to close swine barn, sell off its hogs By Eric Mortenson Captial Press Published:September 24, 2013

Oregon State University announces it will close its swine program and sell off its pigs. Manure handling problems lead to closure of facility and sale of remaining 10 animals.

A leaking manure storage lagoon is forcing Oregon State University to close its swine barn and sell off its 10 remaining hogs.

Dan Arp, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, said groundwater or surface water is seeping into the lagoon, and manure could leak out if cracks aren't sealed and drainage sys-

tem repairs aren't made. The initial cost estimate for repairs is \$100,000, he said. "As we go into rainy season, we can't be in a situation where manure from the hog facility is spilling out of the holding pond," Arp said.

Arp said the situation is reminiscent of problems at OSU's dairy, where manure leaked into Oak Creek and forced the university to close the operation and sell off the herd. The facility has since been repaired, and the dairy reopened this year and is supplying milk to the studentrun cheese manufacturing program.

The swine program, operating out of a barn that is at least 60 years old, was down to nine breeding females and one boar. Arp said arrangements are being made to sell them.

Arp said OSU hopes to return hogs to the animal sciences program at some point, but whether that will happen is an open auestion.

For years, the swine program has raised pigs for breeding, teaching and research purposes at OSU. They've been used for livestock evaluation and basic animal science courses, sold to 4-H and FFA members who raise pigs for county fair projects, and even entered in the Oregon State Fair by OSU students. The state's swine industry is relatively small, however. A 2012 livestock inventory showed Oregon had 12,500 hogs, compared to 1.2 million head of cattle, about 210,000 sheep and 41,000 goats, according to the state agriculture department.

John Killefer, Department Head of the Department of Animal Sciences at OSU, has issued Oregon Pork Producers a statement regarding the recent changes. He is also available to personally answer any questions or concerns producers may have. See page 6

2013 OREGON STATE FAIR OPEN CLASS SHOW RESULTS

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PREMIER BREEDER	George & Rhonda Rathjen	JAN. GILT
Premier Hampshire Breeder - Mike	JAN. BOAR	1st Thayne Egbert
Wendte	1st Wayne Barnett	2nd Diane Keith
Premier Yorkshire Breeder - Mike Wendte	2nd Lowell Bickle	3rd Mike Wendte
Premier AOB Breeder - Walt & Gayle	FEB. BOAR	FEB. GILT
Burke	1st Bill Larson	1st Oregon State University
Premier Duroc Breeder - Kory Blake	2nd Elsie Duyn	2nd Tyler Drahn
Premier Crossbred Breeder - Tyler Drahn	3rd Mike Wendte	3rd Mike Wendte
HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS	MARCH BOAR	MARCH GILT
1st - Wille Farms	1st Bill Larson	1st Bill Larson
2nd - Western Hog Services	BRED SOW AUG-OCT	2nd Spencer/Sweed Salo
3rd - RJK Swine	1st George/Rhonda Rathjen	BEST PAIR
SUPREME FEMALE	2nd Mike Wendte	1st Thayne Egbert
Wynn & Kathy Mayfield	3rd Mike Wendte	2nd Mike Wendte
AOB Gilt (Berkshire)	DEC. GILT	3rd Bill Larson
SUPREME BOAR		OSF BEST PAIR
Wayne Barnett; Stephanie Barnett	1st Trent VanDyken	
Yorkshire Boar	2nd Logan Krische	1st Mike Wendte
DUROC	3rd Bob & Sandy Beckner	2nd Bill Larson
	JAN. GILT	3rd Spencer/Sweed Salo
CHAMPION BOAR –	1st George/Rhonda Rathjen	ALL OTHER BREEDS
Kory Blake; Newberg, OR	2nd Tyler Drahn	CHAMPION BOAR –
RESERVE CHAMPION BOAR –	3rd Keller Family Swine	Morgan Fowler; Roseburg, OR
Bill Larson; Tillamook, OR	FEB. GILT	RESERVE CHAMPION BOAR –
CHAMPION GILT –	ıst Jason Wille	Walt & Gayle Burke; Gresham, OR
Kory Blake; Newberg, OR	2nd Mike Wendte	CHAMPION GILT –
RESERVE CHAMPION GILT –	3rd Bill Larson	
Kory Blake; Newberg, OR	MARCH GILT	Wynn & Kathy Mayfield Clackamas,
		OR
JAN. BOAR	1st Bill Larson 2nd Elsie Duyn	RESERVE CHAMPION GILT –
1st Bill Larson	•	Wynn & Kathy Mayfield Clackamas,
2nd Walt/Gayle Burke	3rd Bob & Sandy Beckner	OR
3rd Pamela Keeney	BEST PAIR	JAN. BOAR
FEB. BOAR	1st Lowell Bickle	1st Walt/Gayle Burke
1st Kory Blake	2nd Mike Wendte	2nd Stan Gourley
2nd Walt/Gayle Burke	3rd Bill Larson	3rd Stan Gourley
3rd Pamela Keeney	OSF BEST PAIR	FEB. BOAR
BRED SOW AUG-OCT	1st Lowell Bickle	1st Morgan Fowler
1st Mike Wendte	2nd Mike Wendte	2nd Walt/Gayle Burke
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JAN. GILT	CHAMPION BOAR –	2nd George/Rhonda Rathjen
1st Kory Blake	Thayne Egbert; Jerome, ID	
2nd Mike Wendte	, , , ,	3rd Walt/Gayle Burke
3rd J/W/M Fowler	RESERVE CHAMPION BOAR –	JAN. GILT
-	Salo Family Livestock; Oregon City,	1st Wynn & Kathy Mayfield
FEB. GILT	OR	2nd Wynn & Kathy Mayfield
1st Kory Blake	CHAMPION GILT –	3rd George/Rhonda Rathjen
2nd Bill Larson	Bill Larson; Tillamook, OR	FEB. GILT
3rd Kory Blake	RESERVE CHAMPION GILT –	1st George/Rhonda Rathjen
MARCH GILT	Thayne Egbert; Jerome, ID	2nd Oregon State University
1st Dusti Elliott	JAN. BOAR	Josh Fowler & Emily Wuer-
BEST PAIR	1st Thayne Egbert	3rd gler
1st Kory Blake	2nd Mike Wendte	MARCH GILT
2nd Pamela Keeney	FEB. BOAR	1st Mackenzie Wille
3rd Walt/Gayle Burke	1st Thayne Egbert	2nd ShaeLee Barnett
OSF BEST PAIR	2nd Mike Wendte	3rd George/Rhonda Rathjen
1st Kory Blake		BEST PAIR
	MARCH BOAR	1st Wynn & Kathy Mayfield 2nd Morgan Fowler
	1st Spencer/Sweed Salo	9
YORKSHIRE	2nd Bill Larson	3rd Walt/Gayle Burke
CHAMPION BOAR –	3rd Bill Larson	OSF BEST PAIR
Wayne Barnett	BRED SOW AUG-OCT	1st Wynn & Kathy Mayfield
RESERVE CHAMPION BOAR -	1st Mike Wendte	2nd Morgan Fowler
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George & Rhonda Rathjen

RESERVE CHAMPION GILT -

CROSSBRED

CHAMPION BOAR

Jeff Stennick

RESERVE CHAMPION BOAR

Tyler Drahn

CHAMPION GILT

Darren Crapeq

RESERVE CHAMPION GILT

Elsie Duyn

LIGHTWEIGHT BOAR

1st Ed Krische

2nd Spencer/Sweed Salo

3rd Tyler Drahn

MIDDLEWEIGHT BOAR

Tyler Drahn 1st

George/Rhonda Rathjen 2nd 3rd Jason/Meliss Sherman

HEAVYWEIGHT BOAR

Jeff Stennick 1st

2nd Wynn & Kathy Mayfield зrd Jason/Meliss Sherman

BRED SOW AUG-OCT

George/Rhonda Rathjen 1st

LIGHTWEIGHT GILT

David Gladman 1ST

1st Stephanie Sherfield

2nd Lexie Crabtree

Trent VanDyken 2nd

3rd Elsie Duyn

Keller Family Swine 3rd

MIDDLEWEIGHT GILT

1st Keller Family Swine

1st Ed Krische

1st Darren Crapeq

2nd **Garrett Hurley**

Greg/Susan Gonzalez 2nd

Wynn & Kathy Mayfield 2nd

Logan Krische 3rd Dennis McLain

3rd

ShaeLee Barnett 3rd

HEAVYWEIGHT GILT

Sawyer Bruck 1st

1st Elsie Duyn

2nd Mackenzie Wille

Greg/Susan Gonzalez 2nd

3rd George/Rhonda Rathjen

3rd Keller Family Swine

BEST PAIR

Tyler Drahn 1st

Ed Krische 2nd

George/Rhonda Rathjen

PUREBRED MARKET BARROW

GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED BARROW

Bill Larson-Heavy Weight

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED

BARROW

Jason Wille-Heavy Weight

GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED BARROW

PAIR

Kory Blake

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PUREBRED

BARROW PAIR

Mike Wendte

LIGHTWEIGHT

Lexie Crabtree 1st

2nd Dusti Elliott

MIDDLEWEIGHT

1st Mike Wendte

Bill Larson 2nd

3rd Mike Wendte

MARKET BARROW PAIR-MIDDLEWEIGHT

1st Mike Wendte

HEAVYWEIGHT

1st Bill Larson

Jason Wille 2nd

3rd Kory Blake MARKET BARROW PAIR-HEAVYWEIGHT

Kory Blake

2nd Jason Wille

CROSSBRED MARKET BARROW

GRAND CHAMPION CROSSBRED

BARROW

Claire Gladman-Heavy Weight

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

CROSSBRED BARROW

Dakota Mathews-Middleweight

GRAND CHAMPION CROSSBRED

BARROW PAIR

ShaeLee Barnett

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION

CROSSBRED BARROW PAIR

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LIGHTWEIGHT

1st Wynn & Kathy Mayfield

ShaeLee Barnett 2nd

зrd ShaeLee Barnett

MARKET BARROW PAIR-LIGHTWEIGHT

ShaeLee Barnett 1st

and Jason Wille

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Dakota Mathews 1st

Logan Krische 2nd

3rd Wayne Barnett

MARKET BARROW PAIR-MIDDLEWEIGHT

Isacc Blodgett 1st

2nd Mike Wendte

HEAVYWEIGHT

Claire Gladman 1st

2nd Jason Wille

Pamela Keeney 3rd

MARKET BARROW PAIR-HEAVYWEIGHT 1st Pamela Keeney

As year end approaches Oregon Pork Board would like to remind you to remember to pay your pork checkoff.

Oregon Pork Producers rely heavily on checkoff funds for their budget. Our various clinics and newsletters our brought to you with those checkoff funds.

Checkoff is 40 cents per \$100 of your income made from pigs sales. A small investment you can make in your industry.

Oregon has many pork producers who may be unaware of the mandatory checkoff so we would like to ask you to become proactive in spreading the word of Pork Check-

More producers paying checkoff means Oregon can bring you more programs in different areas around the state.



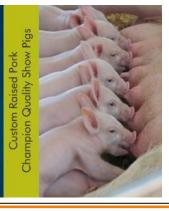
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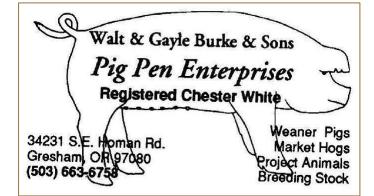
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OREGON YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

SACRED HEART STUDENT WINS DONATION GILT

Portland Tribune

Each year Oregon Pork Producers hold an essay writing contest asking contestants what they would do if they won a pig.

Turner Lear, a member of the 4-H Green Grazers Club and a seventh-grade student at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Gervais, was one of two winners out of 60 entrants.

Turner's essay explained how important he thought it was that if you were raising a pig for show, you should raise it from start to finish. He gave three reasons why he thought it was important: It teaches responsibility, you get to know your animal and you get to have lots of fun in the process. Turner is still thinking about what to name his new pig.

Turner's pigs was donated by Gracie Krahn of Royal Riverside Premium Livestock.



Turner Lear and his prize pig

DONATION GILT #2



Breanna Blodgett and Windy

Breanna Blodgett, from Klamath Falls, Oregon was the proud winner of a Hampshire gilt donated by Jodi Sonka

Breanna's mother's Facebook post was, "SHA-ZAM!!!!! Look at this gilt!!!!! Thank you Oregon Pork Producers and Jodi Sonka for awarding our daughter this spectacular gilt! Breanna has named her Windy!"

OREGON YOUTH SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS

Once again this year OPP conducted a Youth Sweepstakes allowing OPP Junior members to show and accumulate points in the following youth shows: Southern Oregon Junior Classic, Medford, OR; Spring Classic, Canby, OR; Oregon Junior Livestock Expo, Albany, OR; Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, Union, OR; PI Junior Livestock Show, Prineville, OR; Mid Columbia Junior Livestock Show, Tygh Valley, OR; Oregon County & State Fair 4-H and FFA Classes (which were used for ties only).

In order for a show's points to count toward in the all-around score, the youth must have been entered for the sweepstakes prior to the show. Points from a maximum of 3 shows counted towards the circuit total with only points for the highest placing animal in each division at a show counting.

Awards were presented at the Oregon State Fair during the Swine Supreme Drive to the following youth.

Youth Sweepstakes Breeding Winners:

SR Champion –
Cody Rathjen
SR Reserve Champion –
Kellie Sanford
INT Champion –
Katelyn Wetzler
INT Reserve Champion –
Justin Terry
JR Champion –

Gracie Krahn JR Reserve Champion – Jillian Seitz

Youth Sweepstakes Showmanship Winners:

SR Champion –
Logan Krische
SR Reserve Champion –
Abby Barber
INT Champion –
Macen Keller
INT Reserve Champion –
Lily Barber
JR Champion –
Gracie Krahn
JR Reserve Champion –
Clancy Krahn

Youth Sweepstakes Market/Prospect Winners

Market/Prospect Winners:

SR Champion –
Cody Rathjen

SR Reserve Champion –
Abby Barber

INT Champion –
Katelyn Wetzler

INT Reserve Champion –
Macen Keller

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2013 OREGON STATE FAIR SWINE SALE

First, I want to thank all of the buyers that purchased animals at the 2013 OPP Oregon State Fair Swine Sale. We hope to see you again next year.

The sale committee initiated a new advertising program, posting photos of the sale animals on line and the ability to bid on animals by phone.

The sale reached a new record total of

\$ 41,125.00 Commission: 8% Total Animals Sold: 51 Average price per head: \$648.50

Total 'No Sales': 14

BOARS

Boar Total: 23 Total Sold: 14 Total Sale: \$12,475.00

Average: \$891.07 Purebred Sold: 12, No Sale: 7

X-Bred Sold: 3, No Sale: 1

BRED GILTS

Bred Gilts Total: 7 Total Sold: 7 Total Sale: \$5600.00 Average: \$800.00 Purebred Sold: 7 X-Bred Sold: 0

OPEN GILTS

Open Gilts: 37 Total Sold: 30

Total Sale: \$23,475.00 Average: \$782.50

Purebred Sold: 24, No Sale: 4 X-Bred Sold: 6, No Sale: 3

2013 OPP FALL SEMINAR REPORT

The 2013 OPP Fall Educational Seminar was held bright and early at 8 am on September 14th in Prineville. Over 40 people attended, ranging from 30 years' experience to 4-H and FFA members. Attendees traveled as far as Klamath Falls to Vale to Silverton.

Dr. Marcia Shannon, extension swine nutrition specialists from the University of Missouri, discussed the topics of breeding herd nutrition covering boars, sows and replacement gilts. Dr. Shannon answered questions regarding not only nutrition but reproduction and manage-

ment on both a small and large scale operation. Dr. Charles Estill from the OSU Vet School spoke later in the morning, discussing the concerns of biosecurity with the PRRS virus and the PEDV outbreak in the Midwest. Dr. Estill shared with the crowd that he currently has documented 3 cases of PRRS positive herds in the state and has a grant that he can offer free blood testing to those interested. If interested, please contact him at the OSU Vet School. A mouthwatering lunch of pork loin, ribs and all the fixings was provided by Lance and Jenny Hill. After lunch, an open discus-

sion/workshop regarding artificial insemination and estrus synchronization was led by board member Matt Kennedy to help those just beginning in the swine industry with some additional advice coming from those who have practicing these breeding techniques in their herds.

A big thank you to all those that attended and please keep a spot in your spring calendar available for the annual meeting and education seminar.



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September 25, 2013

Greetings,

We understand that recent news regarding changes at the Oregon State University Swine Center has prompted questions.

Beginning as early as the first week in October, we will begin removing animals from the OSU Swine Center. A number of factors led up to this decision that fully involved discussions with our Swine Unit manager, faculty within the Department of Animal and Rangeland Sciences, and College of Agricultural Sciences administration.

The OSU Swine Center is an aging facility. It is over a half-century old and is in need of significant repair and renovation. The condition of the facility makes it difficult to operate efficiently and comply with the many local and federal regulations that we are subject to, while meeting the essential teaching and research needs of a 21st century animal sciences program.

Although no citations have been issued and no manure has flowed into nearby Oak Creek, the function of two critical aspects of this facility recently has come into question. Both relate to our manure management system. OSU is proactively addressing these important environmental issues. The manure transport lines associated with the main barn are transporting significant amounts of groundwater to the adjacent lagoon. The repair of these lines would cost approximately \$60,000 to \$100,000 for the front half of the main barn and a similar amount for the back half of the building, should we choose to use this area of the facility. The lagoon was emptied during the first week in September to allow us to evaluate its function. The lagoon appears to be accumulating groundwater through seepage of springs or flows from subsurface water patterns, even in the absence of any major rainfall. Uncontrolled water flow through the facility's manure transport lines and/or natural filling of the lagoon with groundwater have made it difficult for the animal operations to operate within compliance of our manure management plans.

The swine unit currently includes 5 sows, 4 gilts, 1 boar, and associated summer litters. Pending the results of health status checks, the animals will be sold to regional pig growers or processors. Because pigs have not been used appreciably for research in recent years, selling these animals will have minimal impact on current OSU research activities. Likewise, the impact on teaching will be restricted to the hands-on components of our courses. We recognize the value of hands-on experiences and our instructors are investigating alternatives to ensure the quality of the learning experiences for our students. Labs that were previously conducted at the Swine Unit could be substituted by field trips to local pork production operations.

The removal of animals from the OSU Swine Center will allow us to evaluate the current physical characteristics of our aging structures and to explore opportunities for a modern state-of-the-art facility that matches the teaching and research needs of a 21st century animal sciences program

Future updates regarding the status of the OSU Swine program will be provided as they become available.

Sincerely,

John Killefer Department Head

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PROJECT PIGS MARKET HOGS

ACTIVE MEMBER

DATE	PARENT/GUARDIAN		lished in Breeders Directory and posted on the Oregon Pork Producers web site.	information for the Junior Member/s listed on this application. I understand name, address and phone numbers will be pub-	I authorize Oregon Pork Producers to publish personal contact	be included in Breeder's Directory unless parent authorization is given below.	Jr. Member automatically enrolled in Youth Sweepstakes) Junior Members name only (no other personal information) will	\$5.00JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (21 and under) (Required to Participate in Oregon Bred Youth Shows,	\$20.00INDIVIDUAL/FARM MEMBERSHIP	in Breeders' Directory and Vote)	OPP MEMBER: (Must be a member to be included	DUES: January 1 to December 31			EXPIRATION DATE	3 DIGIT SECURITY CODE	CREDIT CARD #:	□ VISA □ MASTERCARD	ADDRESS AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD BILL	NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD		TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED: \$		OR Day with your Credit or Dehit Card	Drain, Oregon 97435	Oregon Pork Producers
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INTERESTED IN BEING AN OREGON PORK PRODUCERS BOARD

The Oregon Pork Producers Board consists of nine (9) members each serving a three (3) year term. Members elect board members from candidates submitted by either yourself or by another member. Oregon Pork Producers

We will be electing three (3) positions during our annual meeting in February 2014. If you are interested, you must submit electronically to <u>lee.letsch@gmail.com</u> the following by December 15:

- 1. Picture of nominee
- 2. Under 1000 word bio on nominee

No nominations for board members will be taken after December 15.

There will be two ways for our membership to vote on these director positions:

- 1. Vote by Mail if you are a paid 2013 member you will receive a ballot in early January as part of the newsletter, you may return this ballot by Feburary 1 or handdeliver it to the annual meeting
- 2. Vote in Person at the Annual Meeting if you would prefer to vote in person or you are a first time member at the annual meeting we will be voting for anyone who did not previously vote by mail.

Any questions please contact Secretary, Lee Letsch at lee.letsch@gmail.com or our nominations coordinators Greg Gonzales at sqnhattrick@gmail.com or Claude Williamson at oregonpork@gmail.com.