

TO: 4-H and families, and all patrons of Asotin County Fair.
FROM: Asotin County Fair Board
REF: Fair on Easter Weekend

It's been brought to our attention that there may be some conflicts of interests and problems with this year's Asotin County Fair 2011 falling on Easter weekend. Some of our supporters have asked us to move the dates of our fair to another weekend.

As some of you may know, and others may not; there is a lot of "behind the scenes" planning that goes into the Fair and Rodeo each year. A lot this planning is set in motion years before the event actually takes place. We have contracts signed with many sponsors, vendors, and companies that make this Fair and Rodeo come together each year. For example, but not limited to (stock contractors, food vendors, bull fighters, announcers, auctioneers, etc.) These people also rely on an advanced schedule, so that the tapestry of their prospective businesses don't come unraveled. With that having been said, it is not easy for us or the County Commissioners to simply change the dates of the event to accommodate the Easter weekend.

The original purpose behind the Fair has always been to develop responsibility and good values in our youth. These are things that they will be able to carry with them for the rest of their lives. They may even one day bring these things back to the Fair through serving on this board or volunteering during the Fair. This affects all generations from the young ones who may be starting their first 4-H project, to the teens, who have been involved in the Fair for years.

We have taken Easter into account, and will be planning some special activities centered around the holiday weekend for families. We will also have cowboy church (non-denominational) in the Bennett building on Sunday for all to attend Easter worship. Leaders will also be willing to work with families who must attend church on that Sunday and assist members to help with their barn duties.

The Asotin County Fair Board would like to apologize in advance for any inconvenience or problems that may arise due to this situation. We are here to try to accommodate and please all, but our primary concern is the kids. Please feel free to use the fairgrounds during Easter for any potluck or other family gathering activities that you may wish to plan for the holiday weekend.

Thank you for your concern in this matter, we will try to accommodate all. We look forward to seeing you and yours at the Asotin County Fair this year.

Sincerely:
Asotin County Fair Board