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Marion County, Oregon 150 Relay Plans Unveiled

Marion County and over fifty partner organizations are hosting a **150-Miles for 150 Years Relay** event through each of Marion County's 20 cities and a number of unincorporated communities. The relay, to commemorate the Oregon Sesquicentennial, takes place over five weekends, starting Saturday, June 13; continuing Saturday, June 20, June 27 and July 4; and concluding July 11 at the Marion County Fair.

The 150-mile trek begins at Marion County's easternmost boundary near Idanha; ending in Salem at the 2009 Marion County Fair with a birthday celebration on the fairgrounds. The relay will pass a unique baton, created by local wildlife artist Ken Schaffner. Schaffner is a native Oregonian, residing in the Santiam Canyon off the North Fork River. The baton he is creating will be passed from community to community, along the 150-mile trek.

Everyone who attends a relay event anywhere in Marion County gets a free ticket to the fair for the Saturday evening, July 11 celebration. Marion County Commissioner Janet Carlson invites Marion County residents to come out and cheer on the relay teams as they transport the baton by foot, classic car, bicycle, paddleboat, horse, tractor and Harley motorcycle on the 150-mile loop:

Saturday, June 13

Idanha: Marion County's sesquicentennial relay begins in the City of Idanha. People gather at Idanha City Hall to send off Sheriff Russ Isham, Commissioner Janet Carlson and other local residents as they travel in a car caravan down Santiam Highway 22.

Detroit: Detroit Mayor Margaret Scott, Sheriff Russ Isham and the car caravan proceed through Detroit's business district.

Detroit Ranger Station: The caravan continues west on Highway 22, making a stop at the Detroit Ranger Station, under the direction of District Ranger Paul Matter.

Gates: The caravan proceeds, stopping at the new gazebo in Gates where Mayor Mike Higgs joins in.

Mill City: The caravan travels to the historic home of Mrs. Josephine Reid on NE Alder. Mrs. Reid and Mayor Roel Lundquist later stop at the Canyon Life Museum, 143 Wall Street, in Mill City. A community lunch at Kimmel Park is hosted by the North Santiam Canyon Economic Development Corporation and Marion County.

Stayton: The caravan continues west on Highway 22 to Stayton, concluding the day at Stayton's Community Center Park, 400 West Virginia Street.

Saturday, June 20

Stayton: The relay begins anew on July 20. The Salem Bicycle Club gathers at Stayton's Community Center Park, greeted by Mayor Gerry Aboud.

Sublimity: Cyclists travel north on Cascade Highway, turning onto Sublimity Road for a brief stop at Chemeketa Community College's Santiam Campus, where Mayor Gene Ditter, Commissioner Sam Brentano and Sublimity residents greet them.

Aumsville: Leaving Sublimity, cyclists turn east from Golf Club Road onto Mill Creek Road to Aumsville, where they are greeted at Mill Creek Park by Aumsville residents and Mayor Harold White.

Turner: Cyclists proceed on Mill Creek Road to Turner, stopping briefly at Burkland Park on Boise Street, to be greeted by Mayor Carly Strauss and Turner residents.

Jefferson: Cyclists head east on Mill Creek Road and wind around scenic Marion Road SE, concluding the day's trek in Jefferson where they are greeted by Jefferson Chamber of Commerce officials at Royal Wallace Park.

Saturday, June 27

Jefferson: Mayor Michael Myers and Karen Wells of the Jefferson Community Center send off a caravan of historic tractors, which make their way northward on Talbot Road, with a stop in the community of Talbot. Tractors are joined by a local car club that continues on Liberty Road South to Salem, to the Battle Creek Courthouse Athletic Club, 6250 South Commercial.

Salem: Willamette Valley Road Runners gather at the Battle Creek Courthouse Athletic Club—their destination: the Salem World Beat Festival at Riverfront Park on Front Street along the Willamette River. Runners join the Small World Children's Parade at 10 am, where the event honors international guests. Mayor Janet Taylor carries the baton in the parade. Runners then proceed northward to Keizer.

Keizer: Road Runners and the Jefferson car club continue northward after brief stops along River Road North in Keizer. Keizer businesses and Mayor Lore Christopher join in the festivities, greeting the runners and Keizer participants. After a stop at the Keizer Rapids Park, the relay proceeds by paddleboats north on the Willamette River to St. Paul, where the trek concludes for another day.

Saturday, July 4

St. Paul: Sheriff Russ Isham, Commissioner Patti Milne, St. Paul Mayor Kathy Connor and the Marion County Sheriff's Office Mounted Posse join in St. Paul's renowned 4th of July parade, beginning at 10 am. Relay watchers will want to stay and enjoy the St. Paul Rodeo.

Champoeg: Following the parade, Sheriff Isham and dignitaries travel on Highway 219 to Champoeg Park and then for lunch at the historic Butteville Store, hosted by the Friends of Historic Champoeg (Greg Leo, President) and Marion County.

Donald, Aurora and Hubbard: After lunch, the Rose City Harley Owners Group travels eastward and south on Butteville and Donald Roads through the City of Donald. The relay continues through Aurora and Hubbard down Pacific Highway 99E. Mayor Todd Deaton, City Recorder Laurie Boyce and Mayor Jim Yonally greet the procession.

Woodburn: The trek concludes at Centennial Park on Parr Road off Front Street in Woodburn. Relay participants can stay and enjoy Woodburn's 4th of July celebration, organized by the City of Woodburn under the leadership of Mayor Kathy Figley. Festivities begin at 4 pm in the park, with food, live music, crafts and games until 9 pm. Fireworks are at dusk. Join Woodburn residents and Commissioner Patti Milne for a perfect ending to our national holiday.

Saturday, July 11

Gervais: The last day of the 150-mile trek begins at Centennial Park in Woodburn, with a three-mile walk to Gervais, sponsored by the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce and Habitat for Humanity. Mayor Shanti Platt and Gervais residents greet the delegation, From Gervais, the trek continues to Mt. Angel by classic car.

Mt. Angel: Come to Mt. Angel for the "wurst" time of your life! Relay participants break for lunch under the Glockenspiel on Garfield Street. The whole town is invited for sausage and birthday cake, sponsored by Oktoberfest and Marion County. Come prepared to sing Happy Birthday to Oregon and Marion County (in English and in German!). Mayor Rick Shiedler presides at the festivities.

Scotts Mills: After the Glockenspiel rings at 1 pm, the JFK High School cross-country track team takes the baton from Mt. Angel through Scotts Mills, taking a break at Scotts Mills Park. Mayor Ron Bielenberg and Scotts Mills residents greet the runners. The track team continues to Silverton, via Hazelnut Ridge and North Abiqua Roads.

Silverton: In Silverton, the baton is passed from the track team to the Silverton Runners Club, convening at Town Square Park amid the Farmers Market. Silverton residents and Mayor Stu Rasmussen send off the runners, who take the last leg to Salem.

Marion County Fair (at the Oregon State Fairgrounds). Join the crowd to greet our runners as they arrive at their final relay destination at the Marion County Fair. Everyone who participates in the 150-mile relay anywhere in Marion County gets a free ticket to the fair for the Saturday evening celebration. The *150 Miles for 150 Years* relay baton takes its rightful place in the annals of Marion County history, while fairgoers celebrate with birthday cake and the fair's feature entertainment.

For more information on Marion County's Oregon 150 activities, you may visit the website at www.co.marion.or.us and click on the Oregon 150 icon.

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