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2009 Marion County Fair Theme Announced

"Green & Growing, Celebrating 150 Years of a Clean & Green Oregon" has been selected as the theme of the 2009 Marion County Fair, slated for July 9-12, 2009 at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem.

According to Kelly Walther, Marion County Fair Board Chair, this year's theme combines two important milestones for our community: Living responsibly to care for our community's sustainability and marking the state's sesquicentennial birthday.

With an emphasis on *Going Green*, last year the fair created a ***Living Green*** display. This year the fair plans to hold a ***Living Green Expo***, with interactive displays allowing local businesses and organizations to promote sustainability and ideas on how to reduce one's carbon footprint.

The 150th birthday of the State of Oregon is also weaved into the fair theme this year. Marion County's 150 Miles for 150 Years Relay will end on Saturday, July 11 at the fair. The community will be invited to greet the runners as they arrive at their final relay destination at the fairgrounds the evening of July 11. Everyone who participates in the five week, 150-mile relay anywhere in Marion County will get a free ticket to the fair for the Saturday evening celebration. That evening fairgoers will celebrate with birthday cake and the fair's feature entertainment. More information will be available on this special event as the date nears.

For more information, visit the Marion County Fair website at:
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/FAIR/>.

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