

Clover Courier

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4-H

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Sent to each 4-H family

The Best Thing About Summer – It’s FAIR TIME!

The 2008 fairs are right around the corner, and they will all be an exciting learning opportunity for 4-H members, parents, and volunteers alike! 4-H activities and events at fairs provide a positive environment where youth from across our county share their enthusiasm about the skills and knowledge they have learned through their 4-H project and activities.

The Stevens County 4-H program involvement in fairs is based on three areas:

Education

Fairs provide an excellent educational experience for youth involved with all types of 4-H projects.

Recognition

4-H fair activities and events provide outstanding young people with recognition for excellence. Each individual youth participating is recognized for his or her personal achievements in judging and various competitions.

Visibility

Fairs give us a time to share with the general public 4-H’s non-formal, educational, and fun program for all youth ages 5-19. Every person who attends a fair has an opportunity to view our outstanding 4-H youth in action.

And besides all that, fairs are just plain fun! Good luck to all of you who participate.

~Debra Kollock, County Extension Director



All Leaders’ Meeting & Banquet

October 6, 5:30 p.m. at the Arden Community Hall.
Your \$10 dinner ticket is your chance to win the Grand Prize Quadra-Fire Wood Stove!!

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Character Education

"Be more responsible!" You have probably heard it at home and at school dozens of times. What people are telling you is to grow up and be responsible for your own actions. The ups and downs that occur throughout your life are all experiences that build your character and make you who you are. When you show responsibility throughout these ups and downs, you are exercising positive character development.



Responsibility means doing your part. Taking responsibility for yourself means taking care of yourself. It means you have taken an important step away from the "give me, do-for-me" stage of being a child toward being a true adult. Moving toward being an adult is not easy and unfortunately some people never make that move. However, trusting your ability to take care of your responsibilities and having others trust you to do so is a wonderful feeling. Whether you compete in livestock, horse, food and nutrition, clothing, public speaking, or any other project, as a 4-H member you have shown responsibility by completing the projects you are involved in. It is also important to remember the responsibility do's that contribute to positive character development and success in everything you do.

Responsibility Do's

- Think before you act and speak!
- Think about the possible results of your actions.
- Be accountable. Take responsibility for the results of what you do and don't do. Be reliable! Always do your job.
- Set a good example with everything you say and do.
- Do your best, so you can be proud of everything you do. Keep trying! Stick to your duties, even when they are hard to do. Clean up your own messes.

Responsibility Don'ts

- Don't blame anyone else for your mistakes.
- Don't take credit for anyone else's work.
- Don't give up.
- Don't drop your duties.
- Don't give less than 100% on anything you do.
- Don't play before you finish jobs.
- Don't leave messes for someone else to fix.

Responsibility is one of the six pillars of Positive Character Development. These pillars are the foundation of positive character development. As you go throughout your life, it is important to remember that "Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well".

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Haynickers Hayday

This state qualifying Western Games event has been **rescheduled for July 18, 5:00 p.m.** at the NE WA Fairgrounds. Contact Shelly Short for more information at 935-4085.

Dog and Cat Events



All dog owners are invited to participate in dog agility practice on July 19 from 9-11 a.m. at the NE WA Fairgrounds. **A Dog and Cat State Qualifying Show is set for**

July 20 at 10 a.m. at the NE WA Fairgrounds. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch; beverages are provided.

State Qualifying Dog and Cat Judging Contests will be held from 6-8 p.m. on July 31 at the NE WA Fairgrounds. For more information on any of these events contact Jody Hoffman at 684-5977.



4-H Horse Camp July 14-17

You and your horse will experience four days of horse and camping fun!!! This year's camp includes western games, beach time, trail rides, t-shirt painting, and more. All Stevens County 4-H members in grades 3 through 12 are invited. Cost is \$60 per camper. Registrations postmarked after July 4 will be assessed a \$10 late fee. For more information contact Nancy Cassel at 732-4215 or WSU Stevens County Extension office at 684-2588.

Colville Light Horse Show

4-H horse project members mark your calendars for the annual Colville Light Horse Show on **July 19 and 20** at the NE WA Fairgrounds. This 4-H and Open Horse Show is a 4-H State Qualifying event for English and Western classes. For more information contact Christy Graham at 738-4841 or Cena Lotze at 684-5626. Entry forms may be picked up at the Extension office. Entries close July 15.

Valley Fair

Valley Fair is set for August 9. This is a fun opportunity for 4-H'ers to enter state qualifying contests for Livestock, Dairy, Dog, and Cat. Livestock entries must be pre-registered by August 1. Fair books are available at the Extension office or contact Jackie Franks, Fair Association President, at 937-2054 for more information.

Window Display Contest

Stevens County Leaders' Council is sponsoring a Window Display Contest during National 4-H Week, October 5 –11. The theme is "Get to the Heart of 4-H". Each club is encouraged to design and place a window display at a public location in Stevens County.

This is a fun opportunity to show your community what 4-H means to you, to teach others what 4-H is all about, and to show off the awesome things you do in your clubs. The winning display will be awarded a **\$50 prize** at the 4-H Awards Banquet in November. Deadline for entries is September 16. Registration forms are available at the Extension office or online at: <http://stevens.wsu.edu/FourH/windowdisplay.htm> For more information call Robin Karsh at 935-8852 or Shasta Hincke at the Extension office at 684-2588.

NE District 4-H Teen Rally Planning Meetings

The next NE District 4-H Teen Rally planning meeting is scheduled for July 24, 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln County Drug and Alcohol Center in Davenport. The Center is on Hwy. 2 in downtown Davenport. The theme will be "Survivor, 4-H Rally Edition" with goals to Outlearn, Outlead, Outserve and Outlive.

The NE Rally will be held Friday evening, Sept. 26 thru Sunday mid-day Sept. 28 at Bar 41 Ranch, 15 miles north of Wilbur on Hwy. 2. There will be cabins with beds, bathrooms with showers, great kitchen facilities, a meeting hall, and outdoor activities all for \$17 a night per person. Lodging costs do not include food.

For more information contact Teen Time Leader Joy Wilken at 509-257-2319 or District Rally Committee Chair Emily Houger at 509-659-3209. Information is also available from the Extension office, or Brittany Minaker at 935-8174.



More Camp Opportunities!!

We've just received word that Princess Pine Camp is available for club camping July 25-31. Call the Extension office at 684-2588 to reserve time at camp for your club.

4-H News

Earth Day

On April 25, 2008 the Hidden Valley 4-H club headed down to St. Paul's Lutheran Church to set up for the 2nd annual Earth Day Fair. This year the club focused on air quality and erosion. Club members Nathan Pullen and Naomi Miller each made an educational poster on one of these topics and an interactive display for the table.

At the Earth Day Fair there were lots of vendors, fun activities for children, Earth Day crafts, and free food. There were also many farmers and earth-friendly vendors providing information about green and environmental organizations. Our club was very happy to be involved in this great program for the 2nd year. We hope that more clubs will get to experience this fun event in the future.



Submitted by Naomi Miller, Hidden Valley 4-H



County Activity Day

Over 70 Stevens County 4-H'ers and community members enjoyed a day of fun and learning at County Activity Day on June 19. Participants engaged in judging contests for Foods, Rabbit, Garden, and Clothing, and contests for Public Presentations and Educational Posters.



Youth also had fun doing crafts, challenge games, observing a dog agility course, and trying hands-on natural resources water and insect activities. Horseless Horse activities were presented by 4-H member Ashley Karsh. Leaders' Council provided snacks and beverages for all.

Thanks to all the presenters for volunteering their time!



Stevens County 4-H Position Update

Jeanette Cornwall has decided to enjoy her retirement, but leaves us in very capable hands. Shasta Hincke and Shannon Gordon will continue to provide all the 4-H members and volunteers with outstanding service. We will do the best we can to keep everything flowing smoothly. If you have any concerns please let us know how we can help.

The search to replace Jeanette is in process; if you or anyone you know is interested in the full-time position, contact me and I'll send you a position description as soon as it's approved through the WSU Extension system.

And please, call me at 684-2588 if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Debra Kollock, Director
WSU Stevens County Extension

New Leaders

Please welcome the following new 4-H leaders: Bill Plum, Haynickers II; Tina Nizich, Horse 'N Around; Diane Wenrich, Ketch Pen; Dean and Sandi Everson, and Kathy Jones. Congratulations and welcome to Stevens County 4-H!!

Reminder—4-H livestock members with current 4-H membership cards are eligible for discounts at Big R, Flour Mill Stores, and Skoks Farm and Feed Supply. Stop by the Extension office to pick up your 4-H membership card. Big R Discount Cards are available at the Extension office.

Princess Pine 4-H Camp Fishing Derby

Over 60 youth and adults gathered June 7 at Princess Pine 4-H Camp on Lake Thomas for the annual Fishing Derby. A casting contest was conducted by the Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club with prizes provided by Hewes Marine for winners in the contest. Contest results were:

Age Division 0-6 Years

- 1st Place—
Garett Nelson,
51 feet
- 2nd Place—
Skyler Merrill,
50 feet

Age Division 7-10 Years

- 1st Place—Aiden
Middlesworth,
86 feet
- 2nd Place—Gary
Esvelt, 74 feet

Age Division 11-14 Years

- 1st Place—
Brittany
Minaker,
84 feet
- 2nd Place—
Phillip Vu,
83 feet



Other events available for participants were dock fishing, fish prints, a salmon tent with costumes and story telling, a campfire, water-bug identification, and fishing safety tips. A complimentary lunch was provided for all by Wal-Mart.

Hewes Marine displayed a specialized boat for fishing and had staff on site to inform youth and adults about the available options on the boat. Stevens County 4-H Leaders' Council provided snacks and beverages. Additional prizes were provided by Wal-Mart, the Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club, and Hewes Marine. The U. S. Forest Service, (Colville National Forest) provided staff and educational "hands-on" activities throughout the day.

Jumping Into June Horse Show

The Summit Spirits 4-H Club held their first spring performance horse show on June 21 at the Arden Old Timers' Arena. Members of Colville Light Horse, A Horse of Course, Horse 'N Around, Mountain Riders, Singing Spurs, and Summit Spirits 4-H clubs participated at this show. All exhibitors received a ribbon or a prize. Participants also had an opportunity to meet with the horse judge, Hayley Tolten of Republic, for details on fine-tuning their riding and handling skills.

Ribbons were awarded for 1st through 6th place, and prizes were offered for the fun and games classes. Seniors Leslie Zuber of Mountain Riders and Heather Harbin of Summit Spirits received the highpoint and reserve highpoint overall awards for the day.

This show was a state qualifying event for enrolled horse project members, which

means points were tabulated in Showmanship, Bareback, Stock Seat, Hunt Seat Equitation, and Trail for 4-H, allowing exhibitors to compete for slots at the state fair in Puyallup this September. To qualify for state fair 4-H members must attend two out of three, or 50%, of the state qualifying shows offered during the 4-H year in Stevens County, and must have received a blue or red ribbon in Showmanship and a blue or red ribbon in a qualifying riding class.

Summit Spirits has sponsored two of the three state qualifying horse shows this season and would love to see more shows throughout the year. There is one more opportunity this year to participate in a performance horse show event at the **Colville Light Horse Show on July 19 and 20** at the NE WA fairgrounds.

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Summit Spirits will hold their annual **Fall Fuzzy Horse Show the first week of October** for the 2008-2009 qualifying year. The show will be a 4-H and open horse show, which allows horse enthusiasts in the community to participate in exhibiting. All participants will be expected to follow 4-H guidelines and regulations for a fun and safe event. There will be more details available after the NE WA Fair in August, but anticipate having fun with game classes and a "best costume" event. Put on your thinking hats and come to the competition dressed for the occasion!

Any clubs with an interest in putting on a horse show, or helping out with one are welcomed and encouraged to contact Stevens County Horse Program Leader Debbie Harbin at 935-0419. Summit Spirits 4-H Club would be happy to co-host a 4-H show with other groups to bring greater participation and more events to the community. If you would like more information about horse activities and events, please contact the Extension office at 684-2588.

Submitted by Summit Spirits

4-H Small Animal Fun Show

On Saturday, June 21 Panorama 4-Paws 4-H club hosted a small animal fun show at the NE WA Fairgrounds. The event was open for both youth and adults, and two dogs or cats could be entered per person. Youth participants from Colville were Darby Fox, Josie Clark, and Amanda Dunn. Colville adult participants were Tracey Delyea and Jennifer Watkins. There were also youth participants from the Deer Park and Elk areas.

Showmanship was judged by Ruthanne Conner, obedience was judged by Bonnie Trudell, and agility was judged by Jody Hoffman. There were two cats entered by Amanda Dunn, who received Grand Champion for one and a red ribbon for the other. Amanda reports that the Fun Show is good practice for fair time, and lots of fun. She hopes to see more participation, especially from cat project members, in the future.

Submitted by Amanda Dunn, Panorama 4-Paws

Rise to the Challenge!

2008 Teen Conference was held at Washington State University in Pullman June 29 to July 1. This year's theme was "Rise to the Challenge". Although the weather was miserably hot, Teen Conference was amazing! There were wonderful speakers and lots of fun challenge games. On Sunday night there was an etiquette carnival where 4-H'ers went to different stations and learned about cell phone and e-mail etiquette, proper table setting, hand shaking, napkin folding, table manners, and making introductions. On Monday our schedules were jam-packed. We had breakfast, and then we listened to Lateefah Simon, an inspirational speaker. She was amazing! Then participants went to three workshops

of their choice. After lunch we went to three more workshops. My favorite workshops were "balancing your checkbook" and "the national 4-H experience". There was a banquet dinner provided for all. Later, we went to the WSU recreation center where most of the teens went swimming. That evening there was a dance, which was really fun. On Tuesday we watched a presentation and learned about WSU college courses and the different fields you can go into.

I had so much fun at teen conference, and I met so many awesome people! I would recommend that other teens attend. Three-hundred youth attended teen conference. I hope more 4-H'ers from Stevens County will go next year.

Submitted by Brittany Minaker,
Haynickers II



Outstanding 4-H Leader Nominations

Now is the time to nominate your favorite 4-H leader for the 2008 Outstanding Leader Award! Use the enclosed nomination form and return it to the Extension office by August 1.

Notes From Leaders' Council

Stevens County 4-H Leaders' Council met June 11 at the Extension office. Dairy Program Leader Steve Minaker reported that the Dairy Judging contest held on April 17 went well. There were about 17 participants and the tri-county was well represented with participants from Spokane, Pend Oreille, and Stevens counties. Dairy project members and leaders are looking forward to next year's event, which will be held sometime around the end of May or the first part of June.

Haynickers II sponsored an Animal Showmanship Clinic in May. There was a good turn out and lots of hands-on events such as fitting and showing, and how to trim livestock for shows. Next year's clinic may be combined with Meat-N-Good Times.

4-H member Ashley Karsh reported to Leaders' Council on the State Shooting Sports Match. She said the Colville Valley Sharpshooters 4-H club really had fun and that the event was well attended. All the seniors who participated qualified to go to nationals. Next year's event will possibly be a two day event.

Phyllis Fitzgerald will be the new Clothing Program Leader on a trial basis. Her first event is the Fashion Revue on July 7 with a theme of "Garden Party".

All dates for Princess Pine 4-H Camp have been reserved by clubs. Contact the Extension office to reserve dates for your club next year.

Leaders' Council continues the important work of revising and updating Stevens County 4-H Policy.

The next Leaders' Council meeting will be **July 16 at Camp Princess Pine** and will be "Pot-Luck". All 4-H Leaders' are invited and encouraged to attend Leaders' Council meetings.



Thank You from Jeanette

I would like to thank everyone that made my nine years of work at WSU Stevens County Extension with the 4-H program such a wonderful experience. Also, thank you for all the warm wishes, cards, gifts, calls and attendance at the retirement celebration.



Cougar Corner

Future Cougar Day—Come to Pullman on September 20, 2008!!!

Why attend Future Cougar Day? Getting to know the University personally and learning about the unique undergraduate research and study-abroad opportunities WSU offers will help you make the best decision about which college is right for you. At Future Cougar Day, you will be able to meet with current WSU students and professors and find out more about the University.



What happens at Future Cougar Day: Pre-game Activities

- Learn more about the University's outstanding academics, world-class faculty, and excellent facilities at the pre-game academic fair on the concourse of Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum.
- Attend an information session on one of your areas of academic interest.
- Take a guided campus tour, given by a current student who can answer your questions about what it's really like to be a part of the Washington State University community.
- Enjoy a pre-game barbecue and relax before the excitement of the game.

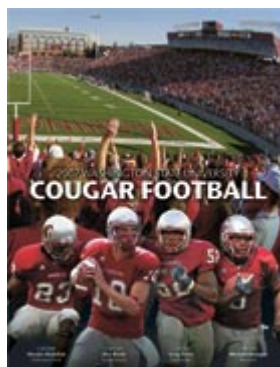
Football in Martin Stadium

Help Butch with the traditional "Go Cougs" cheer as the Cougars take on the Portland State Vikings. (Kick-off time has not yet been announced.)

Online registration opens in July. Visit the website for more information:
<http://futurestudents.wsu.edu/visits/future-cougar/pullman/default.aspx>

For more information about Future Cougar Day or any WSU program or event please contact me at 509-684-2588 or sgordon@wsu.edu.

—Shannon Gordon, WSU Learning Center Coordinator



2008 Stevens County 4-H Calendar of Events

JULY

- 1-31 Camp Princess Pine available for clubs with reservations
- 16 Leaders' Council, 5:30 p.m., Princess Pine 4-H Camp
- 14-17 4-H Horse Camp, Princess Pine
- 18 Haynickers Hayday, 5:00 p.m., NE WA Fairgrounds
- 19-20 Colville Light Horse Show
Performance Horse State-Qualifier
- 20 Dog and Cat State-Qualifying Show
- 31 Dog and Cat Judging Contest State-Qualifier

AUGUST

- 1 Outstanding Leader Nominations Due
- 8 Valley Fair entries taken
- 9 Valley Fair
- 13 Leaders' Council, 5:30 p.m., Extension office
- 15 Hunters Fair entries taken
- 16 Hunters Fair
- 21-24 NE WA Fair, Colville
- 22-24 Clayton Fair

SEPTEMBER

- 1 WA 4-H Council Recommendations Due
- 5-21 State 4-H Fair, Puyallup
- 10 Leader's Council, 5:30 p.m., Extension office
- 12 Outstanding Teen Nominations Due
- 16 Window Display Contest Entries Due



OCTOBER

- 1 New 4-H Year begins
- 3 Record Books due for County Judging
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 6 All Leaders' Meeting & Banquet, 5:30 p.m., Arden Hall
- 14 Leaders' Council & Church Camp Board, 5:00 p.m., Ext. office
- 17-19 2008 State 4-H Forum, Everett

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July 2008 Clover Quest

1. What is the theme of the Character Education page in this edition of Clover Courier?
2. When will Haynickers Hayday be held?
3. What dog and cat event is scheduled for July 20?
4. Who can you contact for more information the Window Display Contest?
5. Which club submitted an article about Earth Day?
6. How many 4-H'ers attended County Activity Day?
7. Who will be the new 4-H Clothing Program Leader?
8. Where will the next Leaders' Council meeting be held?
9. When are Outstanding 4-H Leader nominations due?
10. What team will the Cougars play against at Future Cougar Day?

Points are available if your club submits an article for the next issue of Clover Courier or if you send a representative to a Leaders' Council meeting. Your club president, secretary, and three other members must sign this page to be an eligible entry! If you have less than five members—everyone must sign! Make sure your club name is on the back.

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by August 15, 2008**