

Clover Courier

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4-H

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sent to each 4-H family

County Activity Day—June 15 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Colville City Park

4-H members, leaders, and friends are invited to participate in...

Schedule of Activities

- 9 -11:30 a.m. State Qualifying Judging Contests
Clothing, food, garden, and rabbit
- 9 – 10 a.m. Educational Poster Contest and Public Presentation Contest
- 9 – 11 a.m. Straw Bale Roping
- 10 -11 a.m. Hands on Natural Resource Activity
- 10 -11 a.m. Challenge Activities and Games
- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Make and Take Craft
- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Shooting Sports Activity
- 12 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own. Some complimentary snacks available.
- 12:30 – 1 p.m. Awards

Texas Exchange...We are still looking for host families to host a Texas 4-H'er for one week this summer. They will be here July 25 – August 2. Host families need a 4-H member age 13-19 living in the home. Hosts this summer will be eligible to travel to Texas for a week in the summer of 2007! We will do fundraisers as a group to earn money for the trip.

So don't miss this great opportunity. Contact the extension office immediately at 684-2588 if you are interested in participating.

"Yes and no are very powerful words. Mean them when you say them. Respect them when you hear them."

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Character Education

Washington 4-H Ethics Statement

I will be worthy of trust, honor, and confidence.

I will respect all people, including myself.

I will be responsible, accountable, and self-disciplined in the pursuit of excellence.

I will be just, fair, and open.

I will be caring in my relationships with others.

I am aware that my actions and decisions affect others, and will be a contributing and law-abiding citizen.

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Enrollment Deadline... May 31 is the deadline to be enrolled in your 4-H projects if you plan to show at the NE WA Fair. Check with your club leader to make sure you are enrolled in the projects you will be showing fair.

Horse Events... Two state-qualifying horse shows are coming up soon. The first is **Haynickers Hay Day** on **June 10**, a western games show at the NE WA Fairgrounds.

The second is the annual **Colville Light Horse Show** scheduled for **July 15 and 16** at the NE WA Fairgrounds. This show will be a qualifier for performance and western games. Watch for show schedules and entries to come out soon.

And finally if you want to participate in the State Qualifying **Horse Judging Contest** head out to Camp Princess Pine on **July 12** at 4 p.m.

Small Animal Events... Dog, cat, and other small animal project members mark your calendars now for summer events. The weekend of **June 24 and 25** brings a dog agility fun show on Saturday and Small Animal Fun Show on Sunday. The Small Animal State Qualifying Show is set for **July 22** and the Dog Agility Qualifier will be **July 23**. The Dog and Cat State Qualifying Judging Contests are **July 27**. Contact Jody Hoffman at 684-5977 for more information.

Fishing Derby... Get your fishing poles ready and head out to Camp Princess Pine on the shores of Lake Thomas on **June 3** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the annual fishing derby.

The fishing derby is open to all youth 16 years of age and younger. There will be casting and fishing contests and more with lots of prizes.

New this year!!! The Forest Service will have a bug id station, fish prints, salmon tent with storytelling, and animal costumes.

Bring hotdogs and buns to roast. Drinks and other snacks will be provided.

For more information contact Eric Middlesworth at 732-4441, Karen Honeycutt at 738-7738, or the extension office at 684-2588. Sign up at the extension office or in the Sporting Goods Department at Wal Mart.



Sponsored by WSU Stevens County Extension/4-H, U.S. Forest Service (Colville National Forest), Lake Roosevelt Walleye Club, and Wal Mart.

4-H News

Quality Assurance...In 2004 Stevens County 4-H began a strong focus on animal quality assurance for our members. Sarah M. Smith, WSU Faculty-Animal Sciences, WSU Grant/Adams County Extension, offered a highly informative presentation at our 2004 Sensational Saturday program. As a follow-up our livestock program co-leaders, Dean Hellie and Marv Burgess, recommended to the NE WA Fair that all youth animal exhibitors comply with the quality assurance program if participating in the fat animal auction.

The goal of this program is to ensure the consumer that all animals are healthy, wholesome, and source verified in addition to using best management practices to add value to the end product. The 4-H program feels it is vital that youth involved with the production of meat animals are knowledgeable and have the responsibility to humanely care for, feed, manage and market animals to guarantee a quality food product wholesome for consumers.

Quality assurance programs minimize or eliminate quality deficiencies and ensure the production of a predictable, safe and wholesome product. If you need more information on quality assurance programs, contact WSU Stevens County Extension at 684-2588, Dean Hellie or Marv Burgess. We encourage livestock leaders to include quality assurance education at one of their club meetings.



Don't forget to visit our website for the most current event information, 4-H forms, project information, and more. Let us know what will make the web page more useful to you.

<http://stevens.wsu.edu/FourH/fourhfirst.htm>

4-H Leaders' Council Highlights...All enrolled teen and adult leaders are encouraged to attend the monthly leaders' council meetings. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the extension office. This group makes the decisions for 4-H programming within the county.

Recent meetings included the Know Your Government delegation report and the Science Camp In delegation will give their report at the June meeting.

Leaders Council also decided to present the high overall public presentation youth with a hooded sweatshirt. This selection was made at the public presentations finals in Chewelah. The winning 4-H'er will do her public presentation for Leaders' Council at the June meeting and be presented with her sweatshirt.

Leaders' Council recently formed a committee to study long range planning at Princess Pine 4-H Camp. Another committee is working on establishing a budget for Leaders' Council funds. Members may still join the committee planning the annual All Leaders Banquet and Meeting open to all NE Extension District leaders. Just call the extension office at 684-2588 to be a part of any of these committees.

4-H Camp Princess Pine...The camp is available at no charge for 4-H clubs to use during the month of July. Call the extension office at 684-2588 to sign your club up for a time.

National Rifle Association of America to Sponsor Youth Wildlife Art Contest...

The NRA is now accepting entries for its 2006 Youth Wildlife Art Contest. The contest is open to students in grades 1 through 12 (including home-schooled children). NRA membership is not required. The deadline to enter is **October 3, 2006**.

Contestants must submit an original piece of artwork. Entries may portray any North American game bird or animal that may be legally hunted or trapped. Endangered species and non-game animals, such as eagles and snakes, are not eligible subjects. Contestants are limited to one entry each.

See <http://www.nrahq.org/youth/wildlife.asp> for photos of last year's winning entries. For complete contest rules see the online Tuesday News at <http://4-h.wsu.edu/news/Tues/2006/050906.htm>.

Questions regarding the contest may be directed to **Karen Harris** at (703) 267-1531.

Clover Quest Contest... Earn points by completing the quiz in each issue of Clover Courier, sending a representative to Leaders' Council, or submitting an article to Clover Courier. Bonus points are available for various activities, so watch for opportunities. The winning club will receive a pizza party and their name on a perpetual plaque.



Stranger Creek and Summit Spirits are currently leading in the point standing with 24 points each and Horse 'n Around is just 2 points behind. Haynickers is in the hunt with 12 points. Panorama 4-Paws, Colville Lighthorse, Colville Sharpshooters, and Haynickers II each have 2 points.

Public Presentations Results... Twelve 4-H public presentations were delivered at the County final contest on April 26 in Chewelah.

And the winner is... Ashley Karsh, an intermediate member of Singing Spurs. This year Stevens County 4-H Leaders Council presented a special 4-H hooded sweatshirt to the high over all public presentation at the county finals. Ashley will



be delivering her award winning presentation at the June 14 Leaders Council meeting where she will receive her sweatshirt.

Public Presentation Final Results:

- Ashley Karsh, Singing Spurs Club, Blue
- Carlane Collen, Singing Spurs Club, Blue
- Kristina Harbin, Summit Spirits, Teen HiLighters and Singing Spurs Clubs, Blue
- Eileaha Collen, Singing Spurs Club, Blue
- Tristan Wellhausen, Singing Spurs Club, Blue
- Team of Madaleen Nez and Jayme Brown, Horse 'n Around Club, Blue
- Heather Harbin, Summit Spirits, Teen HiLighters and Singing Spurs Clubs, Blue
- Cody Sweat, Valley Community Club, Blue
- Team of Makayla Nez and Kristal D'Uva, Horse 'n Around Club, Blue
- Kasey Fisher, Summit Spirits Club, Blue
- Sophronia Johnson, Haynickers II Club, Blue
- Amanda Thompson, Summit Spirits Club, Red

Blue ribbon junior, intermediate and senior division winners qualified to attend state competition, held during September at the State 4-H Fair in Puyallup.

Late Breaking News from the Horse Program Meeting... Several clubs have not turned in Horse Certificates even though they were due April 30. Horse leaders feel horse certificates are important and will be checked at upcoming shows. If your's are not in, get them turned in by May 31 or you may not be eligible to show!

Cougar Corner

Looking for something new to try this summer? Washington State University is offering the **Cougar Quest** summer camp. If you are entering grades seven through 12 in the fall of 2006, this could be an exciting adventure. It's a week-long camp where you choose your route to discovery.

Cougar Quest 2006 Dates: Grades 7-9: July 16-21 and Grades 9-12: July 23-28

Why try this? Your days will be filled with hands-on activities led by world class Washington State University faculty:

- Architecture and Landscapes
- Nanotechnology
- Veterinary Science
- Digital Photography and Web Design
- Drawing
- Dancing
- Baseball and American Pop Culture
- And MUCH, MUCH MORE!

There are many workshops scheduled, visit the site for more information:

<http://www.cougarquest.wsu.edu>

Whatever you choose to do this summer, enjoy yourself, learn something new, and have fun!

Debra Kollock, Learning Center Coordinator

WSU Extension News



Master Gardener Plant Clinic...Do you have gardening, landscaping, plant, or insect questions? If you answered yes then bring your diseased plants, unidentified insects, and other yard and garden related questions to the Plant Clinic where a WSU Master Gardener will provide a diagnosis for your problem and advise you about your options.

The Plant Clinic is open Saturdays through August from 9 -11 a.m. at the NE WA Farmers Market on the corner of Astor and Main in Colville.

Can't make it on Saturday? Bring your plant and insect samples to WSU Stevens County Extension, 985 S. Elm in Colville where they will be held for diagnosis by WSU staff or Master Gardener volunteers. *WSU Master Gardeners are university-trained volunteers who serve as educators in their communities.*

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2006 Stevens County 4-H Calendar of Events

May

31 Last day to add 4-H projects for NE WA Fair Participation

June

3 Melody Riders Game Day
 3 Fishing Derby
 10 Haynickers Hay Day
 14 Leaders' Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the extension office
 15 County Activity Day
 19 Horse Camp Applications Due
 24 Melody Riders Game Day
 24 Dog Agility Fun Show with Rally Demo
 25 Dog, Cat, and Small Animal Fun Show

July

1-28 Camp Princess Pine available for club use
 10-13 4-H Horse Camp
 12 Leaders' Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the extension office
 12 State Qualifying Horse Judging at Horse Camp
 12 Horse Program Meeting, 6 p.m. at Camp Princess Pine
 15-16 Colville Light Horse Show
 22 Small Animal State Qualifier
 25 Fashion Revue and Creative Consumers of Fashion Contest
 29 Melody Riders Game Day
 29-30 Springdale Horse Show

August

4 Outstanding Leader Nominations Due
 9 Leaders' Council, 5:30 p.m. at the extension office
 12 Valley Fair
 12 Melody Riders Game Day
 19 Hunters Fair
 24 Food Contest State Qualifier
 24-27 NE WA Fair

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Al Kowitz
 County Extension Director

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For more information on any of these activities contact the extension office at 684-2588.

Visit this site for a yearlong calendar
<http://stevens.wsu.edu/FourH/upcomingevents.htm>

May 2006 Clover Quest

1. Who won the Public Presentations hooded sweatshirt?
2. Where can you get help from a WSU Master Gardener?
3. What is one activity at County Activity Day
4. Who is the current leader of the Clover Quest Contest?
5. Where can you go to learn about Nanotechnology?
6. What is the Forest Service bringing to the Fishing Derby?
7. Why should livestock project members care about Quality Assurance?
8. What is the date and place of one upcoming State Qualifying Event?
9. When and where are Leaders' Council meetings held?
10. What is your favorite line in the Washington 4-H Ethics Statement?

Points are available if your club submits an article for the next issue of Clover Courier or if you send a representative to a Leader's Council meeting.

Your club president, secretary, and 3 other members must sign the back of this form to be an eligible entry! If you have less than five members—everyone must sign! Make sure your club name is on the back.

Return to WSU Stevens County Extension
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