

Clover Courier

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A Message from Jeanette

This past week I made one of those difficult decisions that come with time. As much as I enjoy my position with WSU Stevens County Extension, the people I work with, and the 4-H and Food \$ense Programs, I will retire effective July 1, 2008.

Debra Kollock, WSU Stevens County Extension Director, will be addressing the replacement process. You may contact her with ideas and concerns for the transition of filling the 4-H and Food \$ense positions.



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Character Education



“Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it, piece by piece — by thought, choice, courage, and determination.”.....~H. Jackson Brown

WSU Extension office has several Character Education resources on hand for leaders to borrow. Listed below are just a few of the books, videos, and games available to help leaders and teens with ideas for character development:

Character Counts! Good Ideas to Help Young People Develop Good Character.

Focuses on the Six Pillars of Character—Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

How Rude! The Teenage Guide to Good Manners, Proper Behavior, and Not Grossing People Out.

“Most etiquette books are preachy, boring, and dull. This one keeps you laughing as you learn the basics of polite behavior in all kinds of situations.” Written for teens.

Character Education in America’s Schools.

“Created for grades 1-8, each unit contains ten or more involving activities designed to help students know what is right, value what is right, and do what is right.”

CHOICES COUNT! 60 minute “Kids for Character” video for young people.

“Kids will have so much fun laughing, singing, and dancing along with the great songs and skits of CHOICES COUNT! They won’t realize how much they’ve learned about choices, conscience, and consequences.”

Character Counts! Exercising Character.

Lesson plans and activities for teenagers who make character count with younger children.

More character education materials are available at the Extension office. Stop by and check them out!

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

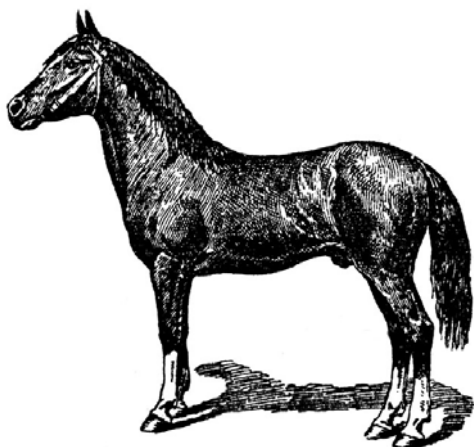
State-Qualifying Dairy Judging Contest

The Larry Porter Memorial State-Qualifying Dairy Judging contest will be held May 17 at Scott and Stephanie Littrel's Durrenton Ranch in Deer Park. The contest starts at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Robin or Steve Minaker by calling 936-1479 or by e-mailing rminaker@theofficenet.com.

Horse Clipping Demonstration and State-Qualifying Horse Judging Contest

Paula Gormon, 4-H club leader of A Horse of Course, will demonstrate horse clipping techniques at the NE WA Fairgrounds. The event will take place on May 17 and begins at 10:30 a.m. All horse project members and leaders are encouraged to attend this event.

A State-Qualifying Horse Judging Contest will be held at the NE WA Fairgrounds immediately following the horse clipping demonstration. Contact Paula Gormon at 685-1354 for more information.



Large Animal Showmanship Clinic

Haynickers II 4-H club is sponsoring a showmanship clinic for sheep, beef, and swine on May 18 from 1-4 p.m. at the NE WA Fairgrounds. Russ Camp will be the featured clinician. This will also be a weigh-in opportunity for beef project members with halter broke steers that plan to participate in the NE WA Fair Market Systems Class. Swine and sheep weigh-in will be scheduled later. Contact Helen Burgess at 684-1523 for more information.

4-H livestock members with 4-H membership cards are eligible for discounts at Big R, Flour Mill Stores, and Skoks Farm and Feed Supply.

4-H membership cards are available at the Extension office.

4-H Shooting Sports Training In NE WA

Thanks to the leadership of Ferry County 4-H volunteers and the State 4-H Shooting Sports Team, Ferry County will be hosting a State 4-H Shooting Sports Training May 16-18, 2008, in Republic, WA. The training will start Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. and conclude by noon on Sunday. The training will feature archery, rifle, pistol, and shotgun disciplines. The registration fee of \$50 per person for rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery (without NAA Level 1 Certification) or \$70 per person with Archery NAA Level 1 Certification, is due ASAP to the WSU-Whitman County Extension office. Please refer to the registration brochure posted at <http://4h.wsu.edu> for details. For questions or more information, contact Janet Schmidt, 509-397-6290 or Emily Burt 509-775-5235



Invitation to Stevens County Teens

Washington State 4-H extends an invitation to teens across the state to attend the Washington 4-H Summer Teen Conference. The conference will be held June 29 - July 1, 2008 on the WSU Pullman campus.

At Teen Conference, youth will meet new teens from across the state while experiencing college life by residing in dorms and dining on campus. Teens will be inspired by motivational speakers. They will make choices from a selection of workshops filled with college/career information, learn skills to get ahead, and hear about challenging new opportunities. There will be fun times at the campus recreation center, planned outdoor activities, and a dance. Adult chaperones are required for every ten youth attending.

The cost is \$115 if registered by May 16 and \$125 after May 16. Registration closes June 16. To register and for current information visit <http://4h.wsu.edu/>. There are also a limited number of partial scholarships available from the Washington State Teen Conference homepage at <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/teenconf/index.htm>. Enrolled Stevens County 4-H teens may also apply for scholarships from Stevens County 4-H Leaders' Council. Contact WSU Stevens County Extension at 684-2588 for additional information.

Scholarship Opportunity

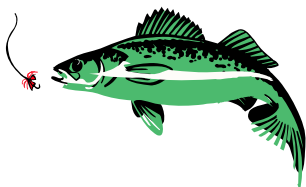
The NE WA Fair Association is awarding one \$1000 scholarship, or two \$500 scholarships depending on the applications received. Scholarships are available to any student who has participated in the NE WA Fair and is entering, or attending, an accredited college, technical, or trade school.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 15. Applications are available at the WSU Extension office or by contacting the NE WA Fair Association at 684-2585.

~Mark Your Calendars! More Information to Follow~

New Leader Training—May 15, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Kettle River Grange for Stevens and Ferry County leaders. Another training will be offered sometime in June (date TBA), possibly at a Loon Lake or Clayton location.

4-H Fishing Derby—will be held at Princess Pine Camp June 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Jump Into June—Horse State-Qualifier event at Arden Arena, June 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Haynickers Hay Day—State-Qualifier for Western Games at the NE WA Fairgrounds on June 28.

All Leaders' Meeting & Banquet—is scheduled for October 6, 5:30 p.m. at the Arden Community Hall.

4-H Window Display Competition—to be held during Nat'l 4-H Week in October.

County 4-H Public Presentations Contest Final Results

Congratulations to the following blue ribbon winners at the County 4-H Public Presentation Finals:

- Primaries and Juniors—Andrea Wellhausen, Clayton Calicoat, Tabitha Calicoat, Deanna Lantz, Andrew Minaker, Austin Minaker and Tristan Wellhausen
- Intermediates—Amy Booth, Anna Cleghorn, Luke Cleghorn, Carolyn Hall, and Naomi Miller
- Seniors—Christian Craft, Christina Hall, Ashely Karsh, Halie Logue, and Brittany Minaker

Junior, intermediate and senior blue ribbon winners have qualified to advance to state, and Ashley Karsh has qualified to represent Stevens County at the State Equine Public Speaking Contest, with the potential to go on to the National competition.

Judges for the event were: Gail White, Kris Killmer, Dianne Kennedy, and Jerry McCanna. They commended the young presenters for the quality of their presentations and encouraged them to continue to present them to interested groups and competitions in the area. If anyone would like these 4-H'ers to give their presentations at a public event contact the Extension office at 684-2588.

A big thank you goes out to Linda McCanna, Public Presentation Program Leader; and Dani Arnold and Linda Kastelic for coordinating our 4-H area public presentation contests.



Cougar Youth Weekend

On April 18-20, eleven Stevens County 4-H'ers went to Washington State University for Cougar Youth Weekend; a dairy event. The 4-H members were allowed to choose from dairy judging, or dairy fitting and showing. Participants who took the judging course were taught how to judge dairy animals and how to deliver oral reasons. They were able to test their new skills the next day at a judging contest.

The 4-H'ers who participated in Cougar Youth Weekend are: Kelsey, Kinsey, and Mary Larsen; RJ Plum; Brittany, Austin, and Andrew Minaker; and Alyssa, Alayna, Conrad, and Karl Loveall. Mary Larsen was awarded grand champion for novice fitting and showing, and Kelsey Larsen was awarded reserve champion for novice fitting and showing. Brittany Minaker was awarded 1st place for oral reasons in dairy judging.

The young people who chose to do the fitting and showing portion were taught how to clip, and to prepare for a dairy show. They also made rope halters. Later, they participated in a fitting and showing contest.

The 4-H'ers were also given tours of the veterinarian school and the WSU dairy. They attended a cow reproductive class and took a class on feed for livestock. They learned what types of feed WSU uses for their cows. While attending a class about milk the 4-H'ers got to taste-test different kinds of milk.

All of the 4-H'ers reported that they had a lot of fun while learning new dairy project knowledge and skills.

~Submitted by Brittany Minaker for
Haynickers II 4-H Club

Stevens County 4-H Members Compete at State Hippology Contest

On April 5th senior 4-H member Ashley Karsh and intermediate 4-H members Naomi Miller, Carolyn Hall, and Amy Booth traveled to Bellingham to compete in the State 4-H Hippology Contest. Hippology is a four part contest, the first being horse judging, second a written exam/slide identification, third an identification board room, and finally two impromptu presentations.

This was Stevens County's first time having 4-H'ers qualify and attend the State Hippology Contest. Naomi, Carolyn, and Amy formed the intermediate team, while Ashley teamed up with Spokane County 4-H'ers to form a two-county senior team.

Ashley—along with her teammates Brett Moriarty and Morgan Dobson from Spokane County—placed 5th in senior teams. Naomi, Carolyn, and Amy placed 8th in intermediate teams. With a possible high score of 2,400 per team, the senior Spokane/Stevens team had 1,772.07 points, and the Stevens County intermediate team had 1,520.5 points. All the girls had a very fun time, and hope to qualify again next year. The girls are very grateful for the support of Stevens County 4-H Leaders' Council, 4-H parent volunteers, and Spokane County 4-H.

~Submitted by Ashley Karsh for Northern Meadows 4-H Club

Pacific Science Center Camp-In 2008

On Saturday April 12, fourteen Stevens County 4-H members and leaders journeyed to the big city of Seattle to spend the night in the Pacific Science Center. We met with other 4-H members from all over the state. We had a lot of fun and learned new things.

The staff of the Pacific Science Center put on a workshop about stars and how they are formed and live. We roamed the hands-on exhibits most of the night, and there

was even a "Dance with the Dinosaurs" to meet the other 4-H'ers attending Camp-In. Some of us spent most of the night in the Butterfly House, while others attended the show in the planetarium. There also was a tide pool at the Pacific Science Center where we could touch starfish and other animals, and plants from the ocean.

After a few hours of sleep in the exhibit hall — "not near the snakes"— we got up, had breakfast, watched an Imax movie about whales, and attended the Laser Light Show. We all made it back to Stevens County on Sunday afternoon in one piece after traveling over 650 miles in less than 32 hours.

Everyone had a blast, learned new things, and met new people. Pacific Science Center Camp-In is an annual event for 4-H members and friends in grades 3 through 8. If you have an interest in science, plan on attending in the future; it's worth the trip!

~Submitted by Kayla Kofmel, Cody Sweat, Troy Hellie, and Kyle King; members of the Valley Community 4-H Club who attended the 2008 Science Center Camp-In.



4-H International Exchange Program

Host families are still needed for Japanese exchange students from mid-July through mid-August. For more information about the exchange program contact Judy Cressey at 684-8300.

Reminder! All 4-H enrollments must be in the Extension office by May 31 for NE WA Fair participation.



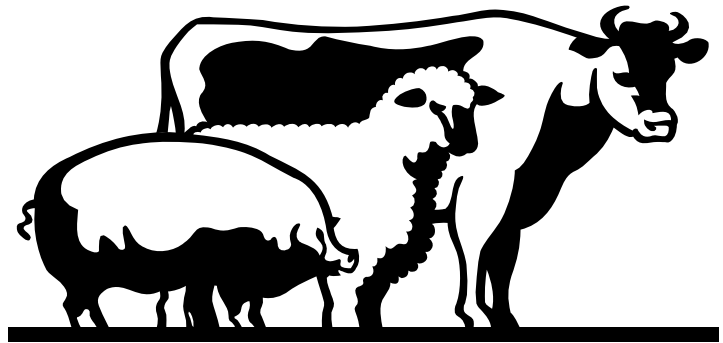
Meat 'N Good Time

On Saturday, April 5, Haynickers II, Valley Community 4-H, and the Milking Crew 4-H Clubs sponsored their annual 4-H State Qualifying Livestock and Dairy Judging Contests at Arden Community Hall.

Congratulations to top scorers!

- Seniors: Kayla Kofmehl, Brittany Minaker, and Sophronia Johnson
- Intermediates: Cody Sweat, Troy Hellie, and Alayna Loveall
- Juniors: Cody Robbins, Tabitha Desautel, and Mary Larsen

Overall top scorers were Kayla Kofmehl, Cody Sweat, and Cody Robbins.



Thanks to Helen Burgess and 4-H volunteers for providing this opportunity!

Notes from Leaders' Council

Leaders' Council met April 9 for their monthly meeting. The Stevens County Policy Revision committee continued to work hard on revising and updating policies.

A re-cap of Meat 'N Good Time was held. The event went well, though attendance was down somewhat from last year. Organizers were appreciative of the volunteers who came and helped. They noted that more help next year could make the event even better.

The 4-H'ers who attended this year's State Hippology Contest spoke to Leaders' Council about what they did and how much fun they had. Some of the youth presented letters of thanks to Leaders' Council for supporting them for the contest. Leader's Council also supported the group that went to the Pacific Science Center Camp-In this year. Snacks and beverages for County Activity Day and the Fishing Derby will be furnished by Leaders' Council.

The All Leaders Meeting and Banquet committee worked on plans for the banquet, which will be held at the Arden Hall on October 6, 2008, starting at 5:30 pm. This year's theme will be "Get to the Heart of 4-H." Hearth and Home has been contacted for the Grand Door Prize. Summit Spirits 4-H Club is checking on providing the meal. Stevens County Extension Office has invited Cathy McMorris-Rodgers to be the keynote speaker

Leaders' Council meets on Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

Club members who have a representative attend Leaders' Council meetings can earn points in the Clover Courier contest. Currently Haynickers II is in first place with 44 points.



Cougar Corner

Two new educational opportunities available through Washington State University's Distance Degree Program—

You know you have a million-dollar business concept. But do you have the knowledge and skills to make it a reality? WSU's *online major in entrepreneurship* provides the foundation you need to be successful—whether you're launching your own business or leading product innovation at business startups to well-established corporations. Career opportunities for entrepreneurship majors are virtually unlimited, bounded only by a student's creativity, imagination, work ethic, and personal character. Entrepreneurship majors learn skills and attitudes that are valuable not only in the creation of new ventures, but also in reinvigorating established organizations.

WSU's new *online certificate in organic agriculture*, the first in the nation, develops a solid background in the agricultural sciences, including an understanding of complex agriculture and food systems. Students develop knowledge and skills that are applicable to all industries and agencies involved in the food chain—from production, processing, and delivery to policy, regulation, and education. The online certificate is ideal for professionals working in agriculture or related fields who require in-depth knowledge of organic systems, those wanting to pursue a career in organic agriculture, anyone interested in beginning a community supported agriculture (CSA) farm, home gardeners, as well as current WSU students in other majors at WSU with an interest in organic agriculture.

For more information on these two new opportunities or other Distance Education Degrees available from Washington State University contact WSU Learning Center Coordinator Shannon Gordon at 684-2588 or visit <http://online.wsu.edu/>.



2008 Stevens County 4-H Calendar of Events

MAY

- 6-11 Spokane Jr. Livestock Show, Spokane Fairgrounds
- 14 Leaders' Council, 5:30 p.m., Extension office
- 17 State-Qualifying Dairy Judging Contest, 10:00 a.m., Deer Park
- 17 Horse Clipping Demonstration, 10:30 a.m., NE WA Fairgrounds
- 17 State-Qualifying Horse Judging Contest, NE WA Fairgrounds
- 18 Large Animal Showmanship Clinic, 1:00-4:00 p.m., NE WA Fairgrounds
- 31 Last Day to add 4-H projects for NE WA Fair participation

JUNE

- 7 Princess Pine 4-H Fishing Derby, 9:00-1:00 p.m., Princess Pine 4-H Camp
- 10 Horse Program Leaders' Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension office
- 11 Leaders' Council, 5:30 p.m., Extension office
- 19 County Activity Day, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Colville City Park
- 21 Dog, Cat, and Small Animal Fun Show
- 21 Jump Into June Performance Horse State-Qualifier, 9:00 a.m., Arden Arena
- 25-28 State Grange Convention, Colville
- 28 Haynickers HayDay State-Qualifier Western Games, NE WA Fairgrounds
- 29-7/1 State 4-H Teen Conference, WSU Pullman



JULY

- 1-25 Camp Princess Pine available for club use
- 7 State-Qualifying Fashion Revue, 5:00 p.m., Extension office
- 9 Leaders' Council, 5:30 p.m., Extension office
- 9-12 Camp Naborlee, 4-H Youth Camp, Lincoln-Adams County
- 14-17 4-H Horse Camp, Princess Pine
- 19-20 Colville Light Horse Show Performance Horse State-Qualifier
- 20 Dog and Cat Qualifying Show
- 31 Dog and Cat Judging Contest State-Qualifier

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May 2008 Clover Quest

1. How many Character Education resources are listed on the character education page?
2. When will the next State-Qualifying Dairy Judging contest be held?
3. What event is scheduled immediately following the Horse Clipping Demonstration?
4. Who will be the featured clinician at the Large Animal Showmanship Clinic?
5. Where will the 4-H Fishing Derby be held this year?
6. Who is the Stevens County 4-H Public Presentations Program Leader?
7. What kind of event is the Cougar Youth Weekend?
8. How many Stevens County 4-H'ers competed in the State Hippology contest in Bellingham?
9. What is the deadline for submitting applications for the NE WA Fair Scholarship?
10. What is the new WSU online certificate called?

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.

Return to WSU Stevens County Extension, 985 S. Elm Ste. A, Colville, WA 99114 by June 15, 2008