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Sent to each 4-H family

Grant Opportunity:

American West Bank is offering mini grants of approximately \$250. They are available to youth and 4-H volunteers. The goal of this grant opportunity is to fund worthy 4-H youth development programs or projects with an agriculture, livestock, horticulture or family living focus in communities where American West Bank operates. Requests for these mini grants are **due by December 1**, so take advantage of this offer quickly. For more information and application, go to <http://4h.wsu.edu/foundation/americanwest.htm> or contact the WSU Stevens County Extension office at 684-2588.

4-H Harvest Party!!!

Haynickers and Haynickers II invite you to join them **October 25** from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the home of Marv and Helen Burgess for hay rides, a hay maze, games, and good food. Each family needs to bring one can of chili and one bag of candy. Contact Helen Burgess at 684-1523 or Shelly Short at 935-4085 for more information.

Join Leaders' Council

Leaders' Council elections are right around the corner and positions up for election are vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. Leaders' Council meets monthly and helps set direction and make plans for 4-H in Stevens County. Contact the WSU Stevens County Extension office at 684-2588 if you are interested or would like more information

Awards Banquet

Don't miss the 4-H Awards Banquet **November 2** at the Columbia School in Hunters. The program begins at 2:00 p.m. **Each club is asked to bring a themed basket for the Silent Auction.** For more information see the enclosed flyer.

Know Your Government

"You Be the Judge" is the theme of Washington State 4-H Know Your Government Conference in Olympia, February 14-17, 2009. KYG is open to all youth in grades 9-12. Pre-conference meetings allow youth to learn about the judicial system and then put what they learn into practice during the February conference.

KYG Orientation will be November 16, 3:00 p.m. at the Extension office. **Contact Debbie Harbin by November 7** at 935-0419 if you are interested in this exciting opportunity.



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IRS and 4-H Tax Update

The IRS and National 4-H Headquarters, USDA *remain committed* to our agreement that chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized 4-H organizations under the control of Cooperative Extension that normally earn \$25,000 or less in annual gross receipts ***will not be penalized for not filing a 990-N (e-Postcard) in 2008.***

Inadvertently, automated IRS systems are sending overdue 990 filing and penalty notices to sets of 4-H entities that are entered in their systems, beginning with those showing a tax year ending December 2007.

INSTRUCTIONS: The following instructions are for chartered 4-H clubs and duly authorized affiliated 4-H organizations under the control of Extension whose annual gross receipts are \$25,000 or less. The following steps will prevent additional penalty notices, and subsequent collection activities, from being generated and mailed to your clubs. Instructions vary depending on the type of notice being received:

(1) Request for Form 990 or for 990-EZ from the IRS Ogden Campus:

- Reply in writing to the IRS by marking the box that states that "The organization will file a Form 990-N by the response due date shown above, because its annual gross receipts were normally \$25,000 or less and it is not a section 509(a)3 organization."
- File a Form 990-N immediately. Form 990-N is filed electronically by accessing www.irs.gov and navigating to "Charities & Nonprofits" and then to the following subject link: Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations — Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

NOTE: The 990-N is not the place to correct or update data about the EIN record, including the organization's tax year.

(2) Notice reading: Please Call Us [IRS] About Your Overdue Taxes or Tax Returns from the Operations Manager, Automatic Collection System:

- Reply in writing to the IRS address by stating that "This organization is listed with the IRS as a tax-exempt subordinate under a group exemption issued to the 4-H Clubs and Affiliated Organizations. The organization will file a Form 990-N by the response due date shown above, because its annual gross receipts were normally \$25,000 or less and it is not a section 509(a)(3) organization."
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"Perfection is an impossibility, but striving for perfection is not. Do the best you can. That is what counts." ~John Wooden

2008 Stevens County 4-H Calendar of Events

OCTOBER

17-19 2008 State 4-H Forum, Everett

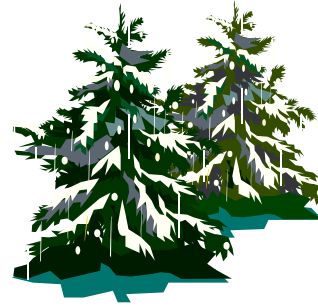
NOVEMBER

2 4-H Awards Banquet
28-12/2 National 4-H Congress,
Atlanta, GA



DECEMBER

1 4-H Enrollments Due
10 Leader's Council, 5:30 p.m.,
Extension office



Washington State University Extension helps people develop leadership skills and use research-based knowledge to improve their economic status and quality of life.

Debra Kollock
Extension Director
Helping You Put Knowledge to Work

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