

Clover Courier

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sent to each 4-H family

A Message from Jeanette

It seems hard to believe that we are in the final month of the current 4-H year. I wish to thank each of you for your contributions to the 4-H program, our youth and our communities. As fairs conclude this month and our new 4-H year begins October 1, take some time to reflect on the past year and begin goal setting for the new 4-H year. And please make time to attend events to celebrate National 4-H week, October 7-13.

Skills to Fall Back On

Stevens County Leaders' Council will be sponsoring their annual All Leaders Meeting and Banquet on **Saturday, October 6**. Plan now to attend this event that is open to all leaders in the NE Extension District. See the enclosed flyer for details and registrations forms.



THANK YOU Hearth and Home Technologies for donating this pellet stove as a door prize for one lucky attendee at the All Leader Meeting and Banquet.

*"The importance of what you do goes well beyond what it gets you."
—Michael Josephson*

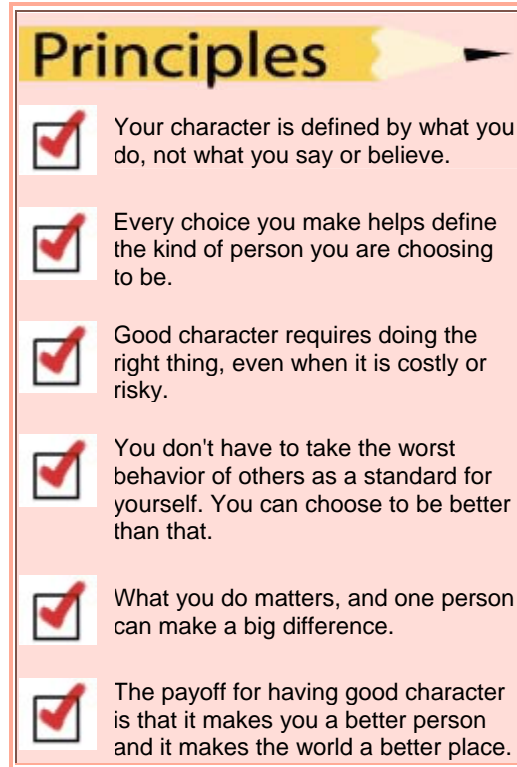


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Character Education

Washington State 4-H promotes character education. These principles are a reminder of the program's value.



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Record Books Due...Record Books are due at the extension office by **October 9** for the county judging. Remember that record books need to have received a blue ribbon at the club level before advancing to county level. Record keeping is an important skill learned in 4-H and Leaders' Council awards a savings bond to the high scoring record book to promote this life skill.

County Medals...Applications for 4-H project medal are due **October 15**. Application is enclosed.

Fall Fuzzy...This 4-H State Qualifier and Open Horse Show will be held at the Arden Arena on **October 13**, beginning at 9 a.m. Entry forms and show information are available at the extension office or contact Debbie Harbin, Show Secretary, at 935-0419.

Outstanding 4-H Teen...Outstanding 4-H teen nominations forms are included with this mailing and are due **September 14**. Please consider nominating deserving teens. Selection is based on the nomination criteria and an interview before a panel of judges.

4-H "An American Tradition" ...

The 2007 State 4-H Forum will be held at the TRAC in Pasco, **October 19-21**. You may visit: <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm> for the complete packet. Leaders may apply for scholarship assistance from Leaders' Council. This is a very worthwhile event for leaders and teens to acquire new ideas, support outstanding leaders from across Washington State, join a 4-H Alumni Reception, enjoy silent and live auctions and participate in the statewide 4-H council meeting.

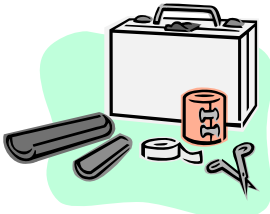


New Leader Training... Our Stevens County 4-H policy requires all new main club leaders to complete New Leader Training during their first year of enrollment. This training is highly encouraged of all leaders and brings awareness to the latest guidelines, policy updates and trends in 4-H programming. The next session of face-to-face New Leader Training will be held at WSU Stevens County Extension on **Tuesday, November 13** from 6 to 9 p.m. Please call 684-2588 if you are planning to attend.

All leaders are encouraged to complete E-Learning for Volunteers, an online training found at <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>. 4-H volunteers completing this online program are credited with the equivalent of 3 hours of new leader training and a completion certificate.

4-H News

Notes from Leaders' Council



A First Aid Kit is being assembled and will be available at the extension office for checking out at 4-H activities.

Leaders' Council is updating the Stevens County 4-H Policy—contact Debbie Harbin, Helen Burgess or Robin Minaker if you would like to help.

Leaders' Council is encouraging more attendance and participation at their meetings. To attain this goal, Leaders' Council is considering a policy requirement that each 4-H club must have a leader represent their club at one Leaders' Council meeting annually.

Did you know that Leaders' Council wishes to make record books mandatory for Stevens County 4-H'ers to exhibit at the NEWA Fair beginning in 2009?

Leaders' Council President and Reporter positions are open for elections in November at the county awards banquet. Submit nominations to the extension office or Leaders' Council.

The State 4-H Fair began September 5 and closes September 23. Congratulations to all the youth that have qualified to represent Stevens County at the state fair. A list of qualifiers and alternates is included. Stevens County Leaders' Council President and State 4-H Fair Board member, Betty Parazoo will be attending and assisting with 4-H activities during some of the fair time.

Financial Summary Reminder...All clubs are required to submit a financial summary to the county extension office for the 4-H year beginning October 1, 2006 and ending September 30, 2007 by Jan. 31, 2008. This requirement must be fulfilled for a club's re-enrollment. Clubs might want to be thinking about submitting this report promptly after the 4-H year ends and financial statements are in place. If you have questions or concerns, call the extension office. This is a Washington State 4-H requirement.



National 4-H Congress... Congratulations to Kristina Harbin. She has been selected to be a member of the Washington State 4-H delegation at the National 4-H Congress to be held November 23-27, 2007 in Atlanta, Georgia.

4-H Interstate Exchange...An 11 member Stevens County delegation participated in an interstate exchange with Washington County, Texas 4-H'ers in late July. If you have an interest in the interstate exchange club, contact Shannon Gordon at 684-2588. The club will be hosts in 2008 and travel again in 2009. This active group will begin fund raising in early October.

WSU Extension and Learning Center News

As some of you may know there have been some recent staffing changes in the county extension office. Shannon Gordon who has worked for many years in the front office and as support for the 4-H program has taken on a new position as the WSU Learning Center Coordinator. Plans are under way as we speak to fill this vacated position, so if you or anyone you know is interested contact the extension office at 684-2588 to get application information.

Washington State University Cougar Football

Sept. 1	Wisconsin	12:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	San Diego State at Seattle	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 15	Idaho (FSN Nw)	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 22	USC (ABC)	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 29	Arizona	tba
Oct. 6	Arizona State	tba
Oct. 13	Oregon	tba
Oct. 20	Bye	
Oct. 27	UCLA (FSN)	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	California	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 10	Stanford	tba
Nov. 17	Oregon State	tba
Nov. 24	Washington	tba



Home Games in bold.

2007 Stevens County 4-H Calendar of Events

September

- 5-23 State 4-H Fair
- 11 Leaders' Council, 5:00 p.m. meeting with Church Camp Board followed by regular Leaders' Council meeting
- 14 Outstanding Teen Nominations due

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4-H Program Director

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October

- 6 All Leaders' Meeting and Banquet, 3 p.m. in Arden
- 7-13 National 4-H Week
- 9 Record Books due for County Judging
- 10 Leaders' Council Meeting 5:30 p.m. at the extension office
- 13 Fall Fuzzy Horse Show
- 15 County Medal Applications due
- 19-21 State 4-H Forum in Pasco

November

- 4 4-H Awards Banquet
- 13 New Leader Training, Colville
- 23-27 National 4-H Congress

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September 2007 Clover Quest

1. Which 4-H'er has been selected to attend National 4-H Congress?
2. Where can you acquire the State 4-H Forum packet?
3. What is the theme of the All Leader's Meeting and Banquet?
4. When is National 4-H Week?
5. Which Leaders' Council positions are open for election in November?
6. Who has filled the WSU Learning Center position?
7. Who donated the grand prize for the All Leaders' Banquet?
8. Name the 4-H leader that serves on the State 4-H Fair Board:
9. Name two 4-H'ers that qualified for state dog judging:
10. When are record books due at the extension office for county judging?

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, 985 S. Elm Ste. A, Colville, WA 99114 by Oct. 15, 2007