

Clover Courier

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4-H

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All Leaders' Meeting and Banquet

Plans and preparations are underway for the All Leaders' Meeting and Banquet, which will be held Monday, **October 6**, 2008, 5:30 p.m. at Arden Community Hall. The evening program starts with an ice breaker activity designed to generate ideas for the roundtable discussion. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and includes baked ham, roast turkey, potatoes and gravy, green beans, dessert, and beverage. During the dinner hour Congresswoman Cathy McMorris-Rodgers (or a representative from her office) will address the group.

Following dinner there will be a round-table discussion about how to get youth involved in 4-H and how to retain 4-H members. At 8 p.m. there will be a drawing for all paid dinner guests for the new Quadra-Fire wood stove donated by Hearth and Home Technologies. You must be present to win.

Dinner tickets are \$10 per person. To register complete and mail in the form on the back of the enclosed flyer by September 22, or pay in person at the Extension office at 985 S. Elm, Colville. Registration forms are also available online at <http://stevens.wsu.edu/FourH/allldrmeeting.htm>

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Character Education

When it Comes to Character, Courtesy Counts

Teaching young people about manners and being polite goes beyond old-fashioned notions about charm and etiquette — it's about respect.

When kids (and adults) show courtesy and manners, they also show respect for other people. Rules of civil behavior are extremely important in the family, the school, the workplace, and the entire community. Adults show kids that all people deserve respect by being kind, helpful, patient, and polite to people they come in contact with every day — inside and outside of their families.

When should adults start to teach children about manners and the importance of being polite? The earlier, the better! Even very young children can be taught the building blocks of manners — saying “please” and “thank you.” When children learn to say “I’m sorry” for something they’ve done wrong, they learn to be accountable for their actions and behaviors. Provide positive encouragement and compliment children when they speak kindly and politely to others.

Adult expectations of children should increase as the children get older. School-age children can and should be shown how to greet people appropriately. Phone manners are also important. A child is old enough to answer the phone only if he/she is also old enough to use appropriate and respectful language on the phone. Young people need to learn that respectful behavior also means keeping one's voice to an appropriate level out of consideration for others in stores, libraries, places of worship, movie theaters, and other places. Teach children the concept of “inside voices” early on!

People show respect for one another through good listening skills too. When a person looks around, down, or away when someone is talking, it appears as if he/she is not listening. This can be very disrespectful. But be careful. In some cultures, it's considered disrespectful to look authority figures and elders in the eyes when being spoken to. Understanding and acceptance are important to respect. Really listening (rather than thinking ahead to what you're going to say) is hard to do. Teach children to wait until others have finished speaking before speaking up themselves.

Children of all ages can learn respect through showing gratitude to others. Insist that young people send notes of thanks in appreciation for kind gestures, favors and gifts. Even very young children can draw a picture to include with a note written by an adult.

Children should be taught as early as possible to respect and be kind to all people, even if they appear different from them. Do not tolerate cruel, hateful, or disrespectful behavior. Immediately, clearly, and firmly explain to young people that everyone is similar to and different from others in many ways. Respectful behavior means being friendly and polite to everyone.

“Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy” ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson



Upcoming Events and Opportunities



Window Display Contest

Your club could win \$50! 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.

Record Books Due

Record Books are due to the Extension office by **October 10** for judging at the county level. Record Books must be judged at the club level before being turned in for county judging. Leaders interested in helping judge record books at the county level can volunteer by calling the Extension office at 684-2588.

Record keeping is an important part of your 4-H project. Stevens County 4-H Leaders' Council will award a savings bond to the high scoring record book to promote this life skill.

Record Book Training

Singing Spurs club leader Elissa Wellhausen is offering a great opportunity for 4-H leaders to learn how to judge record books. The workshop will teach you how to help your 4-H members get record books up to quality for judging. The class will be held at the Extension office on **September 11** from 6-8:30 p.m. For more information contact Elissa at 937-4165.

Outstanding Teen Nominations

Outstanding 4-H Teens will be recognized at the Annual 4-H Awards Banquet in November with a plaque and gift. Winners also receive \$25 from the Mace Memorial Fund. One male and one female winner will be selected through a nomination and

interview process, based on their entire 4-H career. Use the enclosed pink nomination form and submit nominations to the Extension office by **September 12**. Forms are also online at <http://stevens.wsu.edu/FourH/pdfs/youthnom08.pdf>.

2008 Washington State 4-H Forum

Leaders, mark your calendars! You are invited to the 2008 State 4-H Forum **October 17-19** at the Holiday Inn, downtown Everett. You will have an opportunity to network with other 4-H leaders and to attend your choice of over 40 workshops on topics like: *Teen Development and 4-H Clubs*; *Basic Photography*; *Meat to Market*; *Swine: What Does it Take*; *ABC's of the Horse Program*; *Food Judge Training*; and many more! Registration forms are online at <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm> or at the Extension office. Deadline for registration is **September 27**.

Teen Rally

Don't miss the NE District 4-H Teen Rally "Survivor 4-H" edition! This year's event will be held September 26-28 near Wilbur. You will learn new skills and have fun at workshops like *Cooking Survival*—learn cooking survival skills from the everyday to the great outdoors; *Street Survival*—self defense for women so they can protect themselves and escape if they are attacked; *Surviving Relationships*—relationships can be good and bad, learn how to tell the difference and survive them; and *Water Challenge*—learn team leadership and personal skills through the 4-H canoeing program. Participants also get to take part in a scavenger hunt, go for a hay ride, and enjoy a BBQ dinner. This event is open to youth 7th grade and above. Registrations are due **September 8** and can be found at <http://lincolnadams.wsu.edu/4H/TeenRally.htm> or at the Extension office.

Fall Fuzzy Horse Show Just Around the Corner!

Summit Spirits 4-H Club will be hosting their annual Fall Fuzzy Performance 4-H and Open Horse Show on **October 4, 2008**, 9 a.m. at the Arden Old Timer's Arena in Arden. This show will be the first state-qualifying performance horse show for the 2008-2009 4-H year, as well as open divisions for non 4-H members. We will have many novice riding and open classes in English and Western disciplines, as well as some fun and educational riding games, in which all exhibitors may participate.

All 4-H rules will apply to this show, as it is hosted by a 4-H club. All riders age 18 and under will be required to wear an ASTM/SEI certified helmet, long sleeved shirt, pants, and boots. 4-H members who wish to participate in 4-H state-qualifying classes must have a current horse certificate on file with the Stevens County Extension office. The PNW 574 "Horse Contest Guide" on 4-H guidelines will be available for viewing at the horse show. The information may also be downloaded for free at the stevens.wsu.edu website. Click on WSU publications and then enter PNW 574 into the search box.

Show brochures will be available at the Extension office and at most of the local feed and sport stores in the Colville area after September 1. You may also call Summit Spirits 4-H club leader Debbie Harbin for more information at 935-0419. We encourage all 4-H horse enthusiasts to invite their friends and family to come and participate in some fun equine activities. Entry fees will be minimal to encourage more participation in the county 4-H program and to promote genuine love of equine activities.

Submitted by Kristina Harbin
President, Summit Spirits 4-H Club

County Medals

Applications for county project medals are due **October 15**. You only need to apply for project medals. Medals for public presentations, food contests, judging contests, etc. are selected from high scores at those events. Remember livestock judging is a project and you can apply for a medal. Applications are enclosed.

New Leader Training

There will be training for new leaders on **September 9** in Northport. For more information contact Shannon Gordon at 684-2588.

4-H Awards Banquet

The Stevens County 4-H Awards Banquet will be held on **November 2, 2008**. 4-H Families are invited to join WSU Stevens County Extension as we recognize 4-H leader and member achievements for the 2007-2008 4-H year.

The program will include awards for: Record Books, State Fair Recognition, Years of Volunteer Service, Clover Courier Award, County Project Medals, Outstanding 4-H Teens, Horse Sportsmanship, and Outstanding 4-H Leaders Jerry Cline and Shannon Gordon. You will get to watch the Annual Slide Show "4-H Year in Review" and enjoy a potluck dinner. The time and location for the banquet are to be announced, so watch for more information!

Friendship Pow Wow and Dinner

Saturday, **September 13** at 1:00 p.m. the Colville Tribal Youth Camp at Twin Lakes will host a Pow Wow to honor Japanese college students from Seisen University, Tokyo. Dancers and drummers are welcome. The event is sponsored by the WSU 4-H Colville Reservation and Seisen University. For more information call Cathy DeSautel at 509-722-5692 or e-mail her at vcjdes@yahoo.com.

OUTSTANDING LEADERS

Congratulations to Shannon Gordon and Jerry Cline, the Outstanding 4-H Leaders of the year!!!

Shannon is the leader of the Stevens County 4-H Exchange Club, and Jerry is the Colville Valley Sharpshooters Club leader.

Both Shannon and Jerry have worked hard at creating or improving 4-H programs in Stevens County, and their club members appreciate the time and commitment they give to youth and to the community.

Outstanding leaders are truly using their Head, Heart, Hands, and Health to make the best better.

4-H Interstate Exchange

The Exchange Club hosted seven 4-H members and three leaders from Missouri this summer. To give our guests from Missouri a feel for Stevens County we toured Vaagen Bros. Mill and then went to see a mechanized logging site, visited Canada, drove to the top of Stranger Mountain, floated the Kettle River, and much more. Next summer our group will travel to Missouri and experience life in the "Show Me State" for a week. If you are interested in joining the Interstate Exchange Club call Shannon at 684-2588. We will soon start fundraising efforts to offset the cost of our trip.

Notes From Leaders' Council

Leaders' Council has completed the Stevens County 4-H Policy revision. Revisions included updating the county Public Presentations policy to reflect current requirements and state 4-H fair rules.

The All Leaders' Meeting and Banquet is coming up soon! Planning was completed for the agenda and dinner. Topics for discussion will be How to get Youth Involved in 4-H and How to Retain 4-H Members.

Colville Valley Sharpshooters will use the air rifle shooting range at the NE WA Fair as a fundraiser this year. The shooting range was purchased with a donation from the NRA. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to clubs that help run the range at the fair, and the other fifty percent will go to the Leaders' Council general fund.

Leaders' Council voted to pay Clark's All Sports a \$15 set up fee for logos on jackets for the State 4-H Fair judging teams. The jacket logos will help unify the team's appearance at State Fair and promote Stevens County 4-H.

The next Leaders' Council Meeting is **September 10**, 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office.

4-H License Plates...Remember the 4-H License Plates? Well the issue is not dead; the State 4-H office is hopeful that the 4-H license plate proposal will go before the legislature this spring to be voted on. Selling 4-H license plates would provide funding to maintain the level of support the State 4-H program currently offers. Another option would be to start charging a 4-H membership fee. The earliest a fee would be implemented is fall 2009.

Cougar Corner

The WSU NE WA Learning Center will host a Distance Degree Program Open House on **October 9 from 4 – 6 p.m.** at 985 S. Elm in Colville. We will have refreshments and door prizes for those attending. Meet with a WSU academic advisor to get your questions answered and see if a WSU Distance Degree is right for you. Individual appointments are available in the afternoon or you can just ask questions during the Open House.

Drop by the learning center anytime and learn how you can get started in one of Washington State University's on-line degree programs. On-line undergraduate degrees available:

- Business Administration – Entrepreneurship
- Business Administration – Management and Operations
- Business Administration – Management Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- Human Development
- Humanities
- Social Sciences
- Women's Studies

Several on-line certificates are also available:

- Organic Agriculture
- Early Childhood Development and Care
- Professional Writing
- Instructional Design
- English Language Learners (teaching endorsement)

To make an appointment or if you have any questions please call Shannon at 684-2588 or e-mail sgordon@wsu.edu.



2008 State 4-H Fair Qualifiers and Alternates

Congratulations to the 2008 State 4-H Fair qualifiers! Your hard work and dedication has paid off. Remember to show appreciation to your leaders and parents for helping make this achievement possible.

Public Presentations

Senior

Craft, Christian
Hall, Christina
Karsh, Ashley
Logue, Halie
Minaker, Brittany

Intermediate

Booth, Amy
Cleghorn, Anna
Cleghorn, Luke
Hall, Carolyn
Miller, Naomi

Junior

Minaker, Austin

National Equine Public Presentation

Karsh, Ashley

Fashion Revue

Intermediate

Kennedy, Brooklyn
Roach, Allysha
Miller, Naomi

Junior

Fitzgerald, Alyssa
Franks, Andrea

Creative Consumers of Fashion

Intermediate

Howder, Cassie
Kennedy, Brooklyn
Miller, Naomi

Food Contest

Hall, Christina

Garden Judging

Senior

Booth, Jonathan
Bourquin, Brandon
Harbin, Heather
Harbin, Kristina
Logue, Halie
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Minaker, Brittany

Intermediate

Bourquin, Kylie
Martin, Denise
Miller, Naomi
Spengler-Creed, Daisy

Clothing Judging

Senior

Booth, Jonathan
Conner, Ruthanne
Hall, Christina
Harbin, Heather
Harbin, Kristina
Minaker, Brittany

Foods Judging

Senior

Booth, Jonathan
Harbin, Kristina

Intermediate

Martin, Denise
Miller, Naomi

Dog Judging

Conner, Ruthanne

Horse Judging

Senior

Baunach, Amber
Harbin, Heather
Harbin, Kristina
Karsh, Ashley
Logue, Halie

Intermediate

Arnold, Kylee
Booth, Amy
Miller, Naomi
Short, Brianna

Rabbit Judging

Senior

Conner, Ruthanne
Harbin, Heather
Harbin, Kristina
Karsh, Ashley
Minaker, Brittany

Intermediate

Hall, Carolyn
Karsh, Kody
Miller, Naomi

Dairy Judging

Senior

Burgess, Nathan
Loveall, Alyssa
Minaker, Brittany

Intermediate

Andres, Dana
Harris, Mikala
Hellie, Troy
Larrew, Elizabeth

Loveall, Alayna

Loveall, Conrad

Sweat, Cody

Livestock Judging

Senior

Hill, Jessie
Minaker, Brittany
White, Leigha

Intermediate

Hellie, Troy
Loveall, Alayna
Sweat, Cody
Andres, Dana

Cats

Intermediate

Howder, Cassie

Dogs

Senior

Conner, Ruthanne

Junior

Clark, Josie (Buttercup)

Dairy

Minaker, Austin
Minaker, Brittany

Performance Horse

Senior

Harbin, Heather
(Scout)
Zuber, Leslie (El Uno)

Senior Alternate

Baunach, Amber
(Jens Power of Pride)

Intermediate

D'Uva, Kristal (Tico)

Intermediate Alternates

1. Gormon, Hannah
(Zip O Daisy)
2. Harris, Mikala
(Ringo)

Western Games

Senior

Cooper, Amber (Bear)
Earnhart, Tyne (Zak)

Dressage

Senior

Harbin, Heather
(Scout)
Zuber, Leslie (El Uno)

2008 Stevens County 4-H Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 5-21 State 4-H Fair, Puyallup
- 10 Leader's Council, 5:30 p.m.,
Extension Office
- 11 Record Book Training, 6:00 p.m.,
Extension office
- 12 Outstanding Teen Nominations Due
- 16 Window Display Contest Entries Due
- 23 Horse Program Meeting, 7:00 p.m.,
Extension office
- 26-28 NE District Teen Rally, Wilbur



OCTOBER

- 1 New 4-H Year begins
- 10 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., Extension office
- 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



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October 2008 Clover Quest

1. When should adults start to teach children about manners and the importance of being polite?
2. What is the deadline for the Window Display contest?
3. Record books are due _____ .
4. What is the "Fall Fuzzy"?
5. When is the 4-H Awards Banquet?
6. Who will teach a class September 11 on judging records books?
7. The Interstate Exchange Club hosted 4-H'ers from _____ .
8. When will the WSU NE WA Learning Center host a Distance Degree Program Open House?
9. When are Outstanding Teen nominations due?
10. Where is the Washington State 4-H Forum being held this year?

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 October 15, 2008**