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Mason County 4-H Forestry Leadership Summer Program

Teens make an impact, help beautify their community

By Betsy Fradd,
WSUE 4-H Youth Development

On any given summer day, you might find high school students sleeping in, logging onto computers, or watching a little TV. That, however, is definitely not the case for 10 teens who, for six weeks, would much rather be outside digging in the dirt, clearing brush, and making their community a better place to live.



4-H Forestry participants (top photo) on ground: Morgan Smith, Patrick Baldwin. Kneeling from left: Robert Crabb, Alana Langdon. Standing from left: James Gamache, Ian Woolen, Sage MacCracken, Juan Robledo, Katherine Gamache, Julia Lewis-Darch. The youth in action (above).

Now in its fifth year, the Washington State University Extension 4-H forestry summer program in Mason County offers youth an opportunity to learn leadership skills, develop a natural resource stewardship ethic, and make an impact in their community.

Katherine Gamache, 17, has been part of this crew for three summers. "I like learning about the environment, being with kids my age, and having fun," she said. As an Olympic College Running Start student, she enjoys hiking and appreciates access to open space. "We went to Oakland Bay Park, pulled Scotch broom, cleared trails, dug tires out of the sand, and recycled old materials," she explained.

Teamwork

Working as a team is important to the mission and goals of the program. The first week is spent developing communication skills, including how to best relate to one another. Through low ropes course activities at Camp Panhandle, youth discover how to function as a group, accept challenges, make decisions, and be accountable for their actions. In separate sessions, they also learn plant identification, timber inspection, orienteering skills, and tool and trail safety, which they will apply during the next five weeks in the field.

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106 Years and Still Growing Strong: 4-H Kicks Off Another Exciting Year

By Pat BoyEs, Director,
WSUE 4-H Youth Development

Washington State 4-H Youth Development is already in the midst of a stellar new 4-H year.

Last October, our 4-H friends in the southeastern district hosted an exceptional State 4-H Forum at the TRAC Center in Pasco. It was a complete package of terrific facilities, seminars, speakers, and fellowship.




It always amazes me to see the product of our collective efforts through the contributions that our former 4-H members are making to society. Nick Jasper, our capstone speaker, is the West Coast trainer for Progressive Insurance, and credits 4-H with giving him the skills to be an effective teacher.

Assisting young people in acquiring the life skills that will build positive productive adulthood is the very work that 4-H leaders do. We call these the

essential elements of 4-H: mastery, belonging, independence, and generosity. Each produce measurable outcomes in the lives of young people. Sometimes we see that growth overnight; sometimes we see it over 20 years, but never doubt that we do see it.

Making old plans new again

Over the months ahead you will be hearing even more about 4-H mission mandates because they define the areas of work for the 4-H program:

-  Science, engineering, and technology
-  Healthy living
-  Citizenship

Those of you who have been involved with 4-H for awhile will recognize that these are not new topics for us. In fact, if you go back to the original federal legislation formalizing the grassroots



program that 4-H evolved from, you will actually find a description of these three mission areas. More than a century later, we are putting renewed emphasis on them to strengthen our outreach efforts and better measure the impacts we are making on young lives.

One of the highlights of our state's Citizenship Program is the annual 4-H Know Your Government Conference. This year, we will host more than 300 youth in Olympia Feb. 16-19 for "Youth Vote, Decision 2008." It is exciting to see so many young people putting citizenship into action. It gives me great hope for our democracy.

Happy Trails 4-H Club Receives Two Awards for Community Service *Giving to Others Provides Meaning and Memories*

By Betsy Fradd, WSUE 4-H Youth Development

The Happy Trails 4-H Club in Walla Walla County is out to make a significant difference in the lives of others. In less than two years, the club has taken on over two dozen service projects that help people, animals, and the environment. The members, ranging in age from 8 to 17, recently received a county 4-H community service honor and a state Grange award.



WSU Extension 4-H Happy Trails club members Madison Wilcox, Paige Garcia, Alli Key, Kasey Wilcox, Sydney Vollmer, Kendra Torrey, Mackenzie Widner, and Riley Wilcox from Walla Walla County.

4-H co-club leader Angie Vollmer says the group votes on what projects to do for the community. "We want our members to grow up learning how gratifying it is to give, and hopefully, that attitude will carry into adulthood," she said.

One of their most in-depth projects was visiting nursing home patients at the Walla Walla Veterans Hospital. The members provided treats while asking questions and listening to residents' stories. The weekly visits over a two-month period proved meaningful for both club members and hospital residents.

Fundraisers help finance the club's donations to many local causes. A tack swap and various catalogue and bake sales emerged out of members' involvement in horse projects. During the holidays, the group became "anonymous angels" for a family with five young children by providing coats, gloves, and toys. A local hospital that had lost funding for a newborn program was given baby bags loaded with diapers, bottles, and clothes. The club also donated food, toys, and blankets to The Cat's Meow, a program that helps stray cats, SWAT (Save the Wonderful Animals Team), and the Walla Walla Humane Society.

WSU Extension 4-H Inducts Four into the Hall of Fame

Four Washington residents were inducted into the Washington State 4-H Hall of Fame at the 4-H Forum in Pasco on Oct. 20. They were honored for leadership, commitment to 4-H youth and volunteers, and positive impacts in their communities. Other accomplishments include:

Isabelle Moe, Enumclaw, began judging 4-H horse shows in the 1950s. In 1983 she started the Drivers and Riders 4-H Club, and soon after a second club for youth with different abilities, physical challenges, and uncertainty but interest in horses. Now in her mid 80s, she continues to work with youth who have special needs and require extra patience.

Marilyn Stout, Camano Island, has been active in the 4-H program for 31 years. As leader of the Snohomish County Motorcycle/ATV Mudslingers 4-H club, she has guided the development of hundreds of local youth. In 2005 she received the Snohomish County Clover Award for outstanding 4-H leadership, including the inspiration for expanding the Mudslingers into two clubs to meet the needs of increased membership.

Cindy and Peter Dykstra, Curtis, started the Curtis Valley Cattle 4-H club in Lewis County in the 1970s. It soon expanded to include beef and sheep projects. As a dairy farmer and 4-H leader, Peter provides a place for dairy cows for members who don't have the needed zoning or space at home. Cindy, a dairy program leader for over 20 years, has also served as president, vice president, and secretary of the 4-H Council.

Washington State 4-H has more than 145 members in its Hall of Fame.



The 2008 4-H Hall of Fame inductees include Cindy and Peter Dykstra, back row, Marilyn Stout, and Isabelle Moe, front row.



Butch, the WSU mascot, helps welcome 4-H teens and chaperones as they wait to check in at Teen Conference registration.

Fast Track to the Future: 2007 4-H Summer Teen Conference

About 75 Washington teenagers and 25 adults attended the 2007 4-H Summer Teen Conference on the Washington State University Pullman campus June 24–26.

The theme of the conference was “Fast Track to the Future.” Jan Klein, state 4-H teen leadership coordinator for WSU Extension, explained that it was “designed to help teens build skills and plan for their futures while having some fun.”

A recent WSU graduate answered questions about what college is really like while another talked about getting into college, paying for it, and involvement in campus organizations. Workshops focused on helping teens improve skills in listening, interviewing, managing a budget, interpersonal communications, and taking photos.

Youth also learned how to plan a service learning project or service learning opportunity during two-hour workshops on the environment, healthy choices, and leadership.

Featured speakers included Linda Criddle, senior product manager for child safety in Microsoft's MSN Safety and Security Group, and Kim Kidwell, WSU professor of crop and soil sciences, who talked about “making our mark on the world.”

Reaching Out to Hispanic Youth in Okanagan County and Beyond

By Betsy Fradd, WSUE 4-H Youth Development

Attracting more Hispanic youth to Okanagan County 4-H is important to 4-H veteran Ann Fagerlie. As 4-H county program coordinator she wants to see additional local youth benefit from the many resources 4-H has to offer. Of the over 40,000 people in Okanagan County, at least 5,600 are Hispanic but just six of these are involved in 4-H. Fagerlie is working to change this in a variety of ways.

"I have a handout in Spanish, and I am creating a bilingual brochure so both parents and youth will know more about 4-H and how to get involved," said Fagerlie, who has been a part of 4-H for more than two decades.

Jonathan Ortega heard about 4-H through his neighbors who had horses. The 18-year-old from Oroville had never been on a horse but adapted quickly when he began working in the Triple Crown Team 4-H club.

"4-H is fun because you get to learn things, be with friends, and have a good time," said Ortega, who went on to take Reserve Grand Champion at the county level.

4-H project leader Rita Jensen described Ortega as "quiet and confident around horses. Jonathan is a good rider, and if he sees someone frustrated, he will hop on and show them cues on how to manage their horse."

Since becoming involved in 4-H five years ago, Ortega has held a number of leadership positions, including club president and county teen representative. He would like to see other Hispanic youth involved but understands many families want or need their children to work on the farms. His advice for attracting more Hispanic 4-H members is to reach out one-on-one. "Just make sure they know how much fun they can have and all the great things they can learn," he added.



Ann Fagerlie, Jonathon Ortega, Kayla Davis, and Brandy Chambers review horse riding tack.

Respecting Hispanic culture

Through bilingual radio announcements and presentations for entire families, Fagerlie aims to bridge the cultural divide. She hopes to reassure parents that teaching their children valuable life skills through participation in 4-H does not mean sacrificing their heritage.

Fagerlie led a 4-H delegation on an exchange trip to Chihuahua, Mexico, during the summer of 2007 that illustrated her sincerity. The five weeks she spent with her host family allowed her to build U.S.-Mexico 4-H relationships as well as learn the Mexican way of life firsthand as she immersed herself in the Spanish language, culture, food, and daily activities.

"I [now] have a better understanding of the different levels of respect in Hispanic families and how the family works," explained Fagerlie. "I want to incorporate that understanding with outreach to local youth and their parents."

Forestry *continued*

At least two adults help the teens build trails, clear sites, and complete various landscaping projects to beautify local areas. Mason County 4-H summer forestry program assistant Marilyn Brennan wants both youth and adults to benefit. "Adult mentors help educate and work alongside the teens [to] offer practical advice about the importance of volunteering and being able to enjoy as well as protect the environment. It gives adults an appreciation for the abilities of the youth and the importance of acknowledging them, listening to them, and helping them create a better future for all of us," she said.

Community engagement

Guest speakers, educational trips, and engaging activities are all a part of the experience. During the last session

the group went on a logging site tour in Wynooche, visited Olympic Panel Products in Shelton to learn how the timber industry impacts a local business, and traveled on an overnight trip to the World Forestry Center in Portland, Oregon.

Past summer accomplishments include building two educational nature trails for local elementary schools, creation and maintenance of nearly two miles of walking trails for a local park, and working with Habitat for Humanity to plan and install native plant landscaping for a local house.

Developing an appreciation of service at a young age is integral to the program. "I've lived here my whole life," Gamache said. "There's a sense of accomplishment. It feels good to give back."

Year in Review

Megan Riebe, Director, WSUE 4-H Foundation

The 2006–2007 fiscal year was one of hard work for the 4-H Foundation and its Board of Trustees. In this issue, I would like to introduce you to this group of dedicated people who volunteer their time, talent, and treasure to generate new friends and funds for 4-H.

Board of Trustees

Kent Hojem, Chair. As manager of the Western Washington Fair, Kent, with the help of his expert staff, is responsible for bringing “The Puyallup” to residents and visitors of Washington each September. Kent is instrumental in continuing the long tradition of partnership between the Western Washington Fair and 4-H State Fair, making it possible for 4-H’ers to display their “best of the best” in the event that is the culmination of the 4-H year. He and his wife Carolyn reside in Puyallup.

Dr. Dwight Palmer, Vice-Chair. Dwight is a retired Extension professional who has served in many roles in a number of states, including Washington State 4-H program leader from 1971 to 1985 and National 4-H Council member at their headquarters in Chevy Chase, Md. Dwight is also a published author. His expertise in leadership and personal empowerment is a great addition to the 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. He and his wife Twila live in Spokane.

Charline Wright, Treasurer. Charline is a long-time 4-H volunteer leader and member of the State 4-H Advisory Board. She and her family are frequent participants in the 4-H Japanese Exchange Program, which has included hosting many youth in their rural Washougal home and her daughters having the chance to visit Japan. Charline is also a real estate agent for Century 21 Cascade Pacific.

Christine Jackson, Secretary. Christine is county Extension director in Yakima and responsible for 4-H Youth Program Management, Policy, Training, and Recruitment. She also serves as liaison with 4-H councils, program committees, and the Central Washington State Fair. Her husband Gary raises thoroughbred racehorses and is CEO of St. Hilaire Cellars.

Woody Bernard, Trustee. Woody is the newest addition to the 4-H Foundation Board. He is a retired 4-H Extension agent and chair of Skagit, King, and Snohomish counties. Woody’s involvement with 4-H goes back to his days as a club member growing up on a dairy farm in Idaho, which eventually led to his founding the 4-H Dairy

Endowment. His experience in agriculture, along with his understanding of urban 4-H, is bringing important knowledge to the 4-H Foundation. Woody and his wife Joan reside in Issaquah.

Pat BoyEs, Trustee. Pat is the Washington State 4-H director and keeps the 4-H Foundation connected to and focused on the priority needs of the state 4-H program. Pat’s expertise in positive youth development, strategic planning, and human resources management are extremely valuable to the 4-H Foundation.

Dr. Harry Burcalow, Trustee. Harry is a retired associate dean and associate director of WSU Extension. Upon his retirement, Harry asked that all donations go to a fund in the 4-H Foundation that is now providing grants to innovative 4-H projects. Harry’s organizational management skills and connections in the agricultural community are valuable assets to the 4-H Foundation. He and his wife Janet live in Spokane and keep busy raising their two great-granddaughters.

Lloyd Spencer, Trustee. Lloyd is CEO of Coroware, Inc., a Bellevue-based company specializing in information technology solutions, robotics, and automation. His 4-H participation includes volunteering as leader for a 4-H robotics club. Although they currently reside in urban Redmond, Lloyd and his wife Amy both come from small-scale farming backgrounds and share a passion for sustainable agriculture and preserving the future of agriculture through youth.

Trent Stewart, Trustee. Trent has served on the 4-H Foundation Board in various capacities for more than eight years, including as chair. His involvement in 4-H began at age 8. In his work life Trent is a lead operations engineer at Microsoft, where he has built a strong relationship with 4-H, resulting in ongoing funding opportunities. In his spare time, Trent enjoys traveling and climbing mountains.

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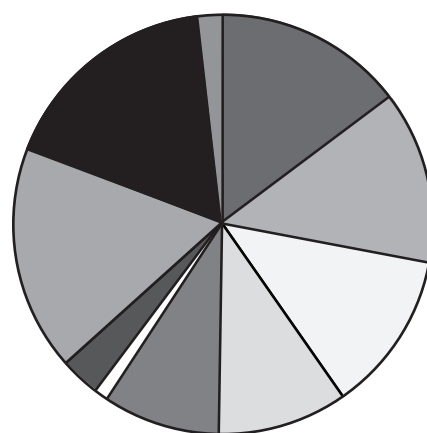
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Washington State 4-H Foundation Operating Budget

Revenue	Actual 2006/2007
Investment income/fees	\$62,500.56
Individual giving	\$56,252.02
Corporations	\$51,710.00
Foundations	\$43,197.38
Associations	\$38,469.78
Trustees	\$4,110.08
Service fee revenue	\$12,831.31
In-kind contributions	\$74,176.00
Event fees	\$73,163.48
Video, book & curriculum sales	\$7,917.11
Total Revenue	\$424,327.72
Total Private Fundraising	\$193,739.26

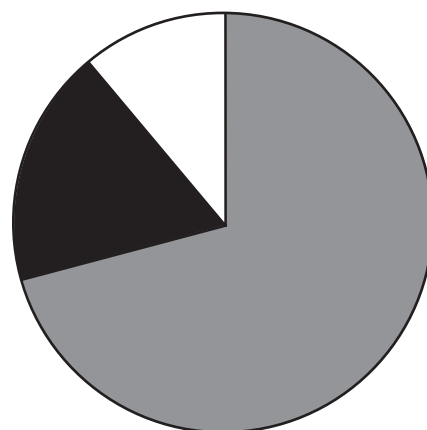
Expenditures	
Youth programs	\$295,371.36
Operations	\$76,131.16
Fundraising	\$46,097.24
Total Expenditures	\$417,599.76

Revenue 2006-2007



- Investment income/fees
- Individual giving
- Corporations
- Foundations
- Associations
- Trustees
- Service fee revenue
- In-kind contributions
- Event fees
- Video, book & curriculum sales

Expenditures 2006-2007



- Youth programs
- Operations
- Fundraising



WAYS TO GIVE

Have you considered including the Washington State 4-H Foundation in your estate plan? Many people designate a favorite charity in their estate plan so they can continue their annual gift in perpetuity or make a special gift not possible during their lifetime.

Estate gifts are an effective way to manage your affairs, plan for the future, and make a meaningful gift to a cause you care about. Common gift planning strategies include bequests, charitable gift annuities, remainder trusts, donor-advised funds, life insurance, and real property. Many gift planning strategies can provide a reliable source of income and/or tax benefits for the donor.

For more information about including 4-H in your estate planning, please contact Megan Riebe at 509-358-7870 or riebe@wsu.edu.

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Summary Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2007

Statement of Activities

ASSETS

Current assets	
Checking/savings	\$2,258,796.65
Total current assets	\$2,258,796.65
Other assets	\$2,787.50
Accounts receivable	\$2,053.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,263,637.15

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$15,191.77
Accrued payroll	\$5,764.57
Total current liabilities	\$ 20,956.34
Equity	\$2,242,680.81
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$2,263,637.15

REVENUE

	ACTUAL 2006-2007
Event fee revenue	\$73,163.48
Curriculum sales	\$2,502.45
Fundraising	\$2,310.13
Video and book sales	\$5,414.66
Association contributions	\$38,469.78
Foundation contributions	\$43,197.38
Corporate contributions	\$51,710.00
Individual contributions	\$53,941.89
Trustee contributions	\$4,110.08
Realized/unrealized gain/loss	\$163,517.71
Investment revenue	\$62,500.56
Service fee revenue	\$12,831.31
In-kind contributions	\$74,176.00

TOTAL REVENUE **\$587,845.43**

EXPENDITURES

Youth program services	\$295,371.36
Administrative expenses	\$76,131.16
Fundraising, printing, misc.	\$46,097.24

TOTAL EXPENDITURES **\$417,599.76**

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WSUE 4-H Alumni Spotlight: Anitra Beruti

By Betsy Fradd,
WSUE 4-H Youth Development

Anitra Beruti has always enjoyed a challenge. Whether it was during her five years in Pierce County 4-H working on her horse project, studying and graduating from the University of Washington in 2005, or promoting candidates in numerous political races, Beruti values commitment and dedication to principles. As a result of her campaign coordination during the recent successful election of King County Prosecutor Dan Satterberg, she is now an operations manager for a political consulting firm that will cover campaigns across Washington State during the 2008 election cycle.

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In 4-H you were club president, secretary, teen representative, and secretary of the Pierce County 4-H Horse Board as well as holding leadership positions at your high school. How did those experiences help you as you went on to college and got involved in campaigns?

I had the opportunity to do a lot of public speaking in 4-H, which has been an instrumental skill for politics. Also, hard work: completing a horse project is a job that takes up time every single day. Learning to manage time between school, family, and my 4-H activities has stuck with me throughout college and into my working life. Serving on the 4-H horse board also gave me a lot of confidence; I learned that peers looked to me for my opinions and perspectives and that it was okay to disagree with the group.

What appeals to you the most about politics?



Anitra Beruti (far right) with associates Blair Anderson, Joe Daniels, and David Toyer at a bill signing with Governor Christine Gregoire.

It's very fast-paced and always changing. I start my day with a plan for what I need to get done, and then my phone will ring and the whole day gets turned upside down with something unexpected that comes up. It's a challenge to prioritize what projects need to be completed in what order. Also, I like that I work in a field where people depend on me to get things done and I depend on them. The fun thing about politics is you get to meet and interact with a lot of interesting people. I never know where my next opportunity might be.

How has your experience in 4-H helped you throughout life?

4-H is such an amazing program. I think most importantly because it levels the playing field between everyone who has a project and really judges individuals on their own. Everyone who wants to participate or compete with a project starts at the same place.

4-H has taught me a lot about responsibility. When I was in 4-H it felt like there was no ceiling to what I could do. If you want to run for leadership positions or be on boards or committees outside of your project, everyone is welcome. There is no limit on what you can accomplish.

You recently spent four months as the campaign coordinator for the King County prosecutor. What types of skills were needed for that position?

I scheduled meetings and endorsement interviews, processed campaign checks, paid invoices, sent out press releases, and coordinated volunteers and events. Politics is all about change. Working a campaign is a round-the-clock job, and to keep focused and pressing, you have to really believe in what you're doing and who you're working for.

In 4-H, youth and adult volunteers often work together. How did that time influence your personal development?

I made great friendships with the people I was in 4-H with. I've never been a part of another organization that encouraged me so much. It was amazing to me that I had an opportunity to work with adults when I was in my mid-teens who would ask me for help, or to lead something, and it was a good feeling to know that these people I looked up to trusted me and treated me as one of them. 4-H volunteers are truly giving people.

Forever Clever (and Green)

A humorous perspective of a unique family's 4-H experience.

By Jonathan Shipley, 4-H devotee

The Clever Clovers. The 4-H club name struck fear in the hearts and minds of boys and girls during the 1980s at the Thurston County Fair in Olympia. It was the Clever Clovers who won award upon award. It was the Clever Clovers who could cook, sew, speak publicly, craft, and photograph better than most anyone. The other 4-H kids didn't stand a chance.

We're sorry, but we, the Clever Clovers (me, my numerous brothers, my sister, and a few family friends), won over and over again. We won the ribbons. We were the ones that went on to the state fair in Puyallup where, yes, we won again. Under the watchful gaze of our 4-H leader Ann Shipley (my mom), the Clever Clovers steamrolled everyone in Thurston County. Again, our apologies. We were a juggernaut, an army of crafty kids. We pledged our heads to clearer thinking (to crush you), our hearts to greater loyalty (to all things Clever Clover), our hands to larger service (to throttle opponents into submission), and our health to



Left to right: Don, Lance, Elizabeth, Jim, Ann (mom), Mark, Jonathan, and Dave (dad) in a photo from the early 80s.

better living (in the form of comic books, candy, and Journey's Greatest Hits on vinyl from all our award monies). We did it for our club, our community, our country, and our world, but we mainly did it because we wanted to win—and win we did.

If you're from Thurston County, you know the Shipley name. It's like the Kennedys in Massachusetts, except instead of money and political power, we have macaroon recipes and can sew patches on our jeans if need be.

Team Shipley

The Shipley crew was successful in many different arenas, from my sister Elizabeth (and dog Trixie) cruising to victory in the dog showing arena, to my brother Jim, who made an award-winning John Travolta-inspired zoot suit. Upon reflection, Jim says "It was embarrassing, and I don't believe I ever sewed again." Poor guy. He looked good (or at least the judges thought so)!

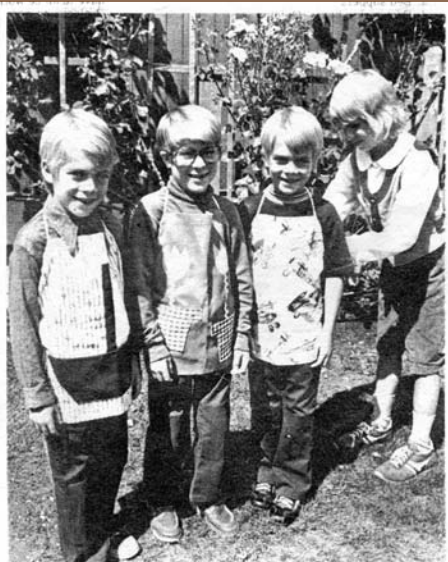
We also had Mark ("I believe my beet cake kicked beet."), Don (no one could sew a finer pleated outdoor vest in pale blue), and Lance, whose wife Marion says, "Personally, I thank God, apple pie, mom, and 4-H for giving me such a well-rounded husband, who can sew and cook with the best of them." I can't leave out Elizabeth's

dress, which was made of some sort of synthetic fiber (asbestos?) that looked like what you'd imagine on Timothy Leary's bathroom walls; or Dad himself, who started an off-shoot photography club (and inspired my photo stories of hiking around Rainier that are a sight to behold); or me of course, the sixth of six kids.

My personal 4-H highlights? Oh, there are too many to mention! But a few will have to do, such as the informational demonstration about my blind albino ferret Justice that included a heated debate about how much blood my pet could suck out of a child, the blackberry pie I submitted to the pie bake-off, and the Woodstock (of "Peanuts" fame) apron I wore proudly in the kitchen where I created homemade Play-doh (salty!) and mix-in-the-pan brownies.

We were like Andy Warhol's factory, the Clever Clovers, churning out all sorts of things (chicken liver dinners, an anatomically correct handmade crab, peach waffles, pants), and we won time and time and time again.

So once more, my apologies to Thurston County fair participants of the 1980s. We crushed you, and by gum, once our kids become of age, we'll crush you again, for we are the Clever Clovers, and we will not be vanquished!



MODELS — Showing off their sister's handiwork — aprons made for the fair — are triplets Don, Jim and Lance Shipley. The seamstress is Elizabeth Shipley, member of the Clever Clovers 4-H Club. They're all the children of Mr. and Mrs. David Shipley, Olympia. Another young member of the family, Mark, not pictured here, will model a shirt he has made for the fair.

(Olympian Photo By Del Ogden)

4-H Teens Receive Washington State University Regents Scholarships

By Betsy Fradd,
WSUE 4-H Youth Development

Twenty-five Washington State University Extension 4-H members were recently honored with WSU Regents scholarships for their academic success and outstanding citizenship. Of those, six received the Distinguished Regents award that includes a four-year scholarship worth approximately \$60,000.



Amber Conway, a fourth generation 4-H member from Clark County, recently received a WSU Regents scholarship.

Amber Conway

Amber Conway of Clark County is among the 4-H recipients to earn the honor. She has a 14-year 4-H membership tenure that includes a decade of showing sheep and goats. As a fourth generation 4-H'er, she attributes much of her success to the leadership skills she's learned in 4-H. "I've probably benefited most with my self-development and learning how to learn," said Conway, who also took part in revising the dairy goat curriculum for the national 4-H Cooperative Curriculum System.

"I've never been nervous speaking in public. Because of 4-H, I'm not afraid to ask why or how something happens," she added. Conway's plan includes applying to WSU's veterinary program so she can become a large animal/small ruminant veterinarian. In addition to 4-H, she is also a three-year varsity track letterman, president of the Camas High School Mock Trial program, member of the National Honor Society, and a volunteer at the Rural Area Veterinary Services clinic.

Caleb Dotson

Communications and creative writing are majors Caleb Dotson, another Distinguished Regent award winner, is considering when he attends WSU in the fall of 2008. Dotson, an Asotin County 4-H member, thinks his lamb project was instrumental to his achievements. "I really enjoyed the professional nature of the competition while showing my lamb in the ring," he explained. He won Grand Champion Fitting and Showing seven out of his eight years in 4-H.

Dotson also is involved in a youth awareness program at Charles Francis Adams High School in Clarkston, Wa., and active in both Tsunami Youth Ministries and Refuge Youth Ministries at local churches. In addition, he conducts church services at a juvenile detention center in Lewiston, Idaho. Future plans as a youth pastor are under consideration.



Caleb Dotson, Asotin County 4-H member and WSU Regents scholarship award winner.

Other 4-H'ers Receiving WSU Regents Scholarships

Heather DeWitz, Pierce County; Katherine Fyrqvist, San Juan County; Ann Hoag, Whatcom County; and Lexi Roach, Franklin County, received Distinguished Regents Scholar awards.

4-H'ers awarded two-year Regents Scholarships worth up to \$8,000

Hannah Balash, Yakima County; Christy Becker, Whitman County; Hannah Collins, Garfield County; Courtney Crouch, Snohomish County; Sarah Kinney, Pacific County; Danielle Kuhn, Whitman County; Bridget Landle, Whitman County; Valle Ledtke, Klickitat County; Tia Lee, Snohomish County; Alex Lepper, Whatcom County; Shia Neuhauser, Thurston County; Evan Olszko, Asotin County; Larisa Robertson, Clark County; Erin Sebring, Thurston County; Bradley Shults, Pacific County; Jaclyn Sprenger, Clark County; Chelsea Wendt, Snohomish County; Gretchen Wetzell, King County; and Mackenzie Wilson, Ferry County.

Each year WSU recognizes high school students who have been nominated by their schools during their junior year based on a grade point average of 3.80 or higher and at least 1,200 on the SAT, 26 on the ACT, or 180 on the PSAT. Teens are also judged on leadership, community, and extracurricular involvement.



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Director's Corner

As we step into a new year with another holiday season behind us, I hope that you all were able to experience some rest and relaxation and spend some quality time with your loved ones.

Once again in this issue, we bring you the Washington State 4-H Foundation's annual report. We thank our donors so much for investing in our future through the 4-H youth development program. The nearly \$300,000 in support is based on the generosity of many individuals, corporations, and foundations.

In this issue you will meet the volunteer members of the 4-H Foundation's Board of Trustees. It is my honor to work with this outstanding group of people who give their time, talent, and treasure to carry out the Foundation's mission to raise funds to enhance and expand the 4-H program for young people in all 39 counties throughout the state of Washington.

We currently have additional openings on the Board of Trustees, so if you or someone you know would enjoy raising funds and friends for 4-H, please contact me for a nomination packet.

Best wishes for a great 2008,

Megan K. Riebe
Director, WSUE 4-H Foundation



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