



CLOVER COLUMN

Mason County 4-H * Making the BEST Better!

November / December, 2008

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Dear 4-H'ers and Families,

It's our 6th Annual 4-H/MG Auction !

DATE: Sat. Dec. 6th

TIME: 6-9 PM (following Christmas parade)

WHERE: Evergreen Elementary School Gym



Spread the word! It's in a *new location* and it's a Free, Fun, Family event to benefit all of our Mason County 4-H and Master Gardener Programs! Do your Christmas shopping here and support our youth!

We had a wonderful variety of baskets and individual items donated last year and we hope to again have such great, fun and imaginative contributions! Remember your club can also donate gift certificates related to your club project (dog washing, horse grain, home made dinners, etc. etc)...use your imagination!

Bazaar Tables are available to 4-H clubs to raise funds for their club! Sell your craft items, dog treats, etc. for Christmas to help raise needed club funds! Call Glenna before Nov. 21st to reserve a Club table@ 360-427-9670 Ext 691!

Our world famous home made clam chowder and chili will be available for just \$3.00; all proceeds going to 4-H and MG programs!

Door Prizes will be awarded throughout the night and we ask you to bring in to the office any single items that you think would be a good door prize!

Deadline for drop off of items is Nov. 21st for inclusion in our auction booklet! Remember that this is a huge fundraiser for our program and we need all the help we can get! Please invite all of your friends to this great event!

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IT'S AUCTION TIME - FUN, FOOD AND FRIENDS!!!


Now is the time for all of us to be thinking about the upcoming 4-H / Master Gardener Dinner & Auction. This year the event will be held on Saturday, December 6 at Evergreen Elementary School 807 West Pine Street at 6:00 pm immediately following the Christmas Parade in downtown Shelton. The evening will feature a delicious Clam Chowder/Chili Dinner, Silent & Live Auctions, Bazaar Tables and Raffles. This is a great way to warm up after the parade, a chance to start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a visit with fellow 4-Her's.

 We are seeking help from each and every 4-H club again this year by asking that each club work together to create a theme basket that will be auctioned off the night of the event. Be creative—there are so many possible themes—or take a look at the enclosed suggestion list. But whatever you do **HAVE FUN WITH THIS!** Together we can do this! Our goal is to collect at least 40 baskets! To avoid duplications please call Glenna at 360-427-9670 Ext. 691 and let her know what type of basket you will be putting together.

 Individual clubs are invited to set up a bazaar table where they may sell crafts, baked goods, etc. for club fundraising. This is a great opportunity to raise funds for your club. There are limited tables available, please call Glenna to reserve a table.

 Remember that this is a huge fundraiser for Mason County 4-H, we could also use your help with set up and clean up the day of the event.

 Spread the word—invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us. Cost for dinner is just \$3.00. We are requesting 1-2 non-perishable food items that will be donated to the food bank AND 10% of our proceeds from this event will benefit needy families in Mason County.

 Check out the enclosed donation request form, auction basket suggestion list and donation description form that are enclosed with this newsletter. Use these forms to help secure donations and list the items that you have included in your basket. Make sure to return the donation description form with your basket to the Extension Office no later than December 4.

 **BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND HELP US CELEBRATE OUR GREAT 4-H AND MASTER GARDENER PROGRAMS AND THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY SEASON!!!!**

NEWLY ELECTED LEADERS

On October 14 elections were held at the Dog Committee and Leader's Council meetings. The results are as follows:

4-H Leader's Council Meeting held 10-14-08

Officers

President: Kristin Kirkendoll

Vice President: Lynette McIrvin

Treasurer: Katie Swenson

Secretary: Danielle Skeeters

Panhandle 4-H Board Members

Karen Culver

Ripp Campbell

Mason County Fair Board Representatives

Lynette McIrvin

Ripp Campbell

4-H Dog Committee Meeting held 10-14-08

Officers

President: Danielle Skeeters

Vice President: Alexis Skeeters

Treasurer: Barbara Slack

Secretary: Mary Cultum

Superintendent: Danielle Skeeters

CONGRATULATIONS and MANY THANKS to these outstanding volunteers!

NEW CLUB NEWS

Phoenix Rising is a new 4-H club in the Shelton area that has been organized by Ripp Campbell. For those of you who don't know her, Ripp is a wonderful, knowledgeable lady who has shared her talents with many 4-Hers over the past several years. She has recently decided to start her own club offering enrollment in the dog, horse, rabbit, archery, fishing and veterinary science projects. Please share this news with those you know and let's help Ripp get her new club off to a wonderful start. For additional information please contact the Extension Office.

THE POWER OF YOUTH ON PARADE

All 4-H members are encouraged to join us as we show our 4-H Power of Youth in the Mason County Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 6. Line up starts around 4-5pm and the parade begins at 6pm. Walk with your dog, goat or ??? Carry a flashlight with you and then join us at Evergreen Elementary for the 4-H Auction immediately following the parade.

ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE

By now all clubs should have picked up their enrollment packets at the Extension Office. Each packet includes re-enrollment forms for returning members and leaders, enrollment forms for new members and leaders, a club survey, financial report and 4-H Accident Insurance Remittance slip along with a 2009 Project Listing and additional literature. If you haven't picked up your packet yet please do so. All enrollment forms, surveys, reports and insurance monies are due back to the Extension Office no later than December 1, 2008.

GET INVOLVED -JOIN A COMMITTEE



As the new 4-H year gets underway it is time for all volunteers to step up and consider getting involved at the next level by signing up to serve on one (or more) of several committees that serve our 4-H youth. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas, talents, skills, energy & expertise. You will be a voice for your members and increase your leadership skills. Committee sign up forms were enclosed in the last issue of the Clover Column newsletter and are also available online at www.mason.wsu.edu. It is vital for Mason County 4-H to have a strong show of support in all areas. How about signing up to serve on a committee that you have never served on? It's a great way to meet new people and learn something new!

VOLUNTEER LEADER TRAINING

If you are a General/Organizational Leader or Project Leader in your club you must complete the Volunteer Leader Training within 2 years of becoming a leader. The first of two training sessions to become a certified leader is scheduled for November 22 from 10-3 at the Thurston County Extension Office. The final session will take place in February at Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp. To register or for additional information call Glenna at 360-427-9670 Ext 691.

CALLING ALL TALENTED 4-HER'S



In 2009 the National Association of County Agricultural Agents is hosting their annual meeting in Portland, OR. The 4-H Esprit de Corp committee is putting together a 4-H Talent Program for entertainment during the dinner on September 21, 2009. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H to showcase their talented members. There is money available to cover travel and housing expenses. If you have a special talent that you would like to share with others please have a demo CD/DVD or tape ready to submit by November 15. For additional information please call Glenna or Kathy at the Extension Office.

4-H CAMP TRAINING OFFERED

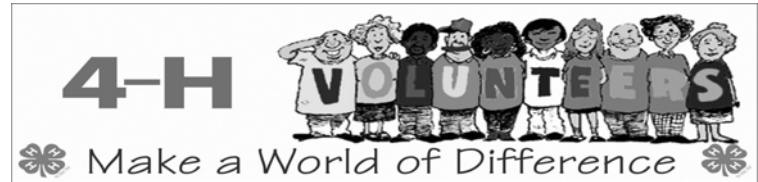
All interested volunteers/leaders/members that would like to be a camp director or counselor for the 2009 4-H camp at Panhandle Lake are encouraged to attend the training scheduled for March 27-29. The training session will be held at Panhandle. Call Glenna for more for information 360-427-9670 Ext 691. Working together we can make this the best camp ever!

WANTED: USABLE WESTERN BOOTS

New 4-H Club needs any size usable kids western boots for riding lesson program. Contact the Extension Office.

BOUQUET OF CLOVERS

A big "BOUQUET OF CLOVERS" goes to Danielle Skeeters for using her talents and organizing a wonderful Achievement Night for all 4-Hers. Thanks Danielle—what a wonderful evening for all!



Nominate a deserving person for this recognition. Please submit their name and we will acknowledge them with their own "BOUQUET OF CLOVERS" in our next newsletter.

MEETING REMINDER

The upcoming Dog Committee/Leader's Council meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, November 11. Even though the Extension Office will be closed during the day in observance of Veteran's Day the meetings will take place as scheduled.

FREE TO A GOOD 4-H HOME



RABBIT. Male, black with long ears. Tame & leads on a leash. Call the Extension Office for additional information.



GUINEA PIG. 2 American Standard babies with cage. Contact the Extension Office for additional information.



DAIRY GOAT. Purebred LaMancha, black w/ tan stripes & white flashing. Has kidded twice. Call the Extension Office.



MINI AUSSIE PUPPY. Purebred, blue eyed male, 5 mos., fun & playful. Mostly white w/ some red merle. Call Mo 360-490-3196 or 360-427-9670 Ext 685.



NIGERIAN DWARF GOATS. 3 does, 2 are white/gray, 1 is black. All are tame & very friendly. Contact the Extension Office for additional information.

NOVEMBER, 2008

- 1 4-H Achievement Night 6:00pm @ Mason County Fairgrounds
- 5 New Leader Orientation 6—7:30pm @ Extension Office
- 11 Veteran's Day—Extension Office closed during business hours, evening meetings as planned
- 11 4-H Dog Committee Meeting 6:00pm @ Extension Office
- 11 4-H Leader's Council Meeting 7:00pm @ Extension Office
- 12 4-H / Master Gardener Auction Committee meeting 5:15pm @ Extension Office
- 17 Panhandle Board Meeting 6:30pm @ Panhandle Lake 4-H Camp
- 19 4-H Horse Committee Meeting 7:00pm @ Mason General Hospital Skokomish Meeting Room
- 22 Volunteer Leader Training @ Thurston County Extension Office
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving—Extension Office closed
- 28 Extension Office closed



DECEMBER, 2008

- 1 Re-enrollment / enrollment forms due to the Extension Office
- 6 4-H / Master Gardener Dinner & Auction 6:00pm @ Evergreen Elementary School
- 9 4-H Dog Committee Meeting 6:00pm @ Extension Office
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JANUARY, 2009

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Newsletter Prepared by Kathy Fuller, 4-H Office Assistant



Minutes Leaders Council
 October 14, 2008
 WSU Extension Office Shelton, WA
 Meeting start at 6:30 PM not a regular time

The meeting began with a great Chinese meal.

Minutes Approved as read

21 leaders, 5 youth, 3 WSU Staff

Correspondence - A request for sponsorship came from Mary M Knight School, Mo talked about the program, this will be discussed at the next meeting with more details to be brought back to the meeting.

Auction - Next meeting Nov 6th at Extension Office, need more 4-H support

Dog - Officers elected, Danielle going to State Dog meeting this Sunday

Fair Board - Danielle reported Scrapbook almost done, anyone with photos of your barn needed.

Horse - Lynette reported meeting to be held at the Hospital in the Skokomish Room, hoping to change meeting to prior to Leaders Council like the dog committee does.

Market Sale - Kristin reported checks went out, need support for next year, start talking to bidders

Panhandle Camp - Glenna reported still looking for a Director/Co-Director.

MC Fair Food Booth Report - Lori did not show up.

Treasure - Report given by LeiLani, copy attached to minutes.

Election of Officers - President Kristin Kirkendoll, Vice President Lynette McIrvin, Treasurer Katie Swenson, Secretary Danielle Skeeters. Fair Reps Lynette and Ripp

OLD BUSINESS

Forum Oct 17-19 in Everett - This weekend several are going.

Enrollment Packets - Glenna handed out packets to those in attendance please pick up yours soon.

Committee sign ups - Passed out more sign up sheets, please sign up to help in areas of interest

New Leader Orientation - Nov 5th @ 6PM Extension Office.

New Leader Training - Nov 22nd in Thurston County, Second training to take place at Panhandle on Feb 7th **All New leaders (first 2 years) must attend training.**

Achievement Night - Door prizes offered for those in attendance. Barbara Bell will do decorations, discussed ideas to bring more members.

NEW BUSINESS

State Fair winners - We had 3 members in attendance that competed at state. WAY to GO!

Suggest an ad for new Panhandle Board members - No need to do this as Karen Culver and Ripp Campbell came forward for the positions. Thank you Ladies!

Mo Show - Regarding meetings - Mo Passed out some paper work that is helpful to each leader and their club, also information about tax exempt status, the old letters are no good, Mo is working on getting the new paper work that will be used to give to donors. Mo also handed out the plan-making book; she would like to see clubs using them.

Request for money to attend fair convention: Danielle asked for Leaders Council to pay for her motel, Fair board paid for her registration, meals and transportation. Lynette motioned to pay for Motel, motion carried.

Other, - Mo reminded us that Oct 20 Open house at the Extension Office, Barbara called for the audit to be finished before the new treasurer takes position. Pam recommended that all 4-H members walk in the parade together wearing same type outfit. Danielle made a motion to move Alex Slack up to the 2 year position Motion carried, need a 1 year CTR, Danielle stepped up to be the advisor, Danielle will call a few members that have shown interest in being a CTR. CTR training January 16 in Puyallup.

Club of the Month. Glenna is compiling a list of all the clubs, then each month a new club will be listed each month with hopes that the club of the month will send a short bio in for the newsletter so everyone in the county will get to know each club. Club of the Month for November is Hoofbeats and Little Feet.

Adjourn at 8:15

Respectfully Submitted by Danielle Skeeters -Secretary

FUN!! FUN!! FUN!!
PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL
4-H / MASTER GARDENER
DINNER & AUCTION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
EVERGREEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE
CHRISTMAS PARADE



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