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## 2015 Klickitat County Leader of the Year Announced

Congratulations to Kelsey Hanning, our 2015 Leader of the Year! Kelsey has been a 4-H volunteer in Klickitat County for 3 years with the Central Klickitat 4-H Club. During her first year as a 4-H volunteer, she started as the beef project leader. In her second year, she stepped up into the role of the main club leader. In her third year, continuing as the main club leader, her club membership continues to grow and flourish with 4-H members in various market livestock projects, breeding animal projects as well as creative arts and other still life project areas.

Kelsey's passion for 4-H shows in her dedication and involvement as she helps members learn and grow through their projects. She is also actively involved in the 4-H Leaders' Council, regularly attending meetings and providing valuable input to the program. Kelsey has played a big role in the last two years by revising and improving our county 4-H project records, especially for the market livestock projects. She inspires other adults to get involved and encourages her 4-H members to put their best efforts into their projects and leads by example, dedicating time and energy to her club and our county 4-H program. Thank you, Kelsey, for your dedication and hard work – you truly help "Make the Best Better"!

Kelsey will be honored at the 2015 WA State 4-H Leaders Forum on Friday, October 16, 2014 in Everett, WA and will have the opportunity to attend workshops and other events there. Please join us in giving Kelsey a tremendous "Thank you!" for all of her dedication to "Making The Best Better"!

## 4-H Awards and Recognition: 4-H Achievement Day is Saturday, October 3

Mark your calendars! The Annual 4-H Achievement Day will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 5pm to 7pm at the Goldendale Grange (new hall). Dinner will be provided beginning at 5pm. Spaghetti, bread and salad will be served. Each 4-H family is asked to bring a dozen cookies for refreshments.

All 4-H members, their parents and families and 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend this recognition event. Even if 4-H members did not submit a record book to be considered for county awards judging, 4-H clubs are encouraged to attend and present a short summary of what their members did during the past year. Contact Linda Enderby at 509-773-3381 if your club would like to present a report. This is a great time to recognize and celebrate all the great things Klickitat County youth and leaders have accomplished this year!

4-H Leader recognition and appreciation will also take place at this event to honor 4-H volunteers for their years of service so plan to attend and help us celebrate.

**Enrollment packets will be given to main 4-H club leaders on this day. Enrollment packets will not be mailed.** Exhibits that went to 4-H State Fair will be available for pickup as well as record books and other 4-H exhibits that were not picked up after county fair. Volunteers are always welcomed! Contact Lisa at the Extension office at 509-773-5817. Don't forget: National 4-H Week is October 4 – 10, 2015!

## 2015 State 4-H Leaders' Forum – "A Harvest of Opportunities"

Coming soon - mark your calendars! The 2015 State 4-H Forum will be held **October 16-18, 2015** in downtown Everett, WA at the Holiday Inn. This annual 4-H Leaders' Forum event will include the following: **Friday** will be day-long track workshops, annual District meetings, and the Volunteer Recognition Banquet/Hall of Fame Induction. **Saturday** will feature workshop sessions and 4-H Live Auction/Dinner event. **Sunday** will be devoted to the 4-H Council Meeting, with District elections of State Advisory Board and State Fair Board representation and committee meetings to review recommendations and discuss project issues.

During the Forum, participants will have the opportunity to network with other volunteers, give input into the Washington State 4-H Program and hone skills through a variety of workshops. Check out <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm> for more information. Registration dates are listed on the registration form. Registration cost varies depending on what days you attend and how early you get registered. We can help arrange carpools, so plan to go! Call the Extension office at 509-773-5817 for details.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Simcoe Quilt Retreat – October 9-11, 2015

It's almost here!! The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Simcoe Quilt Retreat will happen Friday, October 9 through 11, 2015. This will be an educational fundraiser for supporting the Klickitat County 4-H program. The event will take place at the Goldendale Grange Hall at 228 W. Darland Street in Goldendale. Plan to come and spend a weekend quilting (or working on any other craft projects you have) with your friends and make some new ones, too, while supporting a great program. Participants can also take a break and do some sightseeing while in our beautiful community. Some of the activities and highlights:

- A tour of Browning's Fabric and Crafts
- Instruction for those wanting to learn how to quilt
- There will be fun projects to try and opportunities for "Show and Tell"
- Meals are included in the cost

Cost is \$100 for the weekend. Space is limited. There will be a few sewing machines available on a first come, first serve basis. Please bring your own machine, if possible. RV camping (\$16 per night) or dry camping (\$10 per night) be available at the fairgrounds; there are also two local motels in Goldendale.

Registration materials are available at the Extension office and online at [www.klickitat.wsu.edu](http://www.klickitat.wsu.edu) under "Upcoming Events". For more information, call Patricia Shamek at 541-993-9560.

## Celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10, 2015

Start planning how your club can celebrate National 4-H Week, October 4-10, 2015. This would be a great opportunity for clubs and individuals to share with their community about the 4-H program. Send letters of appreciation to those people who have helped make your 4-H experience great or have donated support to your club. You could also celebrate the successes that your group has achieved in a club meeting doing 4-H work.

## WSU Releases Online Food Preservation Course

**Preserve the Taste of Summer** is a series of eight online lessons for consumers who want to learn about food preservation and food safety as well as those who want to update their knowledge and skills.

Provided by WSU, the lessons cover the most current USDA approved food preservation recommendations. Topics include food safety, the basics of canning (pressure and boiling water), freezing, drying, as well as making fruit spreads and pickled foods. A certificate of completion is provided at the end of the course. Visit <http://preservesummer.cahnrs.wsu.edu> to register for the online series. To participate, you will need a computer made in the last five years and have a stable internet connection. The cost for the series is \$25. Some counties are offering hands-on lessons for graduates of Preserve the Taste of Summer, so be sure to contact your local WSU Extension office for more information.

A version of this course and certification will also be offered on **Friday, October 16** at the **4-H Forum in Everett, WA**. The \$25 fee will be waived for those registered for the Forum. For more information regarding the State 4-H Forum, visit <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/Forum/index.htm> and see the workshop schedule for details.

## Klickitat County 4-H Planning Day for 2015

Klickitat County 4-H Planning Day will be held **Saturday, November 7** from 9am to 3pm at the Goldendale Grange. Lunch will be provided. Registration will begin at 8:45am.

This is your opportunity to take an active role in planning our next 4-H year of activities. There will be opportunities for volunteer training that will benefit you as a volunteer and your success with your 4-H club. This is great way for you to get a part of your leader training hours and express your suggestions for changes and improvements for our 4-H program.

This is a very important event for planning our upcoming 4-H events and programs. Don't miss this day – come and connect with other leaders in our county as we bring together our passion for 4-H in Klickitat County! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 7** and join us! We look forward to seeing you there!

## Klickitat County 4-H Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **OCTOBER 2015**

- 3 Klickitat County 4-H Awards & Achievement Program 5:00-7:00pm, Goldendale Grange Hall
- 4-10 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK! "4-H GROWS HERE"
- 12 4-H Family Living leaders meeting, 6:30pm, Goldendale Grange hall
- 15 4-H Horse Leaders Meeting, 6:30pm
- 20 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 26 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

### **NOVEMBER 2015**

- 7 4-H Planning Day for Klickitat County 4-H Program
- 11 Veterans' Day Holiday – County offices closed
- 17 Fair Board meeting, 6pm, Klickitat County Fairgrounds
- 19 4-H Horse Leaders' Meeting, 6:30pm
- 26, 27 Thanksgiving – County offices closed
- 30 4-H Leaders' Council Meeting, 4-H leader training at 6:30pm, meeting at 7pm, 4-H Room, KC Fairgrounds

***4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.***

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