



4-H NEWSLINE

"A Newsletter for Clark County 4-H families."

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The Essential Elements of 4-H . . . Generosity

An Interview with Dr. Jack Giesy by Bethany Butler of the 4-H Range Riders horse club

Widely recognized as a member of the Executive Horse Council, 4-H State Board, 4-H Equine Advisory Committee, Clark County Fair Board, Silver Buckle Youth Equestrian Committee, a judge at the National 4-H contest in Denver (for the last twenty years), and not to mention one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet...the 2000 Horseman of the year, Jack Giesy continues to amaze us with the strength and dedication he's shared with us dealing with the every day challenges of being a veterinarian in Clark County.



Jack started his life in Portland, Oregon, and has always had a passion for large animals, and had goals of one day becoming a veterinarian. After moving to Lake Oswego, and a small farm of seven acres, Jack and his brother, Jerry, spent the good ole days on horseback having relays, spending all day on the trails, and learning how to jump. "We fell off a lot," Jack adds, with a smile.

Starting college at Washington State University, Jack later enrolled in the Army for three years, ending up in Korea. After the army he moved back to Portland to attend Lewis and Clark College, where he graduated with a Bachelors degree in Chemistry. Jack spent three years at Oregon Health Science University doing graduate work in bio-chemistry and continued to pursue his goals. He attended the University of California studying veterinary medicine, and graduated there in 1965. Moving to Portland for another eight months to continue his practice, Jack retreated to Clark County, fell in love with it and has lived here ever since!

Tending to all of our problems and emergencies...Jack wouldn't have it any other way. "I love the challenge, and working with people." Jack says. But at the end of the day, Jack recognizes his biggest accomplishments are his amazing wife of forty-eight years, and four beautiful children. He has always loved working with people, especially the 4-H community. "I wouldn't be at the fair if it weren't for 4-H...outstanding, bright kids...that's why I'm there," Jack says with a smile. "It's just so humbling to have a positive influence on people." And that's exactly what he does, earning the honor of having the Golden Horse Shoe Award named after him in 2006. "Words cannot express how honored I am, I still haven't taken off the belt buckle they awarded me!!"

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The experience entering the Veterinary field has been challenging (to say the least) but so rewarding." Jack has strived to become a role model, which he has proven to be while demonstrating his many admirable qualities. The time and effort he has so generously dedicated to 4-H and other committees deserves the honorable recognition that The Golden Horseshoe Award represents.

FACULTY FORUM



Greetings,

This is the first Newsline of the New Year, and all of us in the 4-H Youth Development program at the WSU Extension-Clark County office hope that you and your families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. The holidays are a time of sharing and giving, a time of generosity. While the season of caring, sharing, and giving is still fresh in our hearts and minds, it seems appropriate for us to turn our attention to Generosity, one of the four 4-H Essential Elements. In the coming year, each quarterly issue of Newsline will highlight one of the 4-H Essential Elements.

You may recall that Dr. Cathann Kress, the Director of the National 4-H Headquarters, has identified four basic, or essential, elements that young people need in order to develop into healthy, productive members of society. Along with a sense of belonging, independence, and mastery, they must develop a sense of generosity in order to feel that their lives have purpose and meaning beyond their own interests. According to Dr. Kress, "finding one's self begins with losing yourself in the service of others". The experience of receiving and extending generosity helps children and teens develop a broad sense of empathy that allows them to connect not only with their family members and friends, but with the community at large. This, in turn, develops their ability to see "the big picture", and to use this broader perspective when encountering and tackling life's challenges.

What happens when a young person's need to develop a sense of generosity is unmet? Research confirms what our own experiences tell us: These youth have difficulty focusing beyond themselves, at the cost of meaningful relationships and, sometimes, the well being of others. When the need for generosity is unmet youth typically act selfishly, lack sympathy and empathy, and may even intentionally exploit others for their own gain. Those whose need for developing a sense of generosity has been negatively met often feel unable to have an impact on the world around them. While this can lead to a sense of helplessness and shame in the youth, others often perceive them as "martyrs" or "victims".

The 4-H Youth Development program has long promoted and fostered the development of generosity in young people: This value is imbedded in the 4-H pledge, through which 4-Hers dedicate their "hands to larger service". The feature article for this issue, written by Bethany Butler of the 4-H Range Riders horse club, celebrates the generosity of one of Clark County 4-H's long-time leaders, Dr. Jack Giesy; the Golden Horseshoe Award was renamed last year in honor of Dr. Giesy's many

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years of service to 4-H. In the coming year, I challenge each of the 133 Clark County 4-H clubs to follow the lead of Dr. Giesy and participate in an act of community service. Remember that the generous act that enriches the lives of others today will enrich the lives of our 4-H youth in the many tomorrows that follow.

Karen Poulin, Extension Faculty 4-H Youth Development



NOTES FROM THE BOARD

Information From Your Clark County Leaders' Association Executive Board

Leaders' Association Meeting Minutes - Oct. 2005

Minutes taken by Kirk Gresham

Meeting was called to order by **Peggy Gresham**.

Becky Meats (Association Treasurer) reported that there was \$3744.90 in the CD and \$83.15 in the checking account. The scholarship funds have a total of \$5177. She was pleased to report that the scholarship raffle raised \$1722 during this year's fair. She encouraged leaders to have their members pay the \$3 fee with their enrollments to support activities, grants and awards that the council funds pay for during the year. It was decided that we stop conducting the door prize at the meetings due to the drain on funds.

Those attending State Forum witnessed **Susan Wright** and **Katie Nieman** recognized as our Outstanding Leaders of the Year and **Bob and Nancy Peck** being inducted into the 4-H Hall of Fame for their contribution to the 4-H program. Bob and Nancy are also designated at the 2006 Volunteers of the Year by the Clark County Fair!

State 4-H Fair will be producing a calendar for the 2006 year and auctioned off the picture rights for each month. Clark County will have two pages. The calendar will be available online (at www.cafepress.com/wast4hfair) as well as note cards and recipe books from the blue ribbon entries.

Karen Poulin reported the development of the Center for Youth Work Force Preparation. Teenworks explores the World of Work and is spearheaded by **Mike Holroyd**. On October 22nd they had an illusionist show which they related to math and science.

Maureen Witters announced that she is recruiting youth grade 8 through age 19 for the County Ambassadors project which will increase public awareness and present a public image of 4-H by participating in community activities. They are also looking for an adult leader for this project.

Sarah Brown was chosen to run for our State 4-H Ambassador to be elected at SW Teen rally on November 4th & 5th. We can have two from each county/district and already have **Jessica Keirn**. Another role available to teens is County Teen Representative. Youth must be grades 8-10 and have two years in 4-H in a leadership role.

A new program this year will be called Parent Orientation. It will help parents to get the most out of 4-H and parents and youth can attend. She also mentioned that the teens spoke at the proclamations by the City Council and County Commissioners for 4-H week in October.

Training schedules for new leaders, general leaders, key leaders, and superintendents (that have not held that position before) were discussed.

Karen also encouraged club leaders to please be considerate of the condition that the rooms are left in at C.A.S.E.E. following meetings. There is a list of requirements in each room and the 4-H office.

Karen would like to see the Leaders Association's committees become active. She sees the following committees as most needed:

- Training Committee - to guide and provide input particularly for new leaders and to create a group of mentors
- Fund-raising Committee – as our public monies have been shrinking, we are having to lean towards private funding.
- Community Outreach – coordinating 4-H participation in parades, festivals, etc.

4-H In Action – there will be a meeting on October 27th, 7:00 p.m., at C.A.S.E.E. which will be the only planning meeting for the March 11th event. We need to print and send the brochure by the end of December. This event will be open to the public.

Friendly reminders given for the following :

- Financial report deadline
- Program enrollment fee of \$3 for members
- Premium and Awards Committee will be meeting and any project requesting new funding must be represented.

The proposed Bylaw changes were presented for final approval. **Kirk Gresham** suggested that the wording "Up to four" be added in the paragraph about Youth Representatives since we were not required to have four but could have up to four. The membership voted to accept the Bylaw changes.

The Clark County Fair Association asked us to appoint our 4-H representative position for the next three year term. It was approved by the members that **Janet Belcoff** would remain in that position.

Janet reported that the Premium & Awards Committee will be reviewing how judges should be selected and paid.

Sharon Marble, Chair of the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for Leaders Association for the coming year as follows:

President – Jeff Miltenberger

Vice President – Peggy Gresham

Secretary – Kathy Giberson

Treasurer – Becky Meats

Past President – Louise Owen

Kirk Gresham moved for to accept a unanimous ballot and Sharon seconded. Motion passed.

Project Area Reports:

Dogs had a successful fair. In showmanship they had 35 kids show and won 4 Champions and 6 Reserves. In Obedience they took 6 Champions and 6 Reserves!

Stepanie Hope reported on the new State Fair Pubic Speaking class on Commodities. Our champions: Seafood – **Donovan Bisbee** Apples – **Greta Stuhlsatz** Dairy – **Erich Hodges**. She would like to have kids present this class at 4-H In Action. Guidelines for this class are available from State.

Horse: **Jacquelin Sprenger** won champion horse judging and earned the right to attend Nationals. The Leaders Association contributed \$100 towards her expenses.

Sheep: **McKenzie Walker** won a Montadale ewe through an essay contest!

Cavies: Sr. Judging Team took 1st at State

Llamas: All of the clubs are getting ready for the Holiday party where they will be raising funds for the victims of Katrina. Clark County did very well in the competitions at State Fair.

Photography: **Bob Peck** reported that our youth received a number of special ribbons at State Fair!

Rabbits reported 6-8 showing at state and hoped to do even better next year.

Nancy Peck reported that she and Bob took up 222 exhibits and that one entry by **Shacura Brown** was named Top Quilt in State. Gardening entries also received special merits.

Poultry: they had 13–14 seniors and took 3 of the top 5 awards!

Overall Building Superintendent said that everything went well at County and that they had some great suggestions for improvements for next year.

Cats: **Nancy Dykes** reported that they had top 10 in Fitting and Showing and did well in judging.

The Halloween Carnival was discussed, and **Nancy Dykes** also provided an update on the Battle Ground fairgrounds proposed Skate Park. She expressed concern over the proposed taking down of the 4-H building there and encouraged participation in upcoming planning meetings.

Nancy Peck announced that table and chair sets are needed for the kitchens at fair. She also encouraged youth to do educational posters for the 4-H building as the State Commissioners were looking for youth entries and lots of educational information.

Meeting was adjourned.

Key Leader and Superintendent Election Results

4-H Animal Division:

Beef - Key Leader **Janie Call**, Superintendent **Randy Goecke**

Cats - Key Leader **Debra Kanis**, Superintendent **Janet Schweizer**

Cavy - Key Leader **Linda Heeley**, Superintendent **Kara Kiedrowski**

Dairy - Key Leader **Martha and Steven Belcoff**,
Superintendent **Lucy Hegge**

Dog - Key Leader **Barbara Coley**, Superintendent **Joylnn Klaus**

Goat - Key Leader **Cindy Bean**, Superintendent **Candy Yarnell**

Horse - Key Leader **Joylnn Turner**, Superintendent **Nelson Copeland**

Llama - Key Leader **Meggan Mumford**,
Superintendent **Martha Brooks**

Livestock Judging - Superintendent **Tracy Haslem**

Pigeon - No Results available

Poultry - Key Leader **Kathy Giberson**,
Superintendent **Kevin Noorlander**

Service Dogs - No Results available

Sheep - Key Leader **Kelly Babcock**,
Superintendent **Jeff Miltenberger**

Swine - Key Leader **Kristin Deputy**, Superintendent **Denise Still**

Vet. Science - Key Leader – none (no clubs),
Superintendent **Matt Wannamaker**

Wool - Key Leader – none (no clubs), Superintendent **Teresa Taylor**

Family Living Division:

Key Leader **Nancy Peck**

Baking - Superintendent **Shaun Christenson**

BBQ - Superintendent **Anita Correy**

Clothing/Sew Activities -
Superintendent **Sindy Vieting**

Consumer Selection - Superintendent **Daschel Bice**

Family Living - Superintendent **Dewena Carlson**

Fashion Revue/On the Spot - Superintendent **Jill Scott**

Food Preservation - Superintendent **Rosemary Holloway**

Kitchen Activities/Sewing Exhibits -
Superintendent **Nancy Peck**

Spinning - Superintendent **Deborah Reida**

Table Setting - Superintendent **Erin Stuhlsatz**

Environmental Stewardship Division:

Archery - Superintendent **Mike Culbertson**

Environmental/ Riflery - Superintendent **Marv Bister**

Sport Fishing - No Results

Expressive Arts Division:

Fine/Applied Arts - Superintendent **Tami Farr**

Photography - **Bob Peck**

Performing Arts - **Ken Bisbee**

General 4-H Division:

Record Book - Superintendent **Ken Bisbee**

Educational Displays - Superintendent - no results

Public Presentation/4-H in Action - **Stephanie Hope**

Health Sciences Division:

Health Science - Superintendent **Oscar Carlson**

International Cross Cultural - Superintendent **Oscar Carlson**

Mechanical Sciences Division:

Superintendent **Oscar Carlson**, Key Leader none

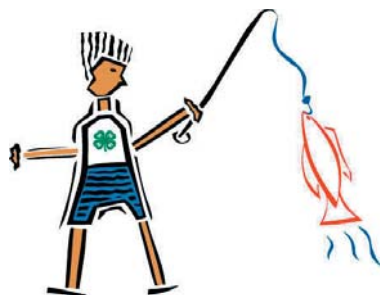
Plant Sciences Division:

Plant Science - Superintendent **Libby Mongue**

Vegetable ID/Home Gardens - Superintendent **Colleen Sawyer**

Mini Division:

Superintendent **Allison Ryan**



Welcome New Leaders

Sally Adams - General Leader, Horse

Betsy Beamer - General Leader, Horse

Amanda Boal-Bennett - General Leader,
Horse

Lynette Carver - General Leader, General

Linda Codi - Project Leader, Horse

Kristin Deputy - Project Leader, Swine

John Finn - Project Leader, Horse

Stephanie Hatton - General Leader, General

Stephanie Hall - General Leader, Horse

Kathy Hammersley - Project Leader, Horse

Erin Harwood - Resource Leader

Genise Hinshaw - General Leader, Horse

Shellie Johnson - General Leader, General

Jeri Sawyer - Project Leader, Dog

Susan Steinbrenner - Project Leader, Swine

Teresa Taylor - Resource Leader

Tom Taylor - Project Leader, Horse

Mary Jo Turnbull - General Leader, Horse

Crystal Turner - Project Leader, Horse

Dave Warner - Project Leader, Canary

Katie Winn - Project Leader, Horse

Timmi Winther - General Leader, General

RECOGNITION

A Look At Some Of Our
4-H Success Stories. . .

Clark County 4-Hers Present to Local Officials

Earlier this fall, County Commissioners and the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Vancouver honored Clark County 4-H with official proclamations of National 4-H Week. To offer our elected officials a youth perspective on the 4-H Youth Development Program, 4-Hers **Kelby Kiedrowski** and **Alisha Pedron** described the importance of the 4-H experience in their lives. Thanks to Alisha and Kelby for being such eloquent ambassadors of Clark County 4-H!



Commissioner Mark Boldt, 4-Hers Alisha Pedron and Kelby Kiedrowski

Thanks, too, to 4-H leaders **Kara and Kevin Kiedrowski, Louise Owen, Peggy and Kirk Gresham, Becky Meats, Jeff Miltenberger,** and **Janet Bellcoff** for attending the proclamation ceremonies in support of Alisha, Kelby, and Clark County 4-H!

Congratulations to Essay Contest Winners!

This past fall, the Clark County 4-H Leaders' Association sponsored the second annual essay contest in honor of National 4-H Week. Congratulations to senior **Greta Stuhlsatz** of Udderly Goatesque, intermediate **Cheyenne Ward** of Llucky Llama Llovers, and junior **Bethany McCamish** of Mutts & Masters for their winning essays! They explained how 4-H has helped them to live healthier lives. **Llucky Llama Llovers** and **Mutts & Masters** will share the prize for the club with most entries. They were invited to read their essays at the January quarterly meeting of the Clark County 4-H Leaders' Association.

Vet Science Project Award

Washington State University Extension Clark County – 4-H Youth Development Program's Veterinary Science Project Award for 2004/2005 has been awarded to **Melissa Brown**. Melissa is an Intermediate in the Country Critters 4-H Club. The award was based on Melissa's achievement with outstanding work in Rabbit Breeding and Production. Competing for this award involves being enrolled in the 4-H Veterinary

Science Project, performing Area and County Presentations, keeping and entering a 4-H Record book at Clark County Fair and a completed book in October, and participating in the Clark County Fair 4-H Veterinary Science area by an exhibit and/or a Talk and Silk presentation. Melissa fulfilled all the above requirements in excellent form.

A Certificate and Award of \$75.00 was presented to Melissa by **Matt Wannamaker**, the Veterinary Science 4-H Superintendent, during her Club meeting in November with her peers, leaders, and mother looking on. The WSU Extension Clark County 4-H Development Program faculty and staff congratulate Melissa on her commitment and a job well done. Congratulations!

Clark County Well-Represented at Washington State 4-H Leaders' Forum

Submitted by Sharon Marble

Fifteen 4-H leaders, youth and staff from Clark County attended the 2005 4-H Leader's Forum, "Catch The Wave" at Ocean Shores Washington October 14th –16th. The first day featured day-long workshops to allow volunteers and staff to delve deeper into projects and new training areas -- Mobile Tech Lab & Van Training, Clothing & Textiles Advance Training, Working With Teens, and Volunteer Training.

The 4-H Summit on Friday was led by the 4-H Core Committee soliciting input from Forum attendees to guide the 4-H Washington Youth Development Program. This was followed by District Meetings.

The day concluded with the Recognition Banquet. Honored as Clark County's 4-H Volunteers of the Year were **Susan Wright** and **Katie Nieman**. Two of the 4-H Hall of Fame inductees were **Bob & Nancy Peck** from Battle Ground.

Forty workshops and three tours were offered on Saturday. The workshops ranged from dog obedience and photography to horse related projects and the new microwave project. The weather was beautiful and the beach was open for clamming in the afternoon. There wasn't a lack of activities to choose from. Saturday concluded with a banquet with Hawaiian entertainment and the annual 4-H Charity Auction.

Sunday was the 4-H Council Meeting and election of State Advisory Board and State Fair Board. Changes and concerns regarding 4-H projects and activities that had been submitted prior to the Forum were addressed and voted on. Elected to serve on the State Fair Board was **Jack Giesy**, who joins **Kirk Gresham**, also serving on the Board from SW District. Elected from Clark County to serve on the State Fair Board in the youth state at large position was **Erich Hodges** from Clark County.

4-H Robotics Club Earns Tournament Honors

On December 3rd, a Lego robotics Tournament was held at Salmon Creek Elementary School. More than 200 Washington and Oregon youth competed in the event. Teams used robots they designed and programmed to complete tasks simulating real world challenges such as environmental clean-up, archeological exploration, and submarine

deployment. No Batteries Required, a Clark County 4-H robotics team, was awarded the tournament trophy for Project Presentation. Congratulations! For more information about the 4-H robotics project, please see Grant Carson's article in this issue under Educational Opportunities.

More "Mooving" 4-H News

Submitted by Erich Hodges, member of Mod Milkers and Horse Masters

Hello again! In the last issue of the "Newsliner," I promised to give a report after I returned from the National 4-H Dairy Conference, held October 1st - 6th, 2005, in Madison, WI.

Heather Brannon, Mr. Fredricks, our chaperone, and I were at Sea-Tac airport at 6:00 a.m. on October 1st to start our trip, and we never slowed down for six days! We traveled with the other three Washington state representatives to the conference and the state judging team, of which another Clark County 4-Her, **Cody Stauffer**, was a member.

I knew the conference would have a lot to offer, but I had no idea how huge it would be. We toured the Hoard's Dairy, with its famous herd of Guernseys. We traveled to breeding farms and saw first-hand how only the best stock are kept for the purpose of improving the various breeds for confirmation and production. At one center, for reasons of extreme care in sanitation, we were not allowed to get off the tour buses, but everything was presented so we could easily see from the bus. Even the wheels of the busses were sprayed with disinfectant! Everywhere we went, big signs welcomed the 4-Hers.

Delegates had the chance to hear rousing keynote speakers, whose theme throughout the conference was, "Keep on doing what you're doing!" to promote dairy in 4-H and in our country. We had the opportunity to discuss concerns with many experts from around the United States, including leading university authorities and Extension agents.

The hands-on science experiments and demonstrations were my favorites, and I especially liked learning about liquid nitrogen and its properties. They even taught us how to make ice cream using it!

A gigantic trade show was part of the event at the main convention center, where we also got to watch the judging competition. I was lucky, because it was "my" breed, the Brown Swiss, which was being judged that day. Now I am really inspired to study pedigrees and breeding histories (which we also learned about) in selecting sires. What impressed me most about the trade show was that even though it was overwhelming in size, the vendors and educators were all willing to take their time and talk to us as if we were the most important clients of the day. Each one kept referring to the future of dairying in our country, how important it will be, and how 4-H helps to keep it going.

From the minute we left Seattle, I met new people involved with 4-H, and made some great friends along the way. The two guys from Washington, Alex and I, roomed with one from Idaho. We got to know each other pretty well during our time there, and I am sure our paths will cross again. We also learned

that even with three clocks, when you're so exhausted, it's easy to miss the alarm!

Mr. Fredricks' experience made this the trip of a lifetime. He was patient, organized and informative. The Clark County Dairy Women and the Washington Dairy Endowment Fund were sponsors for Heather, Cody and me, and we can't thank them enough! I would recommend applying for this once-in-a-lifetime trip to anyone in dairy 4-H who has a sincere desire to learn in depth about the industry.

Washington 4-H has given me another great opportunity. I was just selected to serve as an at-large teen member of the State 4-H Fair Board, at the Washington State 4-H Forum held in Ocean Shores last month. I will represent not only local teens, but those in the eastern half of the state. Clark County is now represented by three members on the board: **Mr. Kirk Gresham, Dr. Jack Giesy**, and me. I am excited and honored to have been chosen. Please contact me at Brownswiss@aol.com if you have any questions or concerns about the State 4-H Fair. I will be happy to research the answer, forward your questions to the right source of information, or pass along your suggestions about the fair. I would also encourage any 4-H youth, from 7th through 11th grades, to look into the many 4-H leadership roles available! Just ask your 4-H leader, or contact the WSU Extension office at C.A.S.E.E., 397-6060. You will be surprised about how you can learn while doing!

Jennifer Fisher, Erich Hodges, and Cody Stauffer Clark County Senior Dairy 4-H Judging Team at the WA State 4-H fair.



Washington 4-H Alumni Named CEO of Museum of Flight

The museum of Flight in Seattle has named NASA astronaut, Bonnie Dunbar, as its new president and CEO. Dr. Dunbar is a former 4-H member from Yakima County who credits 4-H with stimulating her early interest in the sciences, mathematics, and graduating from High School. She was the capstone speaker at the State 4-H Teen Conference a number of years ago and was a most impressive example of the best out 4-H Program has to offer.

A native of Washington, Dunbar has served on five space missions, logging more than 50 days in orbit aboard four shuttles. Her most recent spaceflight was the STS-89 mission aboard the shuttle Endeavour in January 1998. As payload manager, she was responsible for more than 4 tons of scientific equipment, supplies, and water that were delivered to the Russian space station Mir. Her final assignment at NASA has been as associate director of technology integration and risk management at the Johnson Space Center's Space and Life Science Directorate. She retired from the space agency effective September 30th.

"Our Joyce" Remembering Joyce Keirn

Submitted by Clarence L. Petty

When Steve talks about his wife he uses the term "my Joyce" and I am borrowing that for the title of this.

Joyce Ann Graffing- Keirn was born in Hibbing, Minnesota on June 23rd, 1948. She has spent her life helping young people. When Joyce and Steve met she was working with young people in a camp. The family moved to Vancouver about 14 years ago and Joyce was an active community leader even then, a leader in Campfire and a leader in the Lincoln Neighborhood Association. She was also a teacher's assistant in Vancouver, Schools once again helping kids.

We first met Joyce over ten years ago when she came to sign Jessica up in Tailored-To-Ride 4-H club. Joyce was very smart, very

articulate and loved kids. She became a firm supporter of Tailored-To-Ride 4-H club and soon became a project leader in our club. She had great ideas about things that should be done in 4-H and would call me when she had an idea and if it was good I would tell her to have at it and I would support her. Often if I didn't like the idea she would try it anyway. She was kind of independent and I like her for that. Joyce was instrumental in starting the March Winds Clinic and the Clark County Tack Sale at our annual Silver Buckle Open Horse show. This is the major fund raiser for our club.

Then she got interested in the Equine Equestrian Teams for high schools (this isn't 4-H but is for kids) and invited me to the first meeting with WAHSET and I couldn't make it. She couldn't get the teams started at Hudson Bay High School where Jessica went but never quit supporting the idea. We now have these clubs in Hockinson, Ridgefield and La Center High schools and I hope soon in Camas.

Joyce became a leader in her own club, Hop, Skip and Jump and was successful in starting dressage for 4-H in the county. With your help we intend to keep it going. I would like to see 4-H dressage in honor of Joyce this year and want to name put her name on the plaques.

She was always telling me what she wanted done and I usually helped or encouraged her. Her last direction to me was at the fair when I asked her at dressage what she wanted me to do and she said "I have you signed up to do the gate, didn't I tell you?" and then came the smile and I couldn't say no.

That is a few of the things I remember about Joyce. I always thought that Joyce would be writing this about me and never dreamed that I would outlive her.

**REACHING OUT
Recent Efforts and
Future Opportunities**



Horse Masters 4-H Club Helps Local Communities

Submitted by Margot Hodges

October: Members collected and delivered backpacks and canned/ packaged foods for Share, of Vancouver, Washington. Donations went toward their weekend food distribution to students project.

November: The club prepared 30 fleece blankets (edging and fringe) for the Sunshine Project of the Sundahl family of Amboy, who have two daughters in our club. The girls distribute the blankets to young patients at Legacy Emanuel Hospital in Portland each December, in memory of their brother, Jacob, who died during heart surgery there.

December: The 4-Hers of Horse Masters participated in the "Walk and Knock" program collecting food for the Clark County food banks. They took on three or four routes this year, donating approximately 100 hours of community service on this project alone.

Llama Project 4-Hers Challenge Others to Help Hurricane Victims

Submitted by Danielle Casper, 4-H Leader

The members and leaders of the Woolly Amigos, Llucky Llama Llovers, Curious Companions, and Cushin' Cousins, all from the llama project area, will be making a sizeable donation to Habitat for Humanity on behalf of the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. At their annual area Christmas party on Dec. 10th, a raffle was held generating \$138.25, to which the Woolly Amigos added \$100 from their spring fund-raiser. When the members first set out to raise the money they challenged the Southwest Washington Llama Association to meet their donation. Now we want to challenge other project areas and clubs to meet the llama area's donation. Our fellow 4-Hers and animal owners need our help so, if you, can please try to meet this important challenge!

4-H County Fair Kitchens Need Help

We are in need of some new tablecloths. Cloths about 60 X 84 or a little larger would work well. They need to be in good condition and appropriate for a dressed-up table for the public to observe while our kitchens are on display. They must be washable/machine dryable. Our kitchens could also use some pots and pans in good condition with lids. If you have any questions, contact **Nancy Peck** at 360-687-2312.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Local, State, Regional,
National, International



County Ambassadors

We are currently in the process of forming a County Ambassador team to provide additional leadership opportunities for youth in grade 8 through age 19. County Ambassadors will promote 4-H in the community, help plan and conduct county events and activities, increase awareness of opportunities within the 4-H program, be a resource to county 4-H staff, and be role models to club members at all levels. If you are interested in this leadership opportunity, or know someone who might be, please contact Maureen Witters at 397-6060 ext 7715 or Maureen.Witters@clark.wa.gov.

County Teen Representatives

Enclosed in this issue of Newline is an application for County Teen Representative. This new program, administered by the state 4-H office, provides for the selection of two Teen Representatives from each county who will receive training in teamwork, small group facilitation, program/event evaluation, public speaking, and business and email etiquette. 4-H members in grades 8, 9, or 10 who have been members for at least two years and in a club leadership role for at least one year

are eligible to apply. In addition, applicants must have consistently attended and actively participated in club/project related activities and meetings, been involved in organizing community service projects at the club level, and be endorsed by their Club Leader and county office. For more information about the County Teen Representative program, go to: <http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/trp/description.htm>. If you are interested in this leadership opportunity, please complete the enclosed application form and return it to the 4-H office by February 28th. The Leaders' Association Executive Board will review the applications and select Clark County's two Teen Representatives.

New Educational Opportunities for 4-H Leaders and Parents

This year we have implemented a continuing education program to assist leaders and parents in helping club members gain skills in several areas: keeping record books, participating in public presentations, and creating educational displays. The first workshop in this series, "Helping Members with Record Books," will be held on Tuesday, January 31st, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in C.A.S.E.E. 206. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Marcia Wannamaker at 397-6060 x7701 or Marcia.Wannamaker@clark.wa.gov.

The next workshop, "Helping Members with Public Presentations," will be held Tuesday, February 28th, followed by "Helping Members with Educational Displays" on Tuesday, March 28th. Please join us to enhance your knowledge in these important skill areas.

If you are a leader or parent of a member planning to participate in the 2006 Clark County Fair, please join us on Tuesday, May 23rd for a workshop on "Opportunities for Member Participation at Clark County Fair." This information will be particularly valuable for new leaders and parents who want to know what to expect before, during, and after Fair, but also for all parents and leaders who want to assure a positive Fair experience.

Also new this year is a workshop for 4-H parents entitled, "Help Your Child Get the

Most from 4-H.” If you are a new 4-H parent wondering what 4-H is all about or an experienced 4-H parent interested in learning more about 4-H opportunities for youth and helping your 4-Her make the most of his/her 4-H experience, please join us on Tuesday, February 21st for this workshop. The workshop will be repeated on Tuesday, April 4th, Tuesday, May 16th, and Thursday, July 13th.

All classes will be held from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at C.A.S.E.E.

County Presentations

Clark County Public Presentation Day will be held Saturday April 22nd all day.

The format of County Presentation Day has been changed as follows:

- The members will come at a specific block of time (say Seniors from 9:00 to 12:00).
- Members will sign in, first come, first served.
- Speeches will be presented to the whole group of 4-H members, their families and anyone who wants to watch.

By making these changes:

- Members will learn to become better speakers by watching and learning from each other.
- There will be no “down time” for speakers who are not able to make their scheduled time slots.
- Younger members may come and watch more senior members and learn from them.
- Youth will be better prepared for speaking at State Fair, which is open to all.
- Youth will be better prepared for “real world” speaking opportunities including, interviews, school projects and other contests.
- Best speaker awards will be announced at that time, eliminating the “mystery” of why a certain youth was selected as best.

Contact **Stephanie Hope** at 687-6933 or appy_mom@hotmail.com to register for **county** presentations (pre-registration is required). Contact **Marcia Wannamaker** at the WSU Extension office, 397-6060 ext 7701, for information on **area** presentations.

Robotics Project Available

Submitted by Grant Carson, President, No Batteries Required Robotics Club

The FIRST Lego League*(FLL) Robotics is a great way to explore a career as a robot engineer or a computer programmer. Teamwork is the key to finding any solution on a robot team. Teamwork is constantly needed as we brainstorm for creative ways to tackle missions and overcome obstacles. FLL robotics has helped boost my ability to work with other people on projects.

The way FLL operates is each team or club participating gets a field set-up kit in September. In the field set-up you are given a map that goes down on a four by eight foot table, and a series of missions that go on the map. You need to build a robot using strictly lego pieces (usually you can order a kit from FLL that has everything you need, or talk to the 4-H office about borrowing a kit). Then you use a programmer that is on your computer to program and operate your robot. With Robolab software you can easily create programs for your robot and simply use a IR tower (infa-red) to upload it to your robot. Then push the run button on your robot and watch it spring to life.

Your team gets until December to try to program your robot to complete as many of the missions as possible. You also must come up with a research presentation that has something to do with that year’s theme (for instance if the theme is oceans, you might decide to give a talk about how to preserve the oceans habitat.)

In December you go to a local tournament and compete against other teams. The four different judging areas of the tournament are: 1. How well your robot preforms on the competition table. 2. Your presentation, and how well chosen your topic was. 3. Team work. 4. How well your robot was constructed and how creative your attachments were. (The attachments are what actually complete the mission, such as the arm that grabs and moves one of the mission pieces.)

As a rookie team, we went to the tournament totally unprepared, but even so we had a blast and learned a lot of stuff about how to do our robot differently. The tournament was especially fun because you were never bored! My team and I were constantly busy with either our checking our robot, competing, or heading to the practice tables. The only times we ever sat down for more than five minutes was at lunch time and at the award ceremony! FLL robotics is a great program and I would suggest it to anyone who wants to start a team that will improve a child’s teamwork skills, design skills, and most of all programming skills!

For more information regarding this project contact the WSU Extension Clark County office, 397-6060 ext. 7701

**The FIRST LEGO League (FLL), considered the “little league” of the FIRST Robotics Competition, is the result of a partnership between FIRST and the LEGO Group. FLL extends the FIRST concept of inspiring and celebrating science and technology to children aged 9 through 14, using real-world context and hands-on experimentation.*



4-H Exchange Opportunity

By Pat BoyEs



A Montana county 4-H program would like to arrange an exchange experience with another Northwest county. See the information below, if you are interested.

Valley County, Montana

We are located in Valley County in NE Montana. Our northern boundary is the Canadian border, and our southern boundary is the Missouri river. Glasgow is the county seat and has a population of approximately 3,500. We are primarily a dryland, small grain, beef cattle area with some flood irrigation along the rivers and through pivot systems.

Valley County 4-H consists of 10 clubs located throughout the county. Members are involved in a wide-range of projects, but a majority of them involve market beef, swine, and sheep.

Fort Peck Lake is located 20 miles from Glasgow and provides swimming and boating recreation. The lake is also the sight of the Fort Peck Dam which is the largest hydraulic earth-filled dam in the world. The Fort Peck Dam served as a model of design for the vast majority of major earth fill dams build after it. Fort Peck is also the home of the Fort Peck Warm Water Fish Hatchery which is scheduled to open in the spring of 2006. And, it is home to the Fort Peck Interpretive Center, a newly completed museum.

We have approximately 20 members interested in a state exchange ranging in age from 13-16. We'd like to host in 2006 and travel in 2007.

Please contact Laura Barnes at 406-228-3906 (weekdays) or 406-785-2281 (evenings). Email address is 3barnes@nemontel.net.

Internship Opportunities

U.S. Senator Patty Murray is looking for interns who want to learn more about the federal government and want to be part of a hardworking team, dedicated to serving the citizens of Washington State.

Qualifications: Applicants must be graduate or undergraduate college students who have completed at least one year of college and whose permanent residence is the State of Washington or are attending a Washington state college or university.

Program Outline: Internship sessions are scheduled on the academic quarter - fall, winter, spring, summer. Internships are unpaid and are available for school credit if approved by your college or university. Interns typically work full time (40 hours per week), however part-time schedules can be accommodated. Senator Murray's D.C. office offers legislative and press internships. Outreach and constituent casework internships are available in the state offices of Seattle, Everett, Vancouver, and Spokane.

Job Description: Interns work in all areas of the office. Responsibilities include: researching, writing and editing responses to constituent letters, press releases, and constituent requests, completing constituent casework, attending hearings and briefings, and performing a variety of administrative tasks including answering calls from constituents and greeting visitors.

Applications are available online at: <http://murray.senate.gov/internship>.

For Washington State Internships:
Office of Senator Patty Murray
Attn: Ireneo Bartolome
2988 Jackson Federal Building
Seattle, WA 98174-1003
Phone: 206-553-5545,
Fax: 206-553-0891
interncoordinator@murray.senate.gov

For D.C. Internships:
Office of Senator Patty Murray
Attn: Kelsey Knowles
173 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Phone: 202-224-2621, Fax: 202-224-0238

Note: Because of offsite screening, mail to the DC office will take an extra 2 weeks.

Rwanda Project Seeking Youth Team Members

By Carey Roos

Does this describe you?

- 4-H young adult
- Over the age of 18
- With computer skills
- Experience teaching and sharing their skills with others
- A sense of adventure and a willingness to travel
- With an appreciation for diversity and multicultural experiences
- Physically fit for strenuous international travel

If you can check all seven boxes, you are just the person we need for a travel and learning experience of a lifetime in June 2006.

The Project

The Washington State University Center to Bridge the Digital Divide [CBDD] is building a youth-led technology-training program in Kigali, Rwanda. The CBDD, in cooperation with WSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program, is seeking talented 4-H youth to help their peers in Africa improve their technology skills.

Four Washington State 4-H young adults have already participated in the program in 2005 and we are excited about being able to offer the opportunity to more young adults this year.

For more detailed information on the project, please visit <http://cbdd.wsu.edu/initiatives/bit/> or read the blog where 4-H young adults and staff wrote about their experiences in Rwanda in 2005 <http://cbdd.typepad.com/bit/>.

Commitments

If you join us on this trip, you will be expected to:

- travel to Rwanda with other 4-H youth and adult supervisors
- spend one week helping Rwandan secondary school students and teachers improve their computer skills
- collaborate with and support your fellow travelers in the work that we do
- participate in orientation activities before we travel
- participate in staff meetings in Rwanda in addition to the time spent teaching
- successfully complete the application and screening processes

Costs

This project is funded through a grant from the United States Department of State. Grant funds will pay for vaccinations, air fare, hotels, ground transportation and meals. Grant funds will also cover teaching materials and supplies.

4-H youths who travel to Rwanda will be responsible for paying for their own passport fees, special clothing, communications, and personal equipment. It is also possible that we may visit parks and museums while in Rwanda. 4-H youth will be responsible for paying for their own entrance fees to these activities.

Application:

Deadline for application is February 17th, 2006. If you are interested in being part of this project, contact

Carey Roos roos@wsu.edu (253) 445-4551 or **Colleen Taugher** colleent@wsu.edu (509) 335-7038

4-H Veterinary Science Project Award

4-H Veterinary Science Project announces the second Annual Award Contest for outstanding Intermediate and Senior project members.

RULES:

1. Must be an Intermediated or Senior 4-H member enrolled in one of the Veterinary Science Projects: The Normal Animal, Animal Disease, and Immunology, Zoonoses, or Public Health.
2. Must complete an Area and County Public Presentation
3. Must enter a Veterinary Science Display and/or a Skill and Talk presentation during the 2006 Clark County Fair.
4. Must complete a 4-H Record Book on your Vet Science project and enter the book into the current Clark County Fair and a completed book October 13th at the WSU Extension Clark County – 4-H Youth Development Office.
5. All presentation materials (written copy of talks and presentations, displays). And completed Record Book will be turned in to WSU Extension Clark County – 4-H Youth Development Program by October 13th, 2006 along with a 3x5 index card with the Member name, ID number, Club name and number, and 4-H Leader's name.

Veterinary Science Project Awards

(open to Intermediates and Seniors in Vet Science 4-H Projects)

First Prize - \$75.00

Second Prize - \$50.00

Third Prize - \$25.00

For call 360-397-6060 ext. 7701



Scholarships Available to Graduating 4-H Seniors

- At least eight 4-H scholarships are being offered statewide. They may vary in amount, and they are very attainable by our county members. One completed application will qualify you for consideration in all scholarships. Applications are to be postmarked by March 1st. Contact the Extension Office or the Washington State 4-H web site for the application: <http://4h.wsu.edu>.
- Clark County 4-H Leaders' Association offers several scholarships of varying amounts to our members. Make sure you are using the 2006 version of the application. Applications can be obtained at the WSU Extension Office. The due date is April 18th. If you need help or have ANY questions, call **Nancy Peck** at 687-2312.

Scholarship Help Available

All junior and senior high school 4-H members/leaders/parents are invited to a scholarship information session on February 16th, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the conference room of the WSU Extension office at C.A.S.E.E. Come with your questions or just pick-up some helpful hints about how to fill out the application. For questions, call **Nancy Peck** at 687-2312. Scholarship applications are available at the WSU Extension office.