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Congratulations to all
the 4-H members and leaders
recognized at the October 29 4-H
Achievement Afternoon.

See page 7 for a complete
list of names.

THURSTON COUNTY 4-H

The New 4-H Year Oct. 2006- Sept. 2007

October marked the beginning of the new 4-H year. Club leaders, if you haven't picked-up and returned your re-enrollment packet you are now overdue! Completed packets were to be returned by **December 1, 2006**. Please be aware that adult volunteers and leaders are not covered by WSU Liability Insurance until there is an official record of re-enrollment in the 4-H Office. *Note: it is important for parents to sign the re-enrollment and new enrollment forms for their children. Please double check for signatures before submitting forms to the 4-H Office.*

4-H Clubs that Need to Pick-Up Packets

113 - Guy's Tribe
220 - Wilma's Flock
308 - Campbell Family
315 - Busy Bees
420 - Spurgeon Creek Livestock
701 - Berndt Family
805 - Violet Prairie Critters Craft

Please visit the Extension Office as soon as possible to pick-up your re-enrollment packet.

4-H Club Accident Insurance

Reminder to 4-H Club leaders, don't forget to renew your annual 4-H accident insurance policy with American Income Life. All 4-H Clubs are **HIGHLY ENCOURAGED** to obtain accident insurance through American Income Life. All horse 4-H clubs are required to obtain 4-H club accident insurance through American Income Life. To receive a brochure explaining 4-H accident insurance please contact the 4-H Office or apply online at:
www.americanincomelife.com/4h2.htm

New Leader Orientation

New Leader Orientation is required for all new adult 4-H volunteers. This orientation is the first step in becoming a 4-H volunteer leader and is how new volunteers receive leader application materials. Parents wanting to assist 4-H clubs as officially enrolled volunteers need to attend the New Leader Orientation. Orientation includes an introduction to 4-H philosophy, 4-H policies, and 4-H activities. A packet full of helpful 4-H publications and information is distributed at orientation.

New Leader Orientations will be held at the WSU Thurston County Extension Office starting at 7:00 p.m. on the following evenings:

Tues., Jan. 16

Wed., Feb. 7

Mon., March 5

More dates to be announced.

Pre-registration is required, please call ahead! Orientations with too few registrations are subject to cancellation.

Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) Schedule

Volunteer Leader Training Dates have been scheduled for April.

Remember all new 4-H volunteers, (i.e. Club Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Resource Leaders, and officially enrolled Parent Volunteers) are required to complete VLT; now offered in three segments.

Pre-registration is required to participate in VLT. Please contact the 4-H Office for more details.

Volunteers must complete all three parts to receive training certification and retain active leader/volunteer status.

Part 1 - Tuesday, April 10,
6:30 to 9 p.m., Extension Office

Part 2 - Tuesday, April 17,
6:30 to 9 p.m., Extension Office

Part 3 - Tuesday, April 24,
6:30 to 9 p.m., Extension Office

Volunteers Overdue for Leader Training (VLT)

Volunteers overdue for Volunteer Leader Training (VLT) are not eligible for re-enrollment until the training requirement has been met. Volunteers overdue for training were mailed notification letters this past September. For those overdue volunteers that missed the October and November training opportunities, you will need to write a letter of intent stating you plan to attend the April training or you will not be eligible to re-enroll in 2007. Contact the 4-H Office for more details.

Attention Teens! 4-H Needs You

Teens, the Thurston County 4-H Office needs you! We are looking for teens (6th through 10th grade) to serve as our "County Teen Representatives" a.k.a. "CTR's" and teens (10th grade through 12th grade) to serve as County Ambassadors. The Thurston County 4-H Teen Leadership team is your opportunity to work in partnership with 4-H Office and 4-H Council to promote 4-H and develop leadership skills.

You can choose from the important jobs below:

1. Help organize workshops/club trainings on such topics as: teambuilding, marketing 4-H, officer training, public speaking, record books, or other topics pertinent to 4-H clubs
2. Market and promote 4-H teen opportunities to county 4-H members

3. Promote 4-H throughout Thurston County as a member of the "4-H Spirit Team"
4. Serve as Thurston County 4-H Council Youth Representative (attend at least 4 quarterly evening meetings throughout the 4-H year)
5. Assist with the annual Thurston County 4-H Achievement Afternoon recognition ceremony
6. Assist with fundraising events that benefit the county-wide 4-H program
7. Want experience doing interviews for radio or TV? Represent the 4-H program at public venues and speaking engagements
8. Help organize, plan, and carry out county-wide 4-H service projects

If you are ready to develop new skills and like a challenge call the 4-H Office today!

Newsletter Game!

Could it be true? Not everyone reads their 4-H Newsletter? To encourage you to read your newsletter we have a new game. The first person to contact the 4-H Office with the answer to the question below will win a fabulous 4-H prize (a nice 4-H mug or Clover socks). The answer is hidden in this issue of the 4-H Newsletter. Read carefully! **Question - Who is the 2006 4-H Leader of the Year?**



Charitable Contributions to Thurston County 4-H

Please consider donating to Thurston County 4-H via the Thurston County 4-H Council if your employer has a volunteer match program or if you would like to make a donation directly to 4-H. Donations received by the Thurston County 4-H Council are used to support the countywide 4-H Program. Donations help to provide "campships" to 4-H members to attend 4-H camp and teen events, sponsor 4-H Achievement Afternoon, purchase supplies for workshops and day camps, and provide training opportunities to adult volunteers.

The Thurston County 4-H Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Internal Revenue Service, in its ruling dated February 9, 1973, stated that donors may deduct contributions to 4-H organizations as provided under section 170 of the 1986 Code (providing the taxpayer itemizes deductions). 4-H organizations are covered in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the code.

Support your local 4-H Program today! Donations can be mailed directly to the 4-H Council:

Attention 4-H Council
c/o WSU Extension
720 Sleater-Kinney Rd SE Ste Y
Lacey, WA 98503

4-H Council Financial Transactions

Attention - All 4-H groups with line item funds in the 4-H Council account. Starting **January 1, 2007**, those individuals/groups wanting reimbursement for 4-H expenses mailed rather than ready for pick-up at the Extension Office will need to provide self-addressed stamped envelopes.

The procedure for reimbursement or deposits will be the same; a 4-H Council Deposit Form or Expense Form needs to be completed when dropping off deposits or receipts for reimbursement. If you can't make it to the WSU Extension Office during business hours please feel free to mail items (not cash) to:

Attention 4-H Council
c/o WSU Extension
720 Sleater-Kinney Rd SE Ste Y
Lacey, WA 98503

Please call the 4-H Office if you have questions regarding banking, fundraising, reimbursements, etc. Remember receipts are always required for reimbursements.

4-H Project Committees

As the Thurston County 4-H Program continues to expand it is becoming increasingly important to utilize committees to help with decision making and project organization. Several 4-H Project areas have countywide "project committees." 4-H Clubs that focus on any of the below project areas are encouraged to send representatives, 4-H club leaders

or parents, to the committee meetings. Teen leaders may also attend the meetings. The upcoming committee meetings are listed below. For a complete year-long meeting schedule please refer to the 4-H dates & deadlines calendar.

Dog Committee - Jan. 2, 7 p.m.
Extension Office

Horse Committee - Jan. 9, 7 pm,
Fairgrounds, Heritage Hall

Rabbit/Cavy Committee - Jan. 9, 7 pm, Extension Office

Arts of the Home Committee
(still life projects) - **Jan. 29, 7 pm,** Extension Office

Goat Committee - Feb. 14, 7 p.m. at Donna Semasko's House

Poultry Committee - call the 4-H Office for dates



We Need You! For the 4-H Spirit Team

Do you have Clover Spirit? Do you dream in green? Then here's your chance to spread the 4-H word! Join the new 4-H Spirit Team!

In order to increase capacity to meet the demands for youth enrollment, 4-H needs more volunteers to help deliver the program. The focus of the *New 4-H Spirit Team* will be to recruit new volunteers and members. To recruit, the *4-H Spirit Team* will

represent Thurston County 4-H at community events, school open houses, 4-H Information Nights, service group meetings, and community center and senior center gatherings.

Duties of the 4-H Spirit Team will include:

- Help coordinate 4-H's participation in community events and community-wide service projects
- Staff promotional booths
- Help plan and coordinate the annual 4-H Mini-Fair
- Prepare and deliver promotional presentations with the help of County Teen Leaders

Call the 4-H Office today to start spreading the green! Or e-mail 4-H Council President, Patrick Kelly at: pak15000@gmail.com



Fair Food Drive 2007

It's never too early to start thinking about collecting non-perishable food donations for the annual 4-H pre-fair food drive. Food Drive donations will be collected on **Sunday, July 29, from 2 to 5 p.m.** at the Thurston County Fairgrounds near the East Arena. Start collecting donations this month, put them in a safe place and hang on to them until the Fair. Why so early, you ask? Because then you'll have a greater selection of food items and folks

will not feel that they have to go shopping just to donate to the food drive. I think you'll be amazed at how much food your club could be donating next year at the Fair! The 4-H Project Area/Barn with the most donations gets their name placed on a plaque that is displayed at the fairgrounds. Are you holding a Winter Holiday Party? Ask everyone to bring a food item for the Fair Food Drive.



Creativity Festivity

Once again Thurston County 4-H will be hosting the 4-H "Creativity Festivity" series. Workshops are open to any school age youth - participants do not need to be 4-H members! So invite your friends to take a fun workshop with you. Workshops will be held at the Extension Office from 6:30 to 8 pm. *Pre-registration is required, so make sure you call the 4-H Office to reserve your spot.*

Workshop choices include:
Jan. 25 - Fun Snacks
Feb. 28 - Sew a Pillow
March 27 - Scrapbooking
April 26 - Calligraphy Part 1 (learn Italic Alphabet)
May 3 - Calligraphy Part 2 (Mother's Day Gift)

Call the 4-H Office for a Creativity Festivity brochure. Brochures will also be distributed to local libraries. Space is limited so get your registration materials today!

Fair "Royalty"

The Heritage Hall stage exhibit for the 2007 fair will be on "royalty" including beef and dairy princesses, pickle queens, etc. If any parents, or 4-Hers know such persons, please contact Ann Shipley, Fair Board Member, by e-mail at: ashipley@thurston.com or the fair office at 786-5453.

- Ann Shipley

OPPORTUNITIES

NW Junior Livestock Show

Northwest Junior Livestock Show information is available upon request from the 4-H Office. Pre-entry forms for hogs are due **December 22** and pre-entry forms for lambs are due **February 1**. For more information call the NW Junior Livestock Show secretary, Ellen Schmitz, at 253-927-2297.

Service Opportunities at Left Foot Organics

Left Foot Organics is a non-profit vocational horticultural therapy program for people with developmental disabilities. We support community inclusion, independence and self sufficiency for people with developmental disabilities. Each month we hold one weekend work party on our farm just south of Olympia, typically volunteers engage in production oriented tasks such as planting, thinning, weeding or harvesting (depending on the season). We

also have need of projects around the farm that involve building small structures—in the past scouts have built a chicken coop and a grape arbor. Among our current needs are a record keeping station, a heat table for starts in the spring, a shed/shelter for pots and outdoor shelving. On the administrative side of our organization we need volunteers to update our mailing list, collect and format recipe cards, and sharpen tools. If your members are interested in these projects, or have other ideas, have them e-mail or call Saralynn Finn, the volunteer coordinator.

Left Foot Organics
www.leftfootorganics.org
volunteer@leftfootorganics.org
 360.754.1849

4-H Science Camp-In

Experience the Pacific Science Center overnight! Youth grades 3-8 are invited to attend. Have fun exploring hands-on exhibits and the butterfly house, watch live science demonstrations, see the star show in the Planetarium, enjoy the laser show and IMAX theater. 4-H Camp-In begins at **6 p.m. on Saturday, March 31, and ends at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 1.** Registration is \$40.00 per person and includes dinner, snack, continental breakfast, and all activities. Note: adult chaperones must attend with youth 4-H members at the required adult to child ratio of 1:6. Download a brochure and registration materials at: <http://4-h.wsu.edu/conferences/campin/registration.pdf>



The "Mane" Event Returns to Washington

Horse lovers mark your calendars for **February 9 - 11, 2007**. The Mane Event, Equine Education & Trade Fair, is returning to the Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds in Ridgefield, WA. The Mane Event will offer 2 ½ days of equine clinics, demos and presentations; sign-up for updates and a schedule of events at <http://www.maneeventexpo.com>. Clinics will include horsemanship, dressage and much more! Advance tickets are available for Stocking Stuffers!

- Pat BoyEs

Hippology Learning Adventure for Horse 4-H'ers

Come learn all about Hippology! The Snohomish County 4-H Horse Program would like to invite you to a Hippology Learning Adventure on **Saturday, January 6, 2007**, at 10 am at the Snohomish County Extension Office, 600 128th Ave. SE, Everett. The Learning Adventure will last approximately four hours.

Snohomish County will be conducting a regular county contest

that day, but you are welcome to play alongside our contestants of all ages, even adults, to learn how to set-up contests, score the contest phases and organize the contest for your 4-H members. Samples and hand-outs for you to use in your county will be available.

Contact Cheryl Mendenhall at 425-760-7520 for further information. Please RSVP so we can be sure to have materials for everyone.

- Jerry Newman

4-H Scholarship Opportunities

A cover letter explaining 4-H scholarship opportunities can now be found online at:

<http://4h.wsu.edu/kidstuff/scholar.htm>.

You don't have to plan on attending WSU to apply for some of the scholarships, don't procrastinate, apply today!

- Jan Klein

Help Support 4-H by going to the Movies!

You, your family and friends and their family and friends can help support 4-H in Washington State by buying tickets to see the new live action version of Charlotte's Web in theaters beginning on **December 15, 2006**.

For every ticket purchased to see Paramount Pictures and Walden Media's production of Charlotte's

Web through

www.fourhcouncil.edu,

Hollywood Movie Money will donate a \$1 to 4-H to help support our Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program.

You must purchase your tickets to Charlotte's Web through www.fourhcouncil.edu for 4-H and the Washington State 4-H Youth Development Program to receive this donation.

Note: Hollywood Movie Money will apply a two-dollar per ticket service charge to each transaction.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

4-H Essential Elements

Learn how to build the 4-H Essential Elements into all your 4-H programs! Want to know how to intentionally implement a youth development approach, and better meet the needs of young people in a positive way? The 4-H Essential Elements Program Planning Tool will help you discover how your 4-H programs stack up next to the essential elements. Volunteers, you will find the 4-H Essential Element Program Planning Tool easy to use and jam-packed with good ideas to help you become more effective 4-H leaders. You can find the 4-H Essential Elements Program Planning Tool at the National 4-H Headquarters website: <http://4htools.cals.arizona.edu/assessmentTool.cfm>

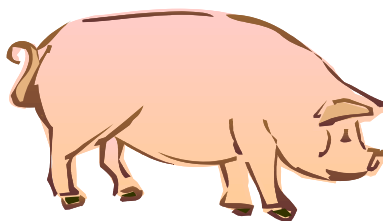
- Pat BoyEs

HorseQuest Races into the Information World

If you're into horses, you're going to love Extension's HorseQuest! With information ranging from finding the best horse for your child to riding techniques to horse diseases, nutrition, and care, HorseQuest brings the "best of the best" university research-based information on horses to Americans via its most popular information source, the internet.

Found at <http://www.extension.org/horses> the interactive web site provides news, events, frequently asked questions, and "Ask the Expert" features as well as in-depth learning modules on equine-related topics.

- Pat BoyEs



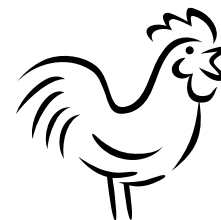
PIG - Online Resource for Pork Producers

Check out the Pork Information Gateway (PIG). PIG is a virtual library with information from national swine researchers contained in over 200 fact sheets. Information has been developed for pork operations of all sizes and there is even a section for youth producers raising 4-H and FFA swine projects. In addition to fact sheets, registered producers also can submit questions regard-

ing pork production. The goal of the site is for industry experts to respond to questions within 72 hours.

People can access the site and register for a free account on the WSU PIG page that can be found at: <http://wsu.porkgateway.org>

- Jerry Newman



Be Alert to Bird Diseases

Barbara Baker is the Coordinator of the Avian Health Program within Washington State Department of Agriculture's (WSDA) Animal Services Division. One of the major goals of this program is to educate the public about the prevention of poultry diseases, recognizing the signs of poultry diseases, and knowing how and where to report poultry illnesses. In addition, the Avian Health Program is conducting on-going monitoring programs for detection of Avian Influenza (AI) through such means as sampling poultry and/or eggs at auction houses, live bird markets, county fairs, and farmers markets.

At this time we are developing educational materials and will soon have available laminated posters that define influenza terminology (e.g., avian influ-

enza, pandemic flu, etc.). An avian health calendar is available now from the Extension Office. It contains charming photographs of poultry, as well as avian health tips and contact information for WSDA's Avian Health Program. For additional info, see the Animal Health website at www.agr.wa.gov/FoodAnimal/AnimalHealth. You are the only protection your birds have!

4-H Volunteers

Connect with other 4-H Volunteers and find 4-H resources to help youth in their community. Visit this website for resources, links videos about 4-H and more: <http://www.4hvolunteersusa.org>

Test your knowledge of 4-H. E-Learning is available to volunteers to test you knowledge, increase your awareness, and improve leadership skills. E-Learning consists of four interactive, self-paced modules that may be completed at any time. Try it out today: <http://4h.wsu.edu/volntr/elearning.htm>. The password is volunteer.

FALL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2006 Achievement Afternoon Winners

If you were unable to attend the ceremony please contact the 4-H Office to pick-up your award by **January 15, 2007**.

Achievement Certificates

Dog Project:

Katelynn Young, Primary
Jaeden Wade, Primary
Nicole Mulcahy, Junior
Nathan Mann, Intermediate
Katie Oliver, Intermediate

Horse Project:

Amanda Doidge, Senior
Cassandra Muxen, Senior

Goat Project:

Breanna Jensen, Junior
Sarina Jensen, Intermediate

Sheep Project:

Sarina Jensen, Intermediate

Achievement Medals

Dog Project:

Andrew Halthaus, Junior
Cortni Halthaus, Junior
Brennah Halthaus, Junior
Merrigan Risvold, Junior
Christina Risvold, Junior
Sarah Jodway, Junior
Zack Owens, Junior
Kami Owens, Intermediate
Elizabeth Jodway, Intermediate
Emily Jodway, Intermediate
Kayla Swearingen, Senior
Emma Swartling, Senior

Goat Project:

Hayley Swearingen, Inter.
Kayla Swearingen, Intermediate

Horse Project:

Megan Quentin, Junior
Emily Quentin, Junior
Jessica Townshend, Inter.
Sarah Bessey, Senior

Rabbit Project:

Kimmy Latsch, Junior

Sheep Project:

Hayley Swearingen, Inter.
Kayla Swearingen, Senior

Record Book Completion

Primary Members:

Katelynn Young
Jaeden Wade

Junior Members:

Andrew Holthaus
Brennah Holthaus
Cortni Halthaus
Breanna Jensen
Sarah Jodway
Christina Kohlmann
Kimmy Latsch
Nicole Mulcahy
Zack Owens
Emily Quentin

Megan Quentin
Merrigan Risvold

Intermediate Members:

Sarina Jensen
Elizabeth Jodway
Emily Jodway
Nathan Mann
Katie Oliver
Kami Owens
Haley Swearingen
Jessica Townshend

Senior Members:

Sarah Bessey
Amanda Doidge
Cassandra Muxen
Emma Swartling
Kayla Swearingen

4-H Exhibitor of the Year

Tabitha Calquhoun, Junior
Amanda Calquhoun, Inter.
Kayla Swearingen, Senior

Connie Lydon Memorial Award

Joanne Wollstein, Senior

Sewing Awards

Gabe Judd—Most Improved
Joanne Wollstein—Nat'l Fiber
Claire Brostrom—Mentoring

Camp Counselors

Ashley Atkins
Jeremy Black
Marlana Bryant
Victoria Bryant
Ben Firth
Liana Johnson
Veronica Lampe-Martin
Jennie Palmer
Joel Palmer
Grey Pickett
Megan Savage
Kayla Swearingen
Athena Ward
Avery Ward
Nora White
Owen White
Joanne Wollstein
Katie Wollstein

4-H Club Awards

Third place - Helping Hands 4-H Club.
Second Place - Diamonds in the Rough
First Place - Muttz-k-teers 4-H Club

Most Improved 4-H Member

Nathan Mann, Intermediate

Extra-Mile 4-H'er

Kayla Swearingen, Senior

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4-H Member Year Pins**For Seven Years of Membership**

Christine Armstrong, Ashley Atkins, Kelsey Atkins, Natali Bailey, Larson Bartley, Taylor Bellamy, Maria Blackshear, Sarah Bond-Yancey, Tarin Brascher, Jennifer Callanan, Krystal Carlson, Alexandra Dayton, Jordan Everson, Stephanie Everson, Jackson Ewing, Emily Fleckenstein, Katrina Gleckle, Brandi Guillemette, Hailey Guillemette, Taylor Jackson, Summer Jones, Kari Krasnican, Lindsey May, Erica McLean, Elizabeth Olson, Jennie Palmer, Kaylee Purcell, Melanie Regan, Mary Spaulding, Veronica Spaulding, Kayla Swearingen, Taryn Trefsgar, Blake Wendler, Amanda Wright, Patrick Yarbrough

For Eight Years of Membership

Jeremy Black, Kelsey Bochenek, Kaitlin Brownlee, Emily Cook, Julie Despot, Britania Hanson, Jeffery Mahan, Raven Martinez, Alyson Meserve, Shia Neuhauser, Jami Parshall, Emma Swartling, Jessica Thornhill, Kylie Walchuk, Ashley Yates

For Nine Years of Membership

Carolyn Armstrong, Sarah Bessey, Kaite Bryan, Christine DeForest, Matthew Gerth, Michelle Gerth, Kara Gonias, Courtney Lee, Janesa Mackin, Trina Mackin, Rebecca Reisbeck, Joni Scroggins, Kate Smith, Alexis Taylor, Kaila Westby

For Ten Years of Membership

Stefani Bailey, Claire Brostrom, Matthew Carroll, Ashely Harold, Sara Klein, Cassie Lohr, Tammy Lohr, Laura O'Neil

For Eleven Years of Membership

David Allwine, Tyler Allwine, Megan Batten, Jackie Callanan, Mallory Dayton, Darcy Fisher, Bonita Law, Paul Law, James O'Neil, Amanda Protti, Amanda Whitt, Joanne Wollstein, Katie Wollstein

For Twelve years of Membership

Nicholas Batten, Bryan Michaelis, Nathan Michaelis, Rachel Neuharth, Grey Pickett

For Thirteen Years of Membership

Meridan Pickett

4-H Leader Year Pins**Leaders with 5 years of Service:**

Phyllis Batten, Lu Benefield, Ramona Calquhoun, Beth Carlson, Peter Carlson, Jeannie Colley, Andrea Cotey, Alena

Cowell, Tam Crocker, Laurel DeForest, Dell Dennie, Lynda Fisher, Faith Hagenhofer, Kandace Hatten, Pamela Jones, Donna Kelly, Richard Kelly, Margaret Livingston, Laura Maki, Andrea May, Patt O'Neil, Chris Schaefer, Lorri Swartling, Beverly Swayze, Joyce Wuerth

Leaders with 10 years of Service:

Paul Carroll, Bernadette Dayton, Cheryl-Ann Mantlik, Donna Michaelson, Verna Pettit, Kitty Scott

Leaders with 15 years of Service:

Don Wadsen

Leaders with 20 years of Service:

Sue Fisher, Deborah Hoines, Vicki Powers

Leaders with 30 years of Service:

Betty Jo Watkins

Teen Leader of the Year

Ashley Yates, Senior

4-H Leader of the Year

Lorri Swartling

"KUDOS Korner"

Thank you to the folks that helped with Achievement Afternoon set-up and clean-up: CTR's, Jenny & Brian Taylor, Kitty Scott, Chris Swearingen, Tom Savage, and Donna Delph.

The 4-H Council would like to thank the following 4-H Clubs/Individuals that helped staff the Christmas Wreath Fundraiser Booth at the Season Starter Craft Bazaar at St. Martins: Muttzkteers 4-H Club, 24 Carrots 4-H Club, Master Textile Quilters (MTQ), and Alyson Meserve.

**Upcoming 4-H Council Business Meeting**

4-H Council Agenda for **January 8, 2007, 6:30 p.m.** meeting at the fairgrounds, Benoschek Bldg.:

Call to Order
Pledges
Minutes
Treasurer's Report

Reports:

CTR Report
Forum Report
Craft Bazaar Report

Old Business:

- New Officers and bank account changes - signers on account
- New Council By-Laws
- Volunteer Hours tracking system - new system and how to use it
- Vote on Budget Proposal

New Business:

- New Thurston County 4-H Policies
- Awards Committee getting an early start for 2007!
- Vote on application process and amount for Zoe Cook Scholarship (those eligible - 2007 graduating High School Seniors)
- 2007 Mini-Fair - do we want to do it again?

Don't miss the January 4-H Council Meeting! Please Note: new meeting location at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, Benoschek Building.

Thurston County 4-H Council for October 9, 2006
WSU Thurston County Extension Office, Student Center

Members in Attendance:

Jennifer Taylor, Joyce Elliott, Marie Ney, Emily Killeen, Barbara Wollstein, Doreen Tudor, Chris Swearingen, Karen Blackshear, Donna Delph, Kitty Scott, Patrick Kelly, Teresa Murphy

Meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Donna Delph.

Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge was led by Donna Delph.

No Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report was given by Karen Blackshear. (As of 9/30/06 there was \$2,045.05 in the general fund, a line item account balance report was distributed) A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Barbara. Motion was seconded by Doreen. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports:

No County Teen Representative (CTR) Report.

Awards Committee: The awards committee will be meeting on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 pm to plan for the October 29 Achievement Afternoon. The theme and draft of the program has been decided. Invitations have been sent to elected officials. They are looking for volunteers to help with the planning and day-of-event.

Old Business:

Nominations and Elections of Officers. Doreen Tudor was nominated for Treasurer. Jennifer Taylor was nominated for Secretary. Kitty made a motion to elect Doreen as Treasurer and Jennifer as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Barbara. Motion passed unanimously. The election of president was to be put on hold until Patrick arrived at the meeting. Patrick Kelly was nominated for President. Barbara made a motion to elect Patrick as President. Motion was seconded by Kitty. Motion passed unanimously. Outgoing officers Kathy, Debra, and Karen will go to the bank to sign off the account. Doreen received the treasurer's key from Karen. There was some discussion regarding Patrick being able to be a "signer" on the account because he won't turn 18 years old until March - Karen will check with the bank.

The *4-H Council By-Laws* are being updated. The updated by-laws will be posted on the website for review. They will be ready for a vote at the January Council meeting.

Recording Volunteer Hours. The extension office needs to collect the number of hours volunteers contributed to Thurston County 4-H. This information is used to apply for grants and present to the county commissioners. Emily has some samples of volunteer recording forms other programs are using. Jennifer mentioned that WSU has an online volunteer hour log. The group suggested monthly or quarterly reporting rather than annual reports. Emily will research further.

4-H Forum is October 20-22 in Chelan, WA. Chris Swearingen and two CTRs will be attending to represent Thurston County.

New Business:

4-H Clubs Needed. Barbara said there are over 200 people on the waiting list to join 4-H. Over 60 of those are for dog 4-H.

Club Program Survey. A survey will be sent to all 4-H members and leaders who are not returning to 4-H for the 2006-2007 year. A hardcopy of the survey will be sent out and returned by mail. The information will be used to improve 4-H programs and increase retention of members and leaders.

City of Lacey Craft Bazaar. The Season Starter Craft Bazaar is held November 24 and 25 at Saint Martins. The City of Lacey offered 4-H a choice spot outside the entrance to the bazaar to sell holiday wreaths. Barbara has located a source to purchase the decorated wreaths. Clubs could also sell crafts. Crafts must be juried by the City in order to be sold at the bazaar. Jennifer made a motion to purchase the wreaths and have the booth at the bazaar. Patrick seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The booth was staffed mostly by adult volunteers last year. 4-H Clubs can volunteer to staff a time slot at the booth. Patrick thought he could get more teens involved this year.

Achievement Awards. There was a low turnout of record books and nominations for county awards this year. Recommendations of how to improve the turnout for next year are appreciated.

Budget Wish List. The 4-H Council will be taking request for budget items that projects may wish to have the council sponsor. Please fill out the request slip and return to the council to have your item considered.

A card for Boni Law was available to sign.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Taylor, Secretary

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