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September 6-9, 2018

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Bales, Pails and Wagging Tails



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**MISSION STATEMENT:** “The Chelan County Fair exists to provide a family event reflecting the past, showcasing current accomplishments and looking to the future county’s best resources ----- Its youth, agriculture, and communities.

## Greetings from the Chelan County Fair President

Can you think of anything cuter then "Bales, Pails & Wagging Tails"... Because that's what you're going to get this year at our 2018 Chelan County Fair. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family at another fun week packed full of outstanding showmen, with their animals that they have been working hard with in the blazing sun this summer.

We will also have many handmade crafts and farm grown foods and flowers to be shown exquisitely in one of our many exhibitor barns along with much entertainment to be shared, sure

to fulfill any age group from toddler to senior.

Speaking of entertainment, the Chelan County Fair Board would like to thank the community once again by offering a free concert Friday, Sept. 7 at 7:30 p.m. this year's concert will be “Collin Raye” with favorite hits like "My Kind of Girl", and "My Story". After the concert be sure to stay and grab a bite from one of our tasty food vendors before you leave.



On Saturday, Sept. 8 be sure to bring a Pail full of \$\$ and grab a Bale to sit on while you watch the kids bring in those Wagging Tails and try your luck at being highest bidder at the Livestock Auction.

Once again Thank you to the many volunteers that help to put on such a fabulous fair!

Chelan County Fair President  
Cheyenne Stocker

## Chelan County Fair Board - Aims and Purpose

- To provide a truly family event reflecting Chelan County’s best resources.
- To provide recognition and inspiration for all exhibitors in a setting which allow for showcasing their individual accomplishments.
- To provide an educational opportunity for all those visiting the fair through demonstration, displays, contest, and judging of exhibits.
- To provide a well balanced array of exhibits from youth, adults, commercial enterprise.
- To encourage all areas citizens to attend the annual celebrations each fall to enjoy exhibits, entertainment, and camaraderie.
- To contribute to the economic development for Chelan County through education and promotion of agricultural and industrial products of our area.
- To enhance its performance as a public resource for the annual fair providing social and economic benefit to the region.

### Chelan County Fair Board Members

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# Chelan County Fair Ambassadors

Hannah Fries is the daughter of Mindy Fries and Roy Fries of Wenatchee. She is 17 years old and attends Wenatchee High School. Hannah is in her 11th year in 4-H and her 4th year in FFA, she shows all sorts of animals at fair like rabbits, chickens, goats, pigs, lambs, and horses.

Her hobbies include swimming, riding her horses, and traveling. Hannah has been involved with Chelan County Fair since she was six years old. She will be showing her lamb "Daphne" and five rabbits at fair this year. Hannah also enjoys competing in FFA competitions; some of those include Horse judging, Natural Resources, and Vet Science.

She plans on going to Big Bend community college and completing her AA degree and receiving a bachelor's degree in medical simulation.



Hannah Fries (left) and Elizabeth Worley (right)  
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My name is Elizabeth Worley and I am honored to be a 2018 Chelan County Fair Ambassador. I am 17 years old and am an incoming senior at Cashmere High School.

I have been showing 4-H and FFA for eight years. My entries have varied from heifers, steers, hogs, chickens, turkeys, and vegetables. It all started with my cow Tulip who has now had four calves with one on the way. In FFA I compete in a variety of Career Development Events, including meat judging, livestock judging, apple judging, and agricultural sales.

Outside of agriculture I enjoy playing a multitude of instruments including piano, trombone, tuba, and euphonium. I am excited to invite you to this year's fair so you can celebrate our community's hard work and appreciate all of our valley's commodities.

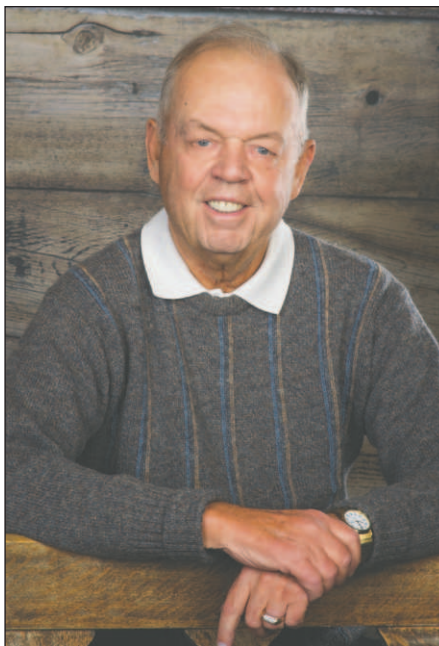
I hope to see all of you with Bales, Pails and Wagging Tails.

## 2018 Volunteer of the Year - Bob Wildfang

The importance of volunteers to our industry cannot be overestimated. We value the time and energy they put forth in being volunteers. Our 2018 Volunteer of the Year is no exception! If you have ever sold an animal or been a part of the auction process you probably know who Bob Wildfang is. He is an outstanding member of our community, and has proudly been active in our community since moving here in 1967, when he was offered the Administrative Assistant to the superintendent position. Bob was born in Bismarck, North Dakota, and moved to Washington when he was 1 month old.

Growing up in Burlington Edison, he graduated from Burlington Edison High School, and then graduated from CWU majoring in Education. Not only was Bob involved with the 4-H and FFA Youth Fund but he also made a huge impact in the community by being a part of: Cashmere Area Youth Support Fund as chairman; Cashmere Schools Foundation, current chairman. Main goal to raise money for scholarships; Retired volunteer fireman from Monitor, Fire District 6.

Currently serving third term as Fire District 6



Bob Wildfang  
Swoboda Photography

commissioner (22 years); Refereed both basketball and football games at the high school level; Past member of Cashmere Lions Club; Served as a County Fair Director, on two different times.

Now retired, Bob served as the chairman of the Cashmere Area Youth Support Fund for 40 years and speculates that he helped purchase over 500 animals at fair for both 4-H and FFA. His favorite memory during those amazing years is "watching the expression on the Cashmere Youth while they were in the sales ring, also knowing the life skills that the kids were learning through the process". Bob Wildfang has and will continue to be an asset to our community and the fair family. He is happy and content with knowing "I have tried to make a difference" and a difference Bob has made.

He will surely be missed on the Cashmere Area Youth Support Fund, however, you can still see him hanging out at the Cashmere Fair every September.

Stop by, and thank him for his dedication to our community, because probably at one time he helped play a part in selling your animal.



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Student (18 with High School ASB Card)	\$ 8.00	\$14.00
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Family (2 Adults plus 3 Youth 6-17 years)	\$30.00	NOT AVAILABLE

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Free Admission 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (17 years & under)  
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Wednesday – intake	September 6	Barns Open	Ticket Booths Open	Carnival Opens
	Thursday, Sept. 7	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.		NO
	Friday, Sept. 8	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.	9 a.m. - 9 p.m.	2 p.m. - 11 p.m.
	Saturday, Sept. 9	9 a.m. -10 p.m.	9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	2 p.m. - 11 p.m.
	Sunday, Sept. 10	9 a.m. -10 p.m.	9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
		9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	11 a.m. -6p.m.

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# Chelan County Fair Entertainment Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - Senior Citizen Day

10:00 a.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
11:30 a.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
12:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
12:30 p.m.	Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
1:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds
1:30 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
2:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
3:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds
3:30 p.m.	Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
4:00 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
4:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage

4:00 p.m.	Carly Schoening – Singer
5:00 p.m.	TBD
5:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds
5:30 p.m.	Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
5:30 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
6:00 p.m.	Fair's Got Talent
6:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
6:30 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
7:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - Kids Agrigation Day

10:00 a.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds	4:00 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
11:00 a.m.	Bongo Brothers	4:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
11:30 a.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds	4:00 p.m.	Carly Schoening
12:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Band	5:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds
12:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage	5:30 p.m.	Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
12:30 p.m.	Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage	5:30 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
1:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds	6:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
1:00 pm -	Elsa Character	6:15 p.m.	Lance Tigner
1:30 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds	6:30 p.m.	Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
2:00 p.m.	Bluegrass Band	7:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds
2:00 p.m.	Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage	7:30 p.m.	Collin Raye Concert –
3:00 p.m.	Special Head – Wondering grounds		FREE concert with your Admission Ticket into the fair.
3:00 p.m.	Games on the main stage		TBD Band
3:30 p.m.	Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage		



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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - County Day

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- 10:00 a.m. Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
- 11:00 a.m. Bongo Brothers
- 11:30 a.m. Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
- 12:00 p.m. Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
- 12:00 p.m. Slim Chance
- 12:30 p.m. Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
- 1:00 p.m. Special Head – Wondering grounds
- 1:00 p.m. Bluegrass Band
- 1:30 p.m. Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
- 1:30 p.m. Weiner Dog Races – Arena
- 2:00 p.m. Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
- 2:00 p.m. Irish Dances
- 2:30 p.m. Eden Moody

- 3:00 p.m. Special Head – Wondering grounds
- 3:30 p.m. Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
- 4:00 p.m. Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
- 4:00 p.m. Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
- 5:00 p.m. TBD Band
- 5:00 p.m. Special Head – Wondering grounds
- 5:30 p.m. Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
- 5:30 p.m. Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
- 6:00 p.m. Bamboozle – Bamboozle Stage
- 6:30 p.m. Buck Trout – Wondering grounds
- 7:00 p.m. Special Head – Wondering grounds
- 7:00 p.m. Rodeo - Arena
- 9:30 p.m. Branch & Dean Band

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - Family Day

- 11:30 a.m. Fair’s Got Talent
- 12:00 p.m. Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
- 1:00 p.m. Rodeo
- 2:00 p.m. Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
- 2:00 p.m. Games on the Main Stage

- 3:00 p.m. Style Show
- 4:00 p.m. Predators of the Heart – Predator Stage
- 5:00 p.m. Barns and Exhibitor buildings close
- 6:00 p.m. Carnival Closes



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - Senior Citizen Day

4H Shows First			
5:00 a.m.	Barns open	1:00 p.m.	Sheep Type/Market judging
Before 9:00 a.m.	Horse exercise	1:00 p.m.	English Equitation/Pleasure
10:00 a.m.	Barn duty begins	2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	FFA demonstrations
9:00 a.m.	Equine Judging	2:00 p.m.	Horse classes
9:00 a.m.	Swine Type/Market judging	3:00 p.m.	Equine Trail Class
9:00 a.m.	Goat Type/Market judging	3:00 p.m.	Poultry Fitting and Showing Contest
10:00 a.m.	Still Life judging	5:00 p.m.	Rabbit and Cavy Fitting and Showing Contest
Check for times	Knowledge Bowl – Pavilion	5:00 p.m.	Western Games start - Rodeo Arena
10:00 a.m.	Equine Showmanship and Halter	8:00 p.m.	Barn duty ends
12:30 p.m.	Beef Type/Market judging	9:00 p.m.	Barns close

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 - Kids Agrigation Day

FFA Shows First			
5:00 a.m.	Barns open	1:00 p.m.	Dog Rally Classes
Before 9:00 a.m.	Horse exercise	1:30 p.m.	Dog Rally Judging
9:00 a.m.	Swine Fitting & Showing	3:00 p.m.	Dog Grooming Squad
9:00 p.m.	Goat Fitting & Showing	3:00 p.m.	Dog Quiz Bowl
10:00 a.m.	Dog Fitting & Showing Exhibition	2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	FFA demonstrations
Check for times	Knowledge Bowl - Pavilion	4:00 p.m.	Round Robin
10:00 a.m.	Equine Western, Bareback, Working Pairs	(1 hour following last species to complete Fitting & Showing)	4-H Demonstrations up until 8:00 p.m
	Equitation/Pleasure	4:00 p.m.	Dog Tricks
10:00 a.m.	Barn duty begins	5:00 p.m.	Dogs go home
12:30 p.m.	Beef Fitting & Showing	6:00 p.m.	Barn duty ends
1:00 a.m.	Sheep Fitting & Showing	8:00 p.m.	Barns close
1:00 p.m.	Foods Contests in 4-H Building	10:00 p.m.	
1:00 p.m.	Youth Obedience Dog Judging		



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# Chelan County Fair 4-H & FFA Schedule

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 - County Day

5:00 a.m.	Barns open	1:00 p.m.	Equine Costume Class
Before 9:00 a.m.	Horse exercise	1:00 p.m.	Dog Groom Squad
9:00 a.m.	Fur & Feather Auction	2:00 p.m.	Equine Groom Squad Contest
9:30 a.m.	Dog Obedience Exhibition	2:00 p.m.	Rabbit Judging Contest
10:00 a.m.	Knowledge Bowl - Pavilion	2:00 – 6:00 p.m.	FFA demonstrations
10:00 a.m.	Dog Obedience Classes	3:00 p.m.	Poultry CDE
10:00 a.m.	Demonstrations begin as listed on schedule - posted in 4-H Building, up until 8:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Dog Tricks
10:00 a.m.	Livestock Auction	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Horse Exercise
10:00 a.m.	Barn duty begins	8:00 p.m.	Barn duty ends
		10:00 p.m.	Barns close

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 - Family Day

6:00 a.m.	Barns open
Before 9:00 a.m.	Horse exercise
9:00 a.m.	Horse CDE
9:30 a.m.	Dog Agility Exhibition
9:00 a.m.	Knowledge Bowl - Pavilion
10:00 a.m.	Demonstrations begin as listed on schedule posted in 4-H Building, until 4 pm
10:00 a.m.	Dog Agility Judging
10:00 a.m.	Barn duty begins
10:00 a.m.	Garden CDE
10:00 a.m.	Tractor Driving CDE
12:00 p.m.	Livestock CDE
1:00 p.m.	Dog Tunnels & Jumpers Exhibition
1:30 p.m.	Dog Tunnels & Jumpers Judging
2:00 p.m.	Pet Talent and Costume Show
3:00 p.m.	Style Show-Main Stage
3:00 p.m.	Dog Item Judging
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5:00 p.m.	Barns close
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# Student profile: Blake and Cole Cochran



BY DIANA PIÑON,  
STAFF WRITER

MANSON—Manson High School upcoming juniors Blake Cochran and his twin brother Cole Cochran are physically similar but very different.

Blake is part of the marching band and he plays the drums, Cole plays baseball and is part of two other school clubs.

Both have been involved with FFA and 4-H for many years. Blake is the current Manson FFA President and has been involved with the

club for two years. He is still involved with 4-H and has been a part of it for nine years now, his twin brother Cole is the 4-H Manson President and is also involved with FFA.

“My older brother started off with FFA and I got another older brother who started off with 4-H and then went to FFA, plus my family has kinda been doing it for a very long time,” said Blake.

At the beginning the Cochran’s have been raising chickens and then both transitioned into raising pigs

instead. They have now been raising pigs for nine years, “with pigs you have to work with them more, you have to wash them and show them more. With chickens you train them at the beginning when you first get them and they are pretty much set,” said Blake. Cole agrees, “with pigs you get more attached to them, you get more involved with them.”

Blake has two pigs and Cole has one. The Cochran twins have been attending the Chelan County Fair since they were two weeks



Photos by Diana Piñon

**CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT:** The Cochran twins getting ready to weigh their pigs three weeks before the showing; one of the three pigs the Cochran’s are raising; and Blake Cochran (left) and Cole (right) Cochran.

old, so at this point all of this is normal to them. However, “it’s fun and you get to hang out with people. It is something that changes up your routine,” said Cole.

After all this time with their pigs, the twins have a set schedule that they follow, “me and my brother switch off each day to take care of the pigs.” The twins give their pigs water, check their food, pet them and walk them. Closer to competition Cole and Blake will wash their pigs and walk them more regularly.

Once Blake graduates

from high school he plans on attending Wenatchee Valley College and then will transfer to Wash-

ington State University. Cole also plans to attend college to study electrical engineering.



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# Student profile: Katie and Maggie Gosvener



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**ABOVE:** 4-H member Maggie Gosvener and her sister Katie Gosvener FFA member.  
**RIGHT:** Katie's pig Biscuit is ready for the fair.

By DIANA PIÑON,  
STAFF WRITER

MANSON – Upcoming Manson High School freshman Katie Gosvener and her sister Maggie Gosvener a soon to be 5th grader will be competing for the first time together at the Chelan County Fair.

This will be the third year the 14-year-old raises a pig, “it’s been good so far, it has been a good experience,” said Katie. Previously she was a member of 4-H, however now she is involved with FFA and has become a member.

Katie started raising pigs because her cousin at one point also raised pigs and from there her interest in taking care of them sparked.

To prepare her male pig, Biscuit for competition, Katie walks him around the pen, “when he gets a little more experience, I will take him out of the pen and walk him around the field.”



Each week Katie and Maggie make sure their pigs have enough food in the automatic feeder, “we feed them grain pebbles and they eat whenever they want,” said Katie.

On the other hand, this year is the very first year her little sister Maggie, who is

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# Student Profile: Parker Schoenwald

BY DIANA PIÑON,  
STAFF WRITER

MANSON – Basketball, football and baseball player Parker Schoenwald has been a member of 4-H for over five years. The first couple of years Schoenwald raised chickens, after a while he decided to switch over and raise pigs, ever since pigs are his priority.

“I am friends with the leader kids and that propelled me into 4-H, but not really by my choice. Pigs are also a great way to earn money for not a whole lot of work and it is a great experience to be around livestock like that ... and just hang out with my friends,” said Schoenwald as to why he joined 4-H.

This year is Schoenwald’s third year at the Chelan County Fair, “right now I think I will do pretty good for just handling my pigs. They are pretty calm which has not been the case in past years.”

Now that competition approaches, Schoenwald tries to spend 15 to 20 minutes per day with his pigs. “I let them out on the field, let them run around, walk with them and try with moving them. For market class I just feed and hope it turns out well,” chuckled Parker.

Schoenwald went from chickens to pigs not because he likes them better, but because he profits

from pigs a lot more, plus “taking care of chickens is a pain.”

He is in charge of raising two female pigs whose names Parker doesn’t say in public, he feeds them Payback 18 percent protein and table scraps.

Schoenwald also makes sure his pigs get to know him, that way they are not scared of him when they go into the ring.

In last year’s fair Schoenwald received second place in the Fitting and Showing class for 4-H intermediate and he was able to compete in a different category which allowed him to show a horse.

“Showing horses was totally different experience, that was hard, but it was pretty cool,” said Schoenwald who will continue his journey as a 4-H member.



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**Above: Manson student Parker Schoenwald 4-H member and third year fair participant.**

**BELOW: The Schoenwald’s pigs, two being raised by Parker.**



**Maggie Gosverer and her pig Honey.**

part of 4-H, raises her very own pig. Maggie decided to raise a pig because of the experience she has had with her sister’s pigs, “pigs are fun” she said.

Maggie’s female pig Honey short for Honey Ham, loves people. “When somebody comes over she will run up to them,” she said giggling.

Even though Maggie feels nervous for competing for the very first time she thinks she can do it. Katie has been teaching her a few things here and there that will help her in

the future as she raises more pigs.

This experience has brought the two sisters closer than ever, “we come down here a couple times a week and walk our pigs, clean out the pen, I am telling her what to do at the fair and what they expect,” said Katie.

Both sister will continue to be part of 4-H and FFA for many more years to come and maybe they will be raising chickens next, but for the most part pigs have won the Gosveners’ heart.

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# Student Profile: Mark Heimark

BY DIANA PIÑON,  
STAFF WRITER

CHELAN – A lot has changed for the soon to be senior at Chelan High School, Mark Heimark. Last year was his first year showing livestock at the fair, this year Mark will be back with one of his two market hogs.

Heimark moved to Chelan in the eight grade and his freshman year he became a member of FFA. “FFA is for everyone and I really found my place in FFA and even though I do nerdy stuff, I managed to be FFA President. People look up to me and

respect me, they know me well enough and know I can get stuff done,” said Heimark.

The first year Heimark was around livestock was during the summer of his sophomore year going into his junior year. He decided to give goats a chance, “goats are not that fun, they are such a pain ... they are such a struggle to show”. This overwhelming experience made Mark Heimark show pigs this time around, “pigs do their own thing and they are quite smart animals and are capable of feeling, when they see

me they come and greet me. I feel more of a connection to pigs because they are more laid back, they are also more easier to take care of,” he explained.

Before his FFA presidency, Heimark was part of Drama Club and FCCLA “but now that I am president, I really want to focus on FFA mostly.” As president of FFA Heimark is in charge of a lot of things but mainly he is a representative of all the members.

He enjoys participating at the fair because “it’s fun, I really enjoy it. You

get up early in the morning and you take care of your animals, clean their pens and wash them up, get them ready for showing.” After the showing ends, FFA members hang out after dinner and have even more fun, “some of my best friends I met through FFA and by sharing some of the same experiences and they are people that I will have a connection with for the rest of my life and it means a lot to me,” said Heimark.

Every two days Heimark visits his two pigs to make sure they have



enough food and water, he also takes them out of the pen and walks them with him to get them ready for showing.

Mark has two male pigs, BLT and Brought, only BLT will be competing at the Chelan County Fair. “I have been told that if



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**ABOVE: Chelan FFA President Mark Heimark and his pig BLT.**

**LEFT: BLT loves to play in the mud, we could say he enjoys being a pig.**

you name them it makes them harder to let them go at the end ... I know what I am getting into and that they are an investment," explained Heimark.

It is going to be hard for Heimark to let go of his pigs, "I've seen them grow and I've worked so hard on them but we all have a purpose in this life and theirs was to feed someone that needs it."

Throughout his four

years of high school Mark has been working hard to get to where he is now and he will continue to work hard to achieve his goals after high school. Heimark says he will start off at Wenatchee Valley College to get his prerequisites and then transfer over to Washington State University for Viticulture or Central Washington University to study Business and Brewing.

# Student Profile: Grace Ramirez

BY KALIE DRAGO,  
STAFF WRITER

**CASHMERE** - Grace Ramirez leads her horse, Ken, around a pasture with a stern tug - and Ken responds by following her lead with a flick of his braided tail and the occasional snort. Neither of them are horsing around as they prepare for their debut at the Chelan County Fair where Ramirez will show Ken.

Ramirez is a home schooled, soon to be eighth grader and long time horse connoisseur. Since she was small, Ramirez has been involved with horses and seems to have mastered how to form a relationship between Ken and herself. She is also rounding out her sixth year with Ponderosa 4-H so she is not only familiarized with the animal itself, but also has experience participating in a group setting - intertwining her love for horses and forming relationships with others who share the same interests. Her impressive history with horses only amplifies the ease and maturity she has with her large, four hoofed friend.

"(What I enjoy the most about horses is) getting to be with such a majestic animal and bonding with him and learning with him," said Ramirez.

With a gentle nudge she guides him toward a grassy area to pose with



Photo by Kalie Drago

**Grace Ramirez, pictured with her horse Ken, is rounding out her sixth year with Ponderosa 4-H.**

Ken. They seem to move in sync, him following her lead, but it's naturally not completely effortless. There's an occasional power struggle or slight disobedience that Ramirez acknowledges and quickly corrects.

"He can be quite the naughty horse," said Ramirez.

When asked what challenges and obstacles that

sometimes arise, she laughed and answered simply: a lot. Like training anything, whether that be a baby learning to walk or a horse always following instructions, it's a natural for not everything to always go seamlessly. Ramirez shared that the night before Ken threw up his heels and bucked but she laughed easily and said they had a lot to work

on but showed no signs of frustration with Ken.

"(I'm most excited about the fair) because I'll be having him out and about and learning," said Ramirez. "For him this is his first year, so it's a learning experience."

Even though Ken is the newbie to the fair scene, luckily he has a long time horse veteran leading him in the right direction.

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# Student Profile: Willow Dye



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**Willow Dye, pictured with her horse, is a member of Ponderosa 4-H.**

BY KALIE DRAGO,  
STAFF WRITER

CASHMERE - Energy, eagerness and excitement radiated from both eight year old, Willow Dye and her 14-year-old horse. Adorned in two braids and cowgirl boots, despite being pint sized she appears wise beyond her years about horses.

A member of the Ponderosa 4-H Club and horse enthusiast, so despite only

being eight, Dye has been involved with horses for an impressive two years. She is home schooled which she quickly uses to anchor her next point on.

"I go to school here, I'm home schooled," said Dye. "So I can see my horse every day."

She is openly proud of the animal that may have towered over her, but Dye was still calling the shots. Dye will be showing her horse open class at the

Chelan County Fair. Her horse remains faithfully by her side throughout Dye's spiel over her four legged friend.

"She's an Arab and the only female in this pasture," said Dye. "She's highly trained and knows how to neck ring."

Dye wastes no time nor does she skip a beat to launch into listing fun facts about her horse and what makes her horse particularly unique amongst the others roaming the pasture.

"(What I like best about horses) is that they're fun to play with and ride," said Dye. The bond she shares with her horse is easily observable as she smiles up at her big pal. Her passion is also obvious as she also mentions how next year she's already been planning her costume ideas for her and her horse. For now, she has her sights set on an Alex and Morty duo planned from the popular movie Madagascar.

As for the present, Dye is focused on the excitement of showing her horse at the 2018 fair.

# Student Profile: Greer Swoboda

BY KALIE DRAGO,  
STAFF WRITER

LEAVENWORTH - After five years being heavily interlaced with the Ponderosa 4-H, Icicle River eighth grader Greer Swoboda is no stranger to being involved with horses and all things in that realm - fittingly enough, she is the president of the 4-H group and will be participating in the showmanship event at the Chelan County Fair.

"I like everybody (in 4-H) because everybody there is all there because they like what you like," said Swoboda. "You can

talk about it and they'll understand."

The young preteen sounded wise beyond her years as she talked about her experience not only with the club but horses as well. The excitement was clear in her tone when she began describing some of the events at the Chelan County Fair that she will be participating in.

"I'm really excited fir showmanship," said Swoboda. "If you do really good at that or Round Robin, you get to show other animals."

She was overflowing with information regarding the fair activities and

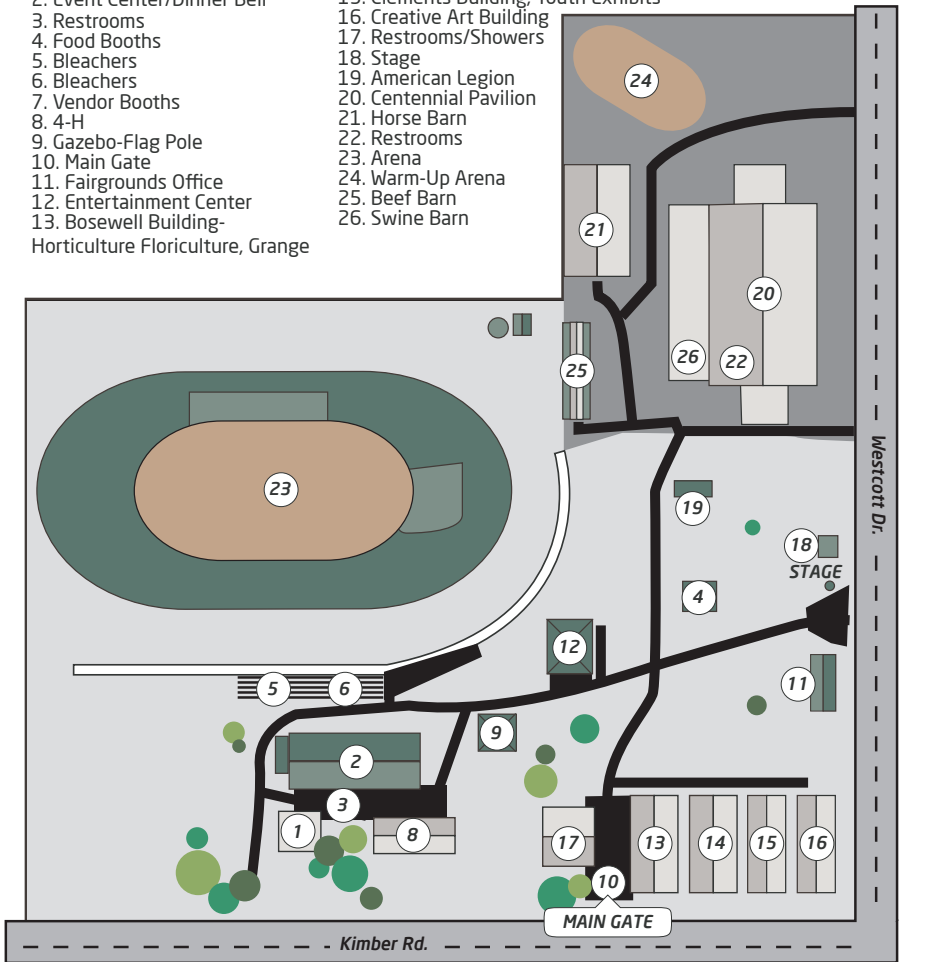
immediately spouted off a few such as performance, western riding, gaming events - barrel racing, pole bending, costumes for horse and riders. One of the costume horse and rider pairs will be adorned in a faux Donald Trump and Melania Trump get-up. But it's not all fun and games, Swoboda then circled back to what makes 4-H important to her and what she's learned from her time with the group, both as a leader and as a member.

"(It's taught me) how to be a better leader, public speaker and teamwork," said Swoboda.

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