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Chelan County Fair

September 5-8, 2024

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ROOTS IN
COWBOY
BOOTS

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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 President

Welcome to the 2024 Chelan County Fair! We are ecstatic to once again be welcoming everyone back to the Chelan

County Fair, this year’s theme is “Back To Our Roots In Cowboy Boots”. We have a little something for everyone, come see the livestock shows and animals, check out all of the different exhibitor buildings, and ride the carnival rides.

We have plenty of entertainment each and every day of the fair, including not 1 but 2 FREE concerts, with your admission into the fair! Thursday Night Los Chicos del 512 – The Selena Experience Tribute Band, and Friday night

concert, presenting Country artist Easton Corbin! Join us for the livestock auction on Saturday morning, as well as

our FREE PRCA Rodeo on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon, FREE with your admission ticket into the fair, and

a jam-packed schedule of entertainment all in between. I would like to thank the Chelan County Fair Board and the whole community for all their hard work and sponsors. It truly does take a group effort to put on a great fair. I hope to see you all September 5th thru 8th.

Thank you,
JR Cooper, Chelan County Fair President



Chelan County Fair Board – Aims and Purpose

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

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Chelan County Fair Board Meetings

Chelan County Fair Board meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Chelan County Expo Center.

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venience, we also accept debit, Visa, MasterCard, and Discover cards, with an additional 3.5 percent convenience fee. No Refunds.

Carnival prices are separate from your fair admissions into the grounds.

Some attractions have height and open-toe shoe

restrictions and safety rules.

Lost or missing passes, tickets, or armbands will be replaced at the owner's expense.



SENIOR CITIZEN DAY

Thursday, September 5 (62 and over) Seniors FREE 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

KIDS AGRICATION DAY

Friday, Sept. 6, KIDS FREE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Must come as a group. Limit 1 adult for every 5 children.)

Groups of 5 youth may admit 1 adult for free. Groups must enter the fair together as a group. Additional adults accompanying a group must pay the adult ticket price.

COUNTY DAY

Saturday, Sept. 7

FAMILY DAY

Sunday, Sept. 8 – Buy 1 armband get a second for \$19.

SEASON TICKETS

Adult (18-61 years old)	\$27.00
Senior (62 years old and over)	\$20.00
Student (6-17 years old) or (18 years old with a high school ASB card)	\$20.00

EXHIBITOR TICKETS

Purchased on Wednesday Only.

Adults/Senior (18 years old and over)	\$15.00
Student (6-17 years old) or (18 years with a high school ASB card)	\$10.00

DAILY TICKETS

Family (2 adults and up to 3 students)	\$40.00
Adult (18-61 years old)	\$12.00
Senior (62 years old and over)	\$8.00
Student (6-17 years old) or (18 with a high school ASB card)	\$8.00

All children under 5 years old admitted free when accompanied by an adult

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Carnival Information

Armbands stop selling 1 1/2 hours before shut off time and they are non-transferable &

non-refundable. Individual and book tickets are available. Some attractions have

height & open toe shoe restrictions & safety rules. Rides take 1 ticket per person per ride.

SEASON TICKETS

Thursday:	2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Armbands	\$38.00
Friday:	2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.	Armbands	\$38.00
Saturday:	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	Armbands	\$38.00
Sunday:	11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Armbands	\$38.00

Sunday is Buddy Day: Buy 1 armband, get second 1 for \$19.00 (Can use Presale Ticket plus \$19.00). Armbands stop selling 1 1/2 hour before shut off time.

FAIR HOURS

	Barns Open	Ticket Booths Open	Carnival Opens
Wednesday – intake September 4	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.		NO
Thursday September 5	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Friday September 6	9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Saturday September 7	9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Sunday September 8	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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2024 Rodeo Royalty and Ambassador Austyn Robinson

2024 Chelan County Rodeo Queen

The Chelan County Rodeo Queen is a new tradition we are starting for 2024. The Chelan County Rodeo celebrates the tradition of having a dynamic young lady serve as Miss Chelan County Rodeo.

Candidates who compete for the coveted title must not only display exceptional horsemanship skills, but speak intelligently and display dignity in all situations.

During her reign, Austyn Robinson represents the Chelan County Rodeo and our community at events and rodeos throughout Washington.

Austyn is the 20-year-old daughter of Nick & Casey Hollenbeck and Ryan & Leslie Robinson. She resides on a small family farm in Prosser. Austyn works for Prosser Memorial Hospital as a barista. When not at work, Austyn can be found



Austyn Robinson

riding her two mares, Roany and Cookie. Austyn is a 2022 graduate of Cashmere High School and plans to pursue a degree in equine dentistry.

2024 Fair Ambassador Hanna Collins

The Chelan County Fair Ambassador will be responsible for representing the Chelan County Fair at speaking engagements before and during the Fair and participating in several festival parades.

The ambassador will also participate in duties during the annual Fair event.

Hanna Collins is a 17-year-old junior at Chelan High School. She has been an extremely active FFA member since joining at the end of her 8th grade year.

Agriculture, FFA, and specifically raising livestock is truly where her passion lies.

She has raised livestock (goats and steers) for Chelan County Fair and North Central Washington Fair for the last three years. Her favorite part of the fair is really the whole experience in general.

There's so much to love about the fair that it's hard for her to choose just one thing.



Hanna Collins

From getting up early in the morning to do chores, to seeing everyone's project growth through the year, to spending time with the animals – it really is her favorite time of the year.

After high school, she plans to pursue a career in Veterinary Medicine at WSU.

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2024 Volunteer of the Year

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We could not do what we do without you. At the heart of the Chelan County Fair lies its commitment

to celebrating its agricultural heritage.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Chelan County Fair and we Thank You for your dedication, prowess, and passion to ensure the Chelan County Fair con-

tinues to exist 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.

Breanne Hanson Baker

Breanne Hanson-Baker was born and raised in Chelan. She grew up showing animals at the Chelan County Fair since she was in elementary school. Breanne earned her Secondary Education Degree with a focus in English. Still, she always knew she wanted to return to the Chelan area and get back into the world of agriculture education. She resides in Chelan with her husband and two daughters and teaches at Chelan High School.

Breanne has helped the Chelan County Fair livestock office for many years. She is there when weigh-in starts on Wednesday and then spends countless hours in the livestock office entering exhibitors information, preparing class assignments for Fitting and Showing and Mar-



Breanne Hanson Baker

ket classes, finalizing the livestock sale portion of the fair book, and helping the Livestock coordinator (her dad) stay organized. She is always willing to help with decoration setup, whether it be her club or a club in need, setting up tagging registration for local chapters, wrangling a lost pig on weigh-in day, or responding to questions from new Advisors.

When she is not in the livestock office, she coordinates FFA decorations,

takes pictures for her club and others prepares meals, runs social media pages for FFA and Alumni, and runs errands as the assistant Chelan FFA advisor. She also serves on the Chelan FFA Alumni Board and helps with the Chelan/Manson Youth Fair Fund group.

Breanne has seen all sides of the fair – 4H and FFA exhibitor, advisor, and volunteer and cannot wait to experience it one day as a 4H/FFA parent.

She introduced her two daughters early to the fair experience as they both have spent time in the livestock office Pac N Play since they were six months old. Being at the Chelan County Fair has been a multi-generational experience for Breanne's family, and she is excited to see it continue with her daughters.

Local 4-H Members clucking with excitement for Chelan County Fair

By **WILL NILLES**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – With the Chelan County Fair right around the corner, the members of Cashmere's Barn Kids 4-H Club continue to prepare their animals for another year of successful showcases. This year, three local 4-H members return for their third time, showing off their developed passion for agriculture.

Local middle schooler, Libby Pipkin, 11 years old, is excited to bring a market pig to the fair for her third year.

"I chose to do a pig project, because I love pigs!" Pipkin commented, excited to continue working with a type of animal familiar to her family. "When I was 9, I

wanted to do a Fair project, and my parents thought a pig would be a good idea, because they showed pigs and [they] could help me out a lot."

After raising market pigs for three years, she finds that they come with their fair share of obstacles, especially coaxing them into their enclosure after their evening walks.

"Some of the challenges I face is getting him back in his pen after I walk him," she noted, "because he doesn't always want to go back in!"

Despite its difficulties, Pipkin feels satisfied with the unique experiences and crucial knowledge imparted onto her by raising market pigs.

"Some of the skills I have learned are hard work and

determination," Pipkin said, focusing on the importance of properly caring for an animal. "It has also definitely taught me that if you don't do it right, you won't get the reward."

Alongside Libby, her brother Callen Pipkin, 13 years old, looks forward to showing off his third year of experience in raising market steer.

As Pipkin explains, he started his work with steers while looking for something that could challenge him and put some extra money in his pockets.

"I chose a steer project because I like the challenge of raising a large animal and it pays well," Pipkin revealed, adding, "and since I live on a farm, raising a

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COURTESY OF SARA PIPKIN
Local student Callen Pipkin stands alongside his market steer, hoping to show him at the Fair.



COURTESY OF SARA PIPKIN
Cashmere 4-H member Libby Pipkin poses with her pig, excited to show him off at the Chelan County Fair.



COURTESY OF SARA PIPKIN
11-year-old local Wyatt Beem can't wait to enter the Chelan County Fair with his pig, smiling as he cares for it.

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Entertainment Schedule

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

11:00 a.m.	Reptile Man	Main Stage
12:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main Stage
1:30 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main Stage
2:30 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main Stage
3:30 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main Stage
4:30 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main Stage
7:30 p.m.	Selena Concert	Rodeo Grounds

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:00 a.m.	DayBreak	Main Stage
11:00 a.m.	DayBreak	Main Stage
12:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main Stage
1:00 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main Stage
2:00 p.m.	DayBreak	Main Stage
3:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main Stage
4:00 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main Stage
5:00 p.m.	80's Band	Main Stage
7:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Rodeo grounds
7:00 p.m.	Rodeo	Rodeo Grounds
7:30 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main Stage
8:30 p.m.	80's Band	Main Stage

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

11:00 a.m.	Reptile Man	Main stage
12:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main stage
1:00 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main stage
2:30 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main stage
3:30 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main stage
5:00 p.m.	Rule B2 Band	Main stage
6:15 p.m.	Whisky Trail Band	Beer Garden
7:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Rodeo grounds
7:30 p.m.	Easton Corbin Concert	Rodeo Grounds
9:00 p.m.	Whisky Trail Band	Beer Garden

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

11:00 a.m.	Reptile Man	Main stage
12:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main stage
1:00 p.m.	Reptile Man	Rodeo Grounds
1:00 p.m.	Rodeo	Rodeo Grounds
2:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main stage
3:00 p.m.	Reptile Man	Main stage
4:00 p.m.	Throw Zone	Main stage
7:30 p.m.	Selena Concert	Rodeo Arena

Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program builds future leaders

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSON – The Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program aims to introduce children to agriculture at an early age.

The program is relatively new and similar to 4-H. It allows kids in grades K-8 to participate in local fairs by entering projects or showing animals.

Program director Norm Manly said the goal is to prepare them to join FFA when they reach high school.

The Youth Fairs program conducts its meetings using Robert's Rules of Order, with officers

elected annually. The kids are actively involved in fundraising, such as participating in the farmers market and engaging in community service activities.

Last year, they visited Heritage Heights, singing carols and delivering Christmas cards.

Manly hopes to increase community service opportunities for the group and provide hands-on learning for the children.

The program also includes educational projects, like learning how to raise chickens, etc., Manly said.

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Rodeo 101 – Roughstock Events

In the rough stock, events bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding a contestant's score is equally dependent upon his performance and the animal's performance.

To earn a qualified score, the cowboy, while using only one hand, must stay aboard a bucking horse or bull for eight seconds. If the rider touches the animal, himself, or any of his

equipment with his free hand, he is disqualified.

In saddle bronc and bareback riding, a cowboy must "mark out" his horse; that is, he must exit the chute with his spurs set above the horse's shoulders and hold them there until the horse's front feet hit the ground after the initial jump out of the chute. Failing to do so results in disqualification.

During the regular season, two judges each score

a cowboy's qualified ride by awarding 0 to 25 points for the rider's performance and 0 to 25 points for the animal's effort.

The judges' scores are then combined to determine the contestant's score. A perfect score is 100 points.

Rodeo 101 – Timed Events

In timed events steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, barrel

racing, and steer roping; cowboys and cowgirls at "the other end of the arena" compete against the clock, as well as against each other. A contestant's goal is to post the fastest time in his or her event.

In steer wrestling and the roping events, calves and steers are allowed a head start. The competitor, on horseback, starts in a three-sided fenced area called a box. The fourth side opens into the arena.

A rope barrier is stretched across that opening and is tied to the calf or steer with a breakaway loop.

Once the calf or steer reaches the head-start point - predetermined by the size of the arena - the barrier is automatically released. If a cowboy breaks that barrier, a 10-second penalty is added.



The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) is deeply committed to the proper care and treatment of the livestock used in the rodeo.

The Livestock Welfare Program is extensive and covers many aspects including livestock care standards, education, research, outreach, and government relations.

Professional rodeo action consists of two types of competitions – rough stock events and timed events – and an all-around cowboy crown. Each competition has its own set of rodeo rules and order of events.

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Horse Program Events



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - Entry Day

12 - 8 pm	Horse Entry	Horse Barn
8 pm	Mandatory meeting	Horse Barn
until 9 pm	Sign Up for Demonstrations	4-H Building

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5 a.m.	Barn Open – feed, clean stalls	Horse Barn
7 - 8 a.m.	Mandatory Workout	Rodeo Arena
10 a.m.	Showmanship	Horse Arena
11 a.m.	English Equitation	Horse Arena
12 noon	English Pleasure	Horse Arena
1 p.m.	Bareback	Horse Arena
3 p.m.	Trail	Horse Arena
5 - 6 p.m.	Mandatory Workout – Group A	Horse Arena
6 - 7 p.m.	Mandatory Workout – Group B	Horse Arena
7:30 p.m.	Concert	Rodeo Arena
9 p.m.	Barns Close	Horse Barn

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5 a.m.	Barn Open – feed, clean stalls	Horse Barn
7 - 8 a.m.	Mandatory Workout	Rodeo Arena
10 a.m.	Western Equitation	Horse Arena
11 a.m.	Western Pleasure	Horse Arena
1 p.m.	Disciplined Rail	Horse Arena
2 p.m.	Working pairs	Horse Arena
4 p.m.	Round Robin	Various
5 - 6 p.m.	Mandatory Workout – Group A	Horse Arena
6 - 7 p.m.	Mandatory Workout – Group B	Horse Arena
7:30 p.m.	Concert	Rodeo Arena
10 p.m.	Barns Close	Horse Barn

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5 a.m.	Barn Open – feed, clean stalls	Horse Barn
7:30 - 10 a.m.	4-H Western Gaming	Rodeo Arena
10 a.m.	Livestock Auction	
8 - 9 a.m.	Mandatory Workout (if not gaming)	Horse Arena
2 p.m.	Costume Contest	Horse Arena
3 p.m.	Fun Human and Horse Games	Horse Arena
5 - 6 p.m.	Mandatory Workout – Group A	Horse Arena
6 - 7 p.m.	Mandatory Workout – Group B	Horse Arena
7 p.m.	Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
10 p.m.	Barns close	Horse Barn

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

5 a.m.	Barn Open - feed, clean stalls	Horse Barn
6 - 9 a.m.	4-H and FFA Clean Fairgrounds	Fairgrounds
7 - 8 a.m.	Mandatory Workout	Rodeo Arena
9 a.m.	Groom Squad	Horse Arena
11 a.m.	Horse Judging	Horse Arena
1 p.m.	Rodeo	Rodeo Arena
4 - 5 p.m.	ALL Youth Clean Up Sasseens	Rodeo Arena
5 p.m.	Barns Close, Load-Out	Horse Barn

Ponderosa 4-H Club riders saddle up for success at Chelan County Fair

By Taylor Caldwell
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CASHMERE – Ponderosa 4-H, an equine-focused 4-H Club based in Leavenworth, will have nine teams participating at this year’s fair. In 4-H programs, participants complete hands-on projects in areas like health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement, developing the necessary skills to become empowered, compassionate community members.

“In this case, it just happens to be horses. You find something that they are passionate about, and then they learn along the way,” said Laura Reichlin, Ponderosa 4-H Club Leader.

Club members demon-

strate resilience, confidence, and independence, said Reichlin. Each participant must take care of their horse, attend weekly workouts or ride nights, and participate in a number of performance and gaming clinics and shows before participating at the fair. The club is youth-led, with elected officers operating under Robert’s Rules of Order and making decisions for the club.

“Ponderosa 4-H club has taught me how to be independent and quick with decision making. Also, being able to be a good leader to younger members while still being able to work alone,” said Faith Smith, a 4-H Senior and 11th grader.

Over the years, Reichlin has watched some participants too scared to even lead their horse in their first year, then flying around on their horse in the next, and graduated participants come back to teach clinics to the younger riders.

“That growth is totally what I’m here for. I love it,” said Reichlin.

This year will be Smith’s fifth fair. Smith and her horse Psymon will participate in Western classes, Trail, Western Gaming, and the Costume Contest. Additionally, she will be showing a sheep at the fair with Cashmere

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4H - Grange - FFA Schedule



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - Entry Day

Livestock Entries accepted	Noon - 8:00 p.m.	Turn in livestock forms	With animal
Still Life accepted in 4-H Building	Noon - 8:00 p.m.	All entries must be in place	9:00 p.m.
After weigh in - Mandatory all 4-H/Grange/FFA Meeting	8:00 p.m.	Barn closes	9:00 p.m.
Educational demonstration registration	9:00 p.m.		

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - 4H - FFA - Grange

Barns open	5:00 a.m.	FFA demonstrations	2 - 6:00 p.m.
Knowledge Bowl - 4-H Building	9:00 a.m.	Rabbit and Cavy Fitting and Showing Contest	3:00 p.m.
Goat Type/Market judging	9:00 a.m.	4-H demonstrations	4 - 8:00 p.m.
Swine Type/Market judging	9:00 a.m.	Poultry Fitting and Showing Contest	5:00 p.m.
Barn duty begins	10:00 a.m.	Small Animal Round Robin to follow Rabbit and Cavy	6:00 p.m.
Still Life judging	10:00 a.m.	Barn duty ends	8:00 p.m.
Beef Type/Market judging	12:30 p.m.	Barns close	9:00 p.m.
Sheep Type/Market judging	1:00 p.m.		

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - FFA - 4H - Grange

Barns open	5:00 a.m.	Foods Contests in 4-H Building	1:00 p.m.
4-H/Grange cleaning parking lots & fairgrounds	6 - 9:00 a.m.	FFA demonstrations	3 - 6:00 p.m.
Knowledge Bowl - 4-H Building	10:00 a.m.	Round Robin	4:00 p.m.
Swine Fitting & Showing	9:00 a.m.	(1 hour following last species to complete Fitting & Showing)	
Goat Fitting & Showing	9:00 a.m.	4-H demonstrations	4 - 8:00 p.m.
Barn duty begins	10:00 a.m.	Barn duty ends	8:00 p.m.
Beef Fitting & Showing	12:30 p.m.	Barns close	10:00 p.m.
Sheep Fitting & Showing	1:00 p.m.		

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Barns open	5:00 a.m.	Demonstrations begin as listed on schedule: posted in 4-H Building	1 - 5:00 p.m.
FFA cleaning parking lots & fairgrounds	6 - 9:00 a.m.	Rabbit Judging Contest	2:00 p.m.
Knowledge Bowl - 4-H Building	10:00 a.m.	FFA demonstrations	2 - 6:00 p.m.
Fur Auction	9:00 a.m.	Poultry CDE	3:00 p.m.
Livestock Auction	10:00 a.m.	Barn duty ends	8:00 p.m.
Barn duty begins	10:00 a.m.	Barns close	10:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Barns open	6:00 a.m.	Pet Talent & Costume Show	2:00 p.m.
4-H, FFA, & Grange cleaning parking lots & fairgrounds	6 - 9:00 a.m.	Style Show-4-H Building	3:00 p.m.
Knowledge Bowl - 4-H Building	10:00 a.m.	4-H, FFA, & Grange cleaning Sasseen Lot - Rodeo area	4 - 5:00 p.m.
Barn duty begins	10:00 a.m.	Barn duty ends	5:00 p.m.
Demonstrations begin as listed on schedule: posted in 4-H Building	10 a.m. - noon	Barns close	5:00 p.m.
Garden CDE	10 a.m. - noon	Fair closes	5:00 p.m.
Tractor Driving CDE	10 a.m. - noon	<i>Still life exhibits may not be removed from fair before this time</i>	
Livestock Judging Contest	11:00 a.m.	Animal hauled out	6:00 pm
Livestock CDE	12:30 p.m.	Commercial Haulers' load out first.	

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Ponderosa 4-H Club riders

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FFA and performing with the Tillicum Riders Drill Team. Smith is also on the Cascade Washington High School Equestrian Team.

“I’m looking forward to spending time at fair learning and improving on horsemanship skills, as well as hanging out with my fellow Ponderosa club members and growing friendships,” said Smith.

Ninth graders Reese Houghton and her horse Laramie, as well as Kaylee Smith and horse Remi, are attending as 4-H Intermediates. Both will participate in English and Western classes, Trail, Western Gaming, and the Costume Contest. This year is Kaylee Smith’s fifth year with Ponderosa and participating at the fair. Her favorite part

about 4-H Club has been stepping out of her comfort zone and learning how to be a leader. Houghton is in her fourth year with Ponderosa, and it is her third time at the fair. Houghton is also a flag carrier with the Tillicum Riders.

“[My favorite part is] just meeting everyone and just being able to ride with everyone,” said Houghton.

4-H Intermediates also include 7th graders and their respective horses: Vaughan Eccles and Mysingur, Caroline Sullivan and Blue, Aubree Pulliam with Pasco and Bailey, Josie Reichlin and Dusty.

This is Eccles’s first fair and first year with Ponderosa. Eccles will participate in English classes, Trail and the Costume Contest. Eccles’s favorite part about riding has been learning how to build trust with her horse. She’s

most looking forward to the Costume Contest.

Sullivan, in her second year both at the fair and with Ponderosa, will participate in Western classes, Trail and the Costume Contest. Sullivan is also the Honorary Western Gaming DJ.

“[I’ve learned] that I can overcome challenges that I thought I couldn’t. My riding has improved a lot since I’ve been part of Ponderosa,” said Sullivan.

Pulliam, also in her second year for both the fair and Ponderosa, will be participating in Western classes, Trail, Western Gaming, and the Costume Contest. Pulliam is most looking forward to Western Gaming.

“It’s just fun. You don’t have to worry about anyone judging you. You just get in the pattern and ride,” said Pulliam.



Kaylee Smith and horse Remi.



Raylan Nicholson and horse Dunny.



Josie Ayala and horse Badger.

Reichlin’s favorite part about the fair is also gaming, because everyone cheers each other on. Reichlin is in her fourth year with Ponderosa. For her third year at the fair, she will participate in English classes, Trail, Western Gaming, and the Costume Contest.

“I like getting to bond with the horse. Your horse is your therapist. You can just tell it everything and it won’t judge you or anything,” said Reichlin.

Participating 4-H Juniors

will be Josie Ayala, Raylan Nicholson, and Malena Wolfe. Although they participated last year, this will be Ayala and Nicholson’s first fair with a horse. Both will participate in Western classes, Trail and the Costume Contest. Ayala, a 6th grader, will participate with her horse Badger, and is most looking forward to Trail. Nicholson, a fourth grader, will participate with her horse Dunny.

“I always need to make sure that I keep calm and make sure [Denny] stays

calm,” said Nicholson, about the number one thing she has learned.

Wolfe, 6th grade, will be enjoying her first year at the fair, participating in Groom Squad, Horse Judging, Barn Duty, and giving a demonstration. She will also be entering a sewing project.

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Manson FFA students showcase skills, livestock at Chelan County Fair

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

MANSON – The Manson FFA program has 14 high school students exhibiting animals at the Chelan County Fair this year, including pigs, a goat, and a horse.

The middle school youth are also participating, each showing a pig.

The students work with their animals from spring through to the fair in September, focusing on training, grooming, and record-keeping.

The fair is a culmination of their efforts, where they showcase their animals and are judged on various aspects, including how well they handle and present their livestock.

This year, Manson has a new FFA Advisor, Rudy Blomquist.

Longtime FFA Advisor Kevin Amsden is staying on through the Chelan County Fair to mentor Blomquist. After the fair, Amsden will officially retire.

Amsden said the students spend months getting their animals ready to show at the fair.

Students practice walk-

ing with their pigs and learning to control them with a stick that is called a whip because the judges will ask them to move their animals around in the show pen, Amsden said.

“They need to walk them so they kind of get in shape, just like athletes,” Amsden said.

“Because once they get in the show ring, they’re going to be in there maybe half an hour or so, you know, that if they haven’t been worked with or walked, they’re going to just want to do nothing but find the gate and go home.”

By showing animals at the fair, students learn valuable life skills, including responsibility, record keeping, and animal care.

They must manage the feeding and watering of their animals, track expenses, identify animal breeds, and learn how to administer medical care, such as giving shots.

These experiences teach them essential aspects of animal husbandry and practical knowledge, Amsden said.

Amsden said they also learn to talk to the public because they talk to the

visitors throughout the fair.

“My primary goal always is to increase the knowledge base on the subject and increase the kids’ confidence in themselves, because I think that’s very important, that not only you have the knowledge base, but you have the confidence that you know you know what you know,” Blomquist said.

“And I think that a lot of events at the fair and through FFA kind of help with that and put kids in relatively uncomfortable situations that they maybe wouldn’t put themselves in, but those are where the most growth happens,” Blomquist said.

The Wednesday before the fair is haul-in day, when the kids bring their animals to the fairgrounds, set up their barns, and decorate the barns.

On Thursday morning, starting around 5 a.m., the kids begin washing and clipping their animals to prepare them for the fair.

By 9 a.m., they start showing their animals in various classes, with pigs and sheep judged

in different pens. The judging continues until early afternoon, when the grand champion and reserve grand champion are announced.

The next morning, the kids will start early again, preparing their animal for the day.

Friday morning shows are about showmanship, so judges will look to see if the animal is clean and well groomed and how well the kids handle their animals.

There is a constant flow of work at the fair. They keep the barn and their pens clean, feed and water the animals, and groom them.

Amsden said many of the kids have sports practices they attend after their showing duties. Fair days can make for some long days of hard work.

Saturday morning is the auction when the students sell their animals.

Throughout the day, the kids have “barn duty,” where they spend about two hours in their assigned barn, such as the sheep barn, answering questions from the public and keeping the area clean and presentable.

FFA members work

hard to earn their time at the fair, but they also have community and parent support.

“The Chelan Manson community or the valley has always supported our kids wonderfully, whether it be at the livestock sale or through fundraisers or whatever,” Amsden said.

“You know, the kids get very well supported in this valley.”

Local businesses help to support the kids as well by helping with the cost of raising the animal or by purchasing the animal at the sale.

“You know, the parents are very supportive,” Amsden said. “They do the meals, they do the dinners, they do the breakfasts for the kids. They’re in there taking pictures. They’re writing names down. They’re getting, you know, all the advertisements done. So the parents are a big deal.”

The Chelan FFA alumni have a school farm across from the rodeo grounds. It is open to all FFA and 4-H kids in the valley. If they don’t have a place at their house to keep their animals, they may keep them at the school farm.

“If a kid wants to (raise an animal), we always try and find a place so he has an opportunity if he doesn’t have one,” Amsden said.

Both Amsden and Blomquist know that the kids will take the knowledge and skills they learn with them when their high school FFA time is over.

“I think that the community that we live in is still as much as we like to think, that it’s all tourist based, the primary year-round industry around here is agriculture, and I think that it is a school’s duty to prepare their kids and their students to best succeed in their area,” Blomquist said.

“And I think having that knowledge base in this area is very important because not only does it keep businesses going that have been around since the founding of this valley, but it provides useful knowledge,” Blomquist said.

“It provides knowledge of the natural world that sometimes gets swept to the wayside.”

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Community support, hard work cultivate success for Chelan FFA students

By **QUINN PROPST**
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The Chelan FFA program offers a wide range of opportunities for students, extending beyond animal showing to include valuable life skills.

While many students participate without showing animals, those who do are committed to caring for their animals for several months.

Students showing steers will get their animal in the fall of the previous year, so they will care for it for about ten months. Students showing other livestock get their animals in the spring. They spend a lot of time working with and caring for their animals to get them ready for the fair, Chelan FFA Advisor Amanda Mattingly said.

Now, all of that hard work will culminate at the Chelan County Fair, where the students will show and sell their livestock.

At the fair, students showcase their animals in various competitions, including market shows and showmanship events. They also engage in additional contests like livestock judging and poultry handling.

There are 23 Chelan students participating, and most have more than one animal, Mattingly said.

They will show steers, pigs, goats, lambs, ducks, rabbits and this year there will be one horse.

The experience teaches them responsibility, confidence, and money management, Mattingly said.

The students pay for the animal and its food themselves. However, some programs are in place to help kids who can't afford to buy and feed their animals.

The FFA Alumni Booster Club supports first-year students by purchasing their animals and feed if they cannot. After the students sell their animals at the fair, they use the proceeds to repay the alumni. This system allows the students to fund their own projects in the following year.

"So it's pretty cool like that," she said. "We have that ability to do that where we can get kids started, and maybe they wouldn't have been able to afford it their first year. But if the alumni can help them start, then they can fund the project for years to come."

"So we're really, really



Chelan FFA students work with their hogs to prepare for showing the animals at the Chelan County Fair.

fortunate that we have that Booster Club, and they have the ability to pay for that stuff up front for the kids," she said.

Another community support that helps FFA kids is the school farm. If a student can't keep their animal at home they can keep it at the school farm.

The Manson Chelan Youth Fair Fund plays a crucial role in supporting local livestock showmen by ensuring that all kids, whether in 4-H, FFA, or Grange, Chelan, or Manson, receive the necessary support to participate in fairs. This fund is vital to the program's success, helping coordinate meat sales for community members who want fresh meat without attending the fair auction.



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FFA students wash and groom their animals regularly to help them beat the heat and to keep their coats nice.

The support from the FFA alumni, the school farm, and this fund is essential for the program's operations.

"So they're also really important to the success of this program," she said. "So our FFA Alumni, our school farm, and the Chelan Manson Youth Fair Fund, like we would not be able to do anything that we do without them."

Even with community support, the kids still have a lot of work to do before and during the fair.

"There are long days," Mattingly said. "I always tell the kids before they sign up to do it that there is nothing tired like fair tired but that it's worth it, and all the kids that do it will agree that it's worth it."

During fair week, FFA

students prepare by decorating their stalls and moving in livestock. Thursday features a market show to evaluate animal quality, and Friday focuses on showmanship, assessing how well students have trained their animals. Saturday is the auction, and Sunday involves various contests like livestock judging and poultry evaluation. Throughout the fair, students are responsible for cleaning stalls and being available in the barn to answer public questions, helping to connect with the community.

During the fair, students must wake up early to clean their stalls and animals before the public arrives. They also take turns on barn duty to ensure someone is always available to

answer visitors' questions.

"That's kind of like the intent or the role of the county fair is to make that connection with the public," she said. "So that's why the kids have to have to stand there and make those connections. And then, they do obviously eat a lot of fair food and go on rides, too."

Students work regularly with their animals, such as walking pigs each day to build stamina for show competitions. They also wash and groom animals like lambs, goats, and steers, often daily, to keep them cool and promote hair growth, resulting in the well-groomed appearance seen at shows.

"The kids always say the thing they learned the most is the responsibility," she said. "But the way that they talk about it, it's more like the confidence in their responsibility of they didn't know they could do it, and now they know they can do it."

Mattingly said her favorite thing about helping the kids show their animals is seeing the confidence students gain through working with animals.

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Cashmere FFA students to showcase 51 market animals at Chelan County Fair auction

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CASHMERE – The Cashmere Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter will have a strong showing at the upcoming Chelan County Fair, set for September 4-8, 2024. The organization reports that 49 of its members will exhibit market animals at the event.

Students will transport their livestock to the fairgrounds on Wednesday, September 4. The auction is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7. Cashmere FFA members will offer 36 hogs, 13 lambs, one steer, and one goat for sale.

The auction provides

several options for potential buyers to support the young agriculturists. Purchasers can acquire animals for personal consumption, with local processing available. They can also buy an animal and then sell it to a packer buyer at a pre-established market price, effectively offering financial support to the student exhibitors.

For those unable to attend the auction in per-



son, the fair's website will feature an "Exhibitor Support" form, allowing direct financial contributions to specific students.

FFA advisor Rusty Finch stresses the value of community support for these agricultural projects, noting that the program helps students develop key skills in animal husbandry and business management.

The Chelan County Fair and livestock auction rep-



resent the culmination of months of work for these young farmers, providing them with practical experience in the agricultural sector.

Local businesses and community members are urged to participate in the auction, continuing a tradition of backing youth in agriculture. The event showcases the students' achievements while underscoring the ongoing



importance of agriculture in Chelan County's economy and culture.

Cashmere FFA will have 36 Hogs, 13 Lambs, 1 Steer, and 1 Goat. Cashmere FFA members participating in this year's fair include:

Hogs

Joseph Acton, Jada Baty, Addy Burger, Corbin Burger, Kate Croci, Braden Dahlstrom, Paige Dart, Prin Fox, Jesse Hall, Jacob Holladay, Haile James, Sam James, Ella Kenoyer, Keenan Knoll, Taylor Kunz, Allie McKenna, Logan Musser, Amia Mutch, David Odenrider, Aubrey Potter, Brody Potter, Carson Potter, Logan Potter, Liliana Ruiz, Peighton Sadler, Logan Spies, Matthew Smith, Rylee Snod-



grass, Elly Steele, Colton Stendera, Madisyn Stoffel, Levi Strutzel, Ethan Theiss and Ellie Weber.

Lambs

Brianna Castro, Miranda Castro, Abigail Kim, Sydney Mazur, Ada Missal, Kyla Neal, Gracie Nieman, Aleida Nolasco, Adi Poole, Lucy Ray, Faith Smith and Eliana Thomas.

Steers

Amelia Flick

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Manson Grange Youth Fairs Program

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Recently the group visited Kirk Wallace, who raises falcons.

"It was really cool," Manly said.

"The kids got to hold the hawk on their arm and everything, so they learned about that. That's part of the program, is to, you know, learn more things about animals or whatever it could be anything."

The kids do not need to have an animal to participate in the fair. They can enter "still life" exhibits, such as artwork, plants, or other creative projects.

"We encourage the kids, you know, to do that, besides having an animal to do some kind of artwork or something like that, and they get ribbons," he said.

Not only do the kids

earn ribbons but they can win money for their projects, too.

"So it's a good program for the kids," he said. "I make them totally responsible for themselves. When we go to the farmers market, they cook the cookies and then they actually do the selling and counting of the money."

"You know and these are little kids," he said. "And my whole belief in any program like this working with kids, is you set the bar as high as you can, and they're gonna meet it. They're gonna do the work they need to do to meet it. And it's true. I just totally believe that. All these kids are very respectful, just, it's a great program."

Three years ago, Manly and other Manson residents joined the Manson Grange, which was pretty

stagnant at the time.

Each of them began helping with different aspects of the Grange. Since then, the Grange has revitalized and is in the middle of a capital campaign to improve the facility.

"Because back in the day, the Grange was the hub of the town, that's where everything happened," he said. "We're trying to get that back. And so the part I took was the part about the youth, because in any organization, the youth are going to be your future leaders."

In January, new families may join the Youth Fairs programs. Right now, there are 32 members, and Manly said he will probably cap it at 40. For more information, visit mansongrange.com or email Norm Manly at normmanly@yahoo.com.

Chelan 4-H Club shapes future leaders

By QUINN PROPST
Ward Media Staff Reporter

CHELAN – The Chelan Caballeros 4-H club has been encouraging future leaders in the valley for many years.

It originally started as a horse 4-H club but has changed over the years to a livestock club.

The kids show chickens, goats, and steers, club leader Erin Mudd said.

Currently, the club has 26 members.

“Our kids start the process of getting ready for the fair in October of the year prior to the fair they will be showing in,” Mudd said.

“So, 11 months of prep to get themselves and their projects to fair.”

The majority of project animals are purchased in April or May. For members showing steers, their work starts earlier.

Steers are purchased in November, so they are easier to train before they reach their goal weight of 1,300 to 1,400 lbs.

Members with chickens and hobby goats usually

own their animals for numerous years, so they get the opportunity to show them at multiple fairs.

“Our members work very hard to get their animals trained and to the target market weight, many hours are spent feeding, watering, washing, and training go into their animals before they get to take them to fair,” she said.

Members learn many skills from participating in 4H, raising their projects, and showing at the fair.

“(They learn) hard work, dedication, and accountability from spending so many hours taking care of and training their animals which shines through when they bring them to fair,” Mudd said.

“They also get a sense of teamwork, as they help each other with projects and during barn duty at fair.”

They also learn public speaking from projects and demonstrations throughout the year.

“Another neat part of raising market animals is learning financial respon-

sibility,” Mudd said.

“Our members must pay for their projects as well as their feed and all the items to care for them.”

“First-year members get help from their parents, of course, to get the ball rolling, but the goal in the end is to make enough money to cover all expenses then save the remaining for the next year’s project cost,” she said.

This year, members learned how to give vaccinations to their animals. Some Chelan FFA members gave a presentation on the correct ways to vaccinate their animals. The kids got the chance to practice on oranges.

“Our kids absolutely loved it,” she said.

“Getting the opportunity to raise your own animal is priceless, the kids learn so many critical life skills throughout the whole process,” she said.

“I am so lucky to get to help navigate these kids and their families through this process,” she said.

Mudd was raised on a cattle ranch and partici-

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market animal sounded like a solid idea.”

Much like his sister, Pipkin learns each day about the difficulties and responsibilities of raising large domesticated animals.

“Every morning I feed my steer,” he said as he explained the constant dedication required to care for a market animal. “I check his water throughout the day, and in the evening, I work on training him to behave well in the arena and to look presentable while showing.”

Through the responsibility required of raising such a large animal, Pipkin continues to learn a great deal of important life lessons.

“I’ve learned determination, consistency, and lots of overall knowledge about raising an animal,” Pipkin concluded with satisfaction.

Similarly to Libby Pip-

pated in 4-H from age five through high school. She was also a member of the Kittitas FFA Chapter.

“I had the opportunity to show geese and goats

kin, 11-year-old Wyatt Beem plans to show off a market pig, displaying his 3 years of work in raising them.

Looking ahead to another opportunity to show his pig, Beem discusses what his experience at the fair usually looks like.

“A typical day at Chelan County Fair begins with me cleaning out her stall and replacing it with fresh bedding,” Beem explained. “I then take her to the wash station for a good scrubbing. Then, I make sure she has fresh water and feed.”

Before working with market pigs, Beem already had an interest in raising animals, and now that he’s on his third year in 4-H, he looks back with no regrets.

“I wanted to raise an animal and take it to Chelan County Fair,” he commented, expanding on his satisfaction to have joined the Barn Kids 4-H Club. “Both my parents encouraged me to do it as well because

it’s a great experience.”

If Beem’s learned one thing from his years of caring for pigs, it’s the need for consistency in providing everything they need to stay healthy, even the small things.

“How important it is to take care of your animal numerous times a day,” he shared. “She needs fresh water and feed a couple times a day, along with giving her cool mud to lay in.”

As their excitement builds for the upcoming Chelan County Fair, Cashmere 4-H club members continue the dedicated daily care of their animals and projects, constantly feeding them, grooming them, training them, and cleaning their enclosures. Looking forward to representing the local area, these kids can’t wait to show off all their hard work!

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