

## Power of Youth Award

# Community Service Recognized

Each year, Klickitat PUD presents the Power of Youth Award to a member of the Klickitat County 4-H program. The award is based on the recipient's community involvement, volunteer activities and leadership skills.

This year, Shyanne Faulconer of Goldendale won the award. She was selected after a review of her 4-H achievements, project record book and an interview by a committee of adults chosen by the 4-H leaders council.

Shyanne has been involved in 4-H for five years and has accomplished more than she ever thought she would. Her involvement at the Klickitat County Fair includes market sheep for the past four years and the honor of receiving Reserve Champion Lamb in 2008 for market division.

Through the years, she has completed a variety of projects at the fair, including independent study in piano, quilting and a special project of a denim quilt she made from old jeans.

Every year, Shyanne has turned in a completed 4-H record book, detailing her accomplishments, which has earned her many ribbons, including lot champion.

"Record books aren't fun, but they did help me learn how to be organized and taught me basic record-keeping skills," she says. "In

the end, after I turn in my book for judging, I always have a feeling of great satisfaction and accomplishment."

During her 4-H years, Shyanne participated in many different community service projects. In 2007, she helped her older brother, Clinton, on his Eagle Scout project at the Klickitat County Fairgrounds. This entailed upgrading the beef showing area with plywood and painting it to make it safer for decorating.

She helped her club make Christmas ornaments for the assisted living residents at Golden View Terrace during the holidays and pillowcases for local children.

Another way Shyanne gives back to the community is by helping bake and deliver cookies as a thank you to local businesses for their support. Turning the communities' youth into outstanding young adults would not be possible without the support of the local businesses.

Shyanne's leadership abilities have grown throughout her 4-H career, due in part to the skills and training she received through 4-H. She attended many 4-H leadership camps,



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including Teen Conference at the Washington State University campus in Pullman, Know Your Government training and Portable Challenge training day at Brooks State Park. She helped plan and run Teen Rally 2010, hosted by Klickitat County in Trout Lake. She was vice president and secretary in her 4-H club and is the current junior class president at Goldendale High School.

At the 2011 Klickitat County Fair, Shyanne plans to show a market steer. This will be her last year to show an animal as she wants to focus her senior year on leadership and getting ready for college. She plans to start college at Wenatchee Valley Community College, then transfer to a university to complete her bachelor's degree

Congratulations to Shyanne on this well-deserved Power of Youth Award! Good luck with all of your future plans, and keep up the great leadership and service to the community. ■