

Aaron Cochran Honored With KPUD's 'Power of Youth' Award

Klickitat PUD proudly presents the 2006 "Power of Youth" award to Aaron Cochran, son of Kit and Ann Cochran of Goldendale.

Aaron, a ninth grader at Goldendale High School, was selected for his community service and leadership during the past year. He was involved in numerous community service projects and also took on leadership roles in eighth grade as president of ASB, the National Junior Honor Society and the Evergreen 4-H Club.

Aaron takes his leadership responsibilities seriously and enjoys presiding over meetings.

Aaron set a goal of reaching 50 hours of community service by the end of the 4-H year in September. Although he did not meet that goal, he did log more than 27 hours of community service. From those 27 hours, Aaron says he learned how important community service is, and learned a lot about leadership.

"Aaron does his community service with such a positive outlook and with a smile that I learn from him, as others should," says Aaron's 4-H leader Karla Better.

Aaron received recognition as Student of the Month and Employee of the Month in November 2005.

Involvement in the following activities helped Aaron achieve recognition, including the Power of Youth award:

Crossing guard at the school crosswalks; car washes; HOST volunteering; holiday decorating at his church; horse camp assistant and umpiring Little League games.

When Aaron is not busy dedicating his time to organizations or



helping the community, he enjoys playing sports such as baseball, football, basketball and wrestling.

Aaron is also active in music. If you attend the Goldendale school concerts, you will find him playing the trombone with the school band or his guitar with the jazz band.

Aaron not only participates in the leadership and community service 4-H projects, but is also involved in swine and swine-breeding projects. At the 2006 Klickitat County Fair, he received the Grand Champion Showmanship award with his pig "Vincent."

He was also accepted into the round robin competition, which required him to show steers, sheep, and pigs that belonged to other young people. His favorite animal to show was a steer.

"I appreciate my 4-H club experience and have worked hard at leadership and community service, which are my strongest points," Aaron says. "I am looking forward to this year's 4-H experiences."

Congratulations Aaron, on this well-deserved "Power of Youth" award! Good luck with your 2006 projects. ■