

Klickitat PUD Recognizes

Klickitat County 4-H participants honored with annual award

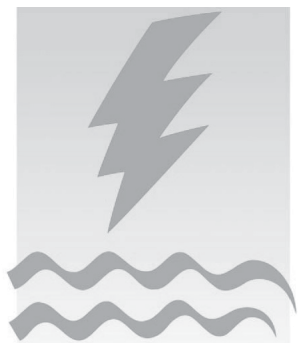
By Lori Froehlich

4-H is a program near and dear to many across Klickitat County. The program is the nation's largest youth development organization, empowering six million young people throughout the U.S.

If you are not familiar with 4-H, its mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. The vision is a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

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

This year, there are two recipients:



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Brandi Vance and Quinn Perry. Both recipients were excited and say they are honored to receive this award.

Brenda and Quinn were selected after a review of their 4-H achievements, project record book and an interview by a committee of adults chosen by the leader's council.

"Both of these youth do several community service projects and are equally deserving of this recognition," says 4-H Program Manager Lisa Harness. "Thank you to the PUD for sponsoring this award."

Brandi, 13, is an eighth-grader at Centerville School. She has completed six years in 4-H. Her community service includes helping with the Brighter Goldendale Christmas tree decorations, decorating the Masonic Lodge with the Rainbow Girls, and baking cookies for Dr. Ogden's Christmas project and for fundraisers for his trips to provide eye care.

This year, the Rainbow Girls collected food for the food bank, and made 26 pillowcases and 13 tie blankets for the Shriners. Brandi also has been involved in recycling cans, helping with blood drives, and rescuing and relocating animals displaced by fire.

Brandi's leadership the past year includes being president of the Horse-N-Around 4-H Club and an associate student body member at her school. She has served as Worthy Advisor to Golden Phoenix Assembly No. 158—International Order of Rainbow for

Girls—and was in the grand choir last July for Grand Assembly.

Brandi was Broken Spur Rodeo Queen for 2016. She encourages other young women to seek higher goals and make their dreams come true as a rodeo queen. She believes it has helped her public speaking and social skills with all ages. During the past two years, Brandi became actively involved in the Rascals Rodeo for those with special needs.

"Without 4-H, I would not have been able to come this far," Brandi says. "4-H has helped me 'make the best better.'"

Quinn, 15, is a 10th-grader and in his fifth year of 4-H. His projects this year were market turkey and archery.

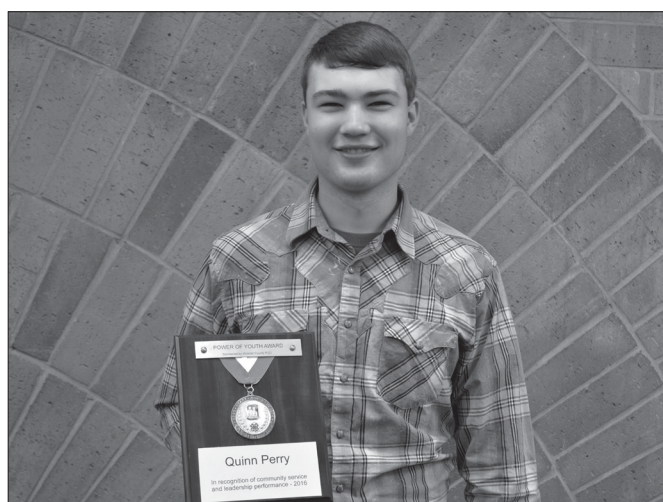
Quinn's community service includes Relay For Life fiesta, where he helped decorate and serve; cleaning up at the 4-H Christmas party; setting up and cooking at the firehouse sale in High Prairie; helping decorate the 4-H float; and cleaning up at 4-H fundraiser dinners. Quinn helped in his community garden and played guitar at 4-H camp.

Congratulations to Quinn and Brandi on their well-deserved Power of Youth awards.

They would both like to thank everyone that has supported and encouraged them to do well in their projects throughout the years.

Klickitat PUD wishes these two youth the best, and encourages them to keep learning, growing and working together for positive change to the community.

Students' Perseverance



Centerville School students Brandi Vance, eighth grade, and Quinn Perry, 10th grade, are the recipients of the 2016 Klickitat PUD Power of Youth Award.

Brandi Vance

I am intermediate in the Horse-N-Around 4-H club. I have been around 4-H my whole life, with my cousin Jackie Miller, my grandmother Pat Shamek, and my mother, Julie Vance.

This year, I qualified for state in Western games, sewing, cooking, and even sold my market goat at the county fair.

I got Sugar after my other horse colicked in September, and when I got her she had been alone for a year. After working with her, we qualified in barrels, poles and figure 8 to go to state.

For cooking this year, I made chicken Alfredo. It was a success, so I am ready to take it to state. I chose my sewing project because I wanted a blazer for queen tryouts, but the prices were really high so I thought I would make one. Now I have the honor of taking it to state fair.

Quinn Perry

For the second year in a row, I kept a breeding pair of turkeys over winter in hopes of not having to buy turkeys the next year. I purchased an incubator and put eggs in to incubate, but the first year it failed.

This year, I tried again. I put the eggs in the incubator as soon as they were ready. This time, I was careful with the humidity. But when I candled these eggs, they did not show any sign of growing at all. I tried two more batches but still found nothing.

I started looking at all the hatcheries I had done business with and found one that could send some chicks April 28, so I ordered them.

They came and did well inside. It was warming up outside so I started moving them out and back in every day for three weeks; then I left them outside

all the time. They soon grew out of the smaller run, so I had to repair and move my big run. After I put them in the big run, they grew fairly well and I moved them every three days so they always had fresh ground.

In archery, I had a very good year. I placed second in the county competition. I went to state and had a good time, and my team placed second.

Club meetings reminded me to keep up on my record book.

Two things we always help with in our community are the Christmas dinner and the firehouse sale. I think 4-H has made it a little easier for me to talk to people.

Thank you for judging! ■

4-H is a research-based experience that includes mentors, hands-on projects and "a meaningful leadership opportunity."