

## KLICKITAT PUD

# Ana Clark Wins Power of Youth Award

As we near the end of 2021, 4-H Club members wind down their year of hard work. The 4-H program is America's largest youth development organization, empowering 6 million young people throughout the country. The program's mission is to empower youth to reach their potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. 4-H's 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, given to a member of Klickitat County's 4-H program. The award is based on the young person's community involvement, volunteer activities and leadership skills.

This year's recipient is Ana Clark. Ana, 17, is the daughter of Mary-Ellen and Baron Clark. She has actively participated in her 4-H group, the Muttonheads 4-H Club, for seven years.

Ana shows chickens and sheep at the Klickitat County Fair. Her many projects and years of experience developed her leadership skills, often through mentoring others. The third of 12 children, she mentors her younger siblings on showmanship. She

helps younger 4-H members around her with their showmanship skills and assists with projects that prepare them to meet judging expectations.

Ana says she has experienced different obstacles in her time in 4-H. When explaining how to show a chicken, she says "they mostly just stand there." Ana once encountered a judge who wanted to see the chicken walk. This being a new request, she had to think quickly and figure out a way to make the chicken walk. Ana appreciates a challenge.

"This type of experience forces you to step out of your comfort zone and think on the fly," she says.

Show experience has also taught Ana how to work under pressure. She considered not entering an item because it was coming down to the deadline for completion, but instead she buckled down and finished. In the end, she was happy she finished the item, and it won best in class. Sometimes, the things we are most critical of turn out to be beautiful in the eyes of others.

One of Ana's favorite activities is crocheting. One time, she ran out of yarn while working on a blanket. Some would



Ana Clark, Power of Youth Award winner.

look at this as a waste of time, but not Ana. She looked at it and said, "I guess it's a scarf instead!"

Ana demonstrates the attitude Klickitat PUD looks for in our youth. She is willing to take on challenges, improvise and accept the unexpected or find a way to make something better. Ana dedicated her success to the love and support of her parents and wants "to thank them for everything they have done for her."

KPUD is proud to announce Ana Clark as the 2021 recipient of the Power of Youth Award. Congratulations, Ana! ■

## Low-Income Elderly Discount

- ▶ Available for seniors 62 & older.
- ▶ Enrollment began November 1.
- ▶ Expanded income guidelines based on gross income.
- ▶ All seniors need to reapply this year.
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Discount	Single-Person Household Yearly Income	Two-Person Household Yearly Income
35%	\$12,880 and less	\$17,420 and less
25%	\$12,881-\$17,130	\$17,421-\$23,169
15%	\$17,131-\$19,320	\$23,170-\$26,130
5%	\$19,321-\$25,760	\$26,131-\$34,840