

Powered By Enthusiasm

Harley Clever is recognized for service to her community

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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 young person's community involvement, volunteer activities and leadership skills.

Harley Clever is this year's recipient. She was selected after review of her 4-H achievements, project record book and a rigorous interview by a committee of the 4-H Leaders' Council.

Harley loves being involved in 4-H and has accomplished a great deal in her four years of involvement, including winning the primary achievement award for her record book of projects in 2007.

The Goldendale youth wants to participate in 4-H as long as possible, with a goal of attaining her 13-year pin. Her enthusiasm is infectious. Once she reaches her 13th year, Harley wants to continue with 4-H by becoming a youth leader.

One special community service project Harley participated in was the Relay For Life cancer research fundraiser. She started a campaign to raise money and donate it to the American Cancer Society.



Harley Clever with her Power of Youth Award.

When she began her project, Harley had a goal of \$50, but with the tremendous support she received, she raised \$235, greatly exceeding her own expectations. For every person who donated, a luminary bag was illuminated during the ceremony in honor or memory of a person of the donor's choice.

When asked why she chose the relay project, Harley says, "Because my grandma died from breast cancer and

I thought I should make it a project to raise money to help people with cancer get better or to help find a cure."

Another goal is to continue her involvement with Relay For Life so she can keep helping people. She already has changes in mind she will make next year.

"I will contact more people, and maybe mail more reminders so people don't forget to help," Harley says. "I want to volunteer at a cancer center so I can help learn more about what I can do to help and let more people know what cancer is all about and how it makes kids feel. It is important for them to let us help. I hope that I can help a little girl someday so she can have her grandma longer than I did."

4-H leaders were not the only ones who took notice of Harley's dedication to this project close to her heart.

In a letter to The Dalles Chronicle dated August 1, 2009, Nancy Scott wrote, "I would like to send out a special recognition to a supporter of the Relay-For-Life. ... She is an inspiration and a wonderful example of the importance that our youth have in our communities."

Congratulations to Harley on this well-deserved Power of Youth Award. Good luck on all future projects, and keep up the great service to the community! ■

Electrical Safety Tips For the Holidays

Extension cords help brighten the winter holidays by ensuring your twinkling lights reach enough outlets, but it is your job to make sure they reach those outlets safely. Below are some safety tips from your public power utility:

- ▶ Use extension cords for short-term jobs during the holidays, but pack them away when you take down the tree. They are not intended for everyday use.
- ▶ Do not plug extension cords together. Choose one long cord instead.
- ▶ Unplug cords when not in use. An extension cord remains energized until it is unplugged from the wall.
- ▶ Never run extension cords under a rug or across a wet floor.
- ▶ Outdoor uses require cords rated for the outdoors. It is not safe to use indoor cords outside.
- ▶ Replace extension cords that are damaged, cut or feel hot to the touch.