

Demonstrating the Power of Youth

By Lori Froehlich

4-H is a program near and dear to many across Klickitat County. The program is our nation's largest youth development organization, empowering 6 million young people throughout the United States. The program's mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. Its vision is a world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change.

Each year, Klickitat PUD presents 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's recipient is 16-year-old Riley Perry. She is in her fourth year of 4-H.

"It is an honor to receive the Power of Youth award from Klickitat PUD," Riley says. "For three years, I have watched other 4-Her's receive this award and never thought that I would receive it one day."

Riley was selected after a review of her 4-H achievements, project record book and an interview by a committee of adults chosen by the leader's council. She had four projects this year: market goat, archery, gardening and leadership.

Riley would like to thank everyone who has supported and encouraged her to do well in her projects. Following is her 4-H story in her own words:

"I've been showing market goats for two years. Both of my market goats were class champions, and I also received the goat barn merit award for growth, depth and quality of project.

This has been my third year in archery. Last year, I was disappointed with myself for being the second-to-last shooter in the county competition. That's when I decided that I was going to work hard and earn my way to state. Hard work pays off! I was fifth in our county competition this year and 13th out of 21 kids at state. Next year, I'm going to try to be one of the top four shooters at state.

This was my first year in a gardening project, and it didn't go quite as planned. I planted carrots, peas, beets, onions, lettuce, tomatoes and potatoes. The chickens ate my lettuce and beet sprouts, and my potatoes withered from the sun. However, I did get a good crop of peas, carrots and tomatoes.

This was also my first year doing a leadership project. I found that a lot of the things I do can be counted as leadership. Every Monday from January to April, I helped teach a preschool class of five kids at our home school co-op. I also manned the sign-in table at my uncle's wedding, and I helped decorate, cook and get attendees signed in for the Relay For Life



Four-year 4-H member Riley Perry received KPUD's 2015 Power of Youth award.

fundraising fiesta held at my church.

My club leaders have encouraged me to hold office positions. The first office I held was last year as secretary of the Muttonheads 4-H club. At first I was dreading the task, but as I did it and became more comfortable with it, I found I actually enjoyed it. I didn't even mind doing it for a second year. I received a gold certificate for my secretary record books both years. I was also vice president of our Sharpshooters Archery club.

I enjoy community service. It's fun to work with neighbors and get to know them while working together to accomplish a goal! This year, I helped at the volunteer firefighter's appreciation dinner, helping cook and clean up after this event.

My archery club volunteered to help clean up DNR land by rolling up old barbed wire and picking up stray fence posts. I also helped mix, stuff and smoke 180 lbs. of bratwurst for our annual High Prairie Firehouse Sale that raises funds for our community fire service. My church had a booth at the Relay For Life fundraiser and sold lap beads to raise money for cancer patients and research. During this event, I walked 15¾ miles."

Congratulations to Riley on this well-deserved Power of Youth award. Good luck with all your projects next year, Riley, and keep learning, growing and working together for positive change to the community! ■

Walkley Scholarship KPUD Nominee Selected

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Kailey Garrigus, daughter of Tim and Lauri Garrigus of Goldendale, was selected to be Klickitat PUD's nominee for the \$1,000 Walkley Scholarship 2015 drawing. This \$1,000 scholarship is sponsored by Glenn and Elvira Walkley. Glenn was a Franklin County PUD commissioner from 1945 to 1980.

The Washington PUD Association's Awards Committee holds the final drawing for the winner of the 2015 scholarship in November. Nominees included in their drawing are submitted from all Washington public utility districts that are members of the Washington PUD Association. Kailey's name was drawn from other eligible high school seniors who are children of KPUD employees. The other students included in the drawing were Spencer Ricks, Alyssa Madsen, Joshua Brokaw and Zara Kartes.

Kailey is active at Goldendale High School. She has been involved in four years of volleyball—two of them varsity—and four years of varsity softball. She also managed the boys varsity and junior varsity basketball team for one year.

Not only is Kailey an athlete, she has excelled academically throughout her high school career. She has been on the honor roll all four years with a cumulative GPA of 3.97, a three-year member of the Purple and Gold Club and has three years with the National Honor Society. She is a member of the Technical Student Association, an organization that fosters opportunities for students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Kailey also enjoyed being a princess this fall on the 2015 homecoming court. In her



Kailey Garrigus and her father, Tim, the journeyman serviceman for the Goldendale district.

spare time, she likes to draw, paint, and play softball and video games. She also loves fishing and camping with her friends and family.

Kailey is preparing to attend a university next fall and plans to major in biology. Her work toward her degree already has begun. She is enrolled in the Running Start program, which allows her to obtain college credit through Columbia Gorge and Yakima Valley community colleges. After obtaining her degree, she will apply to medical school and continue toward her goal of specializing as a neurosurgeon.

Klickitat PUD wishes Kailey good luck in the Washington PUD Association's final drawing for the \$1,000 Walkley Scholarship. ■

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2015

- 4**—Nitro Circus Live, freestyle motocross, BMX and more; 7:30 p.m., Moda Center, Portland
- 6-7**—Holiday Bazaar, Lyle Activity Center; (509) 365-2011
- 6-7**—Columbia River Circuit Rodeo Finals, Yakima Valley SunDome
- 10**—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 11**—Veterans Day; Klickitat PUD offices closed
- 11**—Veterans Day at Maryhill Museum, free admission to veterans and active duty military members
- 11**—Veterans Day Parade, downtown The Dalles
- 12-15**—Fall RV Show of Shows, Expo Center, Portland
- 13-15**—Living Dead Horror Convention, Oregon Convention Center, Portland
- 14**—Sports Connection Gun Show, State Fair Park, Yakima
- 14-15**—Seasonal closing celebration at Maryhill Museum of Art, two non-perishable food items for one free admission, Goldendale
- 19-21**—Quilt, Craft and Sewing Festival, Expo Center, Portland
- 21-22**—Rose City Gun and Knife Show, Expo Center, Portland
- 24**—Klickitat PUD Board of Commissioners' meeting, 2 p.m., Goldendale
- 26-27**—Thanksgiving; Klickitat PUD offices closed
- 27-29**—America's Largest Christmas Bazaar, Expo Center, Portland
- 27**—Starlight Parade, The Dalles

DECEMBER 2015

- 4-6**—Christmas in the Gorge, downtown Stevenson; www.cityofstevenson.com
- 4-6**—America's Largest Christmas Bazaar, Expo Center, Portland
- 5**—I'm Dreaming of a White Salmon, White Salmon
- 6**—The Bull Santa Jam featuring The Hunter Hayes "21 Tour," Moda Center, Portland

