

Giving the 'Power' to Young People

Each year, Klickitat PUD (KPU D) 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 service through volunteer activities, as well as for leadership skills.

Alexis Clever was this year's recipient of the Power of Youth Award presented at the annual Klickitat County 4-H Achievement Day on October 9.

Alexis' father and stepmother, Tim and Anita Clever of Goldendale, and her mother, Tawnya Clever, from Battle Ground, joined us in congratulating her.

Other family members include Alexis' sisters and brother, Harley, Tiffany and Travis.

The selection for the award includes review of the 4-Her's project record book, followed by a rigorous interview with a selected by a committee of the 4-H Leaders' Council.

Alexis, who is in seventh grade, became a member of 4-H this year. Anita took on the task of forming a family club to introduce Alexis and other young people to the 4-H programs. Anita wanted to provide opportunities for youth to become



Alexis Clever with her Power of Youth award.

more community oriented, along with teaching them to set and develop personal goals.

Alexis completed numerous 4-H projects, including showing her first market lamb at the Klickitat County Fair, home canning of jams, an educational poster, completing a 4-H record book for each project and participating in a community

service project called "Relay for Life."

The "Relay for Life" project took place in The Dalles, Oregon, to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Alexis and her group, the Zip-A-Dee-Do-Dahs, raised money by selling candles and HOPE bracelets, accepting donations and having a car wash. They also sold Gatorade, pickles on sticks and candy during the event.

Alexis was one of the leaders representing her club during the 24-hour walk around the track. The

event was special to Alexis, because she lost her grandmother after a 10-year battle with breast cancer.

Alexis had a successful 4-H year and made many friends because of her participation and accomplishments. Klickitat PUD proudly presents the Power of Youth Award to such a well-rounded young person.

Congratulations, Alexis! ■

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