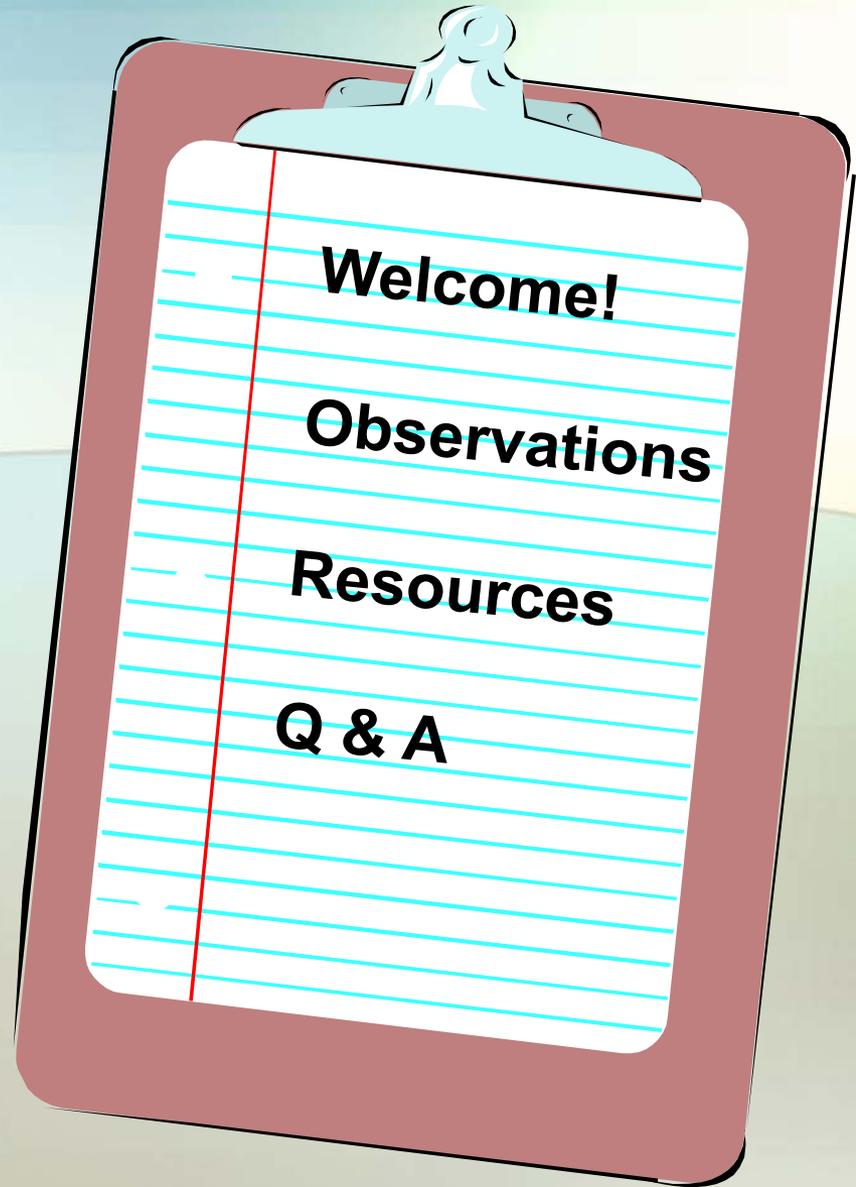


***Washington State
Department
of Agriculture***

Fairs Commissioners



October 2015

FIRST OF ALL...

Meet our commissioners!



Debbie Adolphsen
Elma



Trish Myers
Yakima



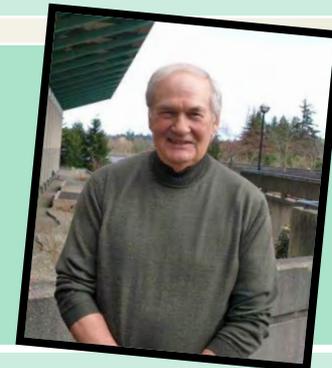
Larry Nelson
Waterville



Kevin Haywood, Jr.
Seattle



Jim Beck
Centralia



Ron Crawford
Olympia

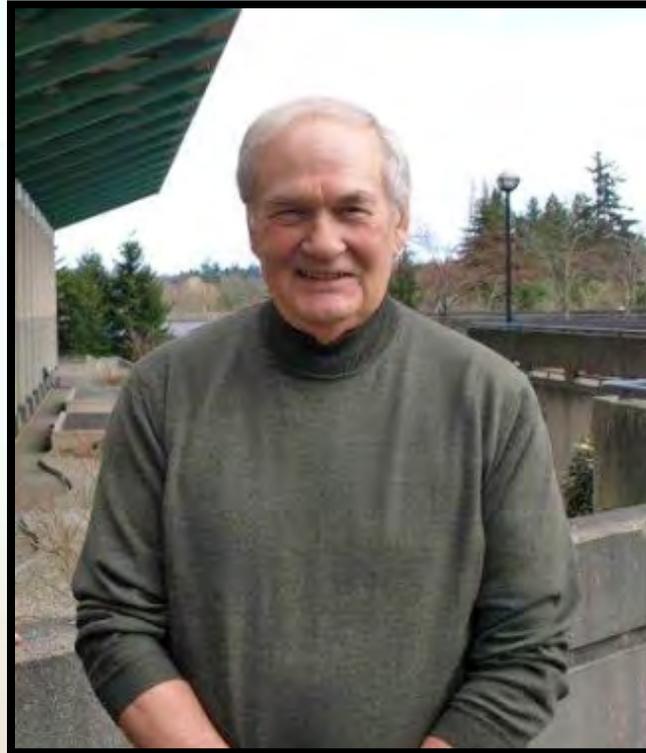
Agricultural Fairs

Since 1961, state law has declared that it is in the public interest to hold agricultural fairs.

“Agricultural fair” –

“...promoting agriculture by including a balanced variety of exhibits of livestock and agricultural products, as well as related arts and manufactures; including products of the farm home, and educational contests, displays, and demonstrations designed to train youth and to promote the welfare of farm people and rural living.”

Ron Crawford



Fairs Commissioner Starting 2014

Demonstrations

Great way to educate us about the way it was done in the past!



Lewis County Spring Youth Fair (Chehalis)

Demonstrations

Isn't he cute!

Exhibitor on hand
to provide
additional
information and
answer questions
about the turbine



Lewis County Spring Youth Fair (Chehalis)

Fun, Interactive Activities for Kids

- Nice way to involve kids
- Parents enjoy watching
- Grandparents too!



Grant County Fair (Moses Lake)

Fun, Interactive Activities for Kids

- Make sure there are activities for kids.....

Makes lasting memories – builders get to take their bird houses and enjoy watching birds make them home



Grant County Fair (Moses Lake)

Fun, Interactive Activities for Kids

- Again, make sure there are activities for kids....



Skamania County Fair (Stevenson)



Kalama Community Fair

Fun, Interactive Activities for Kids



Kalama Community Fair

Great way
for kids to
experience
farm
animals!

Fun, Interactive Activities for Kids

Some friendly,
fun competition!

Good way to
involve kids



Thurston County Fair (Lacey)

Hands-on Educational Activities



Skamania County Fair (Stevenson)

- Great hands-on activity
- Staff on hand to provide assistance and answer questions
- Interesting way to learn how our food is made

Fun, Interactive Activities for Kids

More activities for kids....

Doesn't mean it needs to be elaborate!



Skamania County Fair (Stevenson)

Fairgrounds

Skamania County Fair (Stevenson)



- Horse barn
- Nice facility
- Multi-functional
- Set up to use year around



Fairgrounds

- Livestock barn
- Multi-functional
- Set up to use year around



Skamania County Fair (Stevenson)

Debbie Adolphsen



Fairs Commissioner Starting 2010

Educational

- Hands-on!
- Educates us about where our food comes from



NW Washington Fair (Lynden)

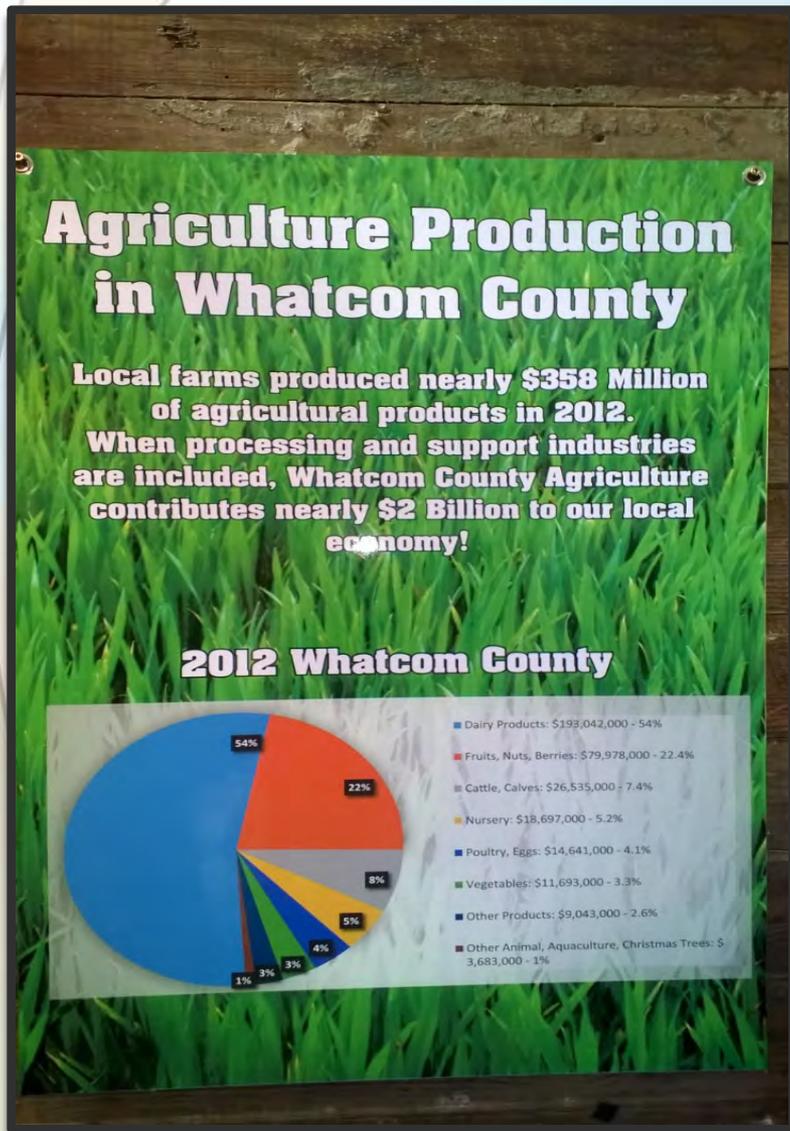
Educational

- Easy to get up close and hands-on!
- Demonstrations were right with the exhibits -- good opportunity for questions and information



Clark County Fair (Vancouver)

Educational



- Nicely displays the importance of agriculture
- Good way to highlight the economic impact of agriculture

NW Washington Fair (Lynden)

Educational

- Handouts are easy way to educate the public
- Public appreciates picking up recipes, nutritional info.



NW Washington Fair (Lynden)

Educational

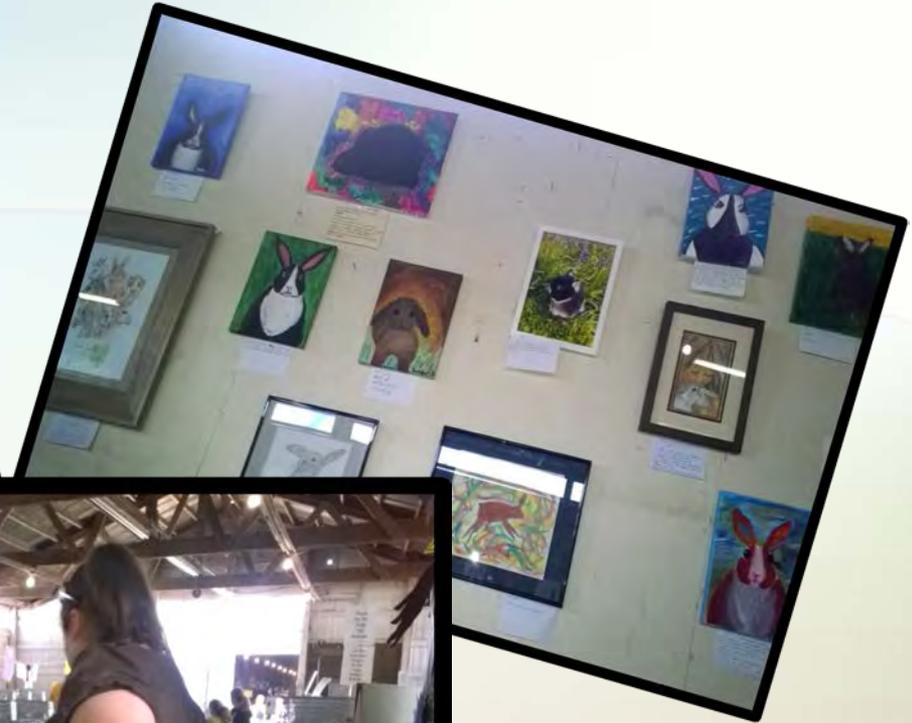
- Great way to involve kids that have not been involved in gardening
- Learn about vegetables while making their creatures



NW Washington Fair (Lynden)

Educational

Rabbit art exhibit



Hands on –
best way to
teach!



Touch the
rabbits and ask
questions

Clark County Fair (Vancouver)

Educational

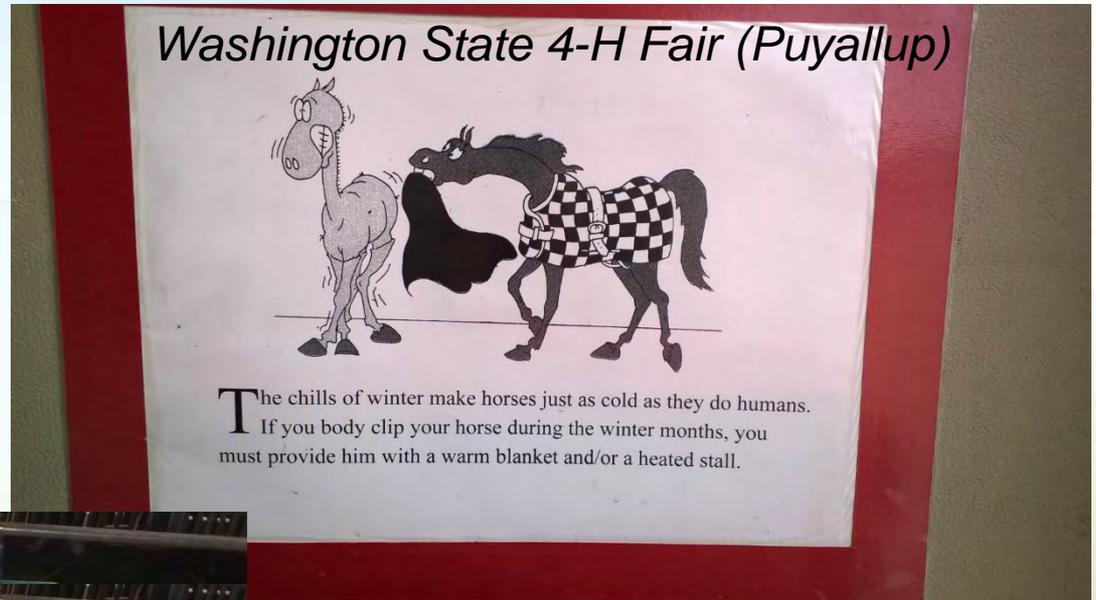
- Fun photo opportunity in the agriculture tent
- Important to keep the fun in our exhibits!



NW Washington Fair (Lynden)

Educational

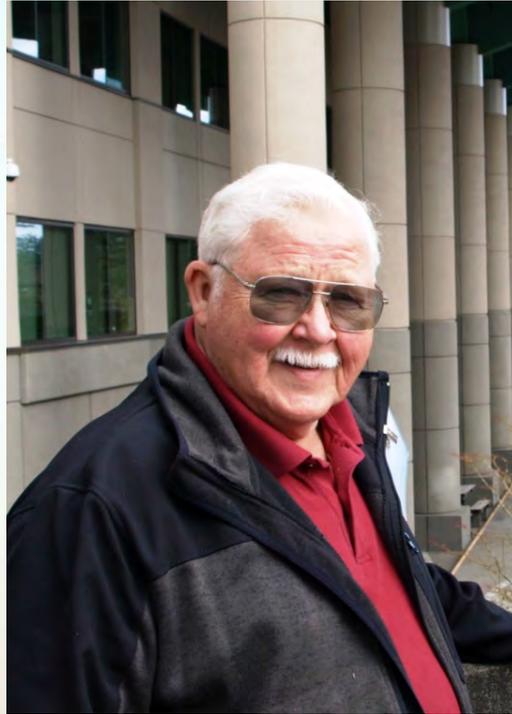
Horse cartoons add a fun touch, but still educational



NW Washington Fair (Lynden)

- These were hanging on the goat pens, lift the board and get the answer
- More interesting than reading a poster

Jim Beck



Fairs Commissioner Starting 2014

Fair Themes



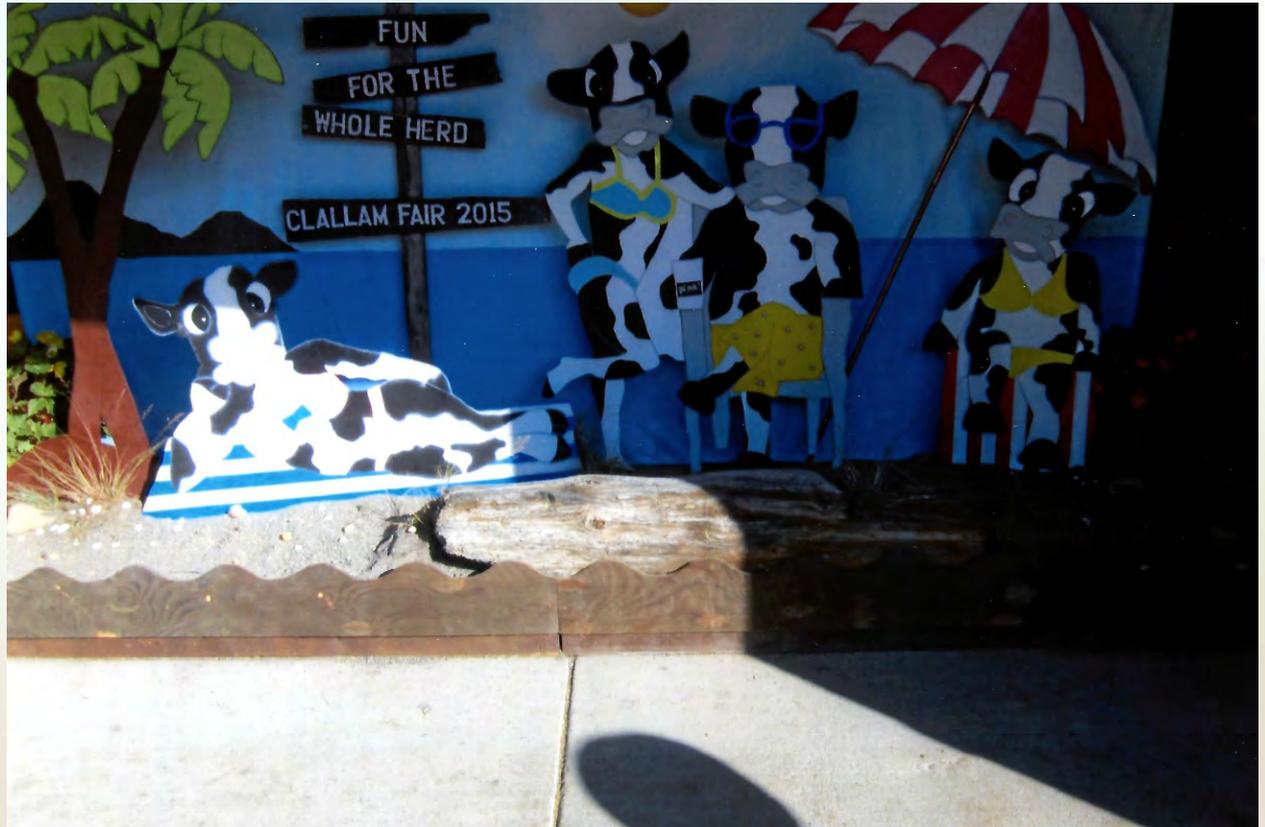
Fair float used as center point of grounds



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Fair Themes

Clever play
on words



Clallam County Fair (Port Angeles)

Activities

Special church service on very slow Sunday morning – held in barn pavilion



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Educational



Some shows
are
encouraging
younger kids to
show "Pee
Wee
Cowpokes"

Educational

Old school building
saved by moving to
fairgrounds



School in session on day 3rd
graders visit

Fairgrounds



New style horse wash
racks



New gazebo gets lots
of use

Fun, Interactive Activities for Kids

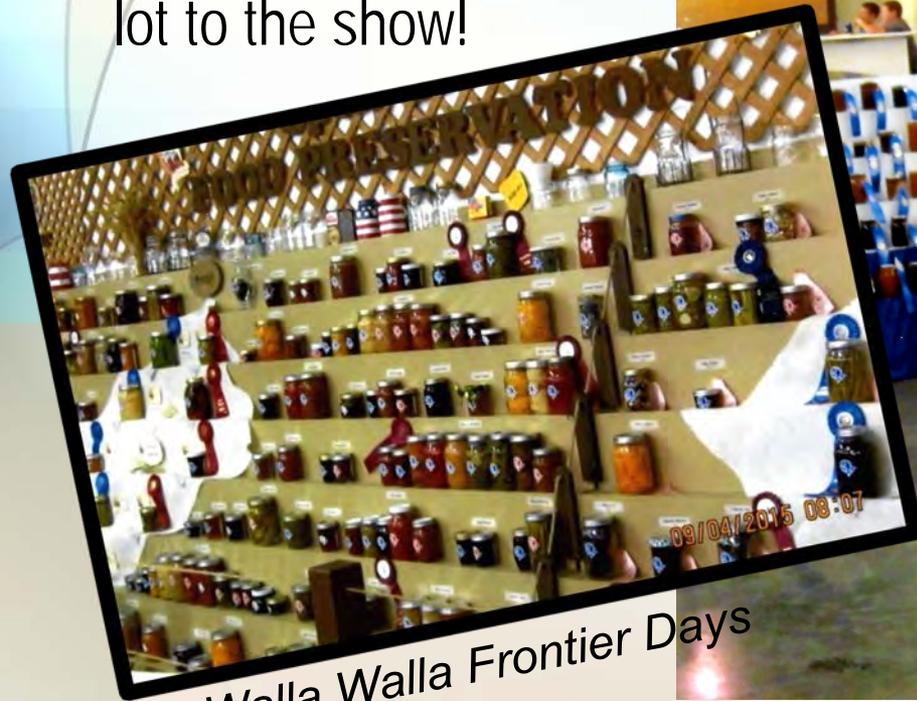
- No sand
- No sawdust
- Used wheat!



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Simple Displays Can Be Effective

Arrangements add a lot to the show!



Walla Walla Frontier Days



Simple Displays Can Be Effective

A different
touch to
photo display



Walla Walla Frontier Days

Great Use of Signage



- Direction and sign of coming events are very helpful
- Doesn't have to be elaborate

Simple Displays Can Be Effective

Community farmer's market
put up nice display



Show off the best!



Walla Walla Frontier Days

Educational

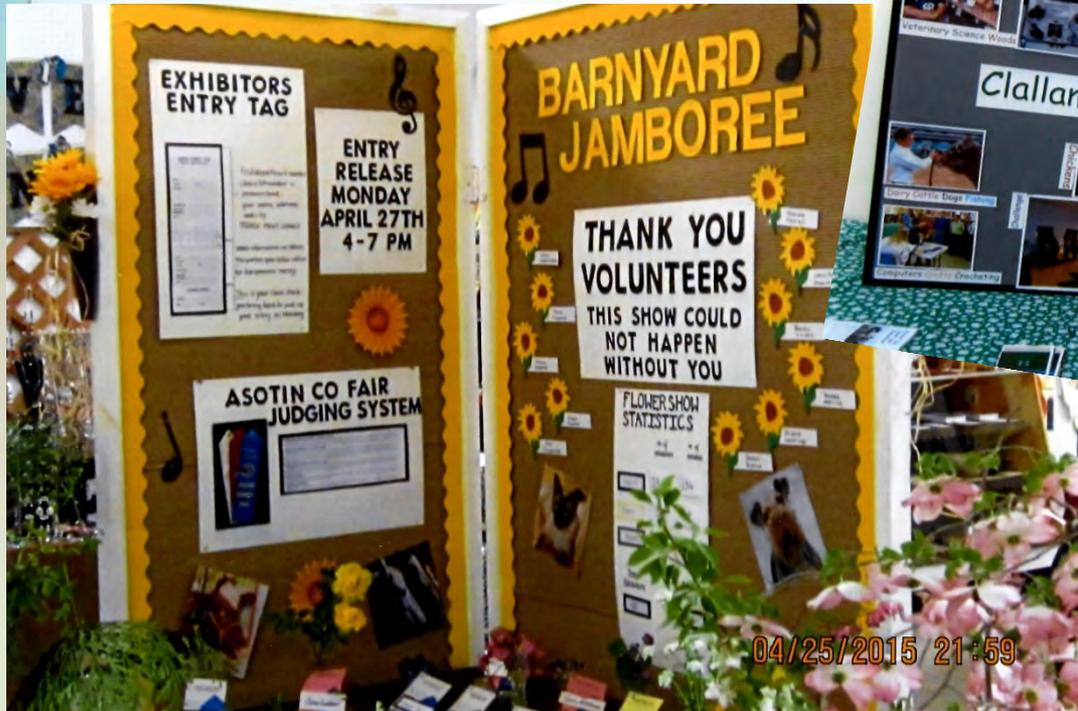
Materials show
different cuts of
pork



Wool spinners display
of different wool
samples

Simple Displays Can Be Effective

Clallam County Fair (Port Angeles)

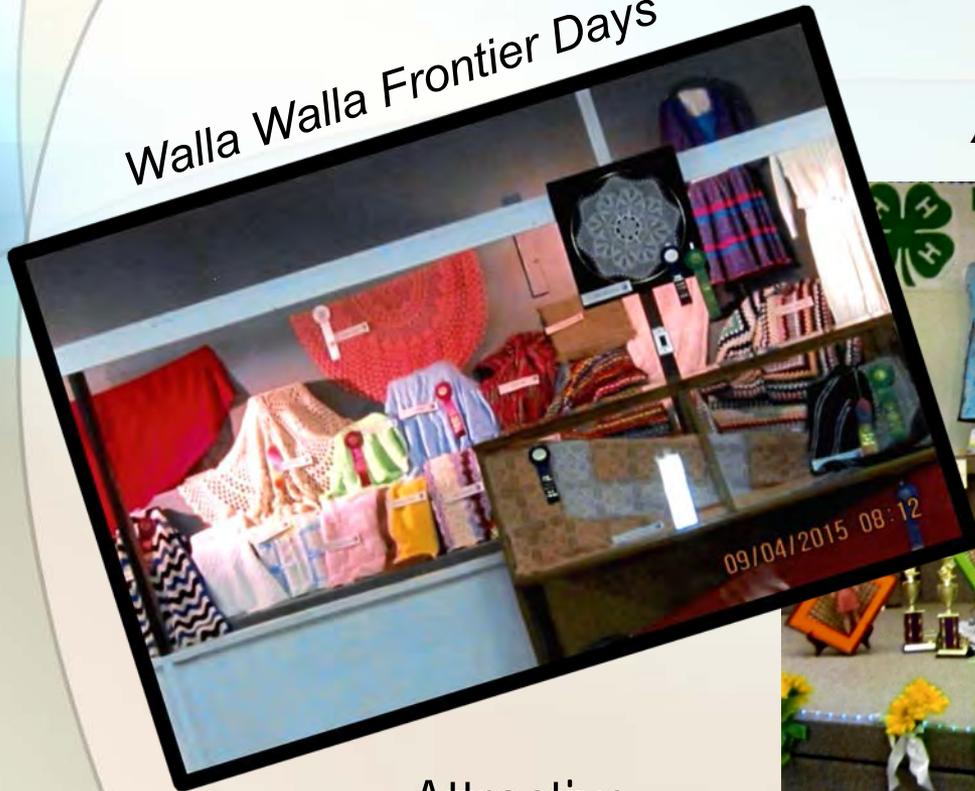


Asotin County Fair (Asotin)



Simple Displays Can Be Effective

Walla Walla Frontier Days



Attractive,
easy to see

Asotin County Fair (Asotin)



Educational

Very tame
turkey –
unusual
attraction for
kids



Asotin County Fair (Asotin)

Nice Display



- Nice job decorating the rabbit displays
- Extra effort appreciated!

Asotin County Fair (Asotin)

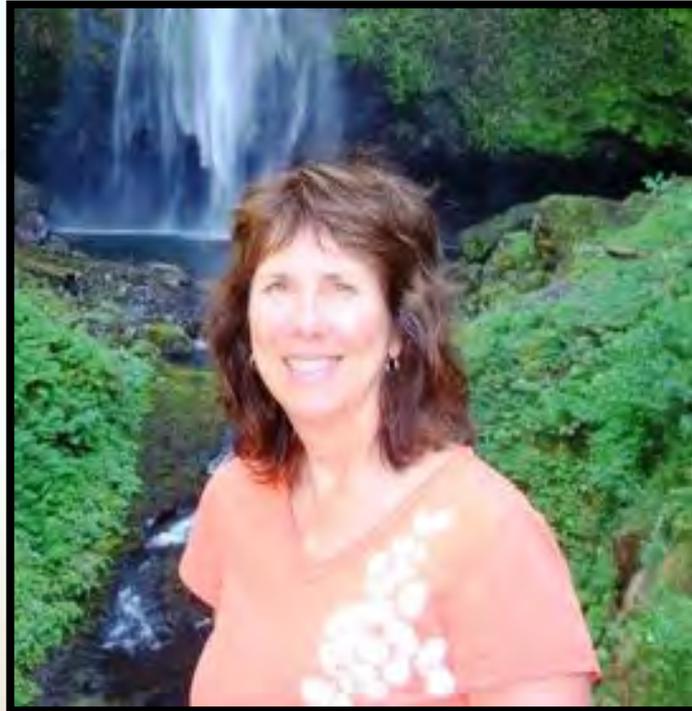
Displays

Background too busy to read
the words



Beautiful quilts, but
unimpressive display

Trish Myers



Fairs Commissioner Starting 2006

Educational

Tests your
knowledge about
weeds



West Valley Fair (Yakima)

Great Use of Signage

- Informative
- Easy to read
- Able to identify the exhibitor category at a glance



Stanwood-Camano Community Fair

Fairgrounds

- Clean, convenient facilities
- Portable handwashing stations



*Stanwood-Camano
Community Fair*

Fairgrounds

Nice area to
relax with the
family



*Stanwood-Camano
Community Fair*

Fairgrounds

- Rebuilt from the ashes
- Beautiful new barn!



*Wheat Land Communities Fair
(Ritzville)*



Fair Themes



Wheat Land Communities Fair (Ritzville)

Fair Themes

Kittitas County Fair (Ellensburg)



"Diamonds and Denim"
theme throughout fair

Simple Displays Can Be Effective

- Visually pleasing
- Jean pockets clever way to display brochures!



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Kittitas County Fair (Ellensburg)

Educational



Question /
answer – great
way to get
interest and
educate

Kittitas County Fair (Ellensburg)

Simple Displays Can Be Effective



Central Washington State Fair (Yakima)

Simple Displays Can Be Effective

Clever play on words



Central Washington State Fair (Yakima)

Educational



Stanwood Fair

Youth get to showcase all their hard work



What an impressive steer!

Wheat Land Communities Fair (Ritzville)

Educational

West Valley Fair (Yakima)



Exhibitors on hand to provide additional information and answer questions about their chickens



Stanwood-Camano Community Fair

Larry Nelson



Fairs Commissioner Starting 2013

Community Involvement

Add 12 players on these cross poles
and a ball and you have live action
foosball

Big straw bale maze



*SE Spokane County Fair
(Rockford)*



Clayton Community Fair

Signage



Large, attractive signs
Fun design!

NE Washington Fair (Colville)

Fairgrounds



Flowers break up the long
fair buildings with metal
siding

NE Washington Fair (Colville)

Displays

Nice display of herbs and a mailbox with brochures on how to plant a herb garden



NE Washington Fair (Colville)

Signage

- Large 4'x8', attractive signs
- Lots of information provided

History of Beef Cattle

Humans began taming cattle as long as 10,000 years ago, and the remains of tame cattle have been found in Turkey and other Near East sites dating back to 8500 B.C. Modern cattle evolved from the Auroch, which is now extinct. Early cattle provided humans with meat, milk and labor. Eventually, they were replaced by horses and machinery as tools of labor.

Uses of Beef Cattle

Beef cattle are grown for their meat products. They are raised in all 50 states and are especially important to the economies of rural communities.

Beef Cattle

General Information

- **Sexes:**
 - ◊ Bull: grown male
 - ◊ Steer: castrated male
 - ◊ Cow: grown female
 - ◊ Heifer: a young female
 - ◊ Calf: infant
- **Life-span:** about 15 years
- **Weight:** beef cattle are fed until they weigh 1,000-1,400 pounds, and are ready for market at about 18 months
- **Colors:** black and white, solid brown, or red
- **Average body temperature:** 101.5°F
- **Gestation period:** about 9 months
- **Diet:** beef cattle are ruminant, which means they possess chewing stomachs that eat grass and other plants

Did You Know?...

- Until the 1850s, nearly every family had its own cow
- There are more than one billion cattle in the world
- Cattle do not have four stomachs; they have four digestive compartments
- Cattle have 32 teeth
- The oldest cow on record was Big Bertha; she was 48 years old when she died in 1993
- Cattle chew cud, which is partially digested food, for up to 6 hours a day
- Every day, beef cattle drink about a halfbushel full of water and eat about 40 pounds of food
- Cows produce their first calves when they are two, and their one calf a year until they are four years old

Breeds of Beef Cattle

The two major strains of beef cattle are *Bos Taurus* and *Bos Indicus*. Within these categories, the main breeds are:

- **Angus**
 - ◊ Black coats
- **Hereford**
 - ◊ Horned cattle with red coats and white faces
- **Murray Grey**
 - ◊ Dull-grey coats (not pictured)
- **Belmont Red**
 - ◊ Horned cattle with red coats
- **Brahman**
 - ◊ Horned cattle with silver-grey coats
- **Staggon**
 - ◊ Black coats
 - ◊ A cross of Brahman and Angus
 - ◊ Originated in the U.S.



History of Goats

Goats were among the first animals to be tamed, their domestication dates between 10,000 and 9000 B.C. The wild ancestor of the modern goat is the wild goat of western Asia, which is the ancestor of the modern goat. Of the world's estimated 400 million goats, only 6-8% are found in North America.

Uses of Goats

Goats produce milk, meat, hides and cashmere. Goat milk is used to make popular cheeses such as Feta. Many consider goats such items as gloves and boots. In the year 1900, goats have become popular pets. Goats can be used as pack animals.

Goats

General Information

- **Names:**
 - ◊ Buck or Billy: male goat
 - ◊ Wether: castrated male
 - ◊ Doe or Nanny: female goat
 - ◊ Kid: young goat
- **Life-span:** 10 to 14 years
- **Weight:** By 36 months, large-breed males generally weigh about 200 pounds
- **Color:** Brown, black, white, or brown
- **Average body temperature:** 101.5°F
- **Gestation period:** 5 months
- **Diet:** Goats are ruminant animals and eat roughage or ground-up roughage such as hay and grass
- **Average Pulse:** 80 beats/min per minute
- **Average Respiration:** 30 breaths per minute

Did You Know?...

- Male goats have beards that grow longer as they get older
- Goats are social, lively, curious and independent
- Goats can climb, run and crawl under fences
- Goats hate to have people touch their ears
- Almost all goats are born with horns but to protect both the goat and humans, most are disbudded at a young age
- Female goats are milked twice a day, producing a gallon of milk
- Goat teeth are sharp like razors
- Goats are good swimmers
- Dairy goats must have fresh, clean water and feed
- Goat milk has more protein and is more easily digested than cow milk
- The pupil in a goat's eye is rectangular

Breeds of Goats

There are more than 250 goat breeds in 5 categories: dairy, fiber, meat, pet and wild. Five traditional breeds are:

- **Nubian**
 - ◊ Most popular breed
 - ◊ Large, with long, wide, drooping ears
 - ◊ It's high butter fat content, Nubian milk makes excellent cheese
- **Alpine**
 - ◊ Popular with dairies because it produces abundant milk
 - ◊ Dished or curved nose and upright ears. (not pictured)
- **Boer**
 - ◊ Bred solely for meat production, its meat is considered superior to that of all other goats
- **Kaibab**
 - ◊ Large, kind and friendly, this breed is usually all white with forward-facing ears
- **Pygmy**
 - ◊ Because they don't produce much milk, pygmies are usually kept as pets



Spokane Interstate Fair

Photo Op



- Photo stations for family fun
- Provides opportunities for fairgoers to take pictures and post on facebook

Spokane Interstate Fair

Displays

A tree to bring attention to breast cancer



Spokane Interstate Fair

Revolving 3-sided display of the best of show



*SE Spokane County Fair
(Rockford)*

Recruiting for FAIRS COMMISSIONER

We are recruiting for one new Fairs Commissioner. This exciting opportunity could be yours if you are interested and qualified (and living west of the Cascades)....



Capital Improvement Grant Funds Available

- \$2M available
- Applications due 11/18/15
- Forms sent to fairs in mid-August

Washington State Department of Agriculture
WSDA

Fairs Program
PO Box 42560
Olympia WA 98504-2560
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APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT FUNDS

Application deadline: **November 18, 2015**
(See reverse for eligibility requirements & application process)

NAME OF FAIR			APPLICATION DATE		
STREET ADDRESS			MAILING ADDRESS		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	MAILING CITY	STATE	ZIP
NAME OF REQUESTING OFFICER (PLEASE PRINT)			TELEPHONE NUMBER (INCLUDE AREA CODE)	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

IF YOU SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS, WHAT PRIORITY IS THIS APPLICATION (1 BEING THE HIGHEST PRIORITY)?

This application is priority number _____ of the _____ grant applications we intend to submit for this fair.



THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US!

