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County names Sharon Olsen as 2010 Fair Honoree

Snohomish County has named Sharon Olsen, a longtime Snohomish County 4-H leader, as its 2010 Evergreen State Fair Honoree.

Each year, the Evergreen State Fair honors an individual or family who has contributed significantly to the improvement and betterment of the annual fair. Their efforts can be focused in a specific area of exhibition or toward the overall function of the fair.

For 27 years, Olsen has dedicated her life to supporting youth through the Snohomish County 4-H program. Olsen has worked as a leader in the 4-H dog program and has been the 4-H Dog Superintendent at the fair for the past 13 years.

“Sharon has been a strong role model for community involvement,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “She has grown up and trained young leaders from the children she supervises.”

As a fair superintendent, Olsen is responsible for maintaining safety for fair visitors and 4-H members during the 12-day fair as well keeping the schedule of events in the dog barn, which includes exhibitions, contests and dog shows.

“She accomplishes this every year,” said Mark Campbell, manager of the Evergreen State Fairgrounds. “These children and young adults that she works with are always excited because Sharon makes it fun.”

On a fair honoree nomination form, one parent wrote that Olsen was responsible for the confidence and self-esteem her daughter now felt.

“She made her feel like she could accomplish things, and now she does so with ease,” the parent wrote. “My other daughter’s eyes have been opened to how good you can feel when you give to the community.”

This year’s fair begins Aug. 26 and runs through Sept. 6.

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The Evergreen State Fair
August 26 through September 6, 2010