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COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENT
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The 2005 Northwest Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Friday August 19, 2005. The Auction will start at 3:00 pm and will be held in the Henry Jansen Building at the Northwest Washington Fair. Over 150 local 4-H and FFA members will be selling their market animals to the highest bidder. This is an excellent opportunity for anyone to purchase their year's supply of meat from a top quality Hog, Lamb, Goat or Steer.

What a better way to support local youth by purchasing local meat. It is a win-win situation for all. You can talk to the member that was responsible for the raising of the animal, you can learn what it has been fed and the conditions it was raised in. Local kids learn lots of responsibility, marketing, budgeting, feeding and animal nutrition. These are the kids that are working hard to succeed at their projects.

The animals have been cared for by local 4-H and FFA members and this will conclude their project for the year. Many members have spent hours working with their animals to insure that they are in top condition which directly relates to the quality of meat the animal will produce.

At the Auction, supporters of the 4-H or FFA have many options. They can go to the auction to buy a specific animal, they can either keep the animal or have it processed for their use or they can turn the animal back to a commercial buyer who has agreed to pay a base support price. The bidders can also support any youth that they choose by adding on a specific dollar amount. These funds go directly to the 4-H or FFA member that raised the animal. Each member uses the funds they receive from the sale to help pay for the cost of their project which can include the purchase price of the animal, feed, supplies and any vet bills they may have incurred. Most members hope to get a high enough price to cover all costs and to help with their next year's project.

Help support the rural youth of Whatcom County and come to the sale ready to bid! Friday Aug. 19, 2005 at 3:00 at the Fair.