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For Immediate Release—The NCW District Fair in Waterville kicked off the Fall Fair Season for the members of the Chelan FFA Chapter. Sixteen members attended the fair exhibiting 29 market animals, competing in Career Development Events, and exhibiting still life exhibits.

In the Meat Goat Barn, Billy Poppie had the Grand Champion Meat Goat, and Derion Martin had the Reserve Champion Meat Goat. Joining them in the Championship Drive were Sammi Jo Cool and Leah Clark. Additional showmen were Lupe and Jorge Villasenor.

In the Sheep Barn, Chelsea Gocke and Michael LaHaye each exhibited two lambs and each made the final drive with both lambs. Michael ended up with the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb. Chelsea also made the finals in the fitting and showing.

In the Beef Barn, Sammi Jo Cool, Jane Horlebein, Jorge Villasenor, and Leah Clark had Market Steers. Sammi Jo and Leah made it into the Market Finals and Leah also made it in the fitting and showing finals.

Jorge Villasenor, Lupe Villasenor, Amanda Stewart, Levi Greenway, Chad Miller, Sean Hess, Mackenzie Kramer, Apolinar Blanco, and Corey McClellan all brought market hogs to the Pig Barn to show. Levi made it into the championship drive with his hog. Lupe and Apolinar made it into the finals in the fitting and showing.

In the FFA Still Life exhibits, Apolinar Blanco was the Overall Horticulture Grand Champion, and had the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Vegetable exhibits. Jorge Villasenor had the Grand Champion Fruit exhibit, and Lupe Villasenor had the Reserve Grand Champion Fruit Exhibit. Josiah Hunter had the Grand Champion Educational Display. Carley Burton had the Grand Champion Agronomy Display and Sammi Jo Cool the Reserve Grand Champion Agronomy Display.

Members also competed in 4 Career Development Events. The Livestock Team earned a 2nd place banner with Sammi Jo Cool the Grand Champion Livestock Judge, Chelsea Gocke was 6th, Lupe Villasenor 9th and Leah Clark 10th. The Produce team also earned

a 2nd place banner with Amanda Stewart winning the Reserve Grand Champion spot and Jane Horlebein finishing 9th. The Horse Teams earned the 2nd and 3rd Place banners with Selah Valencia, Leah Clark, Lupe Villasenor, and Sammi Jo Cool all placing in the top ten. The Tractor Driving team earned the 1st Place team banner with Zaren Sandum placing 3rd, Jorge Villasenor 4th and Zach Sandum 6th.

Chelan FFA members pack up and travel to Cashmere for the 56th Annual Chelan County Fair with 21 members showing 32 market animals, lots of still life exhibits and competing in 5 career development events.

Photo 1: Billy Poppie (L) and Derion Martin (R) with the Grand and Reserve Champion FFA Meat Goats at the 2010 NCW District Fair in Waterville.

Photo 2: Michael LaHaye and the Reserve Grand Champion FFA Market Lamb.

Photo 3: Chelsea Gocke braces her lamb in the Market Lamb Finals on Thursday at the NCW District Fair.