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WILLIAMS COUNTY

4-H TIMES

"4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills"

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GREETINGS:

As the summer season begins to close, I find myself thinking about 4-H activities which have occurred during the first two months.

First, I think of the fair as a very exciting time for those who actively participate. It is a time to have fun with others, develop new friendships, show the public what we have accomplished and learn from others. The fair is really about the interactions we have with people. Take a few moments and try to imagine what the fair would be like if all the attractions (carnival, exhibits, etc.) were present and you were the only person attending. I think you will visualize an event with no fun and few ideas that will enhance your life. Although the fair is a lot of fun, it is a great experience which contributes to satisfying our human hunger for new information.

During the fair 629 exhibits were evaluated by more than 40 adults who were asked to share their skills. The Upper Missouri Valley Fair award premiums totaled \$3,647 to 4-H clubs exhibiting projects. Congratulations to the Clever Clovers and Corner Club for their achievement in garnering total premiums of \$1,280 and \$1,059 respectively. In addition, 4-H members exhibiting meat animal and horse projects were awarded championship prizes totaling slightly over \$1,000. Such prizes are made possible through the kindness of many individuals who strongly believe in the youth development goals of 4-H.

The Medora Pre-teen Awards Trip must be mentioned. Due to a surplus of water, the trip was moved from Medora to Bismarck and then back to Medora at a different date. Mary spent much time planning this four-county event at each location. Those attending from Williams County (see page 2 for pictures and more information) and Mary report much fun was had by all and everyone learned more about our 26th President of the United States and the people who helped to form the historic community of North Dakota.

Kalli Kjos and Brooke Alton report learning much about our national government while attending this year's Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) at Washington, DC. They were able to tour many of the national monuments while on the six-day trip. This is an awards trip for older 4-H members. Contact Mary for eligibility information.

There was a lot of disappointment when officials announced cancellation of the North Dakota State Fair. For many 4-H activities, this meant participation stopped at the county level. Now is the time to begin plans for next year's state fair and the new 4-H year. Look for next year's fair to be the best ever and think of those many people who lost their homes.

As the summer closes, I am looking forward to seeing your record books/awards applications and enrollment for the 2011-2012 4-H year.

Warren

UPCOMING EVENTS

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August	16 ~ 4-H Awards Banquet
	27 ~ Last day for JC Penney "Pennies from Heaven"
	26-28 ~ 4-H Fiber Arts Retreat (string art)
	31 ~ Record Books due to leaders
September	
	1 ~ 2011-2012 4-H year begins
	5 ~ Labor Day - Office Closed
	12 ~ Record Books due at Extension office
	22 ~ Fall 4-H Council meeting
October	
	2-7 ~ National 4-H Week
	5 ~ 4-H National Science Day



MEDORA PRETEEN AWARDS TRIP



Five 4-H'ers from Williams County traveled to Medora on July 11-13, 2011.

Williams County 4-H'ers chosen to attend this year's Medora Preteen Awards Trip were **Megan Jorgenson**, Prairie Partners 4-H Club; **Katherine Fearing, Lauren Fearing, Wesley Nygard and LaMae Walton**, Clever Clovers 4-H Club.



They were accompanied by 4-H'ers from Bottineau, McHenry, and Renville counties. They went hiking, horseback riding, played mini-golf, went to the Medora Musical and made new 4-H friends.



The Williams County 4-H Council sponsors this annual trip for our preteen 4-H'ers.

Check out the website for more photos.



CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Brooke Alton (Clever Clovers 4-H Club) and Kalli Kjos (Sweet Clovers 4-H Club) along with other North Dakota 4-H'ers recently spent a week in Washington DC at Citizenship

Washington Focus. This six-day intensive summer citizenship program is for youth age 15-19.

Delegates participated in workshops at spectacular sights such as the Capitol, Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, and other locations along with activities that stress the importance of civic and social responsibility.

CWF is held in June or July for youth ages 15 -19, and is open to **any youth** who apply.

The cost is approximately \$1500. Registration deadline is March 15th. The Williams County 4-H Council sponsors this annual award trip for selected Williams County 4-H'ers.



More photos on website!



RECORD BOOKS/AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE

To be considered for the awards and the year end achievement awards listed on pages 3-5 of the Record Book your **COMPLETED IN FULL** Record Book and the Animal Project Record Book (if you have livestock projects, such as beef, dairy, goat, horse, poultry, rabbit, sheep and swine) **must be turned into the Williams County Extension office by 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 12.**

The 4-H experience is designed to help develop life-long skills and habits. Record keeping is a very important skill that we all need for our entire lives. The 4-H record book is intended to help you develop this skill.

You have already received a ribbon for your project. In order to receive additional recognition for this project you are required to complete additional records.

Awards Applications

Read the directions thoroughly. You cannot receive the same award twice! Notice that these awards are listed in an order of experience and each level expects a higher degree of participation in 4-H. All criteria required of the award must have been met during the 2010-11 4-H year - it does not accumulate over your 4-H career. The Outstanding 4-Her Award must be nominated by your 4-H Leader. If you would like to be considered for this award, please contact your leader to submit a recommendation for you. Note that both the member and a parent must sign this application.

Many of these awards require leadership activities. These activities must be listed and explained on page 20. If the award requires a speech, demo or workshop beyond the Club level please describe this on page 25 - Special Notes.

Financial Summary states "to complete if appropriate for the project". Examples of projects that require a financial summary are woodworking, and clothing- just to name a few. Financial records are among the most important records you will be keeping for your entire life. Start now.

4-H Year End Awards

Highlight the categories that you completed projects in during the 2010-2011 4-H year. This is an application for the bronze colored disc to add to your 4-H plaque. You will receive the disc if your record book is complete for that category. All members will receive a year disc for their plaque. New members will receive a member plaque the first year. Please let the office know if you will need another hanger for your plaque, also.

Discs will also be presented for participation in events listed on page 18 that you participated in and completed the requested information for. *Participation in the Fairs category does not earn a disc.*

A FEW CORNER CLUB 4-H'ERS

Prior to the Upper Missouri Valley Fair, some of the 4-H'ers from Corner Club



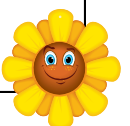
stopped by our office. They were out soliciting buyers for their market animals which were sold at the 4-H Market Animal Sale.

TOP 4-H BUTTON SELLER



Emma Abelmann, Clever Clovers 4-H Club, was the top 4-H button seller for this year's Upper Missouri Valley Fair.

She sold 126 buttons. Other close 4-H button sale competitors were Kaleb Cornell and Chelsea Berg.



Mark
your calendars
for the **4-H Fall Council Meeting**
Thursday, September 22
7:00-9:00 p.m.,
at the Williams County Courthouse,
2nd Floor Conference Room



Set
this date aside!
Sunday, October 16
5:30-7:30 p.m.,
at the Ernie French Center
for our annual
4-H Awards Event

New Name for JC Penney Roundup

Help your local 4-H by participating in the
"Pennies from Heaven"
at JC Penney!

To support afterschool programs across the country, JC Penney has launched a nationwide philanthropic campaign that invites customers to turn small change into "pennies from heaven" by rounding up their purchases and donating the difference to a local afterschool organization. The Williams County 4-H Youth Development Program is one of 1,100 afterschool organizations matched with a local JC Penney store that will benefit from the proceeds raised during the pennies from heaven campaign. The first pennies from heaven event will kick off July 31 through August 27.

When you shop at Williston JC Penney Store between July 31 through August 27 and round your purchase up to the next whole dollar, the JC Penney "Pennies from Heaven" will donate the difference to the Williams County 4-H Youth Development Program to provide children in this county with access to life-enriching afterschool programs.

Remember to turn small change into pennies from heaven for kids at Williston JC Penney store from July 31 through August 27!

4-H YEAR BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1

Along with the beginning of school, we begin our new 4-H year. This means it's time to elect new officers for your club and start thinking about projects for the year.



In September or early October you should receive your project enrollment forms from your leader. Complete these forms as soon as possible and return them to your leader. Leaders must turn in the club's enrollment forms to the county extension office by **November 1**. We **must** know who is enrolled in 4-H and in what projects, in order to communicate with members involved in specific project areas and to plan for county activities.

Williams County 4-H has received \$155.35 from the last Tractor Supply Company (TSC) paper clover sale.

Watch for details on the next TSC paper clover sale.

