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**MAKE TODAY
RIDICULOUSLY
AMAZING**

Spring is on it's way! I know it doesn't feel like it right now, but I am ready for it to be here. We have scheduled several county events over the next three months, get signed up so that you can complete the year. Please take time to read through the newsletter there are dates that you need to be aware of! Call the Extension Office if you have any questions. The McHenry County 4-H Achievement Day packet will be coming out in May. We are looking forward to seeing you all as the weather gets warmer!

Rachel Wald

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March 29: Pre-Registration Due for County Communication Arts Contest

March 30: McHenry County YQCA Training, Granville School (Training times on back page)

March 31: Deadline to Add Projects

April 1: Award Applications and Poster due to your Club Leader or the Extension Office

April 2: 6 pm 4-H Leader Council Meeting, Extension Office, Towner

April 13: 8:30 a.m. Communication Arts Contest, Granville School

May 1: Registration for Project Expo due

May 5: 1:30 p.m. Project Expo, Valley View Manor, Velva

June 4-5: Medora Awards Trip

June 10: 9 a.m. Consumer Decision Making Contest, Extension Office, Towner

June 24-25-26: McHenry County 4-H Achievement Days, Towner

July 2: Fashion Revue with Ward County at Ward County Complex, Minot

July 19-27: North Dakota State Fair, Minot

4-H Summer Trip Award Opportunities

Looking for something fun and different to do this summer?

The 4-H Leader's Council will be sponsoring scholarships to attend summer camps and conferences. These opportunities include:

Jr. Awards Trip to Medora– Date: June 4-5

Ages 11 and 12 as of September 1, 2018

Must be at least second year of 4-H

2 day all-expense paid trip to Medora– transportation included

Extension Youth Conference– June 17-20, 2019 Fargo

Two 4-H members will receive an all-expense paid trip to 4-H Conference held at NDSU in Fargo.

Conference is for 4-H'ers 13 and older to gain leadership and personal growth skills.

4-H Camp Scholarships

3- \$100 scholarships will be awarded to campers at North Dakota 4-H camp. Campers must indicate the camp they plan to attend on application form. Consideration will be given to 1st time campers. All should apply. There is a camp for everyone! Complete camp descriptions can be found online at www.ndsu.edu/4h.

2-\$100 Livestock/Horse scholarships will be awarded to campers who have attended the North Dakota 4-H camp. Campers must indicate that they will be attending either the livestock or horse camp on the application form. Complete camp descriptions can be found online at www.ndsu.edu/4h.

Enclosed are the application forms for you to fill out. All application forms must be turned into your main leader by April 1st. Selections will be made at the 4-H Leader's Council meeting on the evening of April 2nd.



County Raffle

We will again be doing the **Cluckin' Clover Chicken Bingo**. Only 288 tickets will be sold for \$10/ticket. We will be giving packets of tickets to your club leader. Each club will be responsible for selling the tickets given to them.

How Cluckin' Clover Chicken Bingo works is we will have a large board divided up into squares and numbered 1-288 (same as tickets). We will put a chicken (or two or three) on the board and on whatever square the chicken does its "business" first, the person who purchased that square will receive the first prize of \$750. Where a chicken does its business next will receive the second prize of \$400 and the third time the prize is \$250.

The money made with this fundraiser helps support the member awards, trips, etc. throughout the year.



Deadline to Enroll

March 31st is the deadline to add projects for the year. To see what projects you are enrolled in or to add projects you need to login into 4-H Online (the system which you enrolled in). After this date the system will not allow any changes to be made. **It is very important to be enrolled in any and all projects you wish to exhibit at achievement days because a new program being implemented to 4-H online will not allow you to enter an exhibit if you are not enrolled in the project.**

Remember you must exhibit 1 static exhibit to complete the club year.

This does not apply to Cloverbud members. If you have any questions, please call the office at 537-5405.

Project Expo

Project Expo will be on **Sunday, May 5** at Valley View Manor in Velva. We will begin with registration at 1:30 p.m. and begin the contest at 2:00. **Pre-registration is due by Monday, April 29th** by calling the Extension Office.

Official 4-H Dress is required. Information on Project Expo is in this packet.

4-H Leader's Council

The Spring 4-H Leader's Council Meeting on **Monday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office. Some items that will be discussed: Spring Awards Application Winners, Finalization of Achievement Day Plans and Events, Shooting Sports, Summer Events and more!

Everyone is invited to attend. It would be great to have interested parents and youth in attendance.

Consumer Decision Making

Every day you make choices. The 4-H Consumer Decision Making Contest can help you practice making decisions by matching your knowledge, skills and abilities against those of others. You will learn to rank articles or products over others based on standards and quality. Study Guides available— contact the Extension Office.

The County Contest will be on Monday, June 10th at 9 am, at the Extension Office. If you plan on competing, please let the Extension Office know.

Communication Arts

The McHenry County Communication Arts Contest will be held on **Saturday, April 13** at the Granville School. We will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and begin the contest at 9:00. **Pre-registration is due by Friday, March 29th** by calling the Extension Office.

Official 4-H Dress is required. Check out the back page for news on changes to the program! ———>

McHenry County Achievement Days

Plans are underway for the McHenry County 4-H Achievement Days. Achievement Days will be June 24-25-26. Horse Show will be on the 24th in Granville; Small Animal/Pet Show and Static Exhibits on the 25th and the Livestock Show on the 26th in Towner. Registration and more detailed information will be coming in May. Deadline to register exhibits will be May 31st.

Poster Contest

Submit an entry for the 4-H Achievement Days Poster Contest! The poster will be used as the cover for our 4-H Achievement Days Book. Please have your poster turned in to the Extension Office by Monday, April 1st. Be sure to include the dates and location. The winner will receive \$25 cash prize.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

All youth planning on showing swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits or poultry in 4-H this year you will need to be YQCA certified.



This a mandatory training for any 4-H members in the county that are showing the afore mentioned animals. Training is easy and fun! Saturday, March 30th we will be holding at training at the Granville school. Last year we had 11 members become certified in YQCA with an instructor-led training. There are two options for training either an instructor-led training or on-line training!

Once you have completed the training and receive **your YQCA Certification ID number print it off, it will automatically upload to your 4-H online account,** but it is good to have a copy for yourself. This will make you eligible for showing at the North Dakota State Fair, as well as McHenry County Achievement Days!

For any questions regarding YQCA training or information please call the office. McHenry County Extension Office (701)537-5405 or you can reach me by email r.wald@ndsu.edu and on the McHenry County 4-H Facebook Page.



Information on YQCA in the packet. Registration must be done online at

<https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>

Training times: **9 a.m.** Juniors (8-11 yrs) **10:30 a.m.** Intermediate (12-14 yrs) and Seniors (15-18 yrs)

Communication Arts

Several Changes are being made in the 4-H Communication Arts program.

The categories will be:

1. Demonstrations (**includes Illustrated Talks**)
2. Speeches (Prepared, Impromptu/Short Take)
3. Interpretive Reading
4. Dramatic Presentation
5. Mass Media (Broadcasting, Commercials, Promotion)
6. Electronic Media (Video, Website Design, Software Presentations)
7. FishTank: Youth Entrepreneurship (**New Category**)
8. Cloverbud Presentations

For more information on Comm Arts check out this publication.

https://www.ndsu.edu/fileadmin/4h/Communication/ba800_commarts_01.pdf

FishTank: Youth Entrepreneurship

This category is for youth entrepreneurs. Youth who have started or plan to start a business are encouraged to enter this category of communication arts to inform and sell their idea. The category will combine aspects of illustrated talks, demonstration and commercial categories. Presenters will provide a quick overview of their business or product. Include how you came up with the idea, costs for the product, profit margin, and where and how you will market the business or product. Establish the need for the business or item and make a pitch to sell the product or business.

1. Junior participants' presentations must be two to 12 minutes in length and the time for senior participants is five to 15 minutes. Time is based on the time from the first words to the time when the presenter asks if anyone has questions.
2. Presenters must have at least one prototype of their product for show or demonstration.
3. A member may enter once in this category as an individual or in a team of two. Each team member must have a speaking role.