

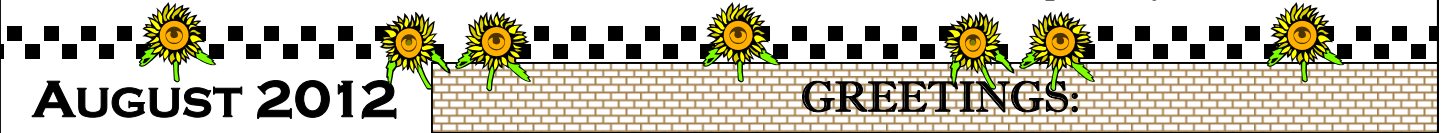


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# 4-H TIMES

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



**AUGUST 2012**

**GREETINGS:**

Responsibility Brings Success

A few years ago the 4-H Livestock Committee spent considerable time discussing the values of our 4-H livestock program. The question posed was "Why do parents want to have their children involved in 4-H?" The group listed many reasons or values of 4-H. These included building character, trustworthiness, respect, caring, citizenship and decision making. The value which gathered the most support was responsibility. Because the groups primary interest was in animal projects, responsibility for the daily care and well being of animals is extremely important.

However, responsibility comes in many different situations and really is an important part of everyone's daily living. You see, throughout any given day all of us make decisions. Some are part of daily routines while other decisions require careful thought and require commitment to self or others.

Responsibility really starts at a young age. For example, 4-H members with animal projects learn that their animal is dependent upon them if the animal is to maintain top performance. This type of responsibility can lead to success in future endeavors. In a recent survey of Indiana 4-H beef, sheep, and swine members, 44% indicated they used the responsibility skills learned from raising 4-H animal projects to complete homework assignments and school projects on time.

Making decisions is tough whether its choosing what to wear or picking a prospective steer. When decision making starts with youngsters, it becomes less painful as they become adults. Things don't "just happen". Somebody has to make a decision to "make them happen".

Those who make plans for the future become good decision makers. 4-H members actively involved with their animal projects are often the most successful in later life. As a 4-H member, they learn the importance of a good plan—which animal to buy, when to buy, what to feed, how much to feed, etc. Although some of these decisions might seem elementary, taking care of the small details such as keeping the water trough clean and the pen dry are very important details.

All 4-H projects, especially those involving animals, can be great teaching aids to achieve the habits and values which were identified by the livestock committee.

So, as the summer comes to a close, a new year starts and you begin selecting projects for the 2012-13 4-H year, think about how you can become more responsible to yourself and others. Being responsible for your decisions will give you a strong character resulting in successful ventures of the future.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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<b>August</b>
7~ 4-H Awards Committee Meeting
7~ 4-H Council Meeting
31~Member Books, Record Books and Year End Award Applications Due
<b>September</b>
1 ~ 2012-2013 4-H Year Begins
3 ~ Labor Day - <i>Office Closed</i>
19-30 ~ TSC Fall Paper Clover Promotion
<b>October</b>
7-13 ~ National 4-H Week
7 ~ 4-H Awards Event—5 p.m. Ernie French Center

Set this date aside!  
**Sunday, October 7**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
at the Ernie French Center  
for our annual  
**4-H Awards Event**

## MEDORA PRETEEN



Four 4-H'ers from Williams County traveled to Medora on June 7-9, 2012.

The 4-H'ers chosen included **Cole Berg, Hanna Johnson and Sydney Faller from Corner Club, and Anders Adkins from Prairie Partners.**



They were accompanied by 4-H'ers from Renville county. They went hiking, horseback riding, 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.



## State Fair Participants

**Congratulations to the North Dakota State Fair Participants. You represented Williams County well!**

### Static Awards:

- \* Katherine Fearing ~ Other Horticulture ~ Grand Champion
- \* Katherine Fearing~ Drawing & Painting~ Grand Champion
- \* Lauren Fearing ~ Other Horticulture ~ Reserve Champion
- \* Conner Lynch ~ Wood Arts ~ Reserve Champion
- \* Cassidy Donnelly ~ Cooking ~ Reserve Champion
- \* Conner Lynch ~ Wood Arts ~ Award of Excellence
- \* Conner Lynch ~ Leathercraft (Belt) ~ Award of Excellence
- \* Conner Lynch ~ Leathercraft (Purse)~Award of Excellence
- \* Emily Richter ~ Sew Fun ~ Award of Excellence
- \* Chauntel Bergstrom~Woodworking ~ Award of Excellence
- \* Dillon Norman ~ Foods-Cooking ~ Award of Excellence

Other State Fair static participants included:

Emma Abelmann, Emily Alton, Rachel Anfinson, Hailey Bendixson, Kylie Larson, Alexis Meduna, Kiara Mehlhoff, Madison Mehlhoff, Wesley Nygard, Cody Stauffer, Danielle Stauffer, LaMae Turk-Walton, Jami Wells, Kent Bendixson, Chelsea Berg, Cole Berg, Logan Berg, Lia Enander, Jackson Faller, Riley Faller, Sydney Faller, Hannah Johnson, Brandon Ledahl, Clayton Ledahl, Samantha Ledahl, Robert Norman, Deidra Sorenson, Kaleb Cornell, Lorin Gabbert, Zachary Halland, Courtney Haugen, Zach Haugen, Dale Kjorstad, Abby Sigvaldsen, Alyssa Ellvanger, Karisa Goebel, Logan Jorgenson, Megan Jorgenson, Tucker Jorgenson, Jaclyn Lee, Walker Lee, Whitney Nehring, Katie Sperling, Maari Dolan, Lydia Oster, Madelyn Oster, Kura Grindeland, Kalli Kjos, Vanessa Monslave-Wagner, Kaia Wenstad, Olivia McNamara, Miles Adkins, Anders Adkins, Hayden Kemp, Matthew Richter, Haley Cowan, Essence Marsh, Joseph Gardner (Rico) Jorge Gardner (Rico).

### Fashion Revue Awards:

- \* Emily Richter ~ Buy & Show ~ Award of Excellence
- \* Emma Abelmann ~ Sew & Show ~ Award of Excellence

Other State Fair Fashion Revue participants included:  
Katherine Fearing and Lauren Fearing

### Horse Awards:

- \* Ashton Wold ~ Trail ~ First
- \* Ashton Wold ~ Western Horsemanship ~ Second
- \* Ashton Wold ~ Western Pleasure ~ Third
- \* Abby Sigvaldsen ~ Western Horsemanship ~ Third
- \* Abby Sigvaldsen ~ Ranch Horse Pleasure ~ Third
- \* Abby Sigvaldsen ~ Pole Bending ~ Third

Other State Fair horse participants included:  
Courtney Haugen and Zach Haugen

### Swine Awards:

State Fair swine participant was Kent Bendixson

### Consumer Choice:

- \* The team took seventh ~ team members included  
Lauren Fearing  
Katherine Fearing  
Hayden Kemp
- \* Katherine Fearing took an individual fifth



## RECORD BOOKS/AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE

### Record Books are Due (Friday) August 31st in the Extension Office

*(Revisions made 8/8/2012)*

The 4-H Council has approved changes to the Award system beginning this year. We are no longer able to obtain the project discs that we had been using, so a committee was formed to review the entire awards system.

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** You cannot receive the same award twice! All criteria required of the award must have been met during the 2011-12 4-H year. 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 26 - Special Notes.

### **4-H Year End Awards (page 5) Awards for Project Areas**

You will still use page 5 of your Member Record Book to apply for the 4-H Year End Awards in the project areas that you worked on for the year. Project categories are printed in large font. For example: If you were enrolled in *Sewing for Fun* you would apply for an award in Clothing. If you are enrolled in Creative Arts, you may have made items in *Arranging Flowers* and *Wood Arts*- you would apply for an award in Creative Arts. Both of these are subcategories of the Creative Arts project.

Remember that the Summary of Projects section must be filled out completely for each project that you apply for.

**Applicants** will receive a Certificate of Yearly Participation listing all of their project areas which they applied for. This certificate will serve as a record of each year's project work and accomplishments.

Remember that applications for livestock project awards must include the Livestock Record Book along with your Member Record Book.

### **Special Awards- Section A**

DO NOT USE PAGE 3 & 4 IN YOUR MEMBER REPORT BOOK FOR APPLICATIONS. USE THE ENCLOSED FORM WHICH HAS BEEN REVISED! Insert it in front of page 2 in your book.

### **Record Book Awards**

All Member Record Books will be evaluated by a team of outside Extension staff. They will be evaluated on completion of records, neatness and time/effort put into the book.

Each book will receive a Blue, Red, or White ribbon and a prize corresponding to that ribbon. Prizes will be chosen each year by the Awards Committee. A Grand and Reserve Champion Record Book will be rewarded in each age division- Preteen (8-12) and Teen (13 +over) - along with a corresponding prize chosen by the Awards Committee.

#### **Awards for 2011-12 Record Books:**

White ribbon—4-H cup with candy	Red ribbon—4-H water bottle	Blue ribbon—4-H t-shirt
Grand Champion—hoodie	Reserve Champion—lawn chair	

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Youth that are in grades 4th-6th grade in the 2012-2013 school year are invited to participate in the 4-H Robotics Event. It is scheduled for Saturday, September 15 at the Mandan High School in Mandan. The day will include hands-on junk and WeDo robotics training, along with challenges. It runs from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and has a limit of 30 participants. Youth registration is \$20 and adult registration is \$10. Fees include supplies and lunch for youth and lunch for adults. Registration is available on [www.4honline.com](http://www.4honline.com).



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**Completing the Summary of Projects pages:**

**Example—**

Project: Creative Arts No. of Years in Project: 5 Age as of 9/1/2011: 15

Goals for project: Learn how to apply glaze to plasterware. Learn how to use a scroll saw.

Project activities and accomplishments (articles made, county & state fair exhibit ribbon & related info): Glazed ceramic flow-erpot—county fair blue—state fair red

Wooden initials—county fair blue—state fair blue

What I learned in this project: I learned that you have to be very careful when you apply glaze to plasterware to make sure that it doesn't drip and that it is all evenly applied. I learned that it takes longer to apply a glaze than to paint a piece. I learned that you have to draw out your pattern before you cut it with the scroll saw. I learned that it is better to cut slowly with the scroll saw. I learned that the saw blades break easily.

**Financial Summary:**

1/15/12 Purchased plasterware	\$15.00	Received \$4.00 for blue ribbon & \$1.00 for red.
Cost included supplies & firing		
9/15/11 Purchased book on using a scroll saw	\$10.00	Received \$4.00 for blue ribbon, \$2.00 blue ribbon.
10/1/11 Purchased wood	\$15.00	Sold wood art design for \$25.00 at street fair.
10/5/11 Purchased saw blade	\$ 4.00	

This is just a very short and incomplete example to give you some idea of how to fill this out. You can make copies of these pages if you need more, or use additional paper if necessary and want to put one project on a sheet to allow more room.

If your 4-H leader keeps your Record Book for you between meetings, please contact your leader and make arrangements to get your book so that you can complete it and turn it into the office on time.



**There's no place like 4-H!**  
 October 11-14, 2012 • Wichita, KS  
**North Central Region Volunteer Forum**

**The North Central Volunteer Forum** will be held in Wichita, KS this year. There are \$100 registration scholarships available for leaders to attend and there will be transportation by van available, too. Why not attend this great conference to get new ideas and meet other 4-H leaders to share your experiences with? Cost will be \$275 since we have missed the early bird registration now. Registration is on-line. Please check out the schedule at this website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=314>. Let me know if you are interested in attending so that we can get on the list for transportation and the \$100 stipend. The Williams County 4-H council will pay the balance for anyone interested in attending!

**Marketplace for Kids**

Three 4-H'ers from the Clever Clovers Club received awards in the Marketplace for Kids Bright Ideas Show and Contest held during the ND State Fair.

- Hayden Kemp ~ Ice Master ~ Third Place
- Katherine Fearing ~ Candy Bouquet ~ Second Place
- Lauren Fearing ~ Cake Pops ~ Third Place

Hayden Kemp also received the special award "Innovation in Technology" for his Ice Master.

**TOP 4-H BUTTON SELLER**

**Emma Abelmann**, Clever Clovers, was the 2012 top 4-H button seller for this year's Upper Missouri Valley Fair.

She sold 120 buttons.

The next high individual seller was **Katie Harger**, Prairie Partners, at 90 buttons sold.



**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.



*This year's Spring Paper Clover sale was a huge success. Williams County brought in \$1,566.00. This is \$721.00 more than the next highest county!*

*The 2012 Fall Paper Clover promotion will be September 19-30.*