

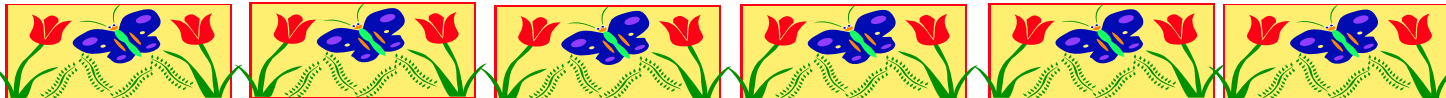


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4-H TIMES

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



MAY 2013

GREETINGS:

As we in the county extension office prepare for the 4-H activities of the county fair, I often find myself reflecting on my own experiences as a 4-H member and also of the memories of past fairs held throughout my career.

I have always been attracted to animals and excited for the 4-H members who have them as projects. I think my interest in 4-Hers who have animals goes back to my youth and involvement in 4-H. My first project as a 10 year old was a steer. My dad helped me train it to lead but it was my responsibility to provide feed and take it to water every night. I fell in love with Aladin so it was painful to sell him following achievement day. I did not want to sell my next project so my parents allowed me to take a heifer project. Now that I was a little stronger and had more experience, my parents asked that I do more in caring for the heifer starting with catching it for the first time and training it to lead.

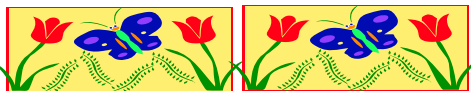
For my third year project, I chose a steer. We did not have a 4-H market animal sale but that did not matter. I just wanted a beef project and the opportunity to participate in the county achievement day and maybe go to a multi-county show. For the next seven years, I chose steer projects. Each year my parents gave me more responsibility in selecting, feeding, training and grooming the animal. As I moved into my high school years they expected me to understand if the project produced a profit. There was a profit every year. There were several reasons for this. First, none of my projects died. Secondly, my parents gave me a good deal on the purchase price. Lastly, I did not charge anything for my labor.

My 4-H animal projects taught me many things. I learned about selection, variable nutrient values of feeds, grooming, showing and much more. Most of all, these projects taught me responsibility. By assuming responsibility of my projects I was able to prove to myself I could accomplish my goals, show my parents and others that I could be dependable and they made me accountable for my decisions. All of these simply gave me self confidence, pride in myself and helped to build character.

So, as I watch 4-H members with their animal projects I think of the many things they are learning and how these early lessons will help them later in life. I also think of the family teamwork involved with most animal projects. All projects, whether they be static or animals, usually requires some guidance and involvement of parents or other adults. The trick for adults is to know when to allow the 4-H member to decide and take action for themselves. Allowing youth to take responsibility allows them to build core values to use in adult life.

In approximately 45 days those of us in 4-H will be heavily involved in fair activities. I hope you do well with your projects. Even if you project receives a champion award try to learn how to make it better next time. Also, try to have some fun.

Warren



UPCOMING EVENTS

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May
18 ~ Paper Clover at TSC
27 ~ Memorial Day—Office Closed
28 ~ Auction Sale

June
3 ~ All UMVF Entry Forms (livestock, poultry, rabbits, horse and non-living exhibits) are due at Extension Office
4 ~ Consumer Choices
5 ~ Horse Show Meeting
17-18 ~ Medora Awards Trip

16 ~ Happy Father's Day
20 ~ Fair Clean Up Day
24 ~ Enter Static Exhibits at UMVF
26-30 ~ Upper Missouri Valley Fair
(4-H schedule on our website)
21 ~ 4-H Horse Show—25th ~ Rain Date
26 ~ Livestock Show
27 ~ Market Animal Sale
30 ~ Check Out of Static Exhibits
July
4 ~ Fourth of July—Office Closed
19-27 ~ ND State Fair



Williams County 4-H held their County 4-H **Communications Arts** Contest on April 19th at the Williams County Courthouse. Several Williams County 4-H'ers participated.



Demonstrations - Preteen Division
Emma Tong, Clever Clovers ~ "Pretty Pasta Ornaments"
Andrew Tong, Clever Clovers ~ "Magic"

Cloverbud
Gracia Tong, Clever Clovers ~ "Fruit Smoothies"

Illustrated Talk - Preteen Division
Lauren and Katherine Fearing, Clever Clovers ~ "B.B.B."

Interpretive Reading - Teen Division
Wesley Nygard, Clever Clovers ~ "Tacky the Penguin"

Short Take - Preteen Division
Lauren Fearing, Clever Clovers
Katherine Fearing, Clever Clovers

Short Take - Teen Division
Hailey Bendixson, Clever Clovers

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL
PARTICIPANTS!



The Williston Western Stars Level 5 gymnastics team are North Dakota State Champions!

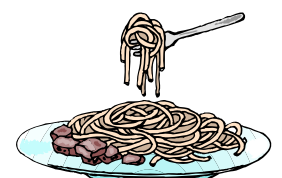
Lauren Fearing was the Individual All Around State Champion and Katherine Fearing earned the 2nd place medal in the Individual All Around competition for the Senior Division. Lauren also won 1st place on the Vault and Balance Beam. Katherine placed first on the Floor exercise.

The District Communications Arts Contest
Scheduled for May 29th has been cancelled.



Our 4-H families that served at **Banquet West** on April 28th. We served 118 people salad, spaghetti, garlic toast and cupcakes. They were very grateful for the meal. Thank you to everyone who worked and brought the yummy cupcakes!

"My Hands to Larger Service."





ALL UMFV FAIR 4-H ENTRY FORMS
 (livestock , poultry, rabbits, horse & non-living exhibits)
 are due at the Extension Office before 5:00 p.m. on June 3.

4-H fair information and fillable (pdf) forms are on our website
 under 4H and Youth

There are two options to get the entry forms to our office: 1) print out, complete and mail 2) complete the form online, save it to your computer, print and mail it, or email as an attachment to mindys@co.williams.nd.us

Fair Clean-Up

Thursday, June 20th—Clean up Day:

Clean glass cases & table tops
 Entry area of Multi-Purpose building, bathrooms, bag ice
 Clean peg boards and dress racks
 Clean kitchen
 Set up judging booths, sweep main area

The building will be open at 4:00 until finished!

Members should bring cleaning supplies and other equipment that might be needed.

Phone 577-4595 or e-mail maryf@co.williams.nd.us
 if you have any questions.

The Williams County 4-H Upper Missouri Valley Fair Book will be mailed to each family and it will also be available on our website. Watch for it to come soon!

Upcoming Auction Sale

Tuesday - May 28th @ 1607 4th Ave W
 (Shirley Fender moving sale)

Work times: 5:00– 9:00 p.m. Set up at 4:00 p.m.
 ~ Need 5 doz bars. ~

Please call Lavina at 572-3698 or e-mail at
domagala@nemontel.net if you can work or supply bars.

THANK YOU!!

4-H HORSE SHOW MEETING

WHEN: Wednesday, June 5th, 7:00 PM

WHERE: Our new building—302 East Broadway
 (across from the Law Enforcement Center)

All 4-H Leaders, Parents and Volunteers
 are encouraged to attend.

We will be finalizing the details of the Horse Show.

Attn: 4-H Poultry Members

If you plan to show at the UMFV Fair or the NDSF.

There is a new ND law stating that poultry must be banded and require Pollorum testing or be from a certified NPIP flock/source.

*A letter was mailed to poultry project members.
 Please contact our office if you have any questions.*

“THANK YOU” CARDS

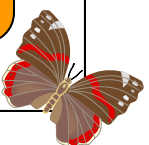
Enclosed with this newsletter
 you will find five green
 "Thank you" cards.

Please present these to business owners, managers, sales persons, clerks, etc. when you make purchases. They can present this card at the 4-H Pop Shoppe for a free bag of popcorn. Let's show our area businesses and individuals just how much we appreciate them!

Notice!

**The Williams County Extension
 Office has moved!**

**We are across the street from the
 Law Enforcement
 Center. Our physical address is 302
 East Broadway.**



Fashion Revue 2013 was held May 3 at Bethel Home

DECORATE YOUR DUDS

Pre-Teen:

Kiara Mehlhoff, Clever Clovers
Madison Mehlhoff, Clever Clovers

BUY AND SHOW

Teen:

Hailey Bendixson, Clever Clovers

Pre-Teen:

Katherine Fearing, Clever Clovers
Lauren Fearing, Clever Clovers
Madison Mehlhoff, Clever Clovers



Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

Kent Bendixson ~ Grenora High School

Katie Sperling ~ Home-schooled

Kall Kjos ~ Williston High School ~ Kalli is graduating as a 4.0 honor student and was our Outstanding 4-Her of the Year in 2011

We are proud of you!



Pop Shoppe

We are also looking for 2 or 3 adults to serve the static judges meal from 3:30-6:30 on **Monday, the 24th.**

Once again, we are looking for clubs and/or individuals to work at the Pop Shoppe during the UMVF. This is a great money maker for your club!

Each shift should have a minimum of the following: **five adults** (including the point of contact person and one person to run the money), **one 4-H member** to clean tables, **one member** 15 or older to make popcorn, **two members** pouring pop and selling candy.

The point of contact person for the morning will need to be there at least 1/2 hour before the first shift to bake the rolls and set up.

Contact our office to sign up your club or yourself!

Schedule

Wednesday, 6/26	8am-1pm	
Wednesday, 6/26	1pm-6pm	Sweet Clovers
Wednesday, 6/26	6-11 p.m.	Prairie Clovers
Thursday, 6/27	8am-1pm	
Thursday, 6/27	1pm-6pm	
Thursday, 6/27	6pm-11pm	
Friday, 6/28	8am-1pm	
Friday, 6/28	1pm-6pm	
Friday, 6/28	6pm-11pm	
Saturday, 6/29	7am-11pm	Clever Clovers
Sunday	7:30am-12pm	
Sunday (clean up)	12-6 p.m.	Prairie Clovers

The Spring 2013 Tractor Supply Co. Paper Clover Promotion will be held May 8-19th.

Once again, shoppers at the Williston TSC store will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Williams County by purchasing paper clovers for \$1 or \$5 at checkout. All funds raised will be donated to 4-H, and will support 4-H youth development program activities in Williams County.



4-H members are needed on **Saturday, May 18th or whichever day and time work for you.** Shift times are 10 a.m.—noon and noon—2 p.m.

Project Expo participants are encouraged to set up their display and explain it to customers in the store.

Call the Extension Office to sign up yourself or your club!

Be sure to take pictures and send them to us!

