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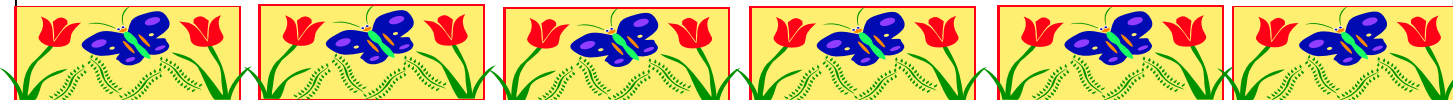
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WILLIAMS COUNTY

# 4-H TIMES

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



## MAY 2011

## GREETINGS:

### The Real Value of Competition

Recently I am reminded of the county fair on a daily basis. Thanks to Judy, administrative assistant, our heads are still above water.

The fair is an important event for 4-H members because it is a time to show others what has been learned and accomplished. It is also an important time for the club leaders, parents and even the staff of our office because the success of each member is a reflection of us adults who have given guidance and encouragement.

From the very beginning of 4-H, competition has been used as a way to teach young people agricultural and home economics skills.

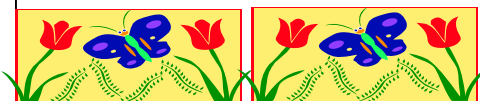
However, over the last two decades some have questioned the role of competition as a teaching tool in the 4-H program. There are those who question whether it is a tool for helping young people develop into self-directed, productive contributing citizens. Then there are those who feel competition at a young age helps youth prepare for a competitive society eventually experienced as adults.

In 4-H, it is customary to award ribbons, rosettes, and trophies according to the quality of exhibit and/or performance of the participating member. If the award meets or exceeds expectations, it is cherished. The plaques and rosettes are hung on a wall and ribbons put on the bedroom dresser or in a drawer. But, as time passes the ribbons lose their meaning and are often discarded. Even the trophies have less significance. Quite often, either the parents or members themselves, as adults, offer the trophies for recycling.

As 4-H members become adults, I have observed they more often talk about the fun they experienced and what was learned rather than the trophies. From this, I have concluded that the real value of competition at the fair is the life skills gained through participation and the natural human desire "To Make the Best Better".

As you put the final touches on the school year and complete your projects for the fair, remember the real awards are the skills acquired through your efforts.

*Warren*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### May

26 ~ 4-H Horse Club Meeting  
30 ~ Memorial Day - Office Closed

### June

1 ~ All UMVF Entry Forms (livestock, including market animal, horse and non-living exhibits) are due at Extension Office  
19 ~ Happy Father's Day  
20-23 ~ ND EYC at Fargo  
20 ~ Enter Static Exhibits at UMVF  
21 ~ 4-H Horse Show

22-26 ~ Upper Missouri Valley Fair  
(4-H schedule on our website)



4-H Club of the Month Corner



# Wonder Wizards 4-H Club



The Wonder Wizards and their leaders Becky Jungemann and Deanna Donnelly have had a busy 4-H year filled with many activities.

In September, we kicked off our 4-H year with a walk down to the Ray Museum where we had several local tour guides tell us all kinds of interesting information about the city of Ray and we learned many new things.



October's meeting was a fun-filled field trip as well! On a Saturday, our club rode the bus to the corn maze near Minot. We played in hay bales, gazed at all the pumpkins on display, and of course ventured through the corn maze. The day ended with supper at McDonald's.



Pie baking was the topic in November. The older 4-H members each made a delicious apple pie to take home, while younger members made chocolate pudding pies to enjoy.



All the members made a reindeer ornament in December and ended the day with a fun newspaper activity where the kids created winter costumes such as Rudolph and Frosty the Snowman. We had fun guessing who everyone was.

The first few months of 2011 brought a few more activities. The Wonder Wizards members each created a wooden birdhouse with exceptional volunteer help from Mr. Jungemann, the Ray shop teacher. We also baked several varieties of cookies and made some mini-cupcakes.

Because of weather conditions, the field trip to Barb's Rug Weaving had to be cancelled. Maybe next fall!

April's meeting involved a trip to the Sitting Bull Auction in Williston where most of the Wonder Wizards experienced their first visit to a sales ring.

It was a great activity to have on a beautiful spring day!





## **ALL UMVF FAIR 4-H ENTRY FORMS**

(livestock , includes market animals, horse  
& non-living exhibits)

are due at the Extension Office  
before 5:00 p.m. on June 1.

All 4-H fair information and fillable (pdf) forms are on our website (home page)  
[www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension)

### **Pop Shoppe—Help Needed**

Workers are still needed for several time slots. Please sign up for Wednesday afternoon 2pm—6pm, Thursday evening 6pm—11pm, and Friday all day.

Thank you for your response.

### **Auction Sale**

4-H has been requested to serve lunch at a 5-party auction in the Multi-Purpose Building at the fairgrounds on **June 4** from 9:00 a.m. to around 5:00 p.m.

Shifts will be from 9:00 (setup) to 11:30am;  
11:30am to 3:00pm; and 3:00 to end.

We will also need 10 dozen bars.

If you, your club members, parents, or other leaders can help out, please call Lavina Domagala at 572-3698 or email [domagala@nemontel.net](mailto:domagala@nemontel.net)

## **4-H HORSE CLUB MEETING**

Mr. David Smithberg has offered his adult leadership for a 4-H Club which organizes for the primary purpose of learning about the wonder of horses. This is to include the broad areas of equine husbandry, equine behavior, training techniques and safety. The ultimate goal of the club under Mr. Smithberg's leadership will be to optimize the human-horse experience.

The inaugural organization meeting is scheduled to take place **Thursday, May 26, 6:00 p.m.**, at the Ernie French Center located on the campus of the NDSU Williston Research Center located just west of Williston Saddlery.

Those unable to attend, but wanting to learn more about the club should call the Williams County Extension office or Mr. Smithberg at 701-774-3782.



### **Fair Clean-up Assignments**

#### **Thursday June 16th Clean up Assignments:**

Clever Clovers & Wonder Wizards - Clean glass cases & table tops  
Prairie Partners & Corner Club – Entry area of Multi-Purpose building, bathrooms, bag ice  
Stony Creek - Clean peg boards and dress racks  
Prairie Clovers & Sweet Clovers - Clean kitchen  
All – Set up judging booths, sweep main area

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

Clubs should bring cleaning supplies and other equipment that they might need. If you can't make it during the scheduled time, please let Mary know when you plan to clean so arrangements can be made to have the Multi-Purpose building open.

Phone 577-4595 or e-mail [maryf@co.williams.nd.us](mailto:maryf@co.williams.nd.us)

### **“THANK YOU” CARDS**

Enclosed with this newsletter you will find five dark 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!



## COUNTY CONSUMER CHOICES

Members of Williams County 4-H Clubs participated in  
**County Consumer Choices** on April 15  
at the Williams County Courthouse.

### Beginners 8 - 10:

Ashton Wold, Katherine Fearing, Lauren Fearing, Alexis Meduna

### Juniors 10-13:

Logan Jorgenson, Taya Helstad, Wesley Nygard, Jalyn Helstad and LaMae Walton



## COMMUNICATION ARTS



*Check our website for more photos!*



Williams County 4-H held their **County 4-H Communications Arts**  
Contest on April 29 at the Williams County Courthouse.

Several Williams County 4-H'ers participated.

Demonstrations - Preteen Division

Emily Alton, Clever Clovers ~ "Rose Rings"

Katherine Fearing, Clever Clovers ~ "Duck Tape Tote Bag"

Lauren Fearing, Clever Clovers ~ "Bath Fizzies"

Hannah Johnson, Corner Club ~ "How to Make a Yogurt Pie"

Cloverbud Reading

Kiara Mehlhoff, Clever Clovers ~ "Before 9 am"

Interpretive Reading - Preteen Division

LaMae Walton, Clever Clovers ~ "I'll Love You for Always"

Commercials - Preteen Division

Madison Mehlhoff & Jalyn Helstad, Clever Clovers ~ "Smilez Tooth-  
paste"

Wesley Nygard, Clever Clovers ~ "Kanoodle"

Illustrated Talk

Jourdan Hill, Prairie Clovers ~ "Hereford Cattle"

Taya Helstad, Clever Clovers ~ "String Games"

The **District Communications Arts Contest** was held on May 14 at  
Stanley, North Dakota. Randa Cody, ND 4-H Ambassador, assisted.

Participants from Williams County were Katherine Fearing,  
Lauren Fearing and Wesley Nygard.

## FASHION REVUE



### Fiesta!

That was the theme for this year's  
Fashion Revue.

Williams County 2011 4-H Fashion Revue was held on  
May 6, 2011 at Bethel Lutheran Home.

Participants in the Fashion Revue categories were:

#### Buy & Show:

Emily Richter - Preteen

Hailey Bendixson - Teen

#### Decorate Your Duds

Kiara Mehlhoff - Cloverbud

Madison Mehlhoff - Preteen

#### Sew & Show

Emma Abelmann, Katherine Fearing, Lauren Fearing,

Emily Richter and Jami Wells - Preteen

#### Non-Garment

Madison Mehloff



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*Moms and Grandmas who helped with  
projects, MC - Randa Cody, and*

*Judges, Patti Weigel and Debbie Richter.*

*More photos on our website!*

