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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:

A new feature in this month's newsletter is the report from the Clever Clovers 4-H club. Having clubs take turns to report on their activities is a great idea which came from the County 4-H Council during its fall meeting. The newsletter is mailed to nearly 300 addresses. This list includes all 4-H families and many businesses and individuals who have invested in our program. So, these club reports provide an opportunity to share the good work of Williams County 4-H and helps to stimulate the thinking of all of us.

The annual awards night was a tremendous success. I can not recall attendance ever being so large. The Williston Herald was very honored to receive this year's special Friend of 4-H Award as were the Velenchenko's. The success of the Williams County 4-H Program is highly dependent on many, many folks outside of our 4-H family. We need to be constantly vigilant of this wonderful support and be ready to say "thank you" at every opportunity. Let's start thinking about those who need our special recognition next year.

Food for Thought

One of the objectives of 4-H is to build leadership skills according to Kouzes and Posner's research reported in the book "The Leadership Challenge", the five quality characteristics of leadership are:

1. Honest
2. Forward-Looking
3. Competent
4. Inspiring
5. Intelligent

The following is a quote by John Quincy Adams, sixth President of the United States, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

Warren



UPCOMING EVENTS

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November

5-14 ~ National TSC Paper Clover

7 ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends

9 ~ Selecting a Beef Steer & Heifer

10 ~ Livestock Committee meeting

11 ~ Veterans Day—Office Closed

16 ~ Feeding Beef Projects

20 ~ 4-H Training at Stanley

25-26 ~ Thanksgiving—Office Closed

December

1 ~ Corner Club—submit article for
December 4-H Times

1-14 ~ JC Penney Roundup for 4-H

4 ~ Multi-County 4-H Activity Day

15 ~ 4-H Ambassador Applications due at
State Office

24-25 ~ Merry Christmas—Office Closed



**4-H Club
of the Month
Corner**

CLEVER CLOVERS 4-H CLUB
Established 1989-1990 4-H Year



"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country and my world", said for the first time for the newest Clever Clover Club members **Haden Bergstrom, Marissa Branham, Haley Clark, Cole Heller, Kyler Heller, Kaden Heller, Emily Richter and Olivia Rosland** (new members pictured). The new members were inducted into the Clever Clovers 4-H Club bringing the club to 36 members.



Some of Our New Members



Club Officers

The Club year began in September with electing of officers, signing up for projects, discussing the many upcoming events, 4-H Week and receiving the UMFV Premium Money. In October, those officers assumed their office. Serving for the Club this year is **Brooke Alton**, President; **Emily Alton**, Vice-President; **Wesley Nygard**, Assistant Officer; **Hailey Bendixson**, Secretary; **Taya Helstad**, Treasurer; **Jami Wells**, Recorder/Historian; **Alexis Vader, LaMae Walton and Madison Mehlhoff**, Recreation Co-Chairpersons (officers pictured).



At the October meeting, those newly elected officers assumed their office and led the club in its monthly meeting. Several upcoming events were discussed and the club members participated in two experiments with water which demonstrate how carbon dioxide builds up in the atmosphere. The members blew bubbles in water mixed with dye to see how the carbon dioxide causes the water to change color and also used effervescent tablets to see how much carbon dioxide is produced in a chemical reaction. Each club member received a workbook with other experiments and even a calculation to complete to determine your family carbon footprint. The experiment is available to all clubs by contacting the Extension Office. We only have one earth, so it is up to us to take care of it.



Clever Clovers Club meets on the second Sunday of every month at Rickard Elementary School. The Club Leader is Lavina Domagala, Cloverbud Leader is Shauna Staloch and many of the parents serve as assistant leaders. Clever Clovers 4-H members actively participate in Project Expo, Communication Arts, Fashion Review, Consumer Choices and County and State Fairs. Community service is also an important part of the club's objective. Annual community service projects include: Adopt A Highway (a two-mile stretch from Lindsey Implement west to the Highway 85 south turn), Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Make a Difference Day, Auction Sale Concessions, 4-H Pop Shoppe at the UMFV and many other events such as a clothing give away, food drives, lap robes and Christmas ornaments for the elderly. The Club culminates each year with a year-end trip to various points of interest in North Dakota.

Article & Pictures submitted by Jami Wells, Club Recorder/Historian



ANNUAL 4-H AWARDS EVENT

4-H members, their families and 4-H leaders from Williams County attended the Annual 4-H Awards Event on Sunday, October 17, at the Ernie French Center. Awards for projects, certificates of award and year in 4-H discs were presented to members during the annual event. **Mallory Nygard**, Clever Clovers 4-H Club, served as emcee for the event.

Brooke Alton, Clever Clovers 4-H Club, and Katie Harger, Prairie Partners 4-H Club, were named the 2010 Williams County Outstanding 4-H'ers.



Brooke began her 4-H career as a Cloverbud in 2001. Her leader says she has grown a lot through her nine years and learned many life-time skills. While she has exhibited various projects in the county and state fairs, she has made the most of her 4-H opportunities by participating in Project Expo, Consumer Choices, Fashion Revue, and Communication Arts just about every year. She is involved in her school, church, community and her 4-H club, and is always willing to help wherever she can. Even though she is a very busy teenager and involved as a member of the Dance Fever competitive dance team, she has remained an active 4-H member and is dedicated to remain in 4-H through her high school years. She has taken the experience and knowledge obtained through 4-H and has developed two businesses - beading and gardening. She has learned about finances, the need to develop a plan and responsibility. Her leader says she is a great role model for the younger members of the club through her leadership and willingness to help.

Katie has assisted other 4-H'ers with rabbit projects. She was also a mentor for the horsemanship and sheep projects. She made arrangements to mentor Cloverbuds in her club with their sheep projects during the fair. She wanted to be sure they were comfortable with their sheep projects and how to show them. She has also mentored older 4-H members with their horse projects. Her leader says that if there is anything that needs to be done she is always there and she is a very good example of "paying it forward".

Recipients of the **Young Achiever Award** were Kylee Meyer, Candace Meyer, Danielle Stauffer, Sydney Faller, Lauren Fearing, Katherine Fearing, Zachary Haugen, Taya Helstad and Madison Mehlhoff. The **Clover Bud Award** was presented to Hannah Johnson, Stacey Meyer, Shine Enander, and JalyN Helstad. Hailey Bendixson and Chauntel Bergstrom received the **Purple Ribbon Award**. The **Clover Achievement Award** was presented to Emma Abelmann, Michael Anfinson, Lea Enander, Wesley Nygard and Jami Wells. Christy Sperling, Karissa Kjos and Randa Cody were presented the **Graduating Senior Award**.

2010 recipient of the "Friend of 4-H Award" was staff of the Williston Herald.

Since its formation in 1914, 4-H youth work in the United States has survived for nearly 100 years, primarily because of adult club leaders and members of the corporate or business community. These folks continue to give countless hours and resources each year based on the good of developing our youth in becoming productive and responsible citizens. This year the Williams County 4-H council chose to honor a long-time business, the **Williston Herald**, which has a tradition of spreading the good work of 4-H. Besides financial support, this business is always available to announce details of coming events and is present to report on current activities recognizing the accomplishments of our 4-H clubs and members.



4-H Leaders received certificates and year pins.

Leaders were presented with certificates for their leadership years in 4-H. One, five, ten, fifteen and twenty year pins were presented to leaders for their dedication and contribution to 4-H. Recipients are: **1-year pin** - Sara Berg, Corner Club, Deanna Donnelly, Wonder Wizards, Shannon Faller, Corner Club, Amber Ledahl, Corner Club, Amber Usher, Corner Club; **5-year pin** - Tom Enander, Corner Club, Lorilee Sorenson, Corner Club, Liz Suhr, Corner Club; **10-year pin** - Lynda Hill, Prairie Clovers; **20-year pin** - Teri Gannaway, Prairie Partners, Terri Oylo, Prairie Partners, Marcia Velenchenko, Sweet Clovers.



Marcia and Dale Velenchenko honored for their many years of service to 4-H.

Marcia and Dale were each presented with "A Friend of Williams County 4-H" jacket for their many years of service to the county-wide 4-H program and managing the 4-H Pop Shoppe at the Upper Missouri Valley Fair.

Congratulations to all award recipients.

More photos on www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension





Round up your JC Penney store purchases to the next whole dollar from December 1-14, and the JC Penney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to support Williams County 4-H Afterschool programs.



SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM MARCIA & DALE

Dear Warren, Mary, and 4H family,
 Thank you just doesn't say enough for the wonderful gift of the jackets you gave Dale and me. We wear them with great pride. We have enjoyed working with all the 4Hs at the Pop Shoppe and auction sales. They are wonderful kid learning from a great program. A special thank you to the Sweet Clovers. You are very special people. We will see you at the auction sales. Marcia and Dale



Corner Club 4-H holds October meeting.... making scarecrows!

It was a fun and learning experience for all.

More photos are available on our website.



POP SHOPPE UPDATE!

Kim Weisemann and Lynda Hill have volunteered to take over management of the Pop Shoppe for 4-H. Kim is new to our area and just began as a leader with Sweet Clovers 4-H Club. We are happy to have her as a new volunteer leader. Thank you Kim and Lynda for stepping up to take over this important fund raising project for 4-H!

4-H Cooking 101, 201 & 301 Available Now (\$5.00 per book)

We have copies of the new 4-H curriculum for cooking in our office now. I reviewed these lessons and they are GREAT! They are printed and hole-punched so that you can put them into a 3-ring binder to use. The lessons range from very basic food and cooking knowledge in 101 to more detailed and advanced cooking and baking techniques in the 301. For example, in 101 there is a section on quick breads with a muffin recipe and then a page on "How do your muffins rate?" These are the same standards that the muffins would be judged on at the fair. In the 301 curriculum it includes a unit on cakes and includes a troubleshooting problems page as well as a standard for judging the cake. All three guides are full of recipes of varying degrees of difficulty. Topics covered include nutrition, safety basics, measuring basics, experiments, baking, quick breads, yeast breads, cakes, microwave cooking, outdoor cooking, meal planning, party planning, and slow cookers. I highly recommend these books for anyone enrolled in any Food and Nutrition project. (I plan to try a few of the recipes myself!) Mary

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) store in Williston joined 4-H in support of local youth with the TSC Paper Clover Campaign, a national in-store fundraising effort to benefit state and local 4-H programming in each of the communities where a Tractor Supply Company store is located.

The success of last spring's campaign spurred TSC's continued support of the community fundraising event. Beginning **Friday, November 5, through Sunday, November 14**, shoppers at the Williston Tractor Supply Company will have the opportunity to support 4-H in Williams County by purchasing paper clovers for just \$1 at checkout. All funds raised through this local TSC Paper Clover Campaign will be donated to 4-H, and will support local camps, after-school programs and other 4-H youth development program activities in Williams County.

"We are excited to begin our fall Paper Clover Campaign with the tremendous support of Tractor Supply Company again this year," said Donald T. Floyd Jr., president and CEO of National 4-H Council. "Tractor Supply continues to be an excellent partner in our efforts to drive local support of, and community involvement in, 4-H programs throughout the country. Their partnership in the Paper Clover Campaign will help provide funding to 4-H in more than 900 Tractor Supply Company communities across the nation, allowing youth to explore interests in everything from animal science to robotics."



REMINDERS!

- Selecting a Beef Steer & Heifer - November 9 at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room Courthouse
- Livestock Meeting - November 10 at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Courthouse
- Feeding Beef Projects - November 16 at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room, Courthouse
- Project Training Session - November 20 at Stanley, ND - Register by November 12
- Corner Club - Submit article for December 4-H Times on December 1

All 4-H enrollments (leader & member) are needed in order to update our mailing list. The December newsletter (4-H Times) and other important information concerning specific projects can not be sent to you without your current enrollment information. Thank you!

