



4-H TIMES

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



OCTOBER 2010

GREETINGS:

Happy 4-H Week! I hope that your club is celebrating and promoting 4-H to the community in some way. Clever Clovers painted the window at JC Penney and the Corner Club will be wearing their 4-H t-shirts to school in Grenora. At the fall council meeting each club was assigned the task of planning something to celebrate the week. I hope that you saw the ads in the Williston Herald and The Shopper.

We have had many calls to the office from parents wanting to enroll their children in 4-H this summer and fall. We are happy to know there is so much interest, but some of our clubs- especially those clubs with livestock projects- are at or near capacity. Unfortunately, interest in 4-H leadership positions is not keeping up with membership interest.

We have had interest in the shooting sports program. However, leaders need specific training to be certified for shooting sports. At this time no clubs can participate in any type of shooting sports projects due to liability issues of not having a certified instructor. We need a few parents/leaders who are willing to become certified to lead a shooting sports club or event. If you have an interest in this area you can find more information on the 4-H website at http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/volunteers/shooting_sports_volunteer_information/. Please contact our office if you are interested in pursuing leadership in this area.

The day has come that we have anticipated-and dreaded. Marcia Velenchenko has retired as a 4-H leader after 20 years of volunteer service. She will be missed by the Sweet

Clovers club. Her hours of managing the 4-H Pop Shoppe during the UMV Fair will be missed by the entire 4-H program. The 4-H Pop Shoppe is an opportunity for 4-H clubs to earn money for their club activities as well as to provide funding for the Williams County 4-H Council. These county monies are used to send 4-H'ers on the awards trips to Medora and Washington, DC. If we do not find someone to take over the management of the Pop Shoppe there may not be funds available for these types of awards in the future. We need a manager by early 2011 or we will have to tell the UMV Fair Board to find another organization to run it. This year's Pop Shoppe profit was \$8,776.84 with half going to the clubs working and half to the county council.

Lavina Domagala has been having trouble getting 4-H members and parents to help serve at area auction sales. This is another fund raiser that allows the club to get half of the profits and the other half going to the county council. Often times only Lavina & Allen Domagala and Marcia & Dale Velenchenko are working at these auctions. What do you suppose people most often ask them? Where are the 4-H'ers?! Shouldn't they be working to raise their money????

I hope that you will give some serious thought to the leadership opportunities that I have mentioned above, and consider increasing your level of involvement in the county program as well as at the club level.

Mary



UPCOMING EVENTS

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October

- 13-26 ~ JC Penney Roundup for 4-H
- 17 ~ 4-H Awards Banquet
- 23 ~ Make a Difference Day
- 21-22 ~ NDEA Convention
- 26 ~ Selecting a Beef Steer & Heifer
- 31 ~ Halloween

November

- 1 ~ 2010-2011 4-H Enrollment Forms Due
- 1-4 ~ NDSU Extension Fall Conference
- 7 ~ Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 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

- 5 ~ Multi-County 4-H Activity Day





HUNTING FOR PROJECT IDEAS!

Leaders and adults interested in volunteering for 4-H are encouraged to attend any of these upcoming project training sessions. There will be three 4-H Volunteer Project trainings this year. Northeast: **Monday, November 15** at Devils Lake; Southwest: **Wednesday, November 17** at Carson; Northwest: **Saturday, November 20** at Stanley

A brochure with registration and more information is available at our office or website www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension/ The registration cost is \$3.00 per person.

Pre-registration is required and the deadline to register is **November 12**.

At the fall council meeting it was decided that each club will be responsible to submit an article featuring their club to be published in the *4-H Times*. Your article is due by the 1st of the month it is to be published.

The article should include information including, but not limited to, number of members, leaders, officers, regular meeting place & day, activities and service projects your club participates in. Please e-mail photos, too. If you submit your article by e-mail it will save Judy having to retype it!

The schedule is:
November- Clever Clovers
December-Corner Club
January-Prairie Clovers
February-Prairie Partners
March-Stony Creek
April-Sweet Clovers
May-Wonder Wizards

SELECTING AND DEVELOPING BEEF PROJECTS

Parents and 4-H members who plan to have a beef steer or heifer project this coming year are invited to attend and participate in a special meeting scheduled Tuesday, October 26 beginning at 7 p.m.

The meeting will focus on animal selection and nutrition. Some of the questions we hope to answer include:

1. How big should the calf be in the fall and at fair time?
2. Is there a way to predict the growth of either a steer or heifer project?
3. What and how much should I feed?
4. What conformation features of an animal are important?
5. What is the criteria of a blue ribbon animal?

This meeting will feature interactive dialogue so that specific questions can be addressed.

Plan to attend!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Livestock Committee Meeting

November 10, 2010
7:00 p.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room, Courthouse
Plan to attend!



Round up your JC Penney store purchases to the next whole dollar from October 13—26, and the JC Penney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to support Williams County 4-H Afterschool programs.



Special thanks to 4-H'ers

(Brooke Alton, Lauren and Katherine Fearing) who painted the JCP window for National 4-H Week!

Thanks to volunteers Terri Bendixson and Anna Hoffman for their assistance with this special project.
Job Well Done!



A WORLD OF THANKS TO

Marcia and Dale Velenchenko for your many years of volunteer service to our Williams County 4-H Clubs.

We wish you both the best in your retirement from 4-H!



Sweet Clovers 4-H Club



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ANNUAL MULTI-COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY DAY



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The Annual Multi County 4-H Activity Day will be held on **Saturday, December 5th** in the Heritage Hall (Arena II) of the North Dakota State Fair Center, at Minot, North Dakota. More information will be forthcoming soon!



4-H AWARDS EVENT

4-H'ers along with their families are invited to the Ernie French Center on Sunday, October 17 at 5:30—7:30 p.m.
RSVP the extension office (for pizza count) by October 15!
 Hope to see you there!

Fall 2009 Youth Art Classes at the James

4-H'ers looking for an art project may be interested in the Youth Art Classes being offered at the James. For your information a **registration form** showing class dates, times, fees and grades is enclosed with this newsletter.

Other Classes at the James

Quilter's Constellation on **October 18 and November 8** from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and **String Pieced Christmas Stocking** on **December 6** at 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.
 Instructor is Norma Lee Miller - for more information you may contact The James 774-3601 or Norma Lee 572-4178 (after 9:00 a.m., please) or e-mail nlmiller2@wil.midco.net

4-H'ers, parents and leaders looking for sewing classes may be interested in the **Sew Exciting Weekend** in Sidney, Montana Featuring Linda MacPhee, sewing celebrity on **November 6-7** at the Moose Lodge Meeting Room **Registration deadline is November 1.**
 For more information - call Luanne Williams 406-498-3814 or Sandy Franck 406-488-4942
Or call our office for registration form.

The 2010-2011 Enrollment Forms with Media Releases have been picked up by your Club leaders.
 If you have not received your new enrollment form & media release form, please **contact your leader OR go to our website www.ag.ndsu.edu/williamscountyextension**, print and complete both forms then return them to your leader as soon as possible.
 The extension office would like to have
ALL 2010-2011 4-H ENROLLMENTS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 1.

Thank you!