Thanks to the 4-H Livestock Committee, and Scott Aune and Chet Hill, I am back on board as a part time Williams County Agent to help with the preparation, coordination and conduct 4-H activities of the county fair. It feels good to be back in the office-especially to do 4-H work. 4-H has always been dear to my heart because it provides many opportunities to learn and build leadership skills.

Recently I helped judge the county communication arts event. I have helped with this event for several years and many of the 4-H members have been repeat participants. It is a pleasure to see the progress these 4-H members have made each year. I am sure these 4-H members will be leaders of the future.

As we approach the county fair I cannot resist reminding all (myself included) of the values of 4-H. First of all, the 4-H boys and girls are more important than the 4-H projects. 4-H members should be their own best exhibit. No 4-H award is worth sacrificing the reputation of the 4-H member, leader or parent.

Now for competition. Competition is a natural human trait and should be recognized as such in 4-H. However, it should not be given more emphasis than other fundamentals in 4-H. Learning how to do the project is more important than the ribbon or award.

Many things are “caught, not taught”. Young livestock participants can learn grooming and showmanship skills by watching older, more experienced showmen. Static exhibitors can learn and get new ideas from observing other static exhibit displays. Observe those around you.

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This is really needed to plan for ordering trophies, t-shirts, finding judges and meeting with the Buyers Committee.

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**Demonstration - Teen Division**
Lauren and Katherine Fearing, Clever Clovers ~ "Volleyball Basics"

**Cloverbud**
Aubri Staloch, Clever Clovers ~ Recite the 4-H Pledge

**Illustrated Talk - Pre-teen Division**
Addyson Johnson, ~ "It's All in the Family Tree"

**Short Take - Teen Division**
Hailey Bendixson, Clever Clovers
Lauren Fearing, Clever Clovers
Katherine Fearing, Clever Clovers

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**District 1 Communication Arts Contest—May 27th—6 pm**
Stanley-South Complex
Winners will compete at the ND State Fair on July 20th!

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**Congratulations to our High School Graduates!**

Hailey Bendixson ~ Williston High School
Chauntel Bergstrom ~ Williston High School
Jorge Gardner ~ Grenora High School
Taylor Nelson ~ Ray High School
Megan Suhr ~ Ray High School

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS!**

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**Williams County 4-Hers inducted into the National Junior Honor Society!**
Jaylen Helstad, Lauren Fearing, Katherine Fearing and Levi O’Dell (Levi is not pictured.) All four students attend Williston Middle School.

**Congratulations! Proud of you!**

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**4-H Council Meeting ~ May 15th ~ 6 p.m.**
All parents and older youth are encouraged to attend. Pizza will be served.
RSVP by noon on the 15th so that we can order enough pizza.

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**WESTERN 4-H CAMP 2014**
4-H Camp registration is now open!
Visit [www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp](http://www.ndsu.edu/4h/camp) for more information and to register online.

The Williams County 4-H Council will pay half of the early bird registration fee after the camper attends camp.
ALL UMVF 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 2.

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 lindsayp@co.williams.nd.us

UPCOMING COUNTY 4-H EVENTS

CLOTHING REVUE
Thursday, June 12
Registration due June 9
4:30 p.m. Public fashion show at 5:30 p.m.
Bethel Home

CONSUMER CHOICES
Tuesday, July 8
1:00 p.m.
Extension Office-Broadway Commons building

It’s time to start thinking or working on your buy and show and sew and show skills for Fashion Revue.

PLEASE NOTE: Clothing Revue participants must have a wearable garment as their exhibit for state competition. Pre-teen needs top or bottom and teen needs a complete outfit in order to be eligible to compete at the State Fair. HOWEVER, participants may show non-wearable exhibits at the county level on June 12 at Bethel Home.

The Clothing Revue consists of three categories: Sew and Show, Buy and Show and Decorate Your Duds.

Sew and Show requires the Pre-teen Division to construct half or more of the clothing being modeled and the Teen Division to construct the major part of clothing being modeled. The clothing constructed must be made as part of clothing and textiles related project in which you are enrolled and appropriate for public revue.

Buy and Show requires participant to buy an outfit and accessorize that fits into their budget, style, and current wardrobe. The following are suggestions for types of garments for the Sew and Show and Buy and Show: school outfits, spectator and active sports apparel, street attire, formal and semi-formal dress or suit, and cultural and ethnic heritage.

Decorate Your Duds requires participant to decorate a garment and/or accessory in a new way that reflects individual style. The decoration process, workmanship and quality of the finished project will be evaluated and must be appropriate for public revue.

Information for participation in Clothing Revue was mailed to 4-H’ers enrolled in clothing and sewing projects. Sewing projects & fact sheets are to be brought to the Extension office on or before June 9th.

DigiGirlz High Tech Camp
is for girls ages 13-17. The camp will be offered June 10-12.

The camp is free, but participants are responsible for their transportation from home to the Fargo Microsoft location, lodging and their evening meals. Camp goes from 8-4 p.m. each day. A light breakfast, lunch and snack are provided by Microsoft while the girls are at camp.

There is more information and answers to FAQ on this web page: http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/digigirlzhightechcamp.aspx (You can scroll down the page for the FAQ and click on “Register Here” for the Fargo camp details.)
**Pop Shoppe**

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!

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**Fair Clean-Up**

**Thursday, June 19th—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.

**Attn: 4-H Poultry Members**

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

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

**Poultry will be tested on June 26th before the poultry show.**

**The Consumer Choices Study Guides and Sample Classes have arrived!**

The booklets can be picked up in our office. The contest is July 8th!

**“THANK YOU” COUPONS**

Earlier, you were mailed five green "Thank you" coupons. 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!