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Dear Stuart,

Welcome to the Nebraska 4-H Foundation's first eNewsletter! We are looking forward to sharing with you stories of successful youth (and adults!) who benefited from 4-H's programs. Enjoy! And, see you at the Fair!

Collin Shepherd Boosts 4-H in Tanzania

4-H isn't just an American institution. 4-H programs exist in more than 70 countries, improving the lives of millions of young people and their families.

North Platte native Collin Shepherd, a communication major at Nebraska Wesleyan, embarked May 20th on a six week 4-H internship in Tanzania through the Global 4-H program.



Collin Shepherd

Shepherd is spending time with 4-H clubs in various villages, working to connect and improve the clubs. He is teaching a 4-H entrepreneurship program developed at UNL to help participants become more self-sufficient.

Shepherd said he appreciates the leadership skills he learned in 4-H, and that he hopes to "continue learning more about myself while making a difference in the lives of the Tanzanian youth."

Read Collin's blog at:

Find Your Local Fair!



Fair time in Nebraska starts soon. Don't miss out on the fun! To find out the dates and locations of Nebraska's county fairs, go to:

<http://nebraskafairs.org/>

Save the Date!

The 4-H Alumni Reunion is September 3, 2011 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the 4-H/FFA Building at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island.

<http://collininafrica.blogspot.com>

Entrepreneur Got His Start as a Purple Ribbon Winner



4H Poster - 1987

At age ten, Jason Petersen won purple ribbons for his 4-H poster of a computer with a "byte" out of it. Luckily, his skills have gotten even better since the 1980s!

This early interest in computers and graphic design led to a college major in fine arts and eventual co-ownership of Turbine Interactive, a communications firm specializing in interactive technology and web development. The 34-year-old Lincoln resident credits 4-H for

giving him the skills needed in his business ventures.

"My 4-H involvement had a profound effect in helping prepare me for my career," said Petersen, whose company designed the current 4-H Foundation web site. "The skills 4-H members learn can definitely be used later in life."

See Jason's current work with his company website at:

<http://thisisturbine.com>



Jason Petersen

Foundation Intern Found Opportunities with Skill Learned in 4-H

Ten years of 4-H activities taught Riverdale native Shannon Wietjes responsibility and time management skills. She also overcame a fear of public speaking.

What she learned in 4-H lead her to major in communication at Nebraska Wesleyan, where the 20-



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year old is entering her senior year. She interns at the 4-H Foundation, and is President of the 2010-11 Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council, a group which coordinates agricultural experiences for youth, including the annual Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute.

Shannon Wietjes

Wietjes said, "4-H really helped me become the person I am." She likes to show others that they can be involved in agriculture without necessarily being on a farm or ranch, and her career goal is to be an advocate for agriculture.

This summer, Shannon is managing the 4-H Foundation [Website](#) and [Facebook](#) page. Are you a fan?



I hope you enjoyed reading our first e-newsletter. We value your opinion, so feel free to reply and tell us what you think!

Thanks for your continued support of Nebraska 4-H through the Foundation. Your support helps to mold young lives for the better!
Sincerely,

Stuart Shepherd
Nebraska 4H Foundation

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