

Meade County 4-H News



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January 2010

JANUARY

- 1 Holiday
- 9 9am, Archery Shooting Sports, Sturgis Archery
- 10 Entries due for BHSS Youth Day
- 11 6pm, 4-H Leaders Meeting, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 12 4-5pm, Afterschool, Faith Library
- 13 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Day, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 13 6pm, Jr. Leaders Meeting Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 14 3:30-4:30pm, Project Day, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 14 4-5:30pm, Shooting Sports, VFW, Faith
- 18 Holiday
- 21 2:30-3:30pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 26 4pm, Judging, Butte Electric, Newell
- 28 4-5:30pm, Shooting Sports, VFW, Faith
- 28 3:30pm, Judging, Ext. Office, Spearfish
- 30 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day



FEBRUARY

- 1 Fair Book Cover Entries due to Extension Office
- 3 9am-2pm, Youth Take "Stock", BHSS, Rapid City
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- 8 4-5pm, Afterschool, Faith Library
- 8 4-5pm, Judging, Faith Library
- 9 7pm, Fair Board Meeting, Pizza Ranch
- 10 Key City Pen of 3, Sturgis Community Center
- 10 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Day, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 11 3:30-4:30pm, Project Day, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 11 3:30-5pm, Judging, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 11 4-5:30pm, Shooting Sports, VFW, Faith
- 15 Holiday
- 16 3-4:40pm, Judging, Union Center School
- 18 2:30-3:30pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 23 4pm, Judging, 1st Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche
- 24 6pm, Jr. Leaders Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 25 4-5:30pm, Shooting Sports, VFW, Faith
- 25 3:30pm, Judging, Ext. Office, Spearfish
- 26 4-H Ski Night at Deer Mountain



Ahh...The Places You Will Go With 4-H

The 2010 State 4-H Leaders Conference will be held on **Sat., Mar. 27th** at the Davison County Fairgrounds. Contact the Extension Office for more details.

4-H Ski Night

The 7th annual 4-H Ski Night at Deer Mountain is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 26th. Release forms will be available at the Extension Office soon. Sign up by Feb. 13th. We need a total of 30 participants to get the group rate. **You will be skiing at your own risk.** Details will be printed in the Feb. Newsletter.



Key City Pen of 3

The Key City Pen of 3 will be held Feb. 10th. For details contact: the Chamber of Commerce at 347-2556.

Sleep Livestock Judging School - Cancelled

The **Jan. 2nd** Livestock judging school at the Sleep Ranch has been canceled.



JR. LEADER NEWS

Jr. Leaders will be meeting at the Extension Office in Sturgis, on **Wed., Jan. 13th at 6pm.** 4-H members who are 12 years old or older prior to Jan. 1st, 2010 are invited to join us. We look forward to seeing everyone there to start off the New Year!

4-H Leaders Association Meeting

The Meade County 4-H Leaders Association meeting will be at the Extension Office in Sturgis, on **Mon. Jan. 11th at 6pm.** We invite all leaders and parents to attend. Agenda items include: election of officers, and the livestock sale at county fair. If you are interested in serving as the President or Secretary, please call the Extension Office at 347-2436.

Rodeo Queen Clinic

McKenzie Haley, Miss Rodeo South Dakota 2010, will be hosting a rodeo queen clinic on Feb. 6th during the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo. The clinic will run from 9am-noon at a cost of \$75. For more information, call Erin Retzer at (605) 343-9885 or McKenzie Haley at (605) 840-0091.



Rodeo Queen Corral at BHSS

If you earned a title in 2009 including all age divisions of County and City Queens, 4-H Ambassadors and Little Britches Royalty, Jessica Johnson, the Junior Miss Rodeo SD, invites you to join her on Sat., Jan. 30th at the Black Hills Stock Show (East Entrance-Show & Sale Arena) beginning at 8:30am in cooperation with the Worlds' Smallest Rodeo for signing autograph sheets, photo session, meet & greet and help with the Worlds' Smallest Rodeo. Wear your sash and crown, and if you want bring your autograph sheets. If you have any questions, please call Jessica Johnson at 244-7596. This will be a great way to represent, promote and be proud of your queen title!!

Support our Troops

Xerox is sending Thank You cards to troops for free. Just visit <http://www.letsaythanks.com>, to pick a card, write a message and Xerox will print and send the card to our troops in Iraq.



Meade County Gun Shooting Sports

For more information about the shooting sports program in Meade County please contact shooting sports instructor Mary Ellen Cammack at 347-4197.

Sturgis Archery Shooting Sports Club



Archery Shooting Sports will start on **Jan. 9th at 9am** at Sturgis Archery located at 9075 N Ox Yoke Road, Sturgis. For directions or more information, please contact Gary or Theresa Finn at 347-6368.

Faith BB Gun Shooting Sports

There will be an information meeting regarding BB gun shooting sports in Faith on **Thu., Jan. 14th from 4:00-5:30pm** at the VFW in Faith. The group will continue meeting the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month through March 25th. **One parent needs to attend this first meeting.** Please contact Rebecca at the Extension Office, 347-2436, or Kim Bachman at 739-3641 if you have any questions.



Butte County Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will begin in Jan., for more info please contact Butte County Extension Office at 892-3371.

The Black Hills Shooting Club – Rapid City

BB, Pellet, Rifle and Pistol will begin Jan. 5th at 6:15pm at the Walter Taylor Building, Rapid City and continue each Mon. through Apr. 2010. There is a \$23 fee per child, which covers insurance, firearms, ammunition and targets. The class is open to children who are 8-18 years old by Jan. 1st, 2010.

Shooting Sports Archery Club – Rapid City

Archery Club will start on Jan. 3rd with 2 classes starting at 8am at the Black Hills Archery Building, 2091 Rand Road (off Deadwood Avenue), Rapid City. Archery will meet every Sat. from Jan. 3 through Apr. 2009.



BB and Air Rifle Shooting Sports - Spearfish

BB gun and air rifle shooting sports in Spearfish will start **Mon., Jan. 4th** from 6-7pm at the Spearfish Recreation Center. Contact Tom Smith at 269-9212 for details.

Non-Livestock Judging Contests Begin Soon!

Classes in the following project areas will be judged: clothing, foods and nutrition, home living, child development, visual arts, horticulture and photography. 4-H judging contests will be held at the following locations:

- Jan 26** 4pm, Butte Electric, Newell
- Jan 28** 3:30pm, Extension Office, Spearfish
- Feb 8** 4pm, Library, Faith
- Feb 11** 3:30pm, Extension Office, Sturgis
- Feb 16** 3pm, School, Union Center
- Feb 23** 4pm, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche
- Feb 25** 3:30pm, Extension Office, Spearfish

Public Presentations

A public presentation day will be on **Mon., Mar. 22nd** at 3:30pm at the Lawrence County Extension Office, Spearfish. This is a great opportunity to get your presentations done early! Please call 642-6200 by **Mar. 17th** to sign up.



Camp Bob Marshall Looking for Summer Staff



College students, teachers and school nurses, this is the summer job opportunity for you! Camp Bob Marshall, the 4-H Camp located just east of Custer, is looking for summer staff. We will be hiring in the positions of Program Director, Lifeguard (must be certified), Song Leader and Camp Nurse/EMT for the 4-H Camps held June 13-July 2, 2010. Additional camp staff will be hired in the position of Assistant Cooks/Camp Assistants for June, July and August. Anyone interested should contact LaDonna McKnight for more information and an application, she can be reached at the Custer County Extension Office by phone at 673-4971 or by email at ladonna.mcknight@sdstate.edu.

2010 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

by Chris Zdorovtsov, Horticulture Extension Educator

If you haven't heard, the top scoring senior division county team at the 2010 State Fair will be invited to go the National 4-H Judging Contest in Cleveland, OH, October 9-11, 2010. Prepare by judging fruits, vegetables and flowers at local judging schools. Remember to prepare for the written component by learning more about horticulture from the National Junior Horticulture Association's (NJHA) website or 4-H study guides. Look for 'The Green Review' articles in the 4-H newsletter, as it contains information that is likely to appear on the written portion of the contest.



This year there is a new component to the contest – plant identification. This class will consist of identifying vegetables, fruits, nuts, landscape ornamentals, flowers or indoor plants from the given foliage, flower, seed/pit, seedpod/cone or storage organ. Access the 4-H study guides by visiting: <http://4h.sdstate.edu/projects.cfm?title=Horticulture>. The NJHA study manual is available at the following web address: http://www.njha.org/projects_hortid.html.

Interstate Exchange Battery Fundraiser



The Interstate Exchange group is raising money to travel to Pennsylvania this summer through the Interstate Batteries Online Fundraiser. Visit www.interstatebatteries.com/fundraising/shop/ enter *meade4h* in the Coupon Code box and shop for all your battery needs from the comfort of your home or office. Everything you order ships directly to your home or office via UPS, and there is no shipping charge! The Interstate Exchange group receives 40% profit from every purchase, please help support this group!

New "Friends for Change" Grants



The Friends for Change Grants will fund kids' projects that help the environment and will look to engage children ages 5-18 as leaders in their communities. Disney, working with YSA, will award 150 \$500 grants throughout 2010. The goal of each grant is to inspire children to work with their families, friends, schools and communities to address critical needs in their local, national and global communities. To be eligible, projects will need to be done any time during 2010 and should include one service or celebratory component on Global Youth Service Day, April 23-25. Deadline to apply is Jan. 29th, 2010. For more information please visit: <http://ysa.org/grants/announcements/friendsforchange>.



Martin Luther King Day of Service

4-H is partnering with the Corporation for National Service this year to more fully engage and participate in the 2010 MLK Day of Service that will be held on January 18, 2010. It is our intent that January 18, 2010 kicks off a year of service for 4-H members, their families, volunteers, and others as they engage in their communities to make a lasting, positive impact. A tool kit also referred to as a guide to help prepare for service activities is available at the Extension Office or online at www.meadecounty.org, it includes ideas for service projects and planning materials.

Planning to Take Livestock to the SD State Fair

Any 4-Her who may show livestock at the SD State Fair must complete the 4-H Livestock Ownership Affidavits for each species. In addition, livestock must be tagged with a green tag provided by the Extension Office, and market animals must be weighed by the Extension Office prior to the dates below. If you are leasing the animal, a Lease Form also needs to be completed along with the Ownership Affidavits. All forms mentioned above are available at the Extension Office or online at www.meadecounty.org under 4-H Forms or online at <http://4h.sdstate.edu>. Ownership deadlines:

- **March 31, 2010** - Market Beef
- **May 31, 2010** - Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goats, Meat Goats, and Market Swine
- **July 1, 2010** - Rabbits and Poultry
 - Green tags and weighing not required
 - Poultry need Leg Bands (one per bird)
 - Rabbits need to be tattooed (one per rabbit)



If you do not have the required paper work completed, the animals are not green tagged or weighed by the deadlines above, you are not eligible to show at the SD State Fair.

Anyone who may show market swine at the SD State Fair, must be Youth Pork Quality Assurance Certified (YPQA). The SD State Fair is a terminal show, as all hogs are sent to John Morrell, who requires PQA certification.

Contact Penny at the Extension Office to learn how to become certified.



Cloverbud Day

Cloverbuds are invited to attend Cloverbud Day on **Wed., Jan. 13th** from 3:30-4:30pm at the Extension Office. We will be learning about and making a Penguin craft. There is no fee for this project. Adult and Teen helpers are encouraged to attend and assist Cloverbuds with their projects. Please register with the Extension Office at 347-2436 by **Mon., Jan. 11th**.



Youth Take "Stock" in Science and Ag

If you are attending the Black Hills Stock Show on February 3 and 4, stop by the Sutton Rodeo Zone in the Civic Center, Rapid City from 9am-2pm for a chance to experience all that science and agriculture have to offer.



4-H Project Day

Have you ever wanted to try origami or paper folding? Join Rebecca on **Thu. Jan. 14th from 3:30-4:30pm** at the Extension Office in Sturgis, to give learn some basic paper folding skills, and make a project you will be able to exhibit at our 4-H Achievement Days and County Fair. Additional patterns/instructions will be available for those that wish to try a second or third paper folding project. There is no fee for this project. Adult helpers are welcome to attend and assist youth with their projects. Please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436 to register, or if you have any questions.



Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

Youth Day will be held Sat., **Jan. 30th, 2010** at the Central States Fairgrounds and Pennington County Extension Building in Rapid City. Competition is open to any youth aged 8-18 as of Jan. 1, 2010. Pre-registration, **due by Jan. 10, 2010**, is required for the Beef Cook-Off, Livestockology, Horse Bowl, Hippology and Dog Show. Livestock judging does not require pre-registration. Official rules and entry forms are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://4h.sdstate.edu>.

Schedule:

8am	Scholarship Interviews, Fair Office
8am	Beef Cook-Off, 4-H Building
8am	Hippology check in, 4-H Building
8am	Dog Show, Creative Arts Building
8am	Livestock Judging, Registration, Fine Arts Building
11am	Beef Bust, Fine Arts Building
11:45am	Scholarships Awarded, Fine Arts Building
12:15pm	Hippology Results, Fine Arts Building
12:30pm	Horse Bowl check in, Fine Arts Building
1:30pm	Livestockology check in, 4-H Building

Ag and Natural Resources Scholarships

The Rapid City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring four \$1000 scholarships to any SD college and two \$500 scholarships to Western Dakota Tech for seniors planning to make a living in any Ag and Natural Resources field. Contact the Rapid City Chamber of Commerce at 343-1744 for details and application form. **Deadline is Jan. 10th, 2010.**



Meade County Fair Book Cover Contest

The Meade County Fair Association is having a contest to design the 2010 FAIR BOOK cover. The contest is open to all Meade County 4-Hers. Prizes: 1st-\$25, 2nd-\$15, 3rd-\$10. Entries are **Due Feb. 1st**, to the Extension Office. Electronic design submissions should be sent to Rebecca at meade@sdstate.edu. If you have a question about what software program(s) you may use call the office at 347-2436. Each cover must include the following information:

- ✓ Meade County Fair & 4-H Achievement Days
- ✓ July 26 & 27, 2010
- ✓ Western Dakota Technical School and Meade County Fair Building

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Helen Keller



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Happy New Year!!

Spread the Clover

What do you think of when you see a 4-H member? Do you picture a cowboy or cowgirl? Just like many other youth organizations 4-H is *not* just for farm/ranch children. The nationwide 4-H organization accepts all youth from all walks of life, and gives them numerous "once in a life time" opportunities. Invite non 4-H members to come to your club meetings and other activities like achievement days or the SD State Fair. Experiences with fellow 4-H members many times results in memories and friendships that you will use and treasure throughout your lifetime. Get out there and spread the clover!

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