

Meade County 4-H News

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October 2010

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4-H Project Day – Thu., Oct 14

 All 4-H members are invited to project day at 3:30-4:30pm at the Extension Office. Paige Hermanson will be the instructor for a wheat weaving project. All supplies will be provided. Please call the Ext. Office at 347-2436 by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 12 to register for this workshop. Start the 4-H year out by completing a fair project!!

Club Presentation Opportunities

Anyone interested in having Rebecca give a presentation or lead an activity at Club meeting, should give her a call at 347-2436 or email her at meade.pa@sdstate.edu. Example topics for presentations/activities: Officer Training, Judging School Basics, Teambuilding, Specific Project Area Training(s), Internet Safety, and many others. Please note this list is only a small sample; do not hesitate to ask if you have an idea for a presentation or activity and the topic is not listed above.

Range Riders Livestock Judging School

The first livestock judging school for the year will be on **Sunday, October 10 at 2:00pm** with registration and judging at 2:30pm. It will be held at the St Onge Livestock Sale Barn. There will be prizes for first and second place. Call Roxie Tetrault at 642-9792 if you need more information.

National 4-H Week – October 3-9

The month of October marks the beginning of a new 4-H year as well as National 4-H Week. Here are a few ways you can help promote 4-H:

- Ask permission to make and hang 4-H posters in your school and on your locker.
- Wear 4-H t-Shirts throughout the week.
- Talk about 4-H with your friends and invite a guest to your next 4-H meeting.

Thank you for your involvement in the 4-H program and we hope you will help to promote 4-H during National 4-H Week!



Western Junior Livestock Judging Contest

Saturday, October 9 - Central States Fairgrounds, Rapid City

Preregistration not required. The schedule is:

- 8:00am Jr/Sr Registration, Soule Building
- 8:30am Jr/Sr Judging Contest Begins
- 9:00am Beg Registration, Soule Building
- 9:30am Beg Judging Contest Begins

Cloverbud Project Day – Wed., Oct 13

 All Cloverbuds are invited to take part in project day at 3:30-4:30pm at the Extension Office. We will be painting pumpkins for Halloween. Please call the Ext. Office by noon on Tuesday, Oct. 12 to register for this project. All materials will be provided, please bring or wear clothes you can paint in!!



National Youth Science Day

The 3rd Annual National Youth Science Day is on **October 6**. Each year there is a special science experiment to celebrate the 4-H Science mission mandate. This year's theme is 4-H₂O. You can register online at <https://site.4-h.org/nysd/> to receive the complete experiment, youth worksheets and facilitators guide. If you have questions about the experiment, please contact Rebecca at 347-2436.



Trick or Treat Night

Sturgis Regional Senior Care Unit will be hosting trick-or-treat night on **October 31** from 5-6:30pm. They are looking for assistance and donations of money and/or candy. Donations will be accepted in the rehab department, administration office, hospital nurse's station and at the admission's desk. Checks are to be made out to Sturgis Regional Hospital, with Halloween Candy in the Memo Line. Anyone wanting to help at the event can contact Rehab Services at 720-2570 for more information. Thank you in advance for helping make this a successful annual tradition!!

Exchange Meeting

The Interstate Exchange Group will be meeting on **Thursday, October 14, at 6:30pm** at the Extension Office. The following have signed up for the 2011-2012 exchange: Brandi, Bailly, & Brooke Enright, Nathan & Whitney Werdel, Kortlyn Casteel, Courtney & Cody Cassen, Kalen Lemmel, Jocelyn Keffeler, Abby Keffeler and David Strain. If anyone else is interested, please contact the Extension Office. We will be planning and deciding on Fundraising activities for the coming year, deciding on a partner state, proposing dates for our partner state to travel to SD, and starting a list of things we'd like to do while they are in SD.



Jr. Leaders

The Jr. Leaders will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 13 at 6pm** at the Extension Office. Please bring your calendars as we will be planning for Recognition Event, Community Service Projects, and Fun Days. We will also be electing officers at this meeting. We will be ordering Pizza, so please RSVP by NOON on Wednesday, October 13. If you are interested in serving as an officer, but are unable to make the meeting, please let Rebecca know by calling 347-2436 or emailing her at meade.pa@sdstate.edu.

Western Youth Rabbit Show

Saturday, October 16 – 10am
Pennington County 4-H Building, Rapid City
Open to all youth

- Pedigree and pet rabbits
- Youth Showmanship
- Breed ID Contest
- Judging Clinic and Contest
- ARBA standards will be followed
- Prizes to be awarded
- Bring your junior and senior rabbits and plan to have fun.
- Sloppy joe, chips, drink available.
- Potluck desserts, bring a pan or plate full to share.



For more information contact: Cinda Jones at 673-3497 or email: scttjns@live.com

Shooting Sports



The 4-H Shooting Sports programs for several disciplines will be beginning in January. Please watch future newsletters for more details and contact information for the different disciplines, with locations and contact information.

Equine Science 4 Kids!

The Rutgers Equine Science Center has introduced a new way for kids to horse around on the web: Equine Science 4 Kids! This online classroom features games, interactive activities, and even a little horseplay for children of all ages. Equine Science 4 Kids! is headed by the Center's very own Professor Emeritus, Lord Nelson – an American Quarter Horse with a storied history as Rutgers University and a lot of horse sense. Lord Nelson uses his years of experience to guide kids through the world of equine science, presenting fun facts and solid science about health, nutrition, exercise physiology, and horses and the environment. Check it out at www.esc.rutgers.edu.

Livestock and Horse Judging Contest Hosts

As we plan for the new 4-H year, we will need 4-H clubs or families to host judging contests. If you would be interested in helping out in that way, please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436.



Never laugh at anyone's dream. People who don't have dreams don't have much.



4-H Recognition Event

Recognition Event will be held on **Sunday, November 7** at 1pm at the Extension Office, Sturgis. County medals, completion certificates, leaders pins, premium money, judging awards and trip winners will be presented during the awards program. Everyone is invited to attend and Celebrate 4-H! Lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, drink and tableware) will be provided. Families in or near the Sturgis area are asked to bring cookies or bars for dessert. The Jr. Leaders will be setting up for Recognition Event on Friday, November 5 – time to be decided at their October meeting. Jr. Leaders will be setting up the lunch at 11am on Nov. 7.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ **2010-2011** 4-H Enrollments and Volunteer Applications **are being revised at the state level. PLEASE DO NOT use any old forms you may have left from last year. We will get the new forms to you just as soon as we receive them from the state.**
- ✓ **Membership fees** of \$6.00 per member are due by Dec. 1st. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ✓ **Leaders dues** of \$12 per leader are also due by Dec. 1st. Make checks payable to the Leaders Association.
- ✓ **Each club** is to pay \$10 that will be used to purchase the county project medals. This check is made payable to the Jr. Leaders and is due Dec. 1st.
- ✓ **Size of 4-H Club** - According to the 4-H charter guidelines, clubs are to have a minimum of 5 members.

State 4-H Leaders Association

The State 4-H Leaders Conference and Business Meeting will be held, **March 26**, in Rapid City on the Campus of SDSM&T. All 4-H Leaders, parents and members are welcome and encouraged to attend this yearly conference of speakers, workshops and fellowship of sharing, learning and "Growing the Future of the World-4-H" which is the theme for the 2011 conference. The call for workshop proposals will be released in mid-October and will be due by December 1st. Club leaders, 4-H members, parents, and Extension Educators are encouraged to submit workshop proposals and share your knowledge and talents with the SD 4-H program. Be sure to watch for more information as it becomes available.

Meade County 4-H Leaders Association

The Meade County 4-H Leaders Association will be electing individuals to the offices of Vice President and Treasurer at their next meeting in January. Please let the Extension Office know if you are interested in running for office or learning more about the Meade County 4-H Leaders Association.

Beekeeping Essay



The 2011 4-H Beekeeping Essay topic is "U. S. Honey: A Taste for Every Preference." The taste and color of honey varies according to the flowers where the nectar originates. 4-H members are encouraged to investigate the local/regional honeys of the US and see how they differ in taste and color. Actual access to the honey for tasting is not required – just find out about some of the characteristics and write about them. The scope of the research is an essential judging criterion, accounting for 40% of your score. The number of sources consulted, the authority of the sources, and the variety of the sources are all evaluated. New this year: Submission deadline is **January 7, 2011** and all entries **must be submitted electronically**. Watch future newsletters for more details.



National 4-H History Preservation Program

This newly formed team of 4-H staff and volunteers is looking for your assistance in identifying people who are already working to preserve 4-H History at the local, county, or state level. Publicize these efforts across the county through the national website: www.4-HHistoryPreservation.com. Check out the online newsletter as well! Send comments and questions to: info@4-HHistoryPreservation.com

Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities Grant (BOSDRG)



Do you have a great idea that would improve your community? Check out the grant program from the South Dakota Department of Agriculture "Building Our SD Rural Communities". These grants are awarded to 4-H, FFA and FCCLA Chapters across the state for the purpose of making "improvements" to your community for a maximum of \$750. In addition, a "BOSDRG-Through Safety" grant up to \$200 is available. If your 4-H club has a project that would improve your community and you need some funding for the project here is an opportunity for you. Applications are due no later than **October 31, 2010**. For more information go to the website at <http://www.sdda.sd.gov/AgDevelopment/FinancePrograms/loanprograms.aspx> or call 1-800-228-5254.



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The Green Review, By Adam McClary, Horticulture Intern
What crops are warm season crops?



Warm season crops are plants that have adapted to a more temperate climate and are very sensitive to frosts. They must be planted after the last frost in the spring, and really will not grow well until the soil is warm. Examples of these crops would be tomatoes, peppers, watermelon, beans and sweet corn.

Warm season crops are susceptible to chilling injury. The cold temperatures cause plant growth failure. This results in rapid respiration, molds and rots on the plant and bitter flavors. This most often happens when the temperature drops below 45-50°. Cucumbers, tomatoes and tropical fruits and foliage are very sensitive to chilling injury.

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