

# Meade County 4-H News

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November 2010

## NOVEMBER

- 5 9am, Jr. Leaders meet to set up for Recognition Event, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 7 11am, Jr. Leaders meet to prepare lunch for Recognition Event, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 7 1pm, 4-H Recognition Event, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 7 Jr. Leaders Meeting to follow Recognition Event, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 7 Exchange Meeting to follow Jr. Leaders Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 8 3:45-4:45pm, Afterschool, Faith School Library
- 10 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Project Day, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 11 Holiday
- 18 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 25-26 Holiday



## DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for Membership Fees, County Project Medal Fee, Leaders Dues
- 6 3:45-4:45pm, Afterschool, Faith School Library
- 8 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Project Day, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 9 3:30-4:30pm, Project Day, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 24 Holiday
- 31 Holiday



## JANUARY

- 1 Holiday
- 5 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Project Day, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 10 6pm, Leaders Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 14 9am, Project Day, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 17 Holiday
- 11 6pm, 4-H Leaders Meeting, Sturgis
- 17 Holiday
- 24 Storm date for Leaders Meeting



**DON'T FORGET to set your clocks back one hour on Sat., Nov. 6 before going to bed.**

## 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 at 9am. Jr. Leaders are to meet at 11am on November 7 at the Extension Office to prepare the Recognition Event lunch.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS



- ✓ **2010-2011** 4-H Enrollments and Volunteer Applications **are being revised at the state level. PLEASE DO NOT use any old forms. We will get the new forms to you as soon as we receive them from the state.**
- ✓ **Membership fees** of \$6.00 per member are due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ✓ **Leaders dues** of \$12 per leader are also due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ✓ **Size of 4-H Club** - According to the 4-H charter guidelines, clubs are to have a minimum of 5 members.

### Jr. Leaders

The Jr. Leaders will be meeting at 9am on **Friday, November 5** at the Extension Office to set up the room for Recognition Event. On **Sunday, November 7**, Jr. Leaders will start preparing lunch at 11am for Recognition Event. Your November meeting will be held following Recognition Event at the Extension Office. Please bring your calendars as we will be planning December Fun Day and finalizing details for other Community Service Projects for the remainder of 2010.

### Exchange News



The Interstate Exchange Group will be meeting following the Jr. Leaders meeting on **Sunday, November 7** 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. We will be creating our list of activities for this coming summer when we will host youth from Rensselaer County, NY. **PLEASE** bring your calendars, so we can decide on dates that would work the best for our partner state to visit us.

### Cloverbud Project Day

All Cloverbuds (ages 5-7) are invited to take part in a project day on **Wednesday, November 10** at 3:30-4:30pm at the Extension Office. We will be making refrigerator magnets out of fuse-beads. All materials will be provided.



### 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 **January 10** meeting. 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.

### Dates for 4-H Handbook

If your club would like to sponsor a 4-H event, please contact our office so we can get the date on our schedule. We would like to have all the dates for the 4-H Handbook by **December 1**.



### Livestock and Horse Judging Contest Hosts



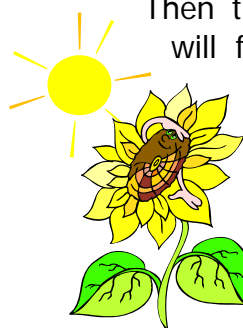
As we plan for the new 4-H year, we will need 4-H clubs or families to host livestock and horse judging contests. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436.

### The Green Review

By Adam McClary, Minnehaha County Extension Intern

#### **What is Photoperiod?**

There are three main lengths of photoperiod. The first is short day, which requires that the day length be shorter than a certain number of hours in order for a flower to bloom. Examples of this would be cosmos, celosia and zinnia.



Then there are day neutral flowers that will flower whenever they are mature enough, such as geraniums and impatiens. The last group is long day. These require daylight longer than a certain number of hours to flower. This is best illustrated by snapdragons, sunflower and petunia plants.

The plants response to day length can vary greatly. It is important for greenhouse growers to know the photoperiod of their plants. This allows them to micromanage the light around the plants to induce flowering, meaning they can plant, grow and harvest flowers of all varieties year-round. This micromanagement includes using shade cloths during the summer or lights during the winter depending on the season.

*Congratulations and Thank You to all the youth and adults that participated and volunteered to make this year's WJLS & W4-HFCS Shows a great success!!*

*Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.*

## Meade County Fair Board



The Meade County Fair Board met Tuesday, October 19. At that meeting they set the dates for the 2011 Fair – July 25 & 26, 2011. They also expressed concern that they are in desperate need of volunteers to be involved with the Fair Board in order to keep our fair going. Anyone interested should contact Cathy Fredrickson at 605-390-2095.



## Fundraising Efforts

Our Interstate Exchange group is currently conducting the fundraisers listed below. Please show your support by participating any way you can.



- Butter Braids – if you've ever tasted these and wondered where you can get them, contact an Exchange Participant or the Extension Office to place your order – Orders will be accepted through **November 4**, as our hope is to have them in your hands before Thanksgiving! The cost is \$12 per Butter Braid.
- Interstate Batteries Online Program – with  the Holiday's, and winter months quickly approaching, who doesn't need batteries for remotes, game controls, smoke alarms and other gadgets? Buy batteries from home at: [www.interstatebatteries.com/fundraising/shop/](http://www.interstatebatteries.com/fundraising/shop/), enter: **meade4h** where it asks for the Coupon Code, and shop for the batteries you need. The batteries will be delivered directly to the place you specify when you place your order and you'll receive FREE UPS Ground Shipping. The Exchange Program earns 40% profit from every purchase made using our coupon code: meade4h.
- Lynn's Dakotamart's 'We Care' Program –  save your receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart and turn them into the Extension Office or any 4-Her. For every \$10,000.00 in receipts the Exchange group receives \$100.

## 4-H Creeds

For those of us that have been in 4-H  or involved in 4-H for any amount of time we are familiar with the 4-H Pledge. But did you know there is a 4-H Members' Creed? Honestly, as a youth in 4-H, I had no idea there was a Creed and I bet many of you were unaware of it as well. Not anymore, here is the 4-H Members' Creed. 

I believe in 4-H club work for the opportunity it will give me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to think, to plan and to reason.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the dignity it will give me to be useful, helpful and skillful.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to enjoy life, to resist disease, and to work efficiently.

I believe in my county, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their development.

In all these things, I believe and I am willing to dedicate my efforts to their fulfillment.



Did you know there is also a National 4-H Creed just for Leaders? Here it is:

I BELIEVE:

- The 4-H member is more important than the 4-H project.
- Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.
- 4-H'ers should be their own best exhibits.
- No award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a member or a leader.
- Competition should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals of 4-H work.
- Enthusiasm is caught, not taught.
- To learn by doing is fundamental in any sound educational program and is characteristic of the 4-H program.
- Generally speaking, there is more than one good way to do most things.
- Every 4-H member needs to be noticed, to feel important, to win and be praised (leaders too).
- Our job as leaders is to teach 4-H members how to think, not what to think.



*Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship.*



**Meade County Extension Office**  
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Sturgis, SD 57785

**Remember to save your Lynn's Dakotamart receipts for the Interstate Exchange Program!! The Exchange Program receives \$100 for every \$10,000 in receipts. There is a drop off box located at the Extension Office. This summer Meade County Exchange Participants will be hosting 4-Hers from Rensselaer County, New York.**

*Rebecca Poelstra*  
4-H Coordinator  
Meade County

*Cheryl Cross*  
Office Manager  
Meade County



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# South Dakota State

## 4-H Youth Council Newsletter



### Be part of the first 4-H **WINTER RETREAT** EVER!

Reminiscing the fun times you had at TLC last summer? Anxiously awaiting your first TLC experience? Now's your chance to experience TLC without having to wait until summer! The South Dakota 4-H Youth Council has decided to plan and host a 4-H Winter Retreat for the first time ever!

With recreation, swimming, games, educational workshops, and a tour of the "Christmas at the Capitol" tree display, there will be something for everyone! The retreat will be a lot of fun and will give youth the chance to 'chill' with old and new friends from across the state. You can even bring your non 4-H friends with you! All youth ages 13 through 18 are welcome.

The overnight retreat will be held in Pierre, SD this year. Activities and overnight accommodations will be located at the Governor's Inn. The general registration fee is \$50, but if your registration is postmarked by Friday, November 12, you'll only have to pay \$40! The final registration deadline is Wednesday, December 1.

Registration forms can be obtained from your county extension office or online at [www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h/clubs/4-h-youth-council.cfm](http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h/clubs/4-h-youth-council.cfm). Registration Forms and payment must be mailed to Kathy Reeves at the SDSU West River Ag Center no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>. Her address is listed on the side bar.

The \$10 early bird registration discount is only available until November 12, so get your registration in as soon as possible! The retreat starts on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm and ends on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Reeves at (605)394-2236 or Sonia Mack at (605)696-8280.

Hope to see you there!

#### **Important 4-H Winter Retreat Info.**

**Who:** All youth ages 13-18  
**When:** Sat. Dec. 11 – Sun. 12  
**Time:** 1:00pm Sat. – 1:00pm Sun.  
**Where:** Governor's Inn, Pierre, SD  
**Cost:** \$40 (by 11/12) \$50 (11/12-12/1)  
**Why:** To learn and have fun!

- ### Upcoming Events
- December 11-12 – Winter Retreat
  - January – Legislative Day
  - Feb. & March – InB Events
  - June – Teen Leadership Conference



### The State 4-H Youth Council Advisors

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Maggie Stern – Student Advisor  
Jenae Hansen – Student Advisor



### Statewide 4-H Community Service Project

The votes are in and counted! This year's Statewide 4-H Community Service Project is Children's Charity. Over the course of this next 4-H year, clubs are encouraged to fundraise, make donations, and aid in any way possible, the numerous Charities for Children. Some possible charities to support include the Children's Miracle Network, the Make a Wish Foundation, Operation: Christmas Child, Operation: Military Kids, The Ronald McDonald House, the Toys for Tots Foundation, or any other national or local charity groups. For a list of nearly 150 Children's Charities to support, visit [childrenscharities.org/info.asp](http://childrenscharities.org/info.asp).

When your club completes a service activity that is related to this year's Statewide 4-H Community Service Project, tell us about your club's efforts by contacting Kathy Reeves. More information on sharing about your service will be included in a future newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's vote! We appreciate hearing your voice we can't wait to hear from your clubs!

Learn more about us on the Web!

**NEW** [www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h/clubs/4-h-youth-council.cfm](http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h/clubs/4-h-youth-council.cfm) **NEW**

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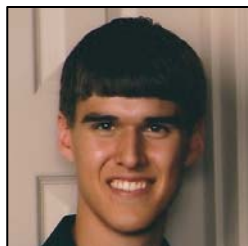
[South Dakota State 4-H Council 2010-2011](#)  
And  
 [SD Teen Leadership Conference](#)

Written and designed by Mark Sperry



# Meet the New State 4-H Officer Team!

The State 4-H Youth Council Officer Team is here for YOU, the youth and adults of South Dakota! We want to hear your ideas and concerns about the 4-H Program. One of our main goals this year is to promote the 4-H Program as much as possible and to increase club enrollment numbers. We want to know how you are promoting 4-H or how we can help make your 4-H promotion ideas become reality! Contact the State 4-H Youth Council on Facebook by visiting the "South Dakota State 4-H Council 2010-2011" page or the "SD Teen Leadership Conference" page.



## Publicist – Mark Sperry

In charge of promoting TLC and the 4-H program, as well as writing the monthly newsletter, is Mark Sperry, son of Kathy and Scott Sperry of Bath, SD. Mark, 17, has two older sisters, Erica and Emily, and two younger brothers, Michael and Matthew.

Mark is a senior at Aberdeen Roncalli High School. In school, he is involved in Choir, Cross Country, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Oral Interp, National Honors Society, Journalism, and the Roncalli SADD Chapter (Students Against Destructive Decisions).

Mark is a 11 year 4-H member and was a Clover Bud for 2 years. He is a member of the Dream Reachers 4-H Club in Brown County.

In 4-H, he is involved in Community Service projects, Judging Competitions, Operation Military Kids (OMK), SD 4-H Performing Arts, and other Youth In Action activities. His favorite projects include Home Living, Leadership, Photography, Public Speaking, Shooting Sports, and Visual Arts.

This year, Mark's goals as a State 4-H Youth Council Officer are to promote the 4-H Program and the SD 4-H YC in his county and across the state, to increase 4-H enrollment across the state, and to have a fun time doing it! Mark says, "I am really looking forward to a fun year with lots of memories and learning experiences."

Mark enjoys running, playing piano, and taking pictures.



## Historian – Sammy Keller

Responsible for keeping the Youth Council's online information updated and for preserving memories made on the 4-H Youth Council throughout the year in a scrapbook, is Sammy Keller, daughter of Julie and Cliff Keller of Tolstoy, SD. Sammy, 17, has three younger siblings, Andrea, Braden, and Cooper.



Sammy is a senior at Hoven High School. At school, she is active in Volleyball, Basketball, a Cross Country Statistician, and Track Runner. Sammy has been a 4-H member for 11 years. She is a member of the Lebanon Lads & Lassies 4-H Club in Potter County.

In 4-H, Sammy is involved in Youth In Action activities. Her favorite projects include Beef, Home Living, Shooting Sports, and Visual Arts.

This year, Sammy's goal as a State 4-H Youth Council Officer is to get more kids involved in 4-H!



Meade County 4-H Leaders Association  
September 27, 2010

The Meade County 4-H Leaders Association met on September 27, 2010 at the Meade County Extension Office. President Jamie Hockenbary called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Bernice Lemmel led the Pledge of Allegiance and Eris Tanner led the 4-H Pledge.

**Minutes:** Ronda Snyder read the secretary's report which was approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** No report. Leaders expressed concern of not having a regular report. Eris Tanner made a motion that three names (President, Vice-president, Treasurer) be listed on the Leader's Association bank account and that at least two signatures be required on each check. Allison Roberts seconded; motion carried.

Eris made a motion that the bank be notified requesting that the financial statement be sent to the Extension Office where copies will be made for the appropriate people. Robin Strain seconded; motion carried.

**Old Business:**

\*4-H Achievement Days went well. Static exhibits increased slightly while the animal exhibits decreased. Rebecca Poelstra mentioned that it is uncertain yet how the School District's present control of the Vo-tech building will affect the future fair.

**New Business:**

\**Start of the new 4-H Year:* Recently, the Meade County 4-H Program was involved in a Civil Rights Audit. Results of the audit have dictated a need to revise of some of the forms, such as the enrollment form, the 4-H volunteer form and the Code of Conduct. The state office is working on the new forms and they are not yet available. Club leaders are advised to start the new year as usual, get names and addresses of new members so they will begin receiving the newsletter. New forms will be distributed as soon as they are available.

\*The revised 4-H Volunteer forms/program will include a fee for background checks and require that more than one volunteer be present at events and activities. More information will be forthcoming.

\**State 4-H Leaders:* No report.

\**Fundraising Opportunities:* Rebecca prepared samples of Pastry Puffins and Butter Braid. Fundraising information was shared with the leaders.

\**4-H Promotion and Expansion Committee for Meade County:* As a result of the Civil Rights Audit a committee is needed to evaluate the 4-H program to determine enrollment numbers, individuals and groups being reached, individuals and groups not being reached but should be. The committee will

consist of 6-7 adults and youth with half of the committee not being 4-H related. The committee will meet 3-4 times annually. Rebecca is working on committee selection.

*\*Club Visits:* Rebecca would like to visit 4-H clubs. She shared a list of topics that she could present.

*\*Photography Calendar:* The 4-H Photography Calendar is available again for \$5.00. Deadline for ordering is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

*\*Nomination Committee for Vice President and Treasurer:* Liane Schmit made a motion to submit information to the 4-H Newsletter concerning the leader officer positions open for election. Candace seconded; motion carried.

*\*Recognition Event:* Following the rotation schedule, the recognition event should be held in Union Center, however, after a lengthy discussion, it was decided to have the event in Sturgis. Various foods left from the Junior Leader food stands will be served in addition to bars and cookies donated by the leaders and families. The event will be Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Extension Office.

*\*\*4-Her Recognition—Awards & Trophies:* Rebecca noted that with the present system of awards & trophies, **very** few members are eligible. A serious decision needs to be made to change the guidelines so more members can receive these awards.

*Sturgis Regional Senior Care Unit Trick or Treat Night:* Volunteers, both youth and adult, are needed to assist the residents in handing out candy for their Trick or Treat Night on Halloween between 5 PM and 6:30 PM. Donations of both candy and money will be accepted. The Junior Leaders will be considering this as a community service activity.

*\*Western 4-H FCS Show* will be October 8-9. Events are planned for Cloverbuds, 4-H members and non-4-H members.

*\*Western Junior Livestock Show* will be October 6-9. Both events coincide with National 4-H Week which is October 3-9.

*\*4-H Event Dates for the 2011 Handbook* are due to the Extension Office by December 1, 2010.

Seeing no further business, Jamie adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ronda Snyder  
Secretary

**Members present:** Jamie Hockenbary, Eris Tanner, Rebecca Poelstra, Vonda Andersen, Robin Strain, Liane Schmit, Janeen Lemke, Alison Roberts, Bernice Lemmel, Cindy Hausman, Candy Hermanson, and Ronda Snyder.