



Meade County 4-H News

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March 2011

MARCH



- 1 Registration Deadline for March 17 & 18 Project Days
- 3 4:30pm, Public Presentations, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 3 6pm, Exchange Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 7 3:45-4:45pm, Judging Contest, Faith Library
- 7 Registration Deadline for Cloverbud Day
- 8 3:30pm, Judging Contest, Ext Office, Spearfish
- 8 7pm, Fair Board Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 9 4:30-5:30pm, Judging Contest, Newell School
- 10 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 11 10am-12noon, Judging Contest, Belle Fourche
- 13 1pm, Horse Safety Training, 4-H Building, Rapid City
- 15 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Day (Seek & Find), Extension Office, Sturgis
- 17&18 4-H Project Days, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 20 2pm, Horse Judging School & Contest, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 22 3:30-5pm, Judging Contest, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 22 6pm, Jr. Leaders meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 24 3-5pm, Judging Contest, Union Center School
- 26 State 4-H Leaders Meeting, Rapid City
- 27 Snow date for Mar 20 Horse Judging

APRIL

- 4 Registration deadline for April Project Day & Cloverbud Day
- 4 3:45-4:45pm, Afterschool, Faith Library
- 5 2pm, Judging Contest, Ext Office, Spearfish
- 6 6pm, Jr. Leaders meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 7 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 13 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Project Day (Egg Dying), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 14 3:30pm, Project Day (Patio Paver Pals), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 15 4-H Horse & Rodeo Insurance Deadline
- 18 6pm, 4-H Leaders Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 19 4pm, Judging Contest, Belle Fourche
- 22 Office closes at noon – Holiday
- 25 1:30pm, Finish Patio Paver Pals, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 28 3-5pm, Judging Contest, Union Center School



Trophy Donors Needed

We are in need of additional sponsors for trophies (\$15) for 4-H Achievement Days. Please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436 if interested.



Cloverbud Day

Join Rebecca on **March 15** at 3:30pm at the Extension Office for Cloverbud Day. We will make Seek & Find Treasure Hunt Bottles! Please register by March 7 by calling the Extension Office at 347-2436. There is a \$1 supply fee for this project.



Come spend spring break at 4-H Project Days!!

Registrations are due by March 1 for all the

March Project Days

First Aid Kits: March 17 – 9am – Cost: \$2.00, Instructor: Rebecca Poelstra

Leather: Both March 17 & 18 – 1pm both days – Cost: \$5.00, Instructor: Penny Nester – you will be making Leather Check Book Covers, Limited to 10.

Sewing: March 18 – 9am – Cost: \$2.00, Instructor: Cathy Fredrickson – you will be making Quilted Potholders/Coasters & Denim Purses

Public Presentations

A public presentation day will be held on **Thursday, March 3** at 4:30pm at the Meade County Extension Office, Sturgis. If you are planning on giving a talk and haven't registered yet, please call 347-2436 ASAP.

Registrations were due by **February 24**.



4-H Non-Livestock Judging Contests

4-H Non-Livestock Judging Contests have been scheduled. Classes in the following project areas will be judged: clothing, food and nutrition, home environment, child development, visual arts, horticulture, crops and photography. Here is a list of the locations and times:

- Mar 7** 3:45-4:45pm, Library, Faith
- Mar 8** 3:30pm, Extension Office, Spearfish
- Mar 9** 4:30-5:30pm, School Ag Science Bldg., Newell
- Mar 11** 10am, 1st Interstate, Belle Fourche
- Mar 22** 3:30-5pm, Extension Office, Sturgis
- Mar 24** 3-5pm, School, Union Center

Exchange Update

Exchange will meet on **March 3** at 6pm at the Extension Office in Sturgis. Hope to see you all there!



Horse News

Horse ID forms – Ownership deadline and horse ID forms are due to the Extension Office by **May 31**. If you turned in horse ID's previously, they are still on file. However, if the information has changed you will need to complete a new horse ID.

Horse Safety Training – All 4-Hers enrolled in the horse project must attend horse-safety training each year; parents must attend every 3 years.

Training opportunities - We will check out the training materials to club leaders for them to train their members at club meetings. Please contact the office, to reserve a copy of the training materials. All trainings must be completed by **May 31**.

Horse Scholarship Available

The Rapid City Quarter Horse Assoc. is sponsoring a scholarship to a 4-H horse project member that is currently a senior and will graduate from a West River High School this spring. Applicants must have completed the 4-H horse project for a minimum of 3 years and must be enrolled in an organized 4-H club at the time of application. Amount of scholarship will be determined at a later date. For more information call Patty Brunner at 393-2577 or the Pennington County Extension Office at 394-2188. **DEADLINE is May 1**, with final selection on May 15.

Meat Goats for Sale



Are you looking for meat goats for your 4-H project? Kem Ellis (787-9020) of Piedmont has 7 Boar goat buck kids for sale. They were born between Feb 10 and 16. They are all 1/2 brothers. Some are the traditional 'red' head and the others are the 'apricot' or 'gold' head. They can either be weathers or bucks. Some are 100% Boer and may be registered. The others are purebred, but could only be registered as 1/2 blood if interested. Their birth weights ranged from 7 to 10 pounds. All were born unassisted. They will be ready to go mid May.

Dog Classes

New classes are starting for Puppy, Canine Good Citizen and Advanced Dog Project members. Classes will be held at the 4-H Building, Rapid City. All classes start **March 3** and end April 7.

- Advanced Dog Class 6pm-7pm
- Puppy Class 7pm - 8pm
- Canine Good Citizen 7pm- 8pm

Sign up at the Pennington County Extension Office 394-2188. Class size is limited, class fee is \$30.



Horse Judging School & Contest

A horse judging school and contest will be held **March 20** at 2pm at the Extension Office in Sturgis. We will start the afternoon with an introduction of what should be looked for when judging the different classes, and then finish the afternoon by judging video classes. In the event the weather does not cooperate, we have set March 27 as our snow date. Questions should be directed to Eris Tanner at 605-388-9341.



2011 Camping Dates

Mark your calendars for the 4-H camping season. All camps are held at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer State Park. We are also looking for adult chaperones for camp, if you are interested; please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436.

- **Teen Camp - June 12-16** - Ages 13-18
- **SET Camp - June 13-16** - Ages 11-13
- **Youth Camp- June 24-27** - Ages 8-12

Camp Bob Marshall: Looking for Summer Staff

Need a summer job? Camp Bob Marshall, the 4-H Camp located just east of Custer is looking for summer staff to fill various positions. For details and an application, contact LaDonna McKnight at ladonna.mcknight@sdstate.edu or 605-673-4971.



3rd Annual Youth In Action Days, Rapid City

May 6: 3pm - 7pm & May 7: 9am - 1pm

This is your chance to participate in Youth in Action Events all in one day! All events that receive a purple ribbon will qualify for State Fair. Participant in: Fashion Revue, Special Foods, Public Speaking and Judging. Mark your calendar now!

Growing the Future of the World - 4-H

The SD State 4-H Leaders Conference is in Rapid City on **March 26**. Registrations were in the February newsletter and are available at the Extension Office. The fee is \$10.00 until March 10; it goes up to \$15.00 after March 10. This fee includes a noon meal and snacks in the morning and afternoon. A few of the workshops may have an additional small charge for supplies. The State 4-H Leaders meeting is scheduled to start at 3:45pm, and they hope to be done by 4:45pm.

Rummage Sale!!



The 4-H Exchange group is holding a rummage sale to raise funds for their next exchange. They are looking for donations of any new or used items that you no longer need or want for their sale. Items may be dropped off **after April 15** at the Extension office in Sturgis or given to any Exchange member.



Volunteers Insurance

The 2011 volunteer insurance rates are:

- \$1.72 Personal Liability Insurance
- \$3.75 Accident Insurance
- \$6.04 Excess Automotive Liability Insurance

Administrative Leaders will have the necessary paperwork for volunteers who wish to purchase insurance. Volunteer insurance is due to the Extension Office by **May 1**.

4-H Members Insurance

All 4-H members have paid for regular 4-H insurance as it was included as part of their \$6.00 dues. **New this year – insurance forms only need to be completed by 4-Hers enrolled in horse and/or rodeo. If you are enrolled in the horse and/or rodeo project, we will send additional insurance information directly to you.** ALL 4-Hers enrolled in horse, must purchase horse insurance for an additional \$1; however, 4-Hers enrolled in both horse AND rodeo that purchase rodeo insurance do not need to purchase horse insurance. ALL 4-Hers enrolled in rodeo must either purchase rodeo insurance for an additional \$38.50 or sign a rodeo insurance waiver. However, if 4-Hers enrolled in **both** horse and rodeo **do not** purchase rodeo insurance (they've signed a rodeo insurance waiver); they **must** purchase horse insurance for an additional \$1.

Financial Audits & IRS Filing for 4-H Clubs

ALL 4-H clubs should have completed their 4-H Club Financial Audit. A copy of this is to be on file at the Extension Office. Clubs that do not complete their audits put themselves in jeopardy of losing their club charter and use of the 4-H clover as it is a national requirement. **All 4-H clubs with an EIN number** need to attempt to file their 990-N (e-postcard) report with the IRS. A copy of the email saying you have successfully filed or you have been rejected is to be on file at the Extension Office. Very few clubs have turned in their 2010 audit/IRS filing information. Please take care of both of these **ASAP**. If you need help with the audit or IRS Filing process, please contact the Extension Office.



Teen Leader Conference

Teen Leader Conference will be **June 6-10, 2011** on the SDSU campus in Brookings. Approximate cost is \$180. The theme this year is Survivor. Watch future newsletters for more details.

Special Foods Dates

May 6-7, Rapid City
 July 12, 8:30 AM, Extension Office, Sturgis

Taking 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. All forms are available at the Extension Office. **New this year**, any 4-H Livestock animal that requires a "Breed Registration" paper to be eligible for a particular class at the State Fair, must have a copy of the "Breed Registration" paper on file at the Extension Office by **July 1, 2011**. A copy is perfectly fine. If the "Breed Registration" paper is not on file at the Extension office by July 1, the animal will be shown in the Commercial Division at the SD State Fair.

Ownership deadlines for 2011:

- **April 1, 2011** - Market Beef
- **June 1, 2011** - Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, Dairy Cattle and Market Swine
- **July 1, 2011** - 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 animal is not green tagged or the animal is not weighed by the deadline 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. Certifications must be obtained by **June 1, 2011**.



InBetween (InB) Events are Marching In!

Are you too young for TLC, but want to be more involved in 4-H? Do you enjoy 4-H Camp, but want to do more challenging activities? Then InBetween (InB) Events are just for you! InB Events are a one day camp for youth ages 11 to 14. You will explore projects and get to interact with other 4-Hers your age. The InB Event will be held on Saturday, **March 26**, in Rapid City in conjunction with the State 4-H Leaders meeting. Come get a taste of what TLC will be like! Registrations are due Mar 19.

Fashion Revue Dates

May 6-7, Rapid City
 July 12, 1:00 PM, Extension Office, Sturgis
 July 14, 2:00 PM, Belle Fourche



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Sturgis, SD 57785



Jr. Leaders: Our next meeting will be **March 22** at 6pm at the Extension Office, Sturgis. We will be doing a craft project that requires you to each bring at least 4 pictures of yourself or of something that is really important to you. We will also be having pizza. **Please RSVP by NOON on March 21.**

How do we improve garden soil? By Claesa Kuhlman, Master Gardener Intern

Soil is very important for optimizing plant growth. It must allow water and oxygen to penetrate your plants roots and also provide the needed nutrients for optimum growth. Here are just a few ways to improve your soil. Tilling, plowing or spading in the fall allows the soil to freeze and thaw during the winter months, while helping to reduce compaction in heavy soils. Plant a cover crop in the fall and till it in evenly in the early spring, will add organic matter while also protecting it from the winter wind and water erosion. Nutrient levels in the soil affect crop growth and yields. Take a soil sample and have it tested to find out what nutrients your soil may need. You can then decide to add inorganic granular fertilizers and or compost to your soil. Compost can help to retain your nutrients longer and improve drainage and soil structure while also adding most of the micronutrients needed for your plants. Remember that healthy soil equals healthy plants and a greater harvest this year.

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