

# Meade County 4-H News

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April 2011

## APRIL

- 1 Market Beef Ownership Verification Deadline
- 1 Exchange \$50 Host Fee Due to Ext Office
- 4 Registration Deadline for April Project & Cloverbud Day
- 5 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
- 14 5:30pm, Horse Judging Contest, Belle Fourche
- 15 4-H Horse & Rodeo Insurance Deadline
- 18 6pm, Horse Safety Training, Spearfish
- 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
- 29-1 State 4-H Shooting Sports, Ft. Pierre

## MAY

- 1 State 4-H Rodeo Finals Entry Deadline
- 1 4-H Volunteer Insurance Deadline
- 2 Registration Deadline for May Project Day
- 2 3:45-4:45pm, Judging Contest, Faith Library
- 5 3-4pm, Afterschool, Whitewood Library
- 6 3-7pm, Youth In Action Days, Rapid City
- 7 9am-1pm, Youth In Action Days, Rapid City
- 9 Registration Deadline for May Cloverbud Day
- 9 6pm, Horse Safety Training, Belle Fourche
- 10 3:30pm, Judging Contest, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 11 3:30-4:30pm, Cloverbud Day (Soap Bubble Art), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 12 3:30pm, Project Day (Jewelry), Ext Office, Sturgis
- 17 7pm, Fair Board Meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 18 6pm, Jr. Leaders meeting, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 20 4-7pm Exchange Rummage Sale, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 21 7am-2pm Exchange Rummage Sale, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 30 Holiday
- 31 Horse ID & Horse Safety Training Deadline
- 31 Deadline for Dropping or Enrolling in 4-H Projects



### Jr. Leaders News

Jr. Leaders will meet at 6pm on Wed, **Apr 6** at the Ext Office. **RSVP** by Tue, Apr 5, we will be having food. We will be making plans for the summer (camping, fair, etc.) and we will do the craft project at this meeting. Bring 4 or more pictures of yourself or something important to you for the craft project.



### Cloverbud Day

All Cloverbuds are invited to join Abby & Tammy Keffeler for "Egg Dying" on **April 13** at 3:30pm at the Extension Office. Please register by April 4 by calling the Extension Office at 347-2436. There is a \$1 supply fee for this project.



### 4-H Horse & Rodeo Insurance Due April 15

**Insurance information was mailed directly to those enrolled in the horse and/or rodeo project. If you did not receive this information in the mail, it means you are not enrolled in the project and you need to contact the Extension Office ASAP! 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.**



### 4-H Project Day – Paver Pals

Please contact the Extension Office by April 4 to sign up for the April Project Day. There are 8 different patterns for you to choose from: skunk, raccoon, squirrel, rabbit, bumble-bee, frog, butterfly and dragonfly. Vonda Andersen & Pat Casteel will be helping you in the cleaning and priming of the paver bricks on **April 14** at 3:30pm at the Extension Office. You will finish painting your brick on **April 25** at 1:30pm. There is a \$2 supply fee for this project.

### RODEO PARTICIPANTS

If you want to rodeo this summer you **MUST** meet all the deadlines!!

1. **April 15** – Insurance Deadline
2. **May 1** – State Finals Entry Deadline

Rodeo packets were mailed directly to those enrolled in rodeo. If you did not receive a packet it means you are not enrolled in rodeo. If you wish to enroll in the rodeo project you must contact the office immediately.





## **HORSE NEWS**

**Horse Judging Contest** - A horse judging contest will be held on **April 14** at 5:30pm at the Cadillac Ranch near Belle Fourche. Directions from Belle Fourche: Take Hwy 34 East about 2.6 miles to Helmer Rd. Turn right on Helmer Rd and continue for about 1.4 miles. Besler's Cadillac Ranch is on your left. Directions from Spearfish: Take Hwy 85 North to Belle Fourche to Hardin Road about 4.6 miles. Turn right on Hardin Road and continue for about 1.4 miles to Lookout Mountain Rd which comes to a T. Turn left and continue for about 1 mile. Besler's Cadillac Ranch is on your right.

**Horse ID forms** – Ownership deadline and horse ID forms are due to the Ext 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.

Trainings will be held on **April 18** at 6pm at the Ext Office, Spearfish and **May 9** at 6pm at the First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche. Safety training must be completed by **May 31**.

**Horse Challenges** The State 4-H Horse Committee will post one question every month to be answered by youth in the horse project. Youth may answer individually or as a team. Best answers each month will be posted the following month. One buckle challenge will be held each year. To qualify, youth must participate in at least half of the monthly challenges. The winners (individually and team) will be awarded a buckle at State 4-H Horse Show. To find the monthly challenge go to [www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h](http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h) then click on Horse & Pony Project.

### **Horse Scholarship Available**

The Rapid City Quarter Horse Assoc. is sponsoring a scholarship to a horse project member that is currently a high school senior. Applicants must be from West River and enrolled in the horse project for the last 3 years. For more information call Patty Brunner at 393-2577 or the Pennington County Extension Office at 394-2188. **Deadline: May 1.**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth In Action Days, Rapid City**

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

This is your opportunity to participate in Fashion Revue, Special Foods, Public Presentations, and Judging, all in one day! All events that receive a purple ribbon will qualify for State Fair. Registrations will be available at the Ext Office.

## **Fairbook Cover Contest**



- Prizes:  
1<sup>st</sup> - \$30, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$10
- Deadline is **May 13**
- Entries can be in any format (computer generated or hand drawn)
- Information Required:
  - Meade County Fair & 4-H Achievement Days
  - July 25 & 26, 2011
  - Meade County Fair Building
- If you would like to use the 4-H Clover in your design, please contact the Extension Office to ensure its proper use.

## **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 Ext Office or given to any Exchange member.

## **2011 Camping Season at Camp Bob**

The following camps are open to all youth (4-H and non-4-H), and will be held at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer. Registration forms will be available by May 1. We are also looking for adult chaperones for camp, if you are interested; please contact the Extension Office at 347-2436.

- **Youth ages 8-11** are invited to attend camp **June 24-27**.
- **Youth ages 12-18** are invited to a mystery/crime scene investigation themed camp **June 13-16**.
- **Any youth ages 15-18** who wish to be camp counselors will have training **June 12-16**, during this time you will also be helping the above camp session.



## **4-H Leaders Meeting** **April 18 - 6pm, Ext Office**

We encourage a leader or parent from every club to attend these meetings.

Agenda items will include:

- Recap from the State 4-H Leaders Meeting
- Appoint standing committee members
- Fair committee sign up
- IRS Filing and Club Financial Audits
- 2011 Handbook
- Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar and plan to attend! Storm date is Mon, Apr 25 at 6pm.



## 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.

## 2011 Month of the Military Child Photography Contest



In celebration of Month of the Military Child in April, the SD National Guard Youth Program and Operation Military Kids (OMK) are sponsoring a photography contest. This is open to all youth, ages eighteen and under. Your photograph should illustrate the theme "Proudly Supporting Our Military Children and Families" and can be in color or in black and white. Please submit your photograph in an 8x10 format. Prizes will be awarded. Entries are due by **May 15** and can be sent to: Taryn Broomfield, State Youth Specialist  
2823 W. Main St. Bldg. 509  
Rapid City, SD 57702

Entry forms are available at the Extension Office.

### Judging Contests:

April 5, 2:00 PM, Extension Office, Spearfish  
April 19, 4:00 PM, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche  
April 28, 3:00 PM, Union Center School  
May 2, 3:45 PM, Library, Faith  
May 10, 3:30 PM, Extension Office, Sturgis  
June 7, 1:00 PM, Extension Office, Spearfish (Make up day with all three sets of classes)  
July 6, 1:00 PM, Extension Office, Sturgis (Make up day with all three sets of classes)

### Public Presentations Dates

June 7, 8:00 AM-12 Noon, Extension Office, Spearfish  
June 20, 1:00 PM, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche  
July 6, 8:00 AM-12:00 Noon, Extension Office, Sturgis

### Special Foods Date

July 12, 8:00 AM, Extension Office, Sturgis

### Fashion Revue Dates

July 12, 1:00 PM, Extension Office, Sturgis  
July 14, 2:00 PM, Belle Fourche



## 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**.



## South Dakota Youth Range Camp

Join us **June 6-8** at the Sturgis Brown High School to learn more about rangelands and rangeland management. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office. Registration deadline is **April 22**.



## Teen Leadership Conference (TLC)

The 2011 Teen Leadership Conference will be held on **June 6-10** at the campus of SDSU in Brookings. All youth ages 13-18 are invited to attend the Survivor themed conference. Registrations are available at the Extension Office. Early registration, due by **April 30**, is \$185 and \$210 for registration May 1 to May 15. Transportation to Brookings will be available for a small fee.





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**How do I select plants for my garden?**

By Claresa Kuhlman, Master Gardener Intern

What you plant in your garden depends on several different factors, such as the size of your garden, what you enjoy eating and how you'll be preparing it. Two important words heard a lot by gardeners are variety and cultivar. A variety is a subdivision within a species. For example there are different kinds of peas such as English peas, field peas, snow peas and sugar peas. The different kinds or varieties of pea are used for very different things. A cultivar is propagated and grown by horticulturists. For example, one cultivar of English pea has the name 'Little Marvel.' The cultivar will tell you important things about it such as how it will grow, taste and if it is suitable for preserving. By shopping around and finding different cultivars you can benefit by their different qualities. Some have disease resistance qualities that can help you grow healthier plants. Some might grow to different sizes, such as bush bean vs. pole beans. The shape, color and flavor are factors that differ between cultivars. By contacting your local extension office or by talking to neighbors, family and friends you can find out what cultivars are suitable for your area and when to plant your seeds outside. Their experience can help a lot. Another very important thing to remember while gardening is to enjoy yourself.

Happy Gardening!

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