

Meade County 4-H News

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May 2011

APRIL

- 28 Judging Contest, 3-5pm, Union Center School
- 29 Teen Leadership Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline
- 29-1 State 4-H Shooting Sports, Ft. Pierre
- 30 Horse Safety Training, 10:30am following by Horse Judging Contest, Heart Bar Arena

MAY

- 1 State 4-H Rodeo Finals Entry Deadline
- 1 4-H Volunteer Insurance Deadline
- 2 Registration Deadline for May Project Day
- 2 Judging Contest, 3:45-4:45pm, Faith Library
- 5 Afterschool, 3-4pm, Whitewood Library
- 6-7 Youth In Action Days, Rapid City
- 9 Registration Deadline for May Cloverbud Day
- 9 Horse Safety Training, 6pm, 1st Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche
- 10 Judging Contest, 3:30pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 11 Cloverbud Day, 3:30-4:30pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 12 Project Day, 3:30pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 12 Horse Judging, 5:30pm, BH Equestrian Center
- 13 Fairbook Cover Contest Deadline
- 13-15 Horsemanship Clinic, Event Center, Rapid City
- 15 OMK Photo Entry Deadline
- 17 4-H Livestock Sale Committee Mtg., 6pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 17 Fair Board Meeting, 7pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 18 Jr. Leaders Meeting, 6pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 19 Horse Safety Training, 3-5pm, Faith Salebarn
- 20 Exchange Rummage Sale, 4-7pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 20 Exchange Meeting, 7pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 21 Exchange Rummage Sale, 7am-2pm, Ext Office, Sturgis
- 25 4-H Camp Registration Deadline
- 25 Horse Safety Training, 3-5 pm, Dupree
- 27 Registration Deadline for Camp Counselor Training & Solv-Crme@CampBob.com
- 30 Holiday
- 31 Horse ID & Horse Safety Training Deadline
- 31 Deadline for Dropping or Enrolling in 4-H Projects

JUNE

- 3 Exchange Rummage Sale, 3-7pm, Piedmont
- 4 Exchange Rummage Sale, 7am-1pm, Piedmont
- 6-8 Range Camp, Sturgis
- 6-10 Teen Leadership Conference, Brookings
- 7 Public Presentations, 8am-12 noon, Ext Office, Spearfish
- 7 Judging Contest, 1pm, Ext Office, Spearfish
- 11-12 Exchange Fundraiser, Sturgis H.S. Rodeo

- 12-16 Camp Counselor Training, (ages 15-18), Camp Bob Marshall, Custer
- 12-18 Performing Arts Camp, Aberdeen
- 13-16 Solv-Crme@CampBob.com, (ages 12-18), Camp Bob Marshall, Custer
- 14 Meade County 4-H Horse Show, 9am, Bryce Sigman Arena, Sturgis
- 19 4-H Rodeo, Faith
- 20 Public Presentations, 1pm, 1st Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche
- 24-27 4-H Camp, (ages 8-11), Camp Bob Marshall
- 28 Meade County 4-H Horse Show Rain Date
- 29 Project Day, 1pm, Union Center School

Cloverbud Project

Cloverbuds are invited to create "Soap Bubble Art" on **May 11** at 3:30pm at the Ext Office. Please register by May 9 by calling the Ext Office at 347-2436. There is a \$1 supply fee.



4-H Project Day-Jewelry

Barb Uhrig, Newell will be the instructor for jewelry making on **May 12** at 3:30pm at the Ext Office. Please register by calling the Ext

Office by 5pm on May 2. There is a \$2 supply fee for this project.

Fairbook Cover Contest

- Prizes: 1st - \$30, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$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



2011 4-H Rodeo Schedule

Entry forms and the schedule are available at <http://sd4hrodeo.org> or from the Ext Office.

DATE CHANGE for Special Foods & Fashion Revue Contests!!!

Special Foods will be held **July 18** at 8:30am at the Ext Office in Sturgis.

Fashion Revue will be held **July 18** at 1:30pm at the Ext Office in Sturgis.

Month of the Military Child Photo 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 8X10 photograph should illustrate the theme "Proudly Supporting Our Military Children and Families" and can be in color or in black and white. Prizes will be awarded. Entry forms are available at the Ext Office. Entry deadline is **May 15**.



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. Please contact the Ext Office for registration forms. We are also looking for adult chaperones for camp, if you are interested; please contact the Ext Office.

Youth Camp – Ages 8-11 - June 24-27

Join "The Great Amazing Race" to participate in canoeing, campfires, camp songs, workshops and recreational activities. Cost is \$40. Deadline to register is May 25.

Solv-Crme@CampBob.com – Ages 12-18 – June 13-16

The mystery/crime scene investigation themed camp will help youth learn to solve a crime while having fun. The culmination of the camp will allow youth to solve crimes at camp to find out "who done it!" Youth will also spend part of a day traveling the Black Hills solving crime. Cost is \$50. Registrations are due May 27.

Camp Counselor Training – Ages 15-18 – June 12-16

The training will mostly occur on June 12 and continue through June 16 in conjunction with the Solv-Crme@CampBob.com Camp. Counselors will learn to monitor youth behaviors, identify risky situations, and learn basic first aid. These youth will have many of the fun opportunities of the Solv-Crme Camp, including the day of traveling in the Black Hills, but will also get a chance to hone their counseling abilities at the same time. Cost will be \$60, which includes the registration fee for the Solv-Crme@CampBob.com Camp. Deadline is due May 27.

Rummage Sale!!

The 4-H Exchange group will be holding rummage sales to raise funds to host and travel to California. They are looking for donations of any new or used items for their rummage sales. Items may be dropped off at the Ext Office or given to any 4-H Exchange member. Rummage sale dates-

May 20: 4-7pm, Ext Office

May 21: 7am-2pm, Ext Office

June 3: 3-7pm, Cassens, Piedmont

June 4: 7am-1pm, Cassens, Piedmont



HORSE NEWS



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 **May 9** at 6pm at the First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche and **May 19** at 3pm at the Faith Sale Barn. 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 will be awarded a buckle at State 4-H Horse Show. To find the challenge go to www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h then click on Horse & Pony Project.

Horse Judging Contest

A horse judging school will be held on **May 12** at 5:30pm at the Black Hills Equestrian Center near Exit 17. Directions: Take I-90 Exit 17 going towards Deadwood. Turn onto St Onge Rd and continue towards St Onge. As you go under the overpass, look off to your left and you will see a big white barn set against the hill. It is on the Steinmeyer Farm.

Horsemanship Clinic

There will be a Horsemanship Clinic **May 13-15** at the Central States Fairground Event Center in Rapid City from 8AM-5PM. Presenters will be Pam Scott and Bonnie Miller. Participants will work on basic position, exercises to improve position, individual critiques and personal assistance in developing a better position, patterns, straight lines, circles, diagonals, etc. Entry deadline is May 4. For more information, contact: Patty Bruner at bqh@enetis.net or by calling (605) 393-2577.

County 4-H Horse Show - will be held **June 14** at 9am at the Bryce Sigman Ranch, Sturgis. Entries will be mailed to those enrolled in the horse project. Volunteers are needed to help at the horse show.



Taking Livestock to the 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:**

- **June 1-** Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goats, Market Goats, Dairy Cattle and Market Swine
- **July 1-** Rabbits and Poultry
 - Green tags/weighing not required
 - Poultry need Leg Bands (1/bird)
 - Rabbits need a tattoo (1/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**.

7th Annual South Dakota Soils Days

Soils Days in Lemmon on **June 21-22** is an opportunity to learn more about one of the most important South Dakota resources, our soils. Learning activities have been designed for a variety of age groups and expertise, from 8 years old through adult. The cost of Soils Days is only \$25 including meals. Registration forms are available at the Ext Office and are due June 1.



Congratulations to Shelby Cammack for winning the US Women's Air Pistol comp. (as in Olympic level).

4-H Project & Cloverbud Day

Union Center School

June 29-1-5pm



Project Days provide opportunities for 4-Hers to work on projects suitable for exhibiting at the Meade County Fair. **Preregistration is required by June 17**. There is a \$2 fee per project. We will be doing projects that were done at project days in Sturgis during the school year:

- Barb Wire Wreath
- Sock Snowman
- Wheat Weaving

Cloverbud Projects are designed for our youngest 4-H members and can be shown at the Meade County Fair. **Preregistration is required by June 17**. There is a \$1 fee per Cloverbud project. We will be doing projects that were done at Cloverbud days in Sturgis during the school year:

- Sock Snowman
- Beaded creations
- Fuse Beads



Rangeland Days

The 28th Annual Rangeland Days will be held in Lemmon **June 21-22**. Learning activities have been designed for a variety of age groups and expertise, from 8 years old through adult. Starting with plant morphology and identification on up to judging habitat suitability for cattle or grouse, everyone attending is sure to gain from participating. The cost is only \$25 including meals. Registration forms are available at the Ext Office. Registration deadline is June 1.

Jr. Leaders Meeting

The Meade County Jr. Leaders will be meeting on **May 18** at 6pm at the Ext Office. We will be finalizing plans for this summer.



Exchange Meeting

The 4-H Exchange Group will meet on **May 20** at 7pm at the Ext Office in Sturgis. We will be finalizing plans for this summer as we prepare to host our partners from California.

President's Active Lifestyle Award (PALA)

Challenge

National 4-H Headquarters needs your help to reach their goal of having 100,000 4-Hers complete the PALA by **September 30**. Simply go to <http://www.presidentschallenge.org/nat14-H/>, fill out the registration form and log your activities. The PALA recognizes those individuals who log their recommended physical activity for six consecutive weeks, five days a week (60 minutes minimum for youth and 30 minutes minimum for adults). Signing up is simple and FREE!!!!





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How can I harvest more out of a small garden? By Claesa Kuhlman, Master Gardener Intern



There are many different ways to plant your garden, and as long as plants are not overcrowded none of them are wrong. One of the most common ways to plant a garden is called *single row planting*. It is however, not the most efficient use of space to place all your plants all in individual rows with large spaces between.

Another way is called *wide row planting*. Using a rake you make your rows. Then plant your seeds in the rows that were dug by the rake. *Wide row planting* allows for a more intensive garden, the plants grow close together while helping to conserve water and also shade out weeds. Crops like beets, carrots, lettuce, onions and spinach do well planted in this way.

Companion planting is also a good use of space. You can plant certain crops that are harvested at different times together in the same row, such as radishes with your carrots or beets. The radishes will come up first to help mark your row and be ready for harvest before the carrots or beets need the space.

Other methods of planning to get the most out of your garden include *interplanting*, *stagger planting*, *succession planting* or by using *vertical supports*. By planning your garden and plotting it out on paper before you plant it can help you remember to use these space saving ideas. Then with some experimentation and maybe a little knowledge from others you can get a larger harvest out of a smaller space and have a very successful garden.

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