

# Meade County 4-H News

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October 2011

## October

- 15 Western Youth Rabbit Show, Hermosa  
26 Watkins products to be picked up at Extension Office

## November

- 4 Watkins money due to Extension Office  
6 4-H Recognition Event, 1pm, Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center  
11 HOLIDAY  
24-25 HOLIDAY



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ✓ **2011-2012** 4-H enrollment forms were in the leaders packets that were handed out or mailed following the Sept. leaders meeting. Please turn completed forms in to the Extension Office.
- ✓ **Membership fees** of \$6.00 per member are due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> - **ONLY** 1 check or cash payment per club. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ✓ **Leaders dues** of \$12 per leader are also due by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks (payable to Leaders Assoc.) are to be mailed to Eris Tanner, 3600 143<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Rapid City, SD 57701.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **4-H Volunteer forms** are now available and will be mailed to Administrative Leaders.

## Recognition Event Awards

Sponsors are needed for recognition awards, cost is \$15. If interested, please contact the office at 347-2436 or [meade.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:meade.county@sdstate.edu)



## 4-H Recognition Event Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>



1pm – Potluck Lunch

Central Meade County Community Center,  
Union Center

Host Club – Riata Wranglers

Drink & tableware provided

Everyone is invited to attend! Door prizes, county medals, completion certificates, leaders pins, premium money, judging awards and trip winners will be presented.

## Meade County 4-H Leaders Association

The Meade County 4-H Leaders Association will be electing individuals to the offices of President and Secretary at their January meeting. Please contact the Extension Office if interested in running or in nominating someone for office.

## West River Youth Rabbit Show



The West River Youth Rabbit Show will be held at the Hermosa Fairgrounds on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Registration will be at 8:30am and the show will begin at 9am with an entry fee of \$2.50 per rabbit. Showmanship and breed identification will be held. There will be concessions available on the grounds. For more information contact: Bethel Kissinger at 605-269-3967.

## Prudential: Spirit of Community Awards

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in grades 5 through 12 who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. Maximum award: \$1000 and a trip to Washington, D.C. Eligibility: Students in grades 5-12 who have conducted a volunteer service activity within the past year. Deadline is **November 1, 2011**. For more information visit: <http://spirit.prudential.com/view/page/soc>.

Meade County 4-H Leaders Association  
September 26, 2011

The Meade County 4-H Leaders Association met on September 26, 2011 at the Meade County Extension Office. President Jamie Hockenbary called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Carol Oedekoven led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bernice Lemmel led the 4-H Pledge.

**Minutes:** Ronda Snyder read the secretary's report. Pastor Lemke made a motion to approve the minutes; Eris Tanner seconded; motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Eris Tanner reported a balance of \$3382.28 in the checking account and \$2500 in the savings account. Connie McPherson made a motion to approve the report; Pastor Lemke seconded; motion carried.

**Old Business:** Rebecca gave a positive review of the 2011 4-H Achievement Days noting that the total number of 4-H exhibits increased by 45 over the previous fair.

**New Business:**

**National 4-H Week** is October 2-8, 2011. Rebecca referenced a sheet within the leader packets noting ways to celebrate 4-H week. Tanya Wilson from KBHB gathered 4-H interviews at Achievement Days. She has also gone into some of the schools to interview students about their 4-H experiences. Vonda Andersen expressed that her club would be entering a float in the Sturgis Homecoming Parade on October 14<sup>th</sup>. She has invited any 4-H members and potential members to join her club on the float. Parent permission slips will be necessary.

**Western 4-H FCS Show & Western Junior Livestock Show** will be held October 5-8, 2011 in Rapid City.

The **4-H Photography Calendar** is available again. The deadline for ordering is September 30.

**2011 Recognition Event:** The past two events have been held in Sturgis. Since the event usually follows an alternating routine with Union Center, the event will be held this year in Union Center. Eris made a motion to schedule the Recognition Event for Sunday, November 6, 2011; Robin Strain seconded; motion carried. Eris made a motion to set the Potluck lunch for 1:00 PM; Rick Oedekoven seconded; motion carried. The office will handle the paper products. The country hosts will provide drinks.

**2112 Nominating Committee:** The Leader Association positions of President and Secretary will be available. Call the office to volunteer or to nominate for a position. Elections will be at the January meeting.

**State Leaders Association Update:** Jamie read an email from MaryEllen Cammack regarding the State Leaders Association.

**New 4-H Year:** Leaders received club packets. Leaders discussed the value of record books. 4-H record keeping varies from county to county. Pastor Lemke made a motion to maintain the status of record books for the coming year; April Kammerer seconded; motion carried.

**Update on the Future of Meade County 4-H:** Rebecca and Cheryl Cross outlined the budget cuts facing the Meade County 4-H Program. Rebecca's position is open for rehire. Rebecca indicated that she will not be applying for the position which is to be filled by October 21, 2011. Cheryl's position was recently cut completely from the Meade County Commissioners' budget. The position will be terminated December 25, 2011. The operating budget for the program was reduced to \$10,000. Connie McPherson has spoken to Dr. Barry Dunn. He will be meeting with counties and advisory boards to discuss the budget and possible fundraising for the continuation of the 4-H Program.

The issue remains as to how Meade County can keep the 4-H Program operating as smoothly as possible with the upcoming changes. An advisory committee was formed for the purpose of decision making during the interim time if Rebecca and Cheryl both leave before a new 4-H Program Advisor is hired. The committee will consist of Jamie Hockenbary, Vonda Andersen, Michael Keffeler, Carla Oedekoven, and Ronda Snyder. Vonda will be the primary contact person.

Leaders and parents must realize the following significant changes in procedures.

- **Financials:** Please reference the bright green sheet in the leader packet concerning membership dues, leaders' dues, insurance and county project medals.
- **Record Book Forms:** Hard copies of the 2011-12 forms are in the leader packets. Forms are also on a CD within the leader packets (1 copy per club). Forms can also be accessed on the Meade County 4-H website.
- **Enrollment Forms:** Member forms must have clear email addresses. Email correspondence will become very necessary.
- **Newsletters:** Beginning January 1, 2012, the budget will no longer support paper copies of the newsletter. Encourage members/families to begin accessing the newsletter online so they become accustomed to the change.

**Trips:** Leaders discussed the TLC and CWF trips and monies available for 2012. With the uncertainty of the 4-H Program, leaders decided to increase the number of 4-Hers given scholarships for the trips. Eris made a motion to fund three (3) members for the TLC trip and four (4) for the CWF trip; Vonda seconded; motion carried.

**Club Fundraisers:** Jamie noted the Crystalyx fundraising opportunity. Her club realized great success in the program.

Rebecca reminded leaders of the Watkins fundraisers for the Junior Leaders. Contact a Junior Leader or the Extension Office.

**2012 Fair:** Kelly Keffeler representing the Fair Board outlined concerns and options that the board is considering for 2012. The board will be meeting with fair boards of various neighboring counties: Butte/Lawrence County, Faith area, and Pennington County. Consideration will also be given to teaming with the Threshing Bee. The option to remain in Meade County for 2012 depends on the outcome of the Commissioners Final Budget. The Fair Board is formulating a list of questions for the various options.

Seeing no decisions could be made with this pending issue, Janeen Lemke made a motion to adjourn; Liane Schmit seconded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronda Snyder, Secretary

**Present:** Kelly Keffeler (Fair Board), Pastor & Janeen Lemke, Carol Oedekoven, Carla & Rick Oedekoven, Bernice Lemmel, Connie McPherson, Justin Woods, DeAnne Fay, Sherri Fay, Wanda Cooper, Dawn Jorensen, Cheryl Delzer, Liane Schmit, Rachelle Schultz, April Kammerer, Tammy Keffeler, Vonda Andersen, Robin Strain, Jacque Lamphere, Connie Johns, Eris Tanner, Jamie Hockenbary, Ronda Snyder, Rebecca Poelstra, Cheryl Cross.



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**Building Our SD Rural Communities Grant**  
**(BOSDRC)**

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 "BOSDRC-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, 2011** for the 2012 fiscal year. For more information visit: <http://www.sdda.sd.gov> and click on Ag Development and then Finance Programs or call 1-800-228-5254.

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