



Butte/Lawrence/Meade 4-H News

January 2012

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JANUARY

- 2 Holiday
- 8 5:00 PM, Meade County Jr. Leader's Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 9 6:30 PM, Butte County 4-H Rodeo Committee Meeting, Branding Iron, Belle Fourche
- 10 7:00 PM, B/L County Fair Board Meeting, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 10 5:00 PM, Meade County Fair Board Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 10 6:00 PM, Meade County Leader's Assoc. Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 16 Holiday
- 21 1:30 PM, Practice Livestock Judging, Kukuchka Ranch, Belle Fourche
- 24 6:30 PM, Butte/Lawrence Leader/Parent Meeting, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche
- 26 7:00 PM, B/L Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, First Interstate Bank, Belle Fourche
- 26 6:00 PM, Interstate Exchange Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis

FEBRUARY

- 4 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day, Rapid City
- 10-11 West River Invitational Shooting Sports Match, Spearfish
- 20 Holiday

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day Schedule Saturday, February 4, 2012

- 8:00 AM Beef Cook-Off
- 8:00 AM Hippology check in
- 8:00 AM Dog Show
- 8:00 AM Livestock Judging Registration
- 8:30 AM Sr Livestock Judging Contestant Meeting
- 9:30 AM Beg/Jr Livestock Judging Contestant Meeting
- 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM Beef Bust
- 12:30 PM Horse Quiz Bowl check in
- 12:30 PM Livestockology check in
- 12:15 PM Hippology Results
- 1:00 PM Livestockology Contest Begins

Introducing the New 4-H Newsletter for Butte, Lawrence and Meade Counties

Beginning January 2012, the 4-H Newsletter will include items for all three counties. 4-Hers are welcome to attend events in any county. If you have items to add, please contact either the Butte/Lawrence or Meade County Extension Offices.



Meade County Extension Office Update

The Meade County Extension office is now shared with the Meade County Health Nurse. When you walk into the office you will be greeted by the Nurse's receptionist. Jenny's office is the only Extension related office in the building and it will have a 4-H emblem on the door. Since she is the only employee for the Extension office, there will be times when the office is closed, but you will still be able to leave a message on her door or drop off items in her box during regular business hours.

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

Saturday, February 4, is the date for Youth Day during the 2012 Black Hills Stock Show held at the Pennington County 4-H Extension Office (Walter Taylor Building, Central States Fairgrounds, 601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD). All youth are invited to enter the Youth Day activities. Youth must be at least 8 years of age and no more than 19 years of age by January 1, 2012 to participate in the Beef Cook-Off, Livestock Judging, Livestockology, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology and Dog Show. Individuals may enter a maximum of two events. Call your local extension office to register for Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day Events by January 10.



Calling All Queens

All rodeo Queens, Jr. Queens, and Princesses are invited to the Queen Corral at the 2012 Black Hills Stock Show in Rapid City on January 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This will be near the Crystalix BioBarrel Sale Ring right before the World's Smallest Rodeo. The event will be hosted by 2011 Jr. Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Kay Marrs. Call 605-269-2204 or email 5blackcow@blackhills.com for more information. Bring your autograph sheets and your smiles!

Livestock and Horse Judging Contest Hosts

We are ready to actively plan for the new 4-H year, and are in need of 4-H clubs or families to host livestock and horse judging contests. If you would be interested in helping out in that way, please contact the B/L Extension Office at 892-3371 or the Meade County Extension Office at 347-2436.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

Several committees have openings and are looking for new members to help with the planning of various events. Please contact the Butte/Lawrence or Meade County Extension Offices for more details. The Livestock Sale Committee in both areas are in need of new members.



Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting

The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the First Congregational Church in Belle Fourche. The dates also have been set for the 2012 Butte/Lawrence County Fair which will be on August 15 – 18, 2012 at the Fairgrounds in Nisland, SD.

Meade County Fair Board Meeting

The Meade County Fair Board will meet Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 5:00 PM at the Extension Office in Sturgis. This will be followed by the Meade County 4-H Leader's Association meeting at 6:00 PM. Snow date is January 23.

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Leader/Parent Meeting *(Date Change)*

There will be a Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Leader/Parent meeting, Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 PM at First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche. After the two county meeting, each county will break for individual county leader meetings. We look forward to seeing everyone there to start off the New Year! All parents are encouraged to come to the meeting and participate to make 4-H the best that it can be in our area. On the agenda for the meeting are setting dates for judging contests, public presentations, and other events.

Meade County 4-H Leaders Meeting *(Date Change)*

All 4-H Leaders, parents and volunteers are invited to the Jan. meeting of the Meade County 4-H Leaders. This will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 6pm, at the Extension Office following the Fair Board meeting. Individuals will be elected to the offices of President and Secretary. If you are interested in running for either position or if you have an item you would like to see on the agenda, please contact the Extension Office by phone 605-347-2436 or by email meade.county@sdstate.edu.

Butte/Lawrence Livestock Sale Committee Meeting – Openings Available!!!

The Livestock Sale Committee will meet Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 PM at First Interstate Bank in Belle Fourche. Both the Chairman and Treasurer positions are open if you are interested in volunteering.

Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Junior Leader Meeting

The next Butte/Lawrence County Junior Leader Meeting will be January 15 at 2:00 PM at the Lucky Strike Bowling Alley in Spearfish. Please bring your ideas for fundraising and community service projects. Contact Becky Ginsbach at (307) 640-7393 or Maggie Fulton at (605) 391-6840 for more information. All 13-18 year old 4-Hers are invited to join us!

Meade County 4-H Junior Leader Meeting

The Meade County 4-H Junior Leader's will meet Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 5:00 PM at the Extension Office in Sturgis. We will have burgers and get to know Jenny Voigt, as well as discuss plans for the upcoming year. All 4-Hers who are 13-18 years old as of January 1, 2012 are invited to join us!

Butte County 4-H Rodeo Committee Meeting



The Rodeo Committee will meet Monday, January 9 at 6:30 PM at the Branding Iron in Belle Fourche. The committee meets monthly and is looking for new members to help with the rodeo that is held annually in Belle Fourche in July. If you are interested in helping with this fun event, please contact Josh Manke at 210-0552 or Meg Manke at 210-1003.

Meade County Interstate Exchange

There will be a meeting January 26 at 6:00 PM at the Extension Building in Sturgis for those who were involved with the exchange last summer. We need to discuss finances for the upcoming trip and how much more money is needed to travel to California. We are also in need of a chaperone for the trip.

Livestock Judging School

The Young Riders 4-H Club will host a livestock judging school (non-scored) for anyone interested in practicing basic livestock judging and reasons skill on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 1:30 PM at the Kukuchka Ranch east of Belle Fourche. Please RSVP to Deb Kukuchka at 892-2875 by Wednesday, January 18 if you would like to attend.



SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATION

Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports

A final safety training session will be offered on Sunday, January 8, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the former Big Boys Toys building east of Belle Fourche on Hwy 212. Participants must attend safety training to participate in shooting sports in Butte County, so this is your last opportunity to get involved for 2012. Practices will be held weekly on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 PM and Tuesdays from 6:00 – 8:30PM, beginning Sunday, January 8, 2012. For more information contact Amy Hauck at 892-3371.

The Lawrence County Sharp Shooters

will have their first practice for BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol on Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:00 PM. Practices will be at the community hall on Old Belle Rd. north of Spearfish. For more information, contact Tom Smith by email at tsmith01@fs.fed.us or call him 269-9212 if you have any questions.

Archery in Lawrence County will also begin practice on Monday, January 9, 2012 at the Spearfish Middle School from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. If you are interested in participating this year, please call Jim Peterson 484-7579 or email him at jpeterson@apptechnology.net.

Sturgis Archery 4-H Shooting Club will be starting the 2012 season on Sat., Jan. 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Sturgis Archery Shop. For more information, please call Theresa at 605-490-1698.

Black Hills Shooting Club in Rapid City; will begin meeting on Jan. 9th at 6pm at the Walter Taylor Building and will continue each Mon. through Apr. 2012. They will have opportunities to shoot BB, Pellet, Rifle, and Pistol. This year's fee is \$20 per child plus \$3 membership fee which covers insurance, firearms, ammunition and targets. The class is open to children ages 8 to 18 by Jan. 1st, 2012.

Muzzleloader Club: Pennington County is thinking of starting a muzzleloader club. This club would be open to all area 4-H members, ages 11 to 18 as of Jan. 1st, 2012. Practices would occur during the summer in preparation for the state match in Sep. Please contact Paul Nelson at 605-388-0543 or wmbell1772@gmail.com if interested.



The **West River Invitational 4-H Shoot** will be held February 10 -11, 2012 in conjunction with Mark's Barber Shop Annual Big Buck Contest. The invitational will be a State 4-H Shoot qualifying event in BB Gun, Sporter Air Rifle, and

archery events however, for award purposes at this shoot, archery will be divided into two categories; with sights and without sights. Registration will be Friday afternoon from 2 – 6 PM with the first relay at 3 PM and Saturday morning from 8 AM to 1 PM with the first relay at 9 AM. Targets will be provided, but you must bring your own equipment. Registration fees are \$5 per event. Equipment must have proper clear barrel indicators in place when not in use. Preregistration is required by Friday, January 27th. Contact the Butte/Lawrence County Extension Office for additional information at 892-3371.

You are also welcome to bring your 2011 season buck racks in for the big buck competition. There are categories for youth, men and women in both rifle and archery for deer, antelope and elk. Tickets are \$15 which includes admission to the trade show, entry into the big buck contest (cash prizes award for each category), the awards banquet on Saturday evening and the drawing for prizes that total \$3,500 including firearms and bows. Youth 12 and younger are admitted free of charge.



2012 SD Foundations for Life Essays Due January 31

Students in 4th, 7th, and 9th grade, whose schools are participating in the South Dakota CHARACTER COUNTS!

program, are invited to participate in the

2012 South Dakota Foundations for Life Essay Contest. First place winner receives \$300. For more info go to: <http://www.sdstate.edu/sdcges/4h/CC/south-dakota-foundations-for-life-essaycontest.cfm>

Conservation District Speech Contest

Each year, the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Resource Conservation and Forestry Division, sponsors a Resource Conservation Speech Contest. Any South Dakota student (public, private and home-school) in grades 9 – 12, is eligible to enter. This year's contest topic is, "75 Years of Conservation: What's Next?" The tentative date for the local contest is March 13, 2012. Contact your local extension office or conservation office for more information.



State Farm Good Neighbor Scholarship

The State Farm Companies Foundation is offering a \$2,500 award for up to 26 recipients through a scholarship program as part of their ongoing efforts to

address and raise awareness of the nation's drop-out crisis. Applicants must meet ALL of the following criteria: 1) Be a high school senior who will graduate at the end of the 2011 – 12 school year, 2) Plan to enroll in full time undergraduate study at an accredited two or four year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire 2012 – 2013 academic year, 3) Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 to 3.20 on a 4.0 scale, 4) Be a U.S. citizen and 5) Demonstrate financial need. www.scholarshipamerica.org/statefarmgoodneighbor scholarship/. Scholarship applications must be submitted electronically by 11:59 pm on January 25, 2012. Only the first 360 applications received will be accepted.

Ag & Natural Resources Scholarship

High school seniors who graduated in 2011 or will graduate in 2012 are eligible to apply for the Ag & Natural Resources Scholarship sponsored by the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce Ag & Natural Resources Committee and the 2012 Black Hills Stock Show. The scholarships will provide for formal instruction in any South Dakota accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program that prepares young people for careers in ag and natural resources related fields.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants must submit the application and two letters of recommendation by January 9.

Scholarship finalists will be chosen for personal interview with the judges on Saturday, January 28 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. in Rapid City. Winners will be announced immediately following the personal interviews.

A total of \$5,000 in scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- Four \$1,000 scholarships
- Two \$500 scholarships to Western Dakota Tech

Contact the Extension Office for the more information.

Volunteer Forms

There are some recent events that have affected our volunteer enrollment process. Unfortunately, all volunteers will need to complete a new enrollment form for the 2011-2012 year. We will be mailing new forms out to those affected. Please complete them and return them to the Extension office as soon as possible.



SDSU Science and Engineering Fair

South Dakota State University (SDSU) is hosting the 58th Annual Eastern South Dakota Science and Engineering Fair (ESDSEF) on Friday, March 23, 2012, in the Stanley J. Marshall HPER

Center. Approximately 550 students in grades 6 – 12, from 15 Counties in South Dakota and Iowa are expected to compete for more than \$7,000 in prizes from SDSU and community organizations. The grand champions win an all-expense paid trip to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), May 13 – 18, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they compete against 1,500 U.S. and international students for approximately \$4 million in prizes. Contact the extension office for more information.

New 4-H Year

Just a friendly reminder to all 4-Hers and parents, below are the requirements to complete your 4-H year and be eligible for awards:

- Attend at least four (4) club meetings
- Do a public presentation (demonstration, illustrated talk, Project Why or public speaking) at the club, county or state level
- Turn in page 9 "I Made It!" to Extension Office by the October deadline
- Show participation and accomplishment by exhibiting at the County Fair, participating in judging contests, participating in county event/activity, or be an active member of the Jr. Leaders Association if you are 13 years old and older.

ID Cards for 4-Hers



Youth of any age, who are not yet driving, must apply for an identification card from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety (DPS) to participate in some 4-H trips. ID cards are required to board airplanes and to gain access to government buildings (like the White House). For more information or questions please contact DPS by phone at: 800-952-3696 or 605-773-6883 or by email at: dpsinfo@state.sd.us.

Make A Difference with Community Service



The Crow Peak Valley Rangers 4-H Club has developed a Facebook page to create awareness about community service opportunities

throughout the Black Hills. Visit their page at: <http://www.facebook.com/MakeADifferenceBlackHills?sk=wall> and consider sharing it with your own Facebook friends. Let's Make A Difference in the Black Hills.



Introducing Betsy Burtzlaff - 4-H/Youth Program Advisor for Butte & Lawrence Counties

Betsy Burtzlaff will start her duties serving Butte & Lawrence Counties on January 3, 2012. She comes to this position with 15 years of Secondary Science education. In May 2010, she completed her Masters of Science in Curriculum and Instruction with a Science Specialty from Black Hills State University.

Betsy was a ten-year Butte County 4-H graduate. She enjoyed many aspects of 4-H as a youth while attending the Camp Bob Marshall, TLC Youth Conference, Denver Stock Show, Citizenship Washington Focus and numerous State Fair activities. She trained livestock for exhibit on the local level as well as Western Jr. Livestock Show and participated on livestock and non-livestock judging teams and the Championship Dairy Quiz team. She finished her 4-H youth involvement as a State 4-H Council/Ambassador.

4-H has been a big part of Betsy's youth experiences as well her adult focus. She has been an active member of the Butte-Lawrence County Fair Board and Leaders Association. She has been an executive board member of the Butte County 4-H Shooting Sports Club and leader of the Lucky-Ten 4-H Club, activities her children are active with as well. She and her husband Miles have three children, Payton-11, Lexa-8 and Colton-6.

Betsy looks forward to working with the 4-H youth, volunteers and after school programs in Butte and Lawrence Counties.



Introducing Jenny Voigt - 4-H/Youth Program Advisor for Meade County

Hello everyone! I began my job as Meade County 4-H Youth Program Advisor on Dec. 1st. I was born and raised on a farm/angus ranch by Dante, SD and I have been involved in 4-H as long as I can remember. Some of my favorite projects as a kid were showing cattle/swine and baking. For the last 7 years I have been an elementary teacher in De Smet and Lake Preston where my daughters were in 4-H.

We just moved to Sturgis in August for my husband Mike's job, which is in the National Guard. We have four children, Justine-14, Delaney-13, Michael-7, and Miles - 4. My philosophy for 4-H is to keep kids involved and having fun with 4-H. I look forward to working directly with our 4-H clubs, after school programs and project days. Please feel comfortable to come to me with your concerns, thoughts, and ideas. See ya around!



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Pen Turning Project Day

The Black Hills School of Woodworking in Belle Fourche is sponsoring a project day to learn how to turn wood on a lathe to make pens. The class will be held on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 PM. There will be no cost to participants but space is limited to the first eight youth who pre-register by calling the Butte/Lawrence County Extension office at 892-3371. If there is sufficient interest, monthly classes may be offered.



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