



4-H News

February 2012

Butte/Lawrence/Meade

4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.



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FEBRUARY

- 1 3:30 PM, Make and Take Valentine Cards, Whitewood Library, Whitewood
- 4 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day, Rapid City (See back page for schedule of events)
- 6 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 8 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM, Non-livestock Judging, Meade County Extension Office, Sturgis
- 8 6:00 PM, Meade County Jr. Leader's Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 9 7:00 PM, Pen Turning Workshop, Black Hills School of Woodworking, Belle Fourche
- 9 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging, Union Center Community Center, Union Center
- 10-11 West River Invitational Shooting Sports Match, Spearfish
- 12 1:00 PM, Livestock Judging Contest, Ram Sale Barn, Newell
- 13 3:30 PM, Non-livestock Judging, Old Church corner of Nevada & 3rd, Spearfish
- 13 3:30 PM, Non-livestock Judging, Faith Library, Faith
- 14 7:00 PM, B/L Fair Board Meeting, Butte Electric, Newell
- 15 8:00 AM, Horse Safety & Care Certification Webinar, Extension Office, Belle Fourche
- 17 11:00 AM, Chili & Stew Cook-off, Northern Hills Ag Fest & Home Show, Sturgis
- 19 2:00 PM, Livestock Judging Contest, St. Onge Livestock, St. Onge
- 20 Holiday
- 21 5:00 PM, Meade County Fair Board Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 21 7:00 PM, Butte 4-H Rodeo Meeting, Branding Iron, Belle Fourche
- 22 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging Contest, Ag-Sci Building, Newell

MARCH

- 3 Small Animal Workshop, Pennington County 4-H Office, Rapid City
- 5 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging Contest, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 14 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging Contest, Ag-Sci Building, Newell
- 20 6:30 PM, B/L Leader/Parent Meeting, Northern Hills Church of Christ, Spearfish
- 27 3:30 PM, Public Presentations, Hudson Hall, Spearfish

Livestock Judging Contests

There will be a livestock judging contest on Sunday, **February 12**, at 1:00 PM hosted by the Prairie Pals 4-H Club in Newell. The contest will be held at the Ram Sale Barn.

The Range Riders 4-H Club is hosting a Livestock Judging Contest on Sunday, **February 19**, at St. Onge Livestock. Registration will begin at 2:00 PM with judging at 2:30 PM. Prizes will be awarded.



Public Presentations

A public presentation day will be held on **Tuesday, March 27 at 3:30pm at Hudson Hall in Spearfish**. This is a great opportunity to get your presentations done early! Please call 892-3371 by **March 19** to reserve your spot.

Pennington County Small Animal Showmanship Workshop

The Pennington County Extension Office will host a small animal workshop on Saturday, March 3, at the 4-H Office located at 601 E Centre St. in Rapid City. There will be a \$3.00 fee to the instructor's. Each species will have a different workshop time.

- Cat: 9:00-10:00am
- Rabbit: 10:30-11:30am
- Poultry: 12:00-1:00pm

Cats must be caged and also have a body harness and leash with collar on with rabies tag attached. Rabbits and Chickens must be in a cage. Animals are optional to bring but preferable for practice. Only one animal per child or family is needed to make it easier on transportation. For additional information please contact Tiffany Meyer at 394-2188.

Dog Project Leader's Needed in Meade and Butte/Lawrence

Anyone interested in leading the 4-H Dog project in Butte/Lawrence or Meade counties are invited to attend the annual 4-H Dog Leader's retreat. The retreat will be held at the Eagle Pass Lodge in Ree Heights, SD on February 25 – 26.

Clinician Tracy Ellis Miller of Billabong Border Collies in Nisland, SD will address a variety of topics, including obedience, rally and behavior management. Tracy has been a professional dog trainer, breeder and performer for over 20 years and currently operates Tracy Miller Dog Training, a dog obedience and agility school.

Please contact your local extension office if you are interested in helping out with this growing project area. There are youth interested in this project area in both locations if a project leader can be located.

Make and Take Valentine's Day Cards

The Horseshoe 4-H Club will host a Make and Take Valentine's Day card workshop on Wednesday, February 1, at the Whitewood Library at 3:30 PM. A club organizational meeting will also take place.



Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board will be at 7:00 PM on

Tuesday, February 14, at Butte Electric in Newell. The 2012 Butte/Lawrence County Fair will be held August 15 – 18, 2012, at the Fair Grounds in Nisland.

Meade County Fair Board Meeting

The Meade County Fair Board will meet Tuesday, February 21, at 5:00 PM at the Extension Office in Sturgis. Each club should have one representative on the Fair Board.

Butte County 4-H Rodeo Committee Meeting



The Rodeo Committee will meet Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 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.

Adult Horse Safety & Care Certification Training

The new Horse Safety and Care training will require certified instructors to present the information to 4-H members. A training webinar will be conducted by SDSU Specialists February 15, at 8:00 AM, at the B/L Extension Office for any adult interested in becoming certified in teaching Horse Safety Training and Horse Care.

Meade County Shooters

The newly formed Meade County Shooters are now holding BB Gun and Air Rifle practice on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM at the Central Meade County Community Center in Union Center. Parents are expected to be in attendance with their children and there will be a fee to cover the cost of the community center and for supplies. Students must be eight years old as of January 1st of this year (they will be nine in 2012). For more call Allen Hockenbary at 985-5584.



Meade County 4-H

“Like” Meade County 4-H South Dakota on Facebook for updates on events and activities. Also, please send an email to Jennifer.voigt@sdsstate.edu if you would like to be included on the e-mail list.

Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Junior Leader's

The Butte/Lawrence County Junior Leader's are planning to participate in Youth Day activities at the Black Hills Stock Show on February 4.



An informal meeting will be held at 6:30 PM by the escalator in the Civic Center. Then the group will take in the Stock Show exhibits. Contact Becky Ginsbach (307) 640-7393 or Maggie Fulton (605) 391-6840 for more information.

Meade County 4-H Junior Leaders Meeting

The Meade County 4-H Junior Leader's will meet Wednesday, February 8, at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office in Sturgis. Please join us! For more information contact Jenny Voigt at the Meade County Extension Office.

2012 Non-Livestock Judging Dates:

- Feb 6, 4:00 PM, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- Feb 8, 3:30 – 5:30 PM, Meade County Extension Office, Sturgis
- Feb 9, 3:00 - 5:00 PM, Central Meade County Community Center, Union Center
- Feb 13, 3:30 PM, Old Church corner of Nevada & 3rd in Spearfish
- Feb 13, 3:30 PM, Faith Library, Faith
- Feb 22, 4:00 PM, Ag-Sci Building, Newell
- March 5, 4:00 PM, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- March 14, 4:00 PM, Ag-Sci Building, Newell
- April 9, 4:00 PM, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- April 11, 4:00 PM, Ag-Sci Building, Newell

Public Presentations Date

March 27, 3:30 PM, Hudson Hall, Spearfish

Special Foods Date

June 18, Brown High School, Sturgis

Additional dates are being scheduled and will be announced in future newsletters.

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. Contact the Butte/Lawrence County Extension Office for additional information at 892-3371.



Maintenance at the B/L Fair Grounds

The Fair Board has Grant-in-aid money available for any 4-H club that would like to do some work at the fairgrounds. The board will provide matching funds up to \$150.00 for a club's project such as a fresh coat of paint, lumber for repairs or a new building project. Some areas the Fair Board would like to see worked on this year would include, but are not limited to, the Arena announcer's stand and stairs, repair and painting of arena holding pens, and general maintenance of the race track. Other project areas are also welcome and encouraged. Requests for funds including a project description should be presented to the Fair Board by April 1. For additional information call Jim Kokesh, Fair Board President, at 892-4740.

Go Green: Help Recycle 1,000 Tennis Shoes

The Nike Reuse-A-Shoe recycling program takes worn out tennis shoes and turns them into padding for playgrounds, running tracks, football fields, and basketball courts.



The Crow Peak Valley Rangers 4-H Club is coordinating this community service activity with the goal of collecting 1,000 tennis shoes by Earth Day – April 22, 2012. They are challenging other clubs from the Black Hills region to see who can collect the most tennis shoes for the program to reach the 1,000 shoe goal. The winning club will earn a free Dairy Queen ice cream cake for their May 4-H meeting.

To participate, here are the details:

- Any brand of tennis shoes is OK.
- Shoes must be athletic – no metal, cleats, dress shoes, sandals or flip flops.
- No damp or muddy shoes

To get easy to print posters to promote the shoe collecting in your community or at your school (Jr. Leaders this is a great activity for you) – email Kindra Gordon at office@gordonresources.com. Deadline for shoes to be turned in is **Friday, April 20**; contact Kindra Gordon at 722-7699 to make arrangements for the shoes to be picked up. They will then be mailed to Nike in one Fed Ex shipment.

For a short video clip about Nike's tennis shoe recycling process visit:

<http://www.nikereuseashoe.com/>

Grant Awarded to Crow Peak Valley Rangers

Congratulations for being the recipient of a grant to provide a program called "Agriculture and You!", to give ag presentations to Spearfish 3rd graders (5 classes) to increase their knowledge of SD & US agriculture.

National Championship Hippology Team

Butte-Lawrence County 4-H members Stephanie Johnson, Samantha Sleep, Sydney Sleep and Fehrin Ward took home top honors in the National contest held at the National Western Stock Show in Denver January 7-8. While representing South Dakota at the contest they also took home several individual and team awards in different competition categories. Congratulations ladies on your great accomplishments!



SDSU Extension Launches iGrow Horse

SDSU extension is excited to announce iGrow Horses, a web portal for up-to-date news and information about the equine industry. After February 1, visit www.igrow.org/livestock/horses to learn current information about horse health and production, equine events and issues. The iGrow Horse portal will also include a Small Acreage tab designed to serve those who own or rent properties for their horses. New information will be added weekly, so plan to visit often.

2012 South Dakota 4-H Scholarships Due April 1

High school seniors and current college students with at least five years membership in the South Dakota 4-H program are encouraged to apply for 2012 South Dakota 4-H Scholarships. Contact your local extension office for more information.

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.

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.

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

Youth Day activities during the 2012 Black Hills Stock Show will be held at the Pennington County 4-H Extension Office (Walter Taylor Building, Central States Fairgrounds, 601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD). No pre-registration is needed to enter the livestock judging contest. Registration begins at 8:00 AM. All youth are invited to enter the Youth Day activities.

Schedule of Events

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	Beef Bust
12:30 PM	
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

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