



4-H News

March 2012

Butte/Lawrence/Meade

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



Visit our 4-H Website at 4h.sdstate.edu or Butte.sdcounties.org

MARCH

- 3 Small Animal Workshop, Pennington County 4-H Office, Rapid City
- 4 1:30 PM, Livestock Judging Contest, Red Lemmel's arena, Faith
- 5 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging Contest, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 8 6:00 PM, Meade County Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 12 6:00 PM, Meade County 4-H Leader's Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 13 7:00 PM, Butte/Lawrence Fair Board Meeting, Thompson Livestock, Whitewood
- 14 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging Contest and Public Presentations, Ag-Sci Building, Newell
- 14 6:00 PM, Meade County Jr. Leader's Meeting, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 15 9:30 AM, Foods & Nutrition Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 17 12 noon, Quilting Workshop, Dakota Quilt Company, Spearfish
- 19 3:30 PM, Non-livestock Judging, Faith Library
- 20 6:30 PM, B/L Leader/Parent Meeting, Northern Hills Church of Christ, Spearfish
- 22 5:15 PM, Dog Project Parent/Participant Meeting, Meade Co Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 22 6:00 PM, Meade County Interstate Exchange Meeting, Ext. Office, Sturgis
- 24 Pennington County Shooting Match, Walter Taylor Building, Rapid City
- 24 9:30 Am, Leather Tooling Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 24 11:00 AM, Non-livestock Judging, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 27 2:30 PM, Public Presentations and Non-livestock Judging Contest, Hudson Hall, Spearfish
- 29 6:00 PM, Meade County Fair Board Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis

APRIL

- 1 Market Beef Ownership & State Fair Green Tag Weigh In Deadline
- 1 Club Building Maintenance proposals due to B/L County Fair Board
- 9 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging Contest, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 11 4:00 PM, Non-livestock Judging Contest, Ag-Sci Building, Newell
- 14 1:00 PM, Sewing Workshop, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche
- 20 4:00 PM, Fashion Revue & Special Foods Workshop, Northern Hills Church of Christ

Public Presentations

A public presentation day will be held on **Wednesday, March 14 at 4:00pm in the Ag Sci Building in Newell** and on **Tuesday, March 27 at 3:30pm at Hudson Hall in Spearfish**. These are great opportunities to get your presentations done early! Please call 892-3371 by **March 9** to reserve your spot.



Livestock Judging Contest

Sulphur Creek 4-H Club is hosting a Livestock Judging March 4th at Red Lemmel's arena in Faith. Registration is at 1:30pm with judging to start at 2:00pm. Lunch will be available. Non-livestock judging will also be set up along with the livestock judging using Kit #2?

Attention Dog Lovers

Meade Co. 4-H will be offering dog project beginning March 22. Please e-mail Kristy Livingston at kcwals3@gmail.com or Lori Aberle at lori_aberle@hotmail.com to preregister. We would like you to preregister so we know about how many are interested. There will be a parent/4-Her meeting on **March 22 at 5:15 pm** at the Extension Office in Sturgis to go over what will be happening during dog project this spring and summer. Do not bring your dogs to this meeting. All other dog practices will be held on Thursdays at the Meade Co. Fair Barn behind the high school. At these practices the kids will be working with their dog on obedience and showmanship. Call Meade Co. extension office if you have any questions at 347-2436.

Horse Show Dates Set

The Butte/Lawrence County Horse Show will be held Tuesday, June 19 at Besler's Cadillac Ranch and the Meade Co. 4-H Horse show is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12 at Bryce Sigman's Arena. The rain date for the Meade County show is June 19.



2012 Non-Livestock Judging Dates:

- March 4, 2:00 PM, Lemmel's Arena, Faith (Kit #2)
- March 5, 4:00 PM, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche (Kit #2)
- March 12, 3:00 PM, Union Center School (Kit #1)
- March 14, 4:00 PM, Ag-Sci Building, Newell (Kit #2)
- March 19, 3:30 PM, Public Library, Faith (Kit #1)
- March 24, 11:00 AM, Extension Office, Spearfish (Kit #1)
- March 27, 2:30 PM, Hudson Hall, Spearfish (Kit #2)
- April 9, 4:00 PM, Congregational Church, Belle Fourche (Kit #3)
- April 11, 4:00 PM, Ag-Sci Building, Newell (Kit #3)

Public Presentations Dates

- March 14, 4:00 PM, Ag-Sci Building, Newell
- March 27, 2:30 PM, Hudson Hall, Spearfish

Special Foods & Fashion Revue Date

June 18, Brown High School, Sturgis
Additional dates are being scheduled and will be announced in future newsletters.

State Fair Market Beef Weigh-In and Green Tags

Any 4-H member interested in taking Market Beef animals to State Fair must possess, weigh, green tag and verify animals by April 1. Butte/Lawrence 4-H members, please contact Stephanie Crowley at 381-0046 by March 15 to set up an appointment to complete this. Meade County participants please contact the Extension Office.

Ownership Verification Forms

All animals in the 4-H division that will *potentially be shown at a state sponsored livestock event such as the South Dakota State Fair* must complete the 4-H Livestock Ownership Affidavits for each species. There are additional requirements for each species. Contact your local County Extension Office for details.



All livestock exhibitors MUST abide by the ownership deadlines:

- **April 1, 2012** - Market Beef
- **June 1, 2012** - Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goats and Market Swine
- **July 1, 2012** – Rabbits and Poultry
 - Green Tags and weighing not required
 - Poultry need Leg Bands (one per bird)
 - Rabbits need to be tattooed (one per rabbit)

Rodeo Entry Forms and Insurance Information

4-H Rodeo Entry packets and insurance information will be mailed out to all members enrolled in the 4-H Rodeo project by March 15. Completed forms and insurance waivers/purchase will be due back to your local Extension Office by April 30.



SD State Fair Book and Project Information

A draft version of the 2012 SD State Fair Book for the 4-H Division can be found on the State 4-H website at <http://www.sdstate.edu/sdc/4h/>. Bookmark this site for other important 4-H information and forms.

Range Camp

Mark your calendars for the South Dakota State Range Camp to be held June 4-6 in Sturgis. The camp is limited to the first 60 registrations. Contact Tate Lanz at (605) 343-1643, Ext. 133 or tate.lanz@sd.usda.gov for more information.

Youth-In-Action Days

Western South Dakota will be hosting the fourth annual Youth In Action Days on May 4 from 3:00 – 7:00pm and May 5 from 9:00am – 1:00pm. This is your chance to participate in Youth-in-Action Events in one day!

All events that receive a purple ribbon will qualify for State Fair. Participant in: Fashion Revue, including the Selected Outfit category, Special Foods, Public Speaking and Judging. Mark your calendar now! Registration forms coming soon.

NEW Youth HORSE Training Program for South Dakota 4-Hers



SDSU Extension and South Dakota 4-H have designed a new Youth HORSE Training program to replace the former - Horse Safety Training. Youth Horse Ownership, Responsibility, Safety & Education Training is a new curriculum that was developed to teach youth about

proper horse management and safety. The first installment of the 2012 material covers horse care, preparing for different horse-related emergencies and the importance of first aid through the use of hands-on activities, activity sheets, and PowerPoint slides. This new Youth HORSE Training program allows for consistent, quality training across the state for all 4-H youth enrolled in the South Dakota 4-H Horse Project.

Fashion Revue and Special Foods Workshop

Are you interested in participating in Special Foods or Fashion Revue but you're not sure how to get started? This workshop is for you! Mark your calendar for Friday, April 20 at 4:00 PM. The workshops will be held at the Northern Hills Church of Christ on Hwy 85 between Spearfish and Belle Fourche.

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.



BUTTE/LAWRENCE NEWS

Check Out National 4-H On Pinterest

There is a lot of new content on the National 4-H Pinterest boards! If you're not yet familiar with this virtual pinboard website, it's a visual representation that lets you organize and share things you find on the web such as project ideas, recipes and more. National 4-H is testing —Join the Revolution of Responsibility, Healthy Living and DIY 4-H Project boards.

State 4-H Leaders Conference

4-H Leaders, 4-H Youth Advisors/Specialists, 4-H Junior Leaders and parents, teachers, and volunteers are invited to attend the 2012 4-H Leaders Conference, "Growing on a River of Change," on Saturday, March 31, at the Easton Foundation Archery Range in Yankton. The 4-H Youth Council will host an INB session for youth ages 11 – 14.

For more information, a schedule of workshops and sessions and lodging information, visit www.southdakota4hleaders.com or www.yankton4h.com. Please register early.

Pennington County Shooting Sports Match



The Pennington County 4-H Shooting Sports Match hosted by

Black Hills Shooters 4-H Club, will be held Saturday, March 24 at the Walter Taylor 4-H Building, Pennington County Fairgrounds, Rapid City.

Registration will be 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. First relay starts at 9:00 a.m. and the last relay starting no later than 3:00 p.m. Entry Fee: \$5.00 per event/per shooter. Register the day of match. Open to all 4-H members currently enrolled in 4-H Shooting Sports. Classes for each age division include: 5m BB Gun 4P, 10m Sporter Air Rifle 3P, and 10m Air Pistol.

Shooters must provide their own equipment, eye protection is required. Targets will be provided. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class/age division.

Food booth will be provided by Crazy Critters 4-H Club with lots of good food. For more information call Randy Ellis at 381-8373.

Apply for National 4-H Congress by August 1

The 2012 National 4-H Congress, held in Atlanta, GA, is scheduled for November 23 – 27. The State 4-H Office has extended the application deadline for the 2012 National 4-H Congress to August 1. Contact your Youth Advisor for the application.

Butte/Lawrence 4-H Leader/Parent Meeting

The Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Leaders will be meeting on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:30 PM at the Northern Hills Church of Christ on Hwy 85 between Spearfish and Belle Fourche. We encourage at least one leader or parent from every club to attend.

Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board will be at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 13, at Thompson Livestock in Whitewood.

Butte/Lawrence County 4-H Junior Leader's

The Butte/Lawrence County Junior Leader's will meet on March 18. For details contact Becky Ginsbach (307) 640-7393 or Maggie Fulton (605) 391-6840 or check out "Butte & Lawrence County 4-H Jr. Leaders" on Facebook.

Quilting Workshop - 3-Hour Everything Bag

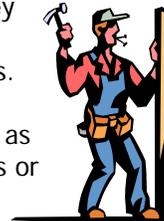
Make this large tote bag and be ready for whatever life brings -- like the pool or the beach!

The workshop will be from Noon to 3 pm on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Dakota Quilt Company, 1004 Main Street in Spearfish. Class size is limited to 12 so please reserve your spot by contacting Dee Sleep at 722-7028 or dee.sleep@chickencreek.net.

Participants must bring their own sewing machine and must stop into the Dakota Quilt Company sometime before Saturday, March 17, to purchase the needed fabric and other supplies. This will be a great project to enter at the fair.

Maintenance at the B/L Fair Grounds

The Fair Board has Grant-in-aide 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.

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. Contact the extension office for more information.



Help Raise \$20K for World Hunger

Elanco Animal Health and Heifer International announced a new initiative February 1 to work toward ending world hunger. This effort has the potential to raise \$20,000 to fight hunger. Visit their website at www.heifer.org/Elancopartnership. Elanco will donate \$1 to Heifer International for every unique visit to this landing page through March 2012. Thanks for your help with this global community service campaign! Bridger and Danika Gordon and the Crow Peak Valley Rangers 4-H Club.

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. 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

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. Shoes may also be dropped off at the Butte/Lawrence or Meade County Extension Offices.

SDFU Foundation Scholarships Due April 15

South Dakota Farmers Union encourages South Dakota high school seniors to apply for one of 25 \$1,000 scholarships to attend a South Dakota post-secondary school. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on the applicant's academic records, school and community involvement, and financial need. For more information contact Farmers Union Insurance at 1-800-933-2841 or visit www.sdfufoundation.org.

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.

"Why I Want to Be a Nurse" Contest

The SDSU College of Nursing invites 5th grade students in South Dakota to begin thinking about a career in nursing. Contestants are encouraged to write a personal essay responding to the statement, —Why I Want to be a Nurse. The top three essay writers will win a Savings Bond. All prize recipients will receive a copy of their essay and a certificate of participation. Prizes will be awarded in May. Contact your local extension office for details.

Nominate an Outstanding Young Volunteer

Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program encourages adults, 21



years of age or over, to nominate young volunteers, ages 6 – 18 who have not yet graduated from high school for a Kohl's Cares Scholarship. The nominator should describe how the young volunteer has contributed to his or her community in a positive way during the last 12 months. Nominations are accepted through March 15. Kohl's will select one student age 6 – 12 and one student age 13 – 18 as a store winner for each Kohl's store. Store winners will receive a \$50 Kohl's gift card. Kohl's will also award one hundred \$1,000 scholarships and five \$9,000 scholarships in each age group for post-secondary education.

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South Dakota KIDS SPEAK 2012

South Dakota Voices for Children invites South Dakota students to apply for KIDS SPEAK 2012. They will select seven individuals from across the state to make a 10-minute presentation to a panel of decision-makers. Youth will answer the question —How can improved policies (including education, implementation and enforcement) help South Dakotans increase teen driving safety. Applications are due March 9. For more information or an application, visit

www.sdvoicesforchildren.org.



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Meade County Livestock Sale Committee

We are looking for more members for this committee. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 8 at 6:00 pm. Please call the extension office if you are interested in helping on this important committee.



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for updates on events and activities. Also, please send an email to Jennifer.voigt@sdstate.edu if you would like to be included on the e-mail list.

Meade County 4-H Junior Leaders Meeting

Consider joining Jr. Leader's and being part of a great group. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office in Sturgis. Please join us!

PROJECT DAYS

Foods & Nutrition Project Day

A Foods & Nutrition project day will be held Thursday, March 15 at the Meade Co. Extension Building from 9:30 – 3:00 for ages 8 and up. Participants will learn about the new USDA food guidelines called "My Plate" in the morning and do activities with that. The afternoon will have a craft to go along with "My Plate". This project will be especially helpful if you are interested in doing Special Foods. Anyone is welcome to attend and please pack a sack lunch. Call the Meade County Extension Office at 347-2436, by March 9 to preregister.

Leather Tooling Project Day & Non-livestock Judging

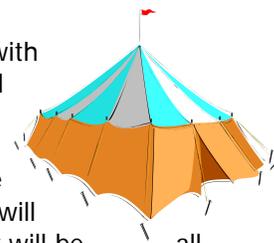
A opportunity to both judge and make a project for fair is coming up on Saturday, March 24. We will be making leather belts and one other item from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm. A \$5 project fee will be charged to cover material. While the leather dries, a non-livestock judging will be held from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. You can do one and not the other. Please call the Meade Co. Extension Office to preregister by March 19.

Cloverbud Project Day

We will be dyeing Easter Eggs together on April 4. Please call the Extension Office to register by April 2.

Meade County Fair Dates Set

Meade County 4-H is partnering with Western Dakota Antique Club and having their county fair/achievement day during the Threshing Bee. The dates for the fair will be August 17-19. Friday will be the static events and Saturday will be all livestock shows including poultry and rabbits. We will leave all static exhibits at the Threshing Bee until Sunday afternoon. Camping is available at the Western Dakota Antique grounds for a free will donation. To reserve a spot during the fair, call Deb at 347-0635.



Meade County Fair Book Cover Contest



Put your creativity to work and help design the cover of our 2012 Fair Book. Entries may be in any format (computer generated or hand drawn) and prizes will be awarded as follows: 1st - \$30, 2nd - \$20, 3rd - \$10. Entry deadline is May 1 to the Meade County Extension Office. The following information is required in the design.

- o Event: Meade County Fair & 4-H Achievement Days & Black Hills Steam & Gas Threshing Bee
- o Dates: August 17, 18, & 19, 2012
- o Where: Meade County Fair Building and Western Dakota Antique Club Grounds
- o If you would like to use the 4-H Clover in your design, please contact the Extension Office to ensure its proper use.

Meade Co. 4-H Raffle Donations Needed

A fundraising raffle will be conducted with the drawing to be held at the County Fair. If you have any items to donate to be used as raffle prizes, please call Jenny at the extension office or drop them off at the extension office by March 2nd.

Meade County Fair Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Meade County Fair Board will be Thursday, March 29 at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office in Sturgis.

Meade County Interstate Exchange Group

The next meeting for this group is March 22 at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office. On the agenda for this meeting will be discussion on upcoming fundraisers. Keep saving your receipts from Lynn's Dakotamart for the Meade County 4-H Interstate Exchange program. You can drop the receipts off at the Extension Office

Meade County Leader's Association Meeting

The Leader's Association will meet Monday, March 12 at 6:00 PM at the Extension Office in Sturgis.

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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.



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