



4-H News

April 2015

Butte/Lawrence/Meade

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

APRIL

- 1 1 PM Static Judging, Countryside Church, Spearfish
- 1 1 PM Public Presentation, Countryside Church, Spearfish
- 2-3 MEADE 4-H OFFICE CLOSED
- 3 10AM Horse Comm. Mtg. Extension Office, Belle Fourche
- 9-11 GF&P HuntSafe, Sturgis Extension Building
- 11 10 AM Custer Co. Horse Judging & Achievement, Hermosa
- 11 State Leaders Conference in Mitchell
- 12 1 PM Livestock Judging, McPherson Angus Ranch
- 12 1 PM Horse Achievement/Safety, 1st Interstate Bank, Belle
- 13 7 PM Butte Co. Leaders Mtg., Skis Pizzeria, Belle Fourche
- 14 6 PM B/L Leaders Mtg, Extension office, Belle Fourche
- 15 Meade Co. 4-H Summer Intern Applications due
- 15 **Purple Up for Military Kids-Wear Purple**
- 17 Noon Lawrence Co Leaders Mtg., Bullwackers, Whitewood
- 17 2:30 PM Static Judging & Presentation, Whitewood
- 18 9:30 Goat Care, Selection and Showring, St. Onge Livestock
- 18 2 PM, Horse Safety Training, Extension Building Sturgis
- 22 MEADE 4-H OFFICE CLOSED for training
- 24 MEADE 4-H OFFICE CLOSED for State Shooting Ft. Pierre
- 24-26 State Shooting Sports, Ft. Pierre
- 28 6 PM Meade Co. Jr. Leaders meeting, Extension building
- 28 Rodeo Packets due to offices for upload to 4HOnline
- 28 & 30 GF& P HuntSafe, 1st Inst. Bank, Belle Fourche
- 29- May 2, GF & P HuntSafe, Faith Fire Hall

MAY

- 1 Meade Co. Fairbook Cover entries due
- 1-2 Pennington Co. Youth In Action, Walter Taylor, Rapid City
- 2 GF&P HuntSafe,, CON Range, Belle Fourche
- 7&9 GF&P HuntSafe, Vallery Game Ranch, Nisland
- 9 7-10 PM, Jr. Leaders Dance, Bowman Hall, Belle Fourche
- 11 6:30 PM Meade Fair Board, Erskine Building, Sturgis
- 15 DEADLINE for Teen & Youth 4-H Camp registrations
- 28 9 AM Meade Youth In Action, Extension Building, Sturgis
- 29 Horse Achievement form due to office for 4HOnline upload

JUNE

- 1-5 TLC in Brookings
- 2 Meade County Horse Show-Bryce Sigman Arena
- 3-5 Range Camp, Alkali Horse Camp
- 8-9 Jr. Counselor Training, Camp Bob Marshall
- 9-12 Teen Camp, Camp Bob Marshall
- 15-18 Session 1 Youth Camp, CBM
- 19-22 Session 2 Youth Camp, CBM
- 21 Meade Co. 4-H Rodeo
- 23-26 Session 3 youth Camp, CBM
- 23-24 Soil & Rangeland Days, Chamberlain
- 29 B/L HorseShow, Beslers' Cadillac Ranch

MEADE FAIR DATES-August 11th – Livestock Exhibits,

August 14-16 – Static Exhibits

B/L FAIR DATES- 10-14, 2015

Youth Council Application Available

Youth Council application will need to be completed by June 2nd for ages 15-18. Go to the following website for more information. <http://igrow.org/4h/personal-development/apply-for-sd-4-h-youth-council/>

Teen Leadership Conference-June 1-5 at SDSU

TLC information will be available online April 1.

Registration will run from April 1st-May 10th. It will open April 1st on www.igrow.org.

2015 Bob Marshall 4-H Camp Season Information

All camps at Camp Bob Marshall will be based on a western theme-**Way to the West**.

Youth Camp for 8-12 year olds have three sessions

Session 1: June 15-18 – Hughes/Stanley, Pennington and **Meade**

Session 2: June 19-22 – **Butte/Lawrence**, Custer/ Fall River, Rosebud, Bennett

Session 3: June 23-26 Haakon/Jackson/Mellette/Jones, Ziebach/Corson, Harding/Perkins, Brule/Lyman, Grant, Shannon, Gregory/Tripp.

Claim the Fame-Bob Marshall Teen Camp

Teen Camp for 13-18 year olds- June 9-12, 2015

Teens from all counties attend during the same session.

Registration ends May 15, or until all spots are filled.

Teen Camp is \$65.00/4-H camper and \$75.00/non 4-H camper

Bob Marshall Camp Jr. Counselor Training

June 8-9, 2015 - Calling all teens who will be 16 years old or older by June 1 who are interested in being Camp Counselors at Camp Bob Marshall in June 2015! Camp Counselor Training is mandatory for new counselors.

Watch future newsletters for more information. If you have any questions you may contact Brad Keizer at the Fall River 4-H Office at 605-745-5133 or by email at bradley.keizer@sdstate.edu.

Get your dues and 4-HOnline membership completed.

Clubs with issues are:

- Hired Hands
- Horse Creek Sheep
- LetR' Buck
- Lucky-Ten
- Short Chaps

2015 Static (Non-Livestock) Judging Dates:

Apr 1, 1 PM, Countryside Church, Spearfish (#3)

Apr 17, 2:30 PM, Whitewood, Hale Hall

Public Presentations Dates:

April 1, 1 PM, Countryside Church, 625 Woodland Dr.,
(Sandstone Addition) Spearfish

Apr 17, 2:30 PM Whitewood, Hale Hall

McPherson Angus Livestock Judging-April 12**Pennington Co. Youth In Action-May 1 & 2**

*Call to have forms sent to you

Meade Co Youth In Action-May 28

*Call to have forms sent to you

Custer Co. Livestock & Horse Judging

Direction to Custer County Fairgrounds-Hwy 79 to Hermosa then Hwy 40 East approximately ¾ mi. (through Hermosa, across RR tracks) & turn right.

-Livestock Judging Contest, March 29th at 1:00pm

-Horse Judging Contest, April 11th at 10:00am followed by a Horse Safety Training at 1:00pm put on by Laurie and Jerry Woodward and LeAnn Maude.

Horse Safety/Achievement and Judging

All 4-H members enrolled in the Horse Project must participate in an organized HORSE Achievement Program training session and have their forms completed and returned to the office by May 29. The following training session have been scheduled.

*Custer Co. Horse Judging Contest, April 11th at 10:00am followed by a Horse Safety Training at 1:00pm put on by Laurie and Jerry Woodward and LeAnn Maude.

*Butte/Lawrence Co. Horse Achievement and Judging is being offered at 1st Interstate Bank on April 12 at 1 PM.

*Meade County will be offering a Horse Achievement training at the Extension Building on April 18 at 2 PM.

*Pennington County will be offering a Horse Achievement training at the Walter Taylor Building on May 19 at 6PM.

Rodeo Forms due to the local 4-H office by April 28**Market Animal DNA, Weigh-In & Ownership Verification Forms for Livestock**

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. In addition they MUST complete a weigh in, DNA sampling and receive a green tag or other permanent identification before the deadlines listed below. Please keep in mind all of these requirements so you are eligible to compete at the State Fair. New this year, breeding beef that may potentially be shown at the State Fair must be green tagged or tattooed by the ownership deadline as well. Market goats and sheep will NOT be green tagged, but the full scrapie tag number including the state ID will be required on the ownership affidavit form. Contact the Extension Office for details and necessary forms. There are also additional requirements for each species.

All livestock exhibitors MUST abide by the ownership deadlines:

- **April 1, 2015** - Market Beef
- **June 1, 2015** - Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef, Dairy Goats, Dairy Cattle, Meat Goats, and Market Swine
- **July 1, 2015** - Rabbits and Poultry
 - o Poultry need Leg Bands (one per bird)
 - o Rabbits - tattooed in the left ear (one per rabbit)

Rabbit Workshop

Bunny Basics April 11 from 3 PM to 4:30 PM at the Walter Taylor Building, the Happy Hoppers 4-H Club is hosting an event where you can learn more about rabbits, make a bunny related craft and have an egg hunt! The fee is \$2, pre-register by calling 394-2188 ext. 0 or email amy.bristol@pennco.org. It's a great event to bring a non-4-H friend to! Sign up by April 8.

2015 State Leader's Conference

Put the date on your calendar for the annual 4-H Leader's Conference....Saturday, April 11th. The conference is being hosted by the counties of Brookings, Miner, Moody, McCook, Kingsbury and Lake counties of District S3 at the Davison County 4-H facilities, in Mitchell, SD.

Registration fee for the conference is \$20 to cover food and supplies. In past years we received a \$2500 grant from Monsanto to support our conference, which is no longer available.

SDSU Youth Livestock Judging Camp

This camp gives its participants the opportunity to learn, not only how to evaluate livestock, but also to present their thoughts in the reasons room. This highly hands-on learning environment features instruction from the SDSU Coach and Team, as well as breeders.

Dates for the camp are May 31-June 2 for ages 9-13 and June 4-6 for ages 14-18. For more information contact the extension office.

BUTTE/LAWRENCE 4-H NEWS

URGENT!!! County Fair Secretary Needed



The Butte/Lawrence County Fair Board is in search of one or two people to act as Fair Secretary during the week of the annual Butte/Lawrence County Fair in August. Marilyn Hespe will mentor the individual(s) this year. Duties would involve maintaining the office during posted fair office hours and handling the various duties that go along with that such as camping permits, open class exhibitor cards, announcements, information, etc. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jack Johnson, President at 257-2641.

DOG GONE WILD WEEKEND –

This is an overnight event at the 4-H building with your dog. Bring yourself, sleeping bags & pads, dogs, dog crates, leashes, dog food and a GREAT attitude for a fun filled retreat with your dog. We will begin the program with supper at 6 p.m. on Friday April 17th at the Walter Taylor 4-H building on Central States Fairgrounds. Doors will be open at 5 p.m. for setup. There will be many training programs, presentations, crafts, cooking, and fun games both days. The retreat will conclude at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 18th. You must be a registered Region 4-H Dog Project Member to participate. This is a free event if you paid your dog project dues or \$30 if your dues aren't paid. You MUST pre-register in the Pennington office by 4:00 p.m. April 15 to participate. PARENTS are needed to help, please sign up in the office or with Lois Schmoll, Project Lead, 430-7688.

Board & Committee Meetings

Butte/Lawrence Junior Leaders Meeting

None in April; Dance May 9, 7-10 PM Bowman Hall, BF

Butte/Lawrence Fair Board Meeting

April 20, 7:00 PM, Butte/Lawrence Ext. Office, Belle

Butte Leaders Meeting

April 13, 7:00 PM, Ski's Pizzeria

Butte/Lawrence Leaders Meeting

April 14, 6:00 PM, Butte/Lawrence Ext. Office, Belle

Completion requirements in order to sell at fair

All 4-H members who have intentions of selling either a Livestock Animal or a Static Exhibit must have the following completed by August 1:

- *Pay their dues
- *Attend 4 club meetings
- *Give 1 presentation/demonstration at the club or higher

If you have questions call the Butte/Lawrence office for more details.

Heifers for 4-H Essay Contest: Why you are in the beef project area and what your goals are in the future of the beef industry”

The Mackaben Family is starting a “Pay-it-Forward” heifer program to promote the beef project and herd development for beginners and juniors in Butte/Lawrence Counties. An essay describing “Why you are in the beef project area and what your goals are in the future of the beef industry”, is due postmarked before June 15 to Mackaben Family, 18981 Helmer Rd, Belle Fourche, SD 57717. Notice to finalists will be made by July 15. Interviews will then be scheduled and final award will be made during the beef show at the Butte/Lawrence Co Fair.

The following criteria must be agreed to by the applicant 4-Her:

1. Any 4-H beginner - junior enrolling in the beef project area.
2. Submit an essay by the deadline, to Mackaben Family describing “Why you are in the beef project area and what your goals are in the future of the beef industry.” (Yearly topic subject to change.)
3. After an essay finalist has been chosen, the finalist will then go on to an interview. The winner is chosen from the finalists that went through the interview process.
4. Be willing, to gift a heifer back to the Heifers for 4-H project 4 years after recipient received their heifer.
5. Be willing show the heifer/offspring at the Butte/Lawrence Co Fair for the next four years.
6. Maintain and display at the Butte/Lawrence Co Fair a scrapbook or display documenting your 4-Hers journey with their heifer and what has been learned along the way. This is required of the first two years.
7. After donating a heifer back to the program and showing your heifer/offspring at the Butte/Lawrence Co Fair for the next four years, recipient's obligation is complete to the program.

If you have any questions or are in need of complete program outline, please contact Betsy Burtzloff at the extension office or call 892-3371.

Columbia Ewe Lamb for Youth

The Upper Midwest Columbia Sheep Breeders Association would like to award (2) \$250 stipends to purchase a Columbia Ewe Lamb from an Upper Midwest Columbia Sheep Breeders Association member. What a great way for youth who want to improve or start a Columbia Flock to receive a ewe lamb from one of the top breeders in the Upper Midwest.

- *All applicants must be Junior members (21 and under)
- *Applications and a letter of support must be sent to: Ken Thiesen, 206 Morning View Road, Sauk Centre, MN 56378
- *Applications are due by April 15th. Call the extension office to get the application emailed to you.

MEADE CO NEWS

Meade Co. Horse Achievement/Safety Training

All 4-H'ers who are interested in participating in the Horse Show this summer, must attend a horse Safety course. The training will be held on April 18th at 2:00 PM at the Meade County Extension Building. If you would still like to participate in the Horse Show but cannot make the training, please contact Jenny to set up a time to take the training.

Rodeo Packets

Rodeo State Finals Packets are in! You can find the packet online at www.meadecounty.org/4-h or stop into the 4-H office in Sturgis. All Meade County 4-H Rodeo participants must have their packets in the Meade County Extension Office by May 28th.

Meade Co. HuntSAFE Classroom Course

This free, classroom-style course allows students to participate in multiple in-person sessions; providing the student with knowledge and skills relative to hunting and hunter safety. To be eligible for certification, students must be present and participate in all the required sessions.

To register or see more information, go to: <http://gfp.sd.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/hunt-safe.aspx#sthash.YJ6wpWSs.dpuf>
April 9-11, Sturgis Extension Building
April 29- May 2, Faith Fire Hall

Summer Intern – Meade County 4-H will be hiring a summer intern. Contact Jenny at Meade County 4-H Office for more information.

Title: 4-H Summer Assistant

Purpose of Position: The 4-H Summer Assistant's role is to assist with planning and conducting county 4-H activities, including work with youth, parents and volunteers.

Employment Period: Approximately May 20, 2015 to August 28, 2015

Deadline: April 15, 2015

Meade County Youth In Action (YIA) day will be May 28th, at the Extension Building in Sturgis. Special Foods Contest will be at 9:00 AM, Fashion Revue at 1:00 PM, and Public Presentation at 3:00 PM. If you would like any information about any of the above, please contact Jenny at Meade Co. Extension Office.

Meade County Fair Book Cover Contest

Put your creativity to work and help design the cover of our 2015 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:

Event: Meade County Fair & 4-H Achievement Days & Black Hills Steam & Gas Threshing Bee

Dates: August 11 and August 14, 15, & 16 2015

Where: Meade County Fair Building and Western Dakota Antique Club Grounds

If you would like to use the 4-H Clover in your design, please contact the Extension Office to ensure it is properly used.

Meade Co. Horse Show at Bryce Sigman Arena

Registration forms the Horse Show on June 2 are available on the Meade County website and will be mailed to anyone in the Horse and Rodeo Project areas. Forms due back to the Extension Office by May 20th.

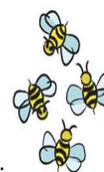
McPherson Meade Co. Livestock Judging

Hereford Cross S 4-H Club and the McPherson Angus Ranch will be hosting a **livestock judging school** and competition on **Sunday, April 12th, 1:00 pm at McPherson Angus Ranch**. We will do a brief class on judging beef and sheep, then we will have judging for beginners, juniors, seniors, and adults. A meal will follow the judging. Awards will be given in each division.

Directions to McPhersons: Go east from Sturgis on 34, turn off at the Buffalo Chip on the Alkali Rd. follow pavement for 5 mi, keep going straight on gravel for 16 mi, McPherson Angus Ranch sign up and Star Ranch Dr. sign. Turn and go south for 2 1/2 mi. From Union Center----go west on 34 for 16 or 17 mi, turn at Hereford 11 miles sign and continue on the Hereford Road for 8 mi. It will then become the Alkali Road. Follow that for 7 1/2 mi and come to the McPherson Angus Ranch sign and Star Ranch Dr. Turn and go south for 2 1/2 mi.

Any beekeepers out there???

Meade Co. 4-H is getting two bee hives and we have found a leader to teach 4-Hers through the process of getting delicious honey. Please contact Jenny if you would like to get involved. Look for information to come out soon on this new project.



4-H Clubs Invited to Color-A-Smile

The Color-A-Smile organization is seeking colored pictures that they distribute to brighten the day of elderly and military. If Butte-Lawrence County 4-H Clubs would like to color a picture to be submitted, template pages can be found at <http://colorasmile.org/volunteer/>. Please bring colored pages to the B-L Extension office by May 22nd and a big batch will be submitted together. For kids who think they are too old for coloring, share with them that researchers have found coloring is a great way for people of all ages to relieve stress. Coloring generates wellness, quietness and also stimulates brain areas related to motor skills, the senses, and creativity. So not only is this activity beneficial for those who receive the colored pictures, it's also beneficial for those who create them.



Meat Goat Youth Education Seminar

Saturday April 18th, 2015 St. Onge Livestock Sale Barn, St. Onge, SD

- 9:00-9:30 Registration
- 9:30-10:00 **Are Goats Special?** Goat Rancher Doug Pavel will discuss basic needs – shelter, fencing, etc.
- 10:00-10:45 **Does A Goat Eat Everything?** Doug Hogan, a CHS nutrition representative will discuss feed, minerals, water, etc.
- 10:45-11:00 **Break/Question & Answers**
- 11:00-11:30 **How Do I Keep Them Healthy & Happy?** Dr. James Myers, DVM of Belle Fourche Veterinary Services will discuss diseases & prevention methods.
- 11:30-12:00 **How Do I Care For Their Home?** Goat Rancher Carolina Noya will discuss sustainable eco-friendly pasture management.
- 12:00-1:00 **Lunch (Provided)**
- 1:00-2:00 **Hands-on Animal Selection.** Goat Rancher & regional goat show judge Doug Hofer will discuss what to look for when selecting your animals. As well as market vs. breed stock. Youth will be able to handle livestock to better find out what to look for.
- 2:00-2:30 **What Can I Do With My Goats?** SDSU Extension Small Livestock Educator Dave Ollila will discuss profitable marketing options
- 2:30-3:00 **Summary/Survey**
- 4:00-5:00 **Tour of the Pavel's goat facility**



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