

Meade County 4-H News

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December 2009

DECEMBER

- 1 Deadline for Membership Fees, County Project Medal Fee, Leaders Dues, Dates for 4-H Handbook
- 5 Jr. Leaders Fun Day
- 9 3:30-4:30 pm, Cloverbud Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 10 3:30-4:30 pm, Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 12 10 am, 4-H Archery Shooting Sports Information Meeting, Sturgis Archery
- 14 4-5 pm, After School, Faith Library
- 24 Holiday
- 25 Holiday



JANUARY

- 1 Holiday
- 4 4-5 pm, After School, Faith Library
- 10 Entry deadline for Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day
- 11 6 pm, Leaders Meeting, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 13 3:30-4:30 pm, Cloverbud Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 14 3:30-4:30 pm, Project Day, Extension Office, Sturgis
- 18 Snow date for Leaders Meeting
- 18 Holiday – Office closed
- 30 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day



Livestock & Horse Judging Contest Hosts

As we plan for the new 4-H year, we will need 4-H clubs or families to host judging contests. If you would be interested in helping out in that way, please contact Penny at the Extension Office, 347-2436.

State 4-H Leaders Meeting

The next State 4-H Leaders meeting will be held Saturday, March 27, 2010 at the Davison County Fairgrounds. *Ahh... The Places You Will Go with 4-H* was selected as the theme for this year. Stay tuned for more information.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- ❖ **2009-2010** 4-H Enrollments, Leader Enrollments, and Volunteer Applications **are due to the Extension Office.** If your enrollment forms are not received in the office by **December 16th**, you will **NOT** receive the 4-H Newsletter starting in January.
- ❖ **Membership fees** of \$6.00 per member are due by December 1st. Make checks payable to the Jr. Leaders.
- ❖ **Leaders dues** of \$12 per leader are also due by December 1st. Make checks payable to the Leaders Association.
- ❖ **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 December 1st.
- ❖ **Size of 4-H Club** - According to the 4-H charter guidelines, clubs are to have a minimum of 5 members.

OMK – Operation: Military Kids

The West River Ag Center (WRAC) is collecting Christmas and New Year's cards to send to soldiers overseas. The cards need to be in the WRAC by December 10, 2009. Address is 1905 Plaza Blvd, Rapid City, SD 57702. Help make the holidays better for those that are deployed. Follow the link below to an article dealing with the stress of having a parent deployed. Use it to better understand what the families of those serving our armed forces are going through.

<http://childrenshospitalblog.org/in-honor-of-veterans-day-when-a-parent-is-away-at-war/>

Rodeo Queen Clinic

McKenzie Haley, Miss Rodeo SD 2010, will be hosting a rodeo queen clinic on February 6, 2010 during the Black Hills Stock Show and Rodeo. The clinic will run from 9am to noon at a cost of \$75. Call Erin Retzer at (605) 343-9885 or McKenzie Haley at (605)840-0091.

Food Baskets

Opportunity for Community Service: Theresa Finn with Social Services is looking for youth and adults to help deliver 25 baskets to senior citizens on Saturday, December 19th at 9am. If there are enough helpers this usually takes about 1-1 ½ hours. They would like 4 vehicles with 3 youth in each. Just a note some of the boxes can be heavy. If you are interested in this or have any questions, please contact Theresa Finn at 347-2588 ext 200 or 490-1698.



Shooting Sports Information Meeting



On Saturday, December 12th, at 10am, Sturgis Archery will be having an informational meeting on 4-H Shooting Sports. Anyone interested in Archery should plan to attend. Plans are to have shooting on Saturdays starting in January. If you own your own bow and arrows, please bring them. If you do not, they will have bows and arrows available for use by youth. Questions can be directed to Theresa Finn at 347-2588 ext 200 or 490-1698.

Region 4-H Dog Project

The next set of dog classes is set to begin Thursday, December 3rd for 10 weeks (2 weeks off during Christmas break). It's time to start preparing for the Kids Day Dog Show that will be held the end of January. For more information, call Lois Schmoll at 430-7688.



Pennington County Shooting Sports

All 4-H and non 4-H members are invited to a sign-up and registration Shooting Sports meeting Monday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building, Rapid City for gun or archery. The Shooting Sports Archery Club will start on Saturday, January 2 with two classes starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Black Hills Archery Building, 2091 Rand Road (off Deadwood Avenue). Archery will meet every Saturday from January 2nd through April, 2010. \$3.00 membership fee. The Black Hills Shooting Club—BB, Pellet, Rifle and Pistol begins on January 4th at 6:15pm at the Walter Taylor Building and continue each Monday through April 2010. The fee this year will be \$20.00 per child plus \$3.00 membership fee which covers insurance, firearms, ammunition and targets. The class is open to children from ages 8 to 18 by January 1st. You may sign up December 7th, the day or night of the activity or sign up before at the Pennington County office.



Financial Audits for 4-H Clubs

November has arrived, and with it our new/old deadline for completing the 4-H Club Financial Audit, which is located in the 4-H Treasurer's Book available from your County Extension Office. We recognize that for clubs with a balance of \$100-\$300 this may seem like overkill, but it is required to keep us in good standing with the IRS and with 4-H Headquarters in Washington DC. We are expecting a Federal audit in South Dakota during the coming year, which may include checking the 4-H Club files in the county! Having complete files will keep us all on good terms with our Federal partners. Club financial audits may be completed within the club by non-family members. If your club is too small to audit within, you may work with another club, or your Jr. Leader's Group to do the audit. Clubs that do not complete their audits put themselves in jeopardy of losing their club charter and use of the 4-H clover. These are national requirements. Thanks for your help to keep us "legal" for the upcoming 4-H year!



IRS Filing

4-H Clubs may begin filing their E-990 report with the IRS anytime after December 31, 2009. Contact the Extension Office for upgraded instructions to help you through the filing process. All clubs need to attempt to file, if you are rejected (usually because your EIN has not been entered into the IRS data base), print the page twice, once for you, and once for your Club File at the County Extension Office. Very few clubs have turned in their 2009 filing information. Please get this taken care of ASAP. If you need help with the filing or audit process, please contact the Extension Office.

Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars. - Les Brown

2010 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

Youth Day will be held **Saturday, January 30, 2010** at the Central States Fairground and Pennington County Extension Building in Rapid City. Competition is open to any youth age 8-18 as of January 1, 2010. Pre-registration, **due by January 10, 2010**, is required for the Beef Cook-Off, Dog Show, Horse Bowl, Hippology, and Livestockology. Livestock judging does not require pre-registration. Contest schedule, rules and entry forms are available at <http://4h.sdstate.edu> or contact the Extension Office.

Schedule of Events

8:00 AM Beef Cook-Off: 4-H Bldg
8:00 AM Scholarship Interview: Central States Fair Office
8:00 AM Livestock Judging Check In: Fine Arts Bldg
8:00 AM Hippology Check-In: 4-H Bldg
8:00 AM Dog Show: Creative Arts Bldg
11:00 AM Beef Bust Lunch: Fine Arts Bldg (*Free to youth participants courtesy of Rapid City Chamber Ag & Natural Resources*)
11:45 AM Scholarship Awards Presentation
12:30 PM Horse Bowl Check In: Fine Arts Bldg
1:30 PM Livestockology: 4-H Bldg



Ag and Natural Resources Scholarships



The Rapid City Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring four \$1000 scholarships for any SD college and two \$500 scholarships to Western Dakota Tech for seniors planning to make a living in any Ag and Natural Resources field. Applications must be received at the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 747, Rapid City, SD 57709 **NO LATER THAN January 10, 2010**. Applications are available at the Extension Office or online at www.rapidcitychamber.com.

Vavra Livestock Judging School



Vavra's will host a livestock judging school at their ranch on **Saturday, December 5th**. Registration begins at 1:00pm with the judging starting at 1:30pm. Classes will include: beef, sheep and swine. Directions from the junction of Hwy 85 and Hwy 212 in Belle Fourche: go 12 miles north on Hwy 85 to Brooker Rd, turn right and proceed about 7 miles to the corner of Brooker Rd and Arpan Rd. It will be in the big white barn on the right. The address is 27541 Arpan Rd, Nisland. For more information, contact Eve Vavra at 641-0397 or 257-2407.

Sleep Livestock Judging School

There will be a livestock judging school on **Saturday, January 2nd** at the Richard Sleep Ranch near Spearfish. Registration at 1:00pm and judging starts at 1:30pm. Directions: from I-90 Exit 10 take the service road, which is W Hwy 14, on the south side of I-90. Travel west about 5 miles. Address is: 10438 W Hwy 14. Look for sign by Sleep's mail box on right side of the road and turn right.

The Green Review: By Chris Zdorovtsov

What is a bare root tree?

Fruit and shade trees, flowering shrubs, roses, raspberries, strawberries and some annuals can be sold in a bare root form. These plants are grown in soil and removed in late fall where they are then stored in a cool, humid area until planting time. These plants are 40-70% cheaper, but their roots can quickly dry out while handling.



How do you store and plant a bare root tree?

Try to plant a bare root tree within a day of its arrival. If you can't, keep the roots moist by protecting them with damp straw or a wet paper towel and cover them with plastic. Store the plants in a cold area (above freezing). Prior to planting, soak the roots for one to two hours. Avoid exposing the roots to air.

Make your planting hole large enough for the roots to be spread out, and then cover them with soil. Remember to not plant a tree too deep. Bare root plants are dormant, so they need less water than a plant that has leafed out. Keep the soil moist, but not too wet, to avoid killing the roots.



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4-H Survey for Members & Adults

Current 4-H members, parents, leaders, and volunteers; we need your input on what skills are gained from being involved in the 4-H program and how South Dakota 4-H can improve and keep “Growing South Dakota’s Future”. Two surveys have been created using Survey Monkey, an online survey tool, to help gather the needed data. 4-H members please access the survey at: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6Raa7S1upsrMmbpy6wqLRQ_3d_3d. Parents, Leaders, and volunteers please use this address to access the survey http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=x6NF1mrdmKokleB3eZOgBA_3d_3d. Your answers are kept confidential and will be used for a thesis project conducted by Audrey Rider, Day County Extension Educator and given to the State 4-H Office to keep improving the South Dakota 4-H Program. Please complete the survey by **December 18th!** If you do not have Internet access and would like to complete the survey please contact Audrey at the number below as she will send you a paper copy to be completed and mailed back. Please direct all questions regarding the surveys or the thesis project to Audrey Rider at 345-9504 or audrey.rider@sdstate.edu.

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