



# NEWSHOUND

April 2009

## 4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATION DAY

Brown County's Demonstration Day has been scheduled for Thursday, July 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. Demonstration Day Pre-registration [form](#) is included in the main leaders packet as well as on the net. Registration Deadline is June 29th. Additional information will be included in future Newshounds. GE

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tom and Emily who was the recipients of the 2009 Brown County Crop Improvement Association Scholarship. GE

## INSURANCE DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting your club's 4-H Insurance forms and payment to the Extension Office was March 23rd. We would appreciate it if clubs that haven't taken care of this would do so as soon as possible. SLT

## COMMUNITY & FAMILY EXTENSION LEADER SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations Kelsey and Emily for receiving the two \$150 scholarships provided by the Community and Family Extension Leaders. MZ

## 4-H ROYALTY APPLICATIONS

Individuals wishing to participate in the 4-H Royalty Contest are encouraged to complete the enclosed application. Completed [applications](#) are due to the Extension Office by Friday, May 15th. Information provided by the members will be used to write descriptions published in the local papers in late June and the Brown County Fair Special in August.

Following are guidelines for the event:

- Members must be Senior Members (age 14+).
- Applicants must attend six meetings in the year applying for royalty.
- Members must be recommended by two people. (Please sign on appropriate location on application form.)

No entries are accepted after the May 15th deadline. MZ

## 4-H JUDGING QUALIFICATION SESSIONS (Family & Consumer Science, Visual Arts, Photography, Horticulture)

Judging takes about 1-1 1/2 hours. Members should plan to attend accordingly, as judging classes will not be re-displayed at a later date.

Because two judging qualification sessions have been held first and second year judging members are expected to complete judging on their own.

Following is a schedule of the remaining judging qualification sessions and clubs asked to assist with tabulation. All schools will be held **at the Brown Co. Extension Office.**

Family & Consumer Science, Photography, Visual Arts Schools & Horticulture Workshop

Date: Thursday, April 2nd

Judging Time: After 4:00 p.m. & begin before 6:00 p.m.

Orientation for New Members:

4:00 p.m. or 5:00 p.m.

Helpers: 4:00 p.m. Ellen Schlosser,  
Robin O'Neil

Family & Consumer Science, Photography, Visual Arts & Horticulture Schools

Date: Tuesday, June 23rd

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Family & Consumer Science, Photography, Visual Arts & Horticulture Schools

Date: Tuesday, June 30th

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. MZ/GE/JM

## HORSE & LIVESTOCK EVENTS

- State 4-H Horse Show, Huron, SD July 21-23, 2009
- State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Huron, SD July 24, 2009
- South Dakota Summer Spotlight, Huron, SD July 24-26, 2009

## AKSARBEN SEEP, SWINE, MEAT GOAT NOMINATION

All 4-H market sheep, swine and meat goats planning to show at the 2009 AKSARBEN Livestock Exposition will need to have nomination forms and DNA samples to the Extension Office by June 8th and must be post marked to the AKSARBEN Office by June 15th, 2009. Contact the Extension Office immediately if you plan to take market sheep, swine or meat goats to AKSARBEN. Sufficient entry materials must be requested. JM

## SHEEP & SWINE WEIGH-IN

Sheep and Swine Weigh-in Day is May 1st, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the beef barn wash rack area on the fairgrounds. There will be a \$1.50 per ear tag charge. Please have the correct amount for the number of animals you are having weighed and tagged. There is a ten-pigs-weighed-per-member-limit; at this time, there is no limit on sheep. Many helping hands are needed. If you bring animals, plan to help. JM

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING SCHOOLS

- April 4th—Groton FFA Contest
  - 9:30 a.m., Jerry & Jacie Schley Farm, Stratford. From HWY 12, 10 1/2 S on Brown Co. 18
- May 21st—Joel & JoLynn Podoll Farm
  - 5:30 p.m., Instruction by Tyler Melroe with judging to follow. From Westport, 3 E on

120th Street, From RDO Equipment, 13 N on Brown Co. 14, 1 W on 120th Street

- May 28th—Jeff & Lisa Howard Farm
  - Groton, 6:30 p.m. From Groton, 2 N on HWY 37, 2 1/2 E
- June 6th—Northern Plains Livestock Day, Youth Livestock Judging Contest
  - Brown Co. Fairgrounds, Aberdeen, 8:30 a.m. Registration, North End Livestock Expo Bldg.

That will make four livestock judging schools held in Brown County. If you should need additional livestock judging schools to qualify for Super Bowl or go for the county team, watch the North 4 Clover newsletter or contact the Extension Office for livestock schools hosted by surrounding counties. JM

## 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM SELECTION

Brown County 4-H Livestock Judging Teams will be determined June 9th. Team members will be contacted on June 10th. Confirmation and final team (and alternates) designation will be June 12th.

Teams will then have a month plus for county coaches to prepare the teams for the July 24th State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held during the SD Summer Spotlight, Huron Fairgrounds.

Brown County 4-H Livestock Team Selection will be determined by the 4-H member's two highest judging school/contest scores. JM

## LEADER'S MEETING

The next 4-H Leader's meeting will be May 4th, 7:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Make sure your club is represented. MZ

## FINAL ENROLLMENT

4-H final enrollment is May 27th. 4-H members can drop or add projects until that date. New members can still join 4-H up to that date. Remember, the Brown County Fair Board offers a night at the fair to the club with the highest percent new club members. Be sure to recruit new members! JM

## HORTICULTURE JUDGING WORKSHOP & SCHOOLS

- Horticulture Judging Workshop—April 2nd, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- Horticulture Judging School—June 23rd, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Extension Office
- Horticulture Judging School—June 30th, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Extension Office

See the March Newshound for more information.

## 4-H CAMP

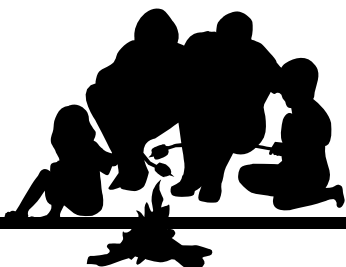
By Brenda Artz

Brown County's 4-H Camp dates are **June 11th-13th and June 18th-20th**, revised from last month's Newshound. Enclosed with the main leader packet are the 4-H Camp Registration [Guidelines](#). You can begin signing up for camp anytime. The deadline for camp sign-up is April 28th. Camp cost is \$45. The Brown County 4-H Leader's Association will pay \$5 per camper from fruit sale earnings, so you will only need to write the check for \$40 payable to the 4-H Leader's Association. Either parents or leaders can sign 4-H'ers up for camp. The camp theme this year is "The Energy Around Us". Please come and join us for the fun. If 4-H members don't fill the camp sessions by April 28th, enrollment will be opened up for Non-4-H Children. The camp fee for them will be \$46.50 which includes the camp fee plus insurance. They will also be required to fill out all of the forms.

## 4-H CAMP T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

By Brenda Artz

This year the t-shirt will have the camp theme "The Energy Around Us" on it along with the camp logo. The color has not been chosen yet. The cost of the t-shirt will be \$7 and should be paid for when you sign-up for camp. 4-H'ers will receive their t-shirts on the first day of camp.



## CAMP COUNSELORS

By Brenda Artz

Camp Counselor [Applications](#) are available on-line and at the Extension Office and are to be returned to the Extension Office by Tuesday, April 21st.

## 4-H FRUIT SALE UPDATE

By Kathy Sperry

**Thanks and congratulations** to every 4-H Club for participating in this year's 4-H Fruit Sale! It was a great success!!

Next month, look in your May Newshound for the final numbers and your club's share of the profit it earned. How can this money make 4-H a better experience for the members? Consider paying towards 4-H Camp costs, 4-H Performing Arts Workshop, 4-H Youth Conferences, etc. The members who worked so hard to earn the money should benefit from it.

## 4-H DOG

By Sheryl Erickson

The format for the dog project will be different this year. We will start the year off with a workshop on Saturday, May 30, 2009 at the Brown County Fairgrounds from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will have areas set up to work obedience, showmanship, rally and agility. Rain date is June 6th, 2009.

There is no cost for this activity. Just bring your dog and have fun.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

Regular work sessions will be held on July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and a practice show is tentatively set for July 30th. All classes will be held at the Brown County Fairgrounds. If you have any questions Call Sheryl Erickson 225-1985 or 380-8291.

## TEEN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Teen Leadership [Conference](#) information, workshop [description](#) and registration [form](#) are now available

on the Brown County Website and at the Extension Office. SLT

#### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Included in the main leader's packet is a copy of the 2009 4-H Leader's [Scholarship](#) that is available to graduating 4-H senior members who will be furthering their educations. It is also posted on the Brown County 4-H Website.

Please check out the Brown County 4-H Website for information on the following scholarships:

- ✓ [Robert Knickrehm Agriculture Scholarship](#)
- ✓ [Brown-Marshall Scholarship](#)
- ✓ [Karst Memorial Scholarship](#) SLT

#### 4-H PROMOTIONAL DAY

Please find enclosed in the main leader's packet two 4-H Promotional Day [Posters](#). **Please post these posters** in your community, school, grocery store, youth gather location, etc. by Friday, April 3rd. Thank you. For more information go to the Brown Co. 4-H Website. MZ

#### 4-H RABBIT FUN DAY

By Mike Hassebroek

4-H Rabbit Fun Day is April 25th at the Groton Community Center. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. There is a \$2 participant entry fee.

There will be a Rabbit Show, two judging contests; Showmanship; Breed ID; and A Dress Your Rabbit Contest.

You are invited to participate, bring your rabbits and be all ears as you learn more about how rabbits are a fun and interesting 4-H Project. You do need a rabbit to attend.

For more information contact Mike Hassebroek at 605-216-8952, Brenda Artz, 605-229-4732, or Day Co. Extension, 605-345-9504.



# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1st	AK-SAR-BEN DNA Deadline for Market Beef
2nd	FSC, Photography, Visual Arts Schools & Horticulture Workshop
4th	FFA/4-H Judging Contest 9:00 a.m., Groton
10th	Good Friday Holiday, Extension Office Closed
13th	4-H 101, ARCC
24th-26th	4-H State Shooting Sports Match
25th	Rabbit Fun Day
27th	Adult & Leader Robotics Training, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

4-H Motto: "To make the best better"

## 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge my **HEAD** to clearer thinking,  
my **HEART** to greater loyalty,  
my **HANDS** to larger service,  
and my **HEALTH** to better living,  
for my club, my community,  
my country, and my world.



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# North 1 Clover

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April 2009

Dear 4-H Families,

## **The Green Review-Chris Zdorovtsov-Horticulture Ext. Educator**

Each month we will have information to study and prepare for the 2009 Horticulture Judging contest and Horticulture projects.

### **What are the types of grass used in a lawn?**

The home lawn, golf course or football field can be grown from two different groups of turf grasses. Warm season grasses and cool season grasses. Warm season grass such as Bermuda grass or Buffalo grass can grow in hot summer conditions, while cool season grasses such as Bluegrass or Fescue do not grow as well in the hot summer conditions. Turf or lawns provide an area for fun activities like football or golf, but they also help prevent erosion or wearing away of soil by wind and water. Grasses, like other plants, release water as they grow. This process is called transpiration and will cool the air, making your home cooler as well.

### **What is pH?**

Soil pH refers to the acidity or alkalinity of the soil. A 14-point scale is used to measure pH. On the scale 1.0 is the most acidic, 7.0 is neutral and 14.0 is the most alkaline or basic. Most plants will grow the best in slightly acidic soil with a pH around 6.5. At this level of pH all of the essential elements are available for the plant to absorb if they are present in the soil. Some nutrients may become tied up in the soil and unavailable to the plant when the pH is higher or lower than 6.5. People sometimes refer to acidic soils as 'sour' and basic soils as 'sweet.'



### **4-H Hands On Dog Workshop**

The annual 2009 4-H Hands On Dog Workshop is scheduled for April 10-11, in Mitchell, SD at the Davison County Fairgrounds. Pre-registration is STRONGLY preferred. Contact Sarah Fenske by email: [sjf112385@yahoo.com](mailto:sjf112385@yahoo.com) or phone: 605-690-4125.

## **Girls Just Gotta Have Fun: A 1-on-1 opportunity for mothers & daughters**

Looking for something to bring you out of your winter slump and welcome spring? Love spending time with your mother or daughter? We have what you need!

The 4H/Youth Development Extension Educators of Codington, Day, Deuel, Edmunds & Hand Counties with the SDSU Cooperative Extension Service have planned a fun-filled *girls* day, giving you the perfect excuse to spend some quality one-on-one time with your mother or daughter. Enjoy doing what girls love most – lunch out on a Saturday with their “best gal pal”, checking out purses and picking just the right colors for the season! Come and see what you share with so many other mothers & daughters! Mother & daughter pairs are made up of one mom & one daughter (10-18 years old).

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626-7120

[brown.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:brown.county@sdstate.edu)

McPherson County

439-3331

[mcperson.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:mcperson.county@sdstate.edu)

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Marshall County

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*Girls Just Gotta Have Fun* will take place in Watertown at the Immaculate Conception Elementary School Auditorium, 109 3<sup>rd</sup> St SE. Cost for the event will be \$25 per mother & daughter pair. The Mother-Daughter Day will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 and wrap up by 3:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first twenty-five mother/daughter pairs. Lunch and breaks will be provided. For additional information or to register, contact your local Extension Office.

### **State Dairy Judging Contest CHANGED**

Held at SDSU Brookings campus, Animal Science Arena, in conjunction with Teen Leadership Conference and SDSU Dairy Camp.

June 11, 2009 Registration – 1:00 pm, all age divisions Contest – 1:15 pm, all age divisions

### **2009 Teen Leadership Conference**

Make your summer high impact—plan to attend TLC 2009. Our theme this year is CSI: Brookings, and the week of June 9-12 will be full of mystery, great leadership training, fun and fellowship with teens from across the state of South Dakota. Early bird registration will be due April 15, so be watching for the full workshop brochure on the 4-H website. Just click on the TLC link and you'll find everything you need to get registered. Some special events will be happening at this year's TLC...There will be a special session of Speak Out for Military Kids training (SOMK), where we will be creating PSA's and podcasts to be used in the schools and communities affected by the April deployments. We will also host the State 4-H Dairy Judging Competition during TLC, so if you are a dairy judge, consider attending the entire conference. Still under negotiation are potential in depth programs in the areas of animation, camp counselor training and range science. As always, there will be a wide variety of workshops to help you develop your leadership skills, discover new areas of participation in and out of 4-H, and to explore potential career opportunities on the SDSU campus. TLC costs \$150 per person, \$175 after the April 15 early bird deadline.

### **North Central 4-H Camp, Lake Richmond**

This pertains to any youth planning on attending 4-H camp in June. We will be completing 2 projects at camp that you can take to your achievement days or fair and exhibit. Please make sure you are signed up for the following projects on your enrollment form: Crops and Aerospace The deadline for adding projects is May 31, 2009 which is before 4-H camp. The campers will be making a kite and crop sample board that can be exhibited.

### **Want to learn more about 4-H and what it has to offer?**

I bet you didn't realize all of the projects that are available in 4-H! Whether you are a seasoned 4-H veteran, or a newbie looking for something fun to do, you're invited to join us to learn more about the various projects and programs offered in 4-H. 4-H Promotional Day will be held on April 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the ARCC located in the old Central High School Building in Aberdeen. Past and present 4-Hers, 4-H and Youth Development Educators, and volunteers will be on hand to provide you with information about 4-H projects and activities. Public speaking, robotics, rocketry, special foods, judging and 4-H Teen Council just to name a few! There will be door prizes, too! If you've ever wondered what ELSE you can do in 4-H or wanted to become a member, this is your chance!

Sponsored by South Dakota Cooperative Extension Service and local 4-H leaders Associations

### **Leader's Training**

Leaders come and learn how to use the fun, new robotics kits in your club and about the other new projects available in 4-H. Training is open to any leaders or parents in Marshall, Day, Brown, Edmunds, and McPherson Counties. It will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse Community Room. For more information contact Jackie in Edmunds or Audrey in Day.

## **South Dakota Saves" The Dollar and Sense Game for Youth"**

This hands-on activity will lead youth ages 9 - teens through a simple budgeting lesson and help develop decision making skills regarding how we spend our resources. The packet contains a leader's guide, 20 participant game boards and 20 participant beans to spend on identified items. After the initial spending of 20 beans per person, the participants receive a budget cut to 8 beans and then need to prioritize where they spend their beans. The activity can easily be lead by a parent/club leader or older junior leader. To check out the game contact your extension office. The game will be mailed to the 4-H Club Leader/Parent and is requested to be returned/mailed immediately upon completion.

## **Youth Council Officer Profiles**

Officer name: Shelby Tollefson

Officer position: Historian

Home town: Hitchcock

Home County: Beadle

4-H project areas: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Photography, Visual Arts, Home Living, Clothing, Foods and Nutrition, Community Service, Performing Arts

A little bit about me: I am a senior at Hitchcock-Tulare High school and I am involved in basketball, volleyball, track, yearbook, FFA, 4-H, and my church youth group. I enjoy hanging out with friends and family and I also enjoy talking on my cell phone. I like to draw and sing. I also enjoy playing the piano and my flute. Some of my hobbies include scrapbooking and taking plenty of pictures on the camera.

One thing I would like accomplish for the year: I would like to try and increase numbers not only at our INB conferences but also our Teen Leadership Conference. I want to see more youth involvement in 4-H throughout the state.

Something I look back on and wish I would have taken advantage of would be (4-H): One thing in 4-H I wish I could have taken advantage of would have been getting out of my box more when I went to 4-H camps at a younger age. I used to be one of the shy ones of the group and as I got older, I challenged myself to break out of my bubble and meet other people.

Officer name: Lance Perrion

Officer position: Reporter

Home town: Ipswich

Home County: Edmunds

4-H project areas: Beef, Chickens, Special Foods, Horticulture, Clothing, Hobbies and Collections, Photography, Welding, Electricity, Visual Arts, Home Living, Foods and Nutrition, Performing Arts Troop, 4-H Camp, and Judging Teams

A little bit about me: I am a senior at Ipswich Public School. At school I am active in the school plays and I do a lot of work with the Industrial Arts department. I live on a farm and the farm and 4-H are my passions. I love life on the farm and plan to return to the family farm after attending Lake Area Tech in Watertown this fall. I am also active with my church youth group.

One thing I would like accomplish for the year: One thing that I would like to see happen for this year would be an increase in youth involvement in the 4-H program. I would like to see more youth involved with all the opportunities that 4-H has to offer.

Something I look back on and wish I would have taken advantage of would be (4-H related): When I look back, I wish that I would have attended a 4-H Conference put on by a different state. I think it would be interesting to see what other people in the same program are doing in other states.

With the youth in mind,  
Audrey Jo Rider & Jackie Kessler  
4-H/YD Extension Educators