
NEWSHOUND

January 2009

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

The safety course for BB Gun is scheduled for Monday, January 12th at the Northern Electric at 7:00 p.m. Practices will be held on Monday evenings beginning on Monday, January 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at Northern Electric meeting room.

Those that have not taken the 4-H Safety Course yet must do so for either the BB Gun or Archery.

The Archery Safety Course will be Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 p.m. and first practice will also be held on Tuesday, January 6th, 7:00 p.m. both at the White Tail Bowman Archery Club, 321 N. Main, Aberdeen.

The White Tail Bowman Archery Club requires a membership fee: junior membership fee \$15 plus shooting fees of either \$5 per night, or \$15 per month, plus target charge.

A fee of \$5 will be assessed each participant (BB Gun and Archery), which is used to purchase practice targets. The instructors will collect this fee.

4-H'ers that participate in the State Meet will be assessed a fee for that event at a later date.

For more information contact Lowell Harms, 397-8169 or JoAnn Donley, 397-3817 for BB Gun, or Mike Rystrom, 290-3366 for Archery.

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4-H STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

4-H Scholarship applications need to be turned into the Extension Office by March 23rd. GE

BROWN COUNTY CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Brown County Crop Improvement Association is offering two \$400 scholarships to Brown County high school seniors that plan on furthering their education in an Ag related field at a South Dakota school. Additional information concerning the [scholarship](#) is included with the 4-H main leader's packet. The necessary materials to apply for the scholarship are due to the Extension Office by March 2, 2009. GE

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY & FAMILY EXTENSION LEADER'S SCHOLARSHIP

Brown County will be sponsoring two \$150 scholarships to Brown County 4-H youth. The deadline for the scholarship materials to be returned to the Extension Office is February 27, 2009.

Applicants must be a senior in high school and have intentions of continuing their education at a vocational school, college or university.

Persons wishing to apply ***must*** submit the following to the Brown County Extension Office:

- Your past year's completed 4-H Record Book

- Brief story explaining:
 - How the scholarship will be used, include your educational emphasis and school location.
 - How your 4-H experiences have benefited you and how you have utilized your 4-H experiences in your school and community life.
- One sealed letter of recommendation from your high school superintendent, principal, teacher, employer or any other individual who is not a relative. MZ

LEADER'S MEETING

The next Leader's meeting is scheduled for January 26th, 7:30 p.m., at the Brown County Extension Office. Fruit sale plans will be announced! Make sure your club is represented. JM

4-H CLUB MANAGEMENT GUIDE PUBLISHED

A new "4-H Club Management Guide" has been published. This is a great resource for Club Leaders, club officers, members and parents. The Club Management Guide is available on the 4-H homepage or at the Extension Office.

4-H LIVESTOCK OWNERSHIP AFFIDAVIT "OVER-HAUL"

The State 4-H office is in the process of gathering information to change the 4-H Livestock Ownership Affidavits to coincide with data needed for FairPlus-State Fair entries. Hopefully the changes will simplify and organize collection of data from 4-H Youth Exhibitors.



COOL & 4-H/FFA LIVESTOCK

What is Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)?

This newly mandated law requires many, though not all, retailers to ensure that country of origin information is provided for covered commodities (ground and whole muscle cuts of beef, lamb, pork, poultry, and goat). Packers and processors that supply covered commodities to their retail customers must provide COOL information.

Though 4-Hers are not directly regulated by COOL, the first-hand knowledge of their project's country of origin requires them to provide documentation for the retail claim. Because covered commodities are required to be country of origin labeled, definitive origin information must be provided to slaughter facilities.

The process for 4-H'ers is relatively simple. Animals owned by the 4-Her prior to July 15, 2008, will be "grandfathered" into the program (documented by July 15, 2008 inventory). However, any animals changing ownership and born after that date will need to be accompanied by COOL affidavit.

What 4-H & FFA Youth Need to Do:

A simple affidavit was developed that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). This affidavit is located at the South Dakota 4-H Publications through SDSU Ag/Bio Communications under "COOL Youth Livestock Affidavit". The document explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. An actual affidavit is included.

4-H and FFA Youth who raise their own livestock for their projects need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, the

youth can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (health papers, sales receipts, feeding records or other similar documents)

4-H and FFA Youth who purchase their livestock from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the youth, and the youth should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'er needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

If you have questions about COOL and how it relates to 4-H or FFA livestock, please contact SDSU 4-H Livestock Project Leader Rod Geppert at (605) 690-6458 or SDSU Extension Livestock Educator Tyler Melroe at (605) 448-5171.

LIVESTOCK DATES

SD Summer Spotlight-July 24th-26th, State Fairgrounds, Huron

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest-July 24th, State Fairgrounds, Huron

BEEF SUPER BOWL GUIDELINES

4-H Market Beef Super Bowl and 4-H Breeding Beef Super Bowl guidelines are posted on the county 4-H [Homepage](#). JM

LIVESTOCK PROJECT ENROLLMENT DATES

All animals exhibited in 4-H livestock classes must be in the possession of the 4-H exhibitor by the closing enrollment date for that species and type of animal. Closing enrollment date for market beef, both steers and heifers, is March 31st. Closing enrollment date for breeding beef, market sheep, breeding sheep, market

swine, breeding swine and dairy cattle is May 31st. If you do not possess your animal by the closing enrollment date, you will not be eligible to qualify and show in County and State 4-H classes. JM

LIVESTOCK LEASE POLICY

All leased 4-H animals must have a lease agreement on file at the Extension Office by the closing enrollment date for that species and class of livestock. Forms are available at the Extension Office. JM

2009 AK-SAR-BEN 4-H LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

The 2009 AK-SAR-BEN 4-H Livestock Exposition will be September 24th-27th, Omaha, NE.

Should you be interested in showing market beef at this major 4-H show, there are some requirements you need to be aware of. An animal DNA hair sample; \$5 fee and possibly a parental/member waiver form are required at the AK-SAR-BEN Office, postmarked no later than April 1st, due to the Extension Office March 25th. Hair sample envelopes, instructions, and waiver forms are all available at the Extension Office. JM

COUNTY HORSE MEETING

The county 4-H horse meeting was held November 20th. Various county 4-H horse project events, activities and guidelines were discussed. Dates were set for several horse events.

- Horse Safety Training - Sunday, February 8th, 1:00 p.m. at the Groton High School, Kristen Gonsoir's classroom #304. Each 4-H horse project member is required to complete



this training annually. Parents are required to complete the training every three years. Upon completion of training, a signed verification form will be placed on file at the

Extension Office certifying the member and parent have received the training. **There is a "test option" this year in case you cannot attend training. The test will be based on the Horse Safety Guidelines posted on the State 4-H Homepage. Must score 80% or better, and if not, there is a second test.** Any 4-H horse project member not taking the training or test will be ineligible to participate in any 4-H horse event/activity at the club, county or state level. There will be additional Horse Safety Training sessions held around the state up to the June 1st deadline but they will involve travel. If interested, check the county 4-H homepage for dates as they are available. There may be an additional Horse Safety Training offered during spring break. Watch the Newshound for more information.

- County Horse Show - July 1st, Brown County Fairgrounds horse arena. Registration 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. Show starts at 10:00 a.m. Entry deadline is June 15th. Late entries will be dropped one ribbon placing. Ring stewards, announcer helpers, ribbon persons and registration/recording clerks are still needed.
- State Horse Show - July 21st-23rd, State Fairgrounds, Huron.

All 4-H horse project enrolled members and families will receive a horse information reference letter shortly after the first of the year. JM

BROWN CO. 4-H FRUIT SALE

By Kathy Sperry

The Annual Brown Co. 4-H Fruit Sale will be conducted during February and March. 50% of the profits raised are used to conduct the County 4-H Program and 50% of the profits go to each club based on the club's sales.



All clubs and all ages of 4-H members are requested to participate. The county goal is for each 4-H member to sell five boxes of fruit.

All fruit sale information will be provided to the club leaders at the County 4-H Leader's Association Meeting on January 26, 2009 at the Brown County Extension Office.

4-H DOG PROJECT

By Sheryl Erickson

It's not too early to get thinking about taking part in the Dog Project, if you don't have a dog, that's just fine. You can borrow a dog from a friend or family, or we may have one you can work with. Beginning and advanced obedience classes are being held at the ARCC starting in January if anyone wants to get a head start on dog training. Call Sheryl Erickson 225-1985 for any questions.

HAPPY

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JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1st New Year's Holiday ~ Extension Office Closed
6h Archery Safety Test ~ White Tail Bowman Archery Club, 7:00 p.m.
12th BB Gun Safety Test ~ Northern Electric, 7:00 p.m.
19th Martin Luther King Holiday ~ Extension Office Closed
26th 4-H Leader's Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Extension Office

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TO THOSE WITH
JANUARY BIRTHDAYS*



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January 2009

Dear 4-H Families,

## **The Green Review**

**Chris Zdorovtsov-Horticulture Extension Educator**

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

### **What is fertilizer and why do we use it?**

This is a material people feed to plants to provide nutrients. Nutrients are required to help the plant grow correctly. For example, they help plants produce a dark green color or normal shaped fruit, as well as provide energy to fight diseases. The roots of a plant drink water from the soil, which contains the nutrients.

Plants need 17 different elements to get the nutrients they need. Fertilizers can be made from natural materials or from chemicals. Plants are able to use the nutrients in both forms without a problem. One difference is that natural or 'organic' fertilizers release nutrients more slowly than chemical fertilizers.

### **Which vegetables belong to the same family?**

Here are four of the main vegetable families:

- Nightshade family - Tomato, potato, pepper and eggplant
- Pea family- Bean, pea, and peanut
- Squash family - Summer and winter squash, cucumbers, melons, gourds and pumpkins
- Mustard family - broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower and kale

Family members often have the same insect and disease problems. So, always try to plant family members in a different location than the year before.



### **2009 State Horse Show & Livestock Judging Dates**

The 2009 South Dakota State 4-H Horse Show is scheduled to take place at the SD State Fairgrounds in Huron, July 21-23, 2009. The livestock judging will take place July 24<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Summer Spotlight event in Huron.

### **Honey Bee Essay Contest**

This essay contest is open to 4-H Club members only. Being enrolled in entomology is NOT required. The topic is "The Dance Language of Bees". This is a great writing project; with excellent cash awards (\$750, 500 and 250). Please contact your local extension office for the rules of the essay and topic information.

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### **State 4-H Scholarships**

State 4-H Scholarships are due to the State 4-H Office April 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications and a list of available scholarships can be found on the 4-H website or by calling your local extension office. There are many scholarships available and do not have to be used at SDSU.

### **2009 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day**

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day will be Saturday, January 31, 2009 at the Rapid City Civic Center. All youth (4-H and non 4-H) are invited to participate in Youth Day activities, which include Livestock Judging, Livestockology, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology, Beef Cook-Off and a Dog Show and Play Day. Entry forms must be received on or before January 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact your local extension office for forms and rules or go to the 4-H website.

### **State 4-H Leaders Conference April 4, 2009**

Plans are underway for the 2009 State 4-H Leaders Conference that will be held in Sioux Falls on April 4, 2009. More details to follow!

### **4-H Social Networking Site**

*ACCESS 4-H*, the new 4-H social networking site will allow you to mentor a 4-Her in another state without ever leaving your desk and to connect with 6 million 4-H youth to share information, interact, and learn from each other.

*ACCESS 4-H* has a secure, user-customizable online environment. The site offers a set of online training modules, games, and networking tools to keep 4-Hers up-to-date on projects, events, opportunities, and news from across the country. 4-Hers will also be able to track their 4-H project activity online while sharing the experience and results of their activities with the rest of the 4-H community.

*ACCESS 4-H* launched October 6, 2008, during National 4-H Week. Check it out at [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org) and <http://access4-h.blogspot.com/2007/08/calling-all-online-teens-and-young-4-h.html>.

With the youth in mind,  
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