Scholarships Available for Graduating 4-H Members

Brown County graduating 4-H members have several opportunities to win scholarships to showcase their 4-H achievements! Here are a few opportunities:

**Brown County Leader’s Scholarship**—This scholarship is $200 and made possible by the Brown County 4-H Leader’s Association. An application form is attached and must be returned by May 1, 2017 to Sandy Osterman, 40249 146th Street, Conde, S.D. 57434.

**Brown County Crop Improvement Association Scholarship**—The Brown County Crop Improvement Association is offering two $500 scholarships to county high school seniors that plan on furthering their education in an Ag related field. Additional information is attached. The application is due by March 13, 2017 to the Brown County 4-H Office.

**Community and Family Extension Leader’s Scholarship**—Brown County CFEL sponsors two $300 scholarships for two Brown County graduating 4-H members. The application is also attached and is due by February 20, 2017 to the Brown County 4-H Office.

**Are you Enrolled?**

The new 4-H Year started on October 1 and runs through September 30, 2017. If you have not yet enrolled, please go to 4-H Online by visiting http://igrow.org/ and click on the “Enroll in 4-H” box or go directly to 4-H Online at https://sd.4honline.com. All youth enrollment & project area selection is due by May 31, 2017.
Livestock News:

Beef Weigh In Scheduled February 24

The market beef weigh-in is scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2017 from 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Groton Vet Clinic. DNA will also be collected at this time, which will be needed for entering livestock at the South Dakota State Fair. DNA Collection is $6 each. Please make sure you have exact change at weigh in. We would appreciate any help from parents at the weigh-in.

Just as a reminder, market beef affidavits are available to access at IGrow http://igrow.org/4h/ Closing enrollment dates for market beef is March 31, 2017. This includes both market steers and market heifers. This does not include breeding beef, that deadline is May 31, 2017.

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.

Livestock Verification Affidavit Forms are Required

Each 4-H livestock exhibitor will be required to complete and submit a verification affidavit to the 4-H office by the ownership/enrollment date for that type of animal. Market beef forms are due March 31, 2017. All other livestock forms are due on May 31, 2017.

Market beef and market swine are also required to have a 4-H green ear tag for animal identification. Tags are available at the 4-H office for $1.50. Tags will also be available at the weigh-in on May 26, 2017.

Breeding beef, sheep, swine and dairy cattle do not need to be 4-H green tagged but do require a completed verification affidavit form. Lack of verification affidavits on file at the 4-H office will result in livestock being ineligible for the Brown County Fair and the South Dakota State Fair 4-H Livestock Shows.

There is no exception to this rule, If you do not have your verification affidavit on file at the 4-H office you will not be able to show that animal.

Leasing Animal Reminders

Livestock leasing agreements for breeding animals is acceptable. Market animals are only eligible for the lease project at the county level because they are a terminal project. Eligibility guidelines for youth leasing animals include that the member not have 1) adequate facilities to house the animal or 2) financial means to own and take care of livestock.

The South Dakota 4-H Livestock Lease Form is available on IGrow http://igrow.org/4h/ or from the 4-H office. It must be filed with our office by May 31, 2017 for breeding beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding meat goats and breeding sheep.
New Location for Archery Program

The Brown County 4-H and Archery Program are excited to share that starting **February 7, 2017**, we will have a new HEATED location to shoot archery out of. We are very thankful to Jarrett and Stacey Jones for their willingness to let us use their shop. The address is 39507 130th St. It is not marked. It is exactly 3 miles North of the Bath corner on the East side of the highway, on the corner of 395th and 130th. We could not be more excited!

S.D. 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Team Win Competition

South Dakota 4-H Members from Brown County won the Western National Roundup Horse Quiz Bowl Competition, held in Denver, Colorado during the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo January 5-8, 2017.

Brown County 4-H was among nine teams from across the nation to compete. The team competed in seven rounds of competition during the contest. Team members included: Trey Wright, Adrianne Schaunaman, Marissa Woodring, and Cassandra Townsend. Their coach was Kristen Gonsoir. “The skills these youth develop go much deeper than just a vast understanding of equine anatomy and physiology, animal husbandry, horse show rules, equine nutrition and breed industry standards. Youth also gain skills in team work, leadership, public speaking and organization. It was also exciting to see how the youth’s self-confidence grew as we practiced in preparation for nationals,” Gonsoir said. Youth who placed in the top 10 individually include: Marissa Woodring, seventh; Cassandra Townsend, eighth and Trey Wright, tenth.

The trip was sponsored and funded by the 4-H Livestock Industry Trust Fund.
Brown County 4-H Consumer Decision Making Team Places Fifth in National Event

By Kathy Sperry – Consumer Decision Making Coach

Four Brown County 4-H members competed in the National Consumer Decision Making (CDM) Contest at Western National Roundup January 5-8, 2017 in Denver, CO. Dan Sharp, Travis Sharp, Matthew Sperry and Madi Wright captured first place CDM team at the 2016 South Dakota State Fair which qualified them to represent South Dakota in Denver. The team, coached by Kathy Sperry, competed in Judging, Oral Reasons, and the Group Think process. Their ability to problem solve as a group in a real life situation earned them Fifth place in the National Group Think Contest. Congratulations to these four senior 4-H members!

Would you like to compete in this national contest like these four members? Develop your decision making skills, learn the life skills of being a wise consumer, and how to make wise choices by participating in the Consumer Decision Making contests this spring at the county and club levels. Read the article in this Newshound for more details on judging.
Try Your Horticulture and Consumer Decision Making Skills This Spring

The first consumer decision making opportunity will be held from 3-6 p.m. on March 29 and 30, 2017 at the Brown County 4-H Office, gray town house on the NW side of the Brown County Fair Grounds. Following the judging practice on March 30, scores will be collected at the Brown County 4-H Office. Cards will be available for pick up a week after practice takes place.

To make it possible for more 4-H members to participate in the judging of Consumer Decision Making and Horticulture, 4-H clubs can conduct an official judging contest at their club meeting. Official judging kits will be available from the Brown County 4-H Office. The club will need to follow a stated criteria so the judging can be fair and comparable to a county judging contest. Score cards will be collected, sealed in an envelope and will be scored by Becca after the kits are checked back into the office. To be considered for placement on a state judging team, members must have scores from at least two official judging experiences. An official club judging contest will count as one experience. Members will have opportunities to judge at the county judging contests. Score cards will be collected, sealed in an envelope and will be scored by Becca after the kits are checked back in to the office.

Additional Judging Dates:

- April 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Regional Extension Center, 13 Second Ave. SE Aberdeen, along with one of the Brown County Public Presentation Days that is also scheduled at this time. All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in this process of learning valuable life skills through fun hands-on decision making.

- May and June there will be a couple of different Horticulture Workshops. Details are still being finalized, as soon as we are get that information we will make that available.

- June 15 – in the Brown County Fair Grounds Home Arts Building, judging classes will be available from 9 am to 4 pm.

If you have any questions, please contact your club leader. Additional questions, please contact Becca. Watch for more county judging dates in the March *Newshound*.

Come participate in learning valuable life skills through fun hands-on decision making at the 4-H County Judging Contests.
Sell Fruit—Earn Money for 4-H!

By: Kathy Sperry

Last year 4-H members in thirteen 4-H clubs participated in the Brown County 4-H Fruit Sale, raising over $15 thousand dollars! Ten checks were issued to the members who sold the highest dollar amount of fruit in the county. Did your club earn its share of money?

Beginning February 1 you can be part of this easy fundraiser. All clubs and ages of 4-H members are encouraged to contact everyone they know and sell fruit. The fruit sells itself! It is the same price or less than you can purchase at the store and 4-H benefits from each purchase. The fruit is big, juicy, delicious and excellent in quality! Be sure to buy at least one box for your family. This will help you meet the county goal for each 4-H member to sell at least five boxes of fruit or $100 worth of products.

How does the sale work?

All fruit sale information has been provided to the club leaders and independent 4-H families. Please review with every member the order form which is color coded by fruit type and the Tips for Successfully Selling Fruit handout. Extra order forms are available at the Brown County 4-H office. Members should return all order forms and money to your club coordinator by your club’s due date.

The club’s and independents’ totaled yellow Master Order Form must be turned in to the 4-H office on or before 12 noon on Monday, March 6, 2017. The fruit and products will arrive on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. 4-H members and families are responsible for delivering their fruit to their customers immediately. Any concerns about unsatisfactory fruit should be reported to the 4-H office by 3 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017.

How are the funds used?

The profits, after fruit cost, expenses and taxes, will be split: 50 percent to individual clubs and 50 percent to the Brown County 4-H Leaders Association. Profits are used by the County Leaders Association to fund the 4-H program activities and awards, and assist members and leaders with the costs incurred while participating in 4-H educational activities such as 4-H horse camp, the State Teen Leadership Conference, the State 4-H Performing Arts Troupe, Citizenship Washington Focus, National 4-H Conference and 4-H Congress, national competitions, and other out-of-county experiences including State 4-H Youth in Action events. Qualifying 4-H graduates receive a scholarship funded from the 4-H Fruit Sale. Since every 4-H member, family, and club benefits from this fundraiser, it is crucial that everyone participates.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Brown County Fruit Sale Coordinator Kathy Sperry at 605-229-4591.

Good luck as we all work together to earn money for our 4-H program!
South Dakota 4-H seeks 4th, 7th and 9th grade writers to enter the South Dakota 4-H - *Quotes to Live By* Essay Contest. The *Quotes to Live By* Essay Contest is a fun, easy and effective way to enhance your school's or 4-H club's character efforts.

"The contest inspires youth to reflect upon, express and commit to living by wise and enduring truths that will guide them to make ethical choices throughout their lives. Contest Coordinators will find maxims and activities in the *Quotes to Live By* Educational Resources [https://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4030-2015.pdf](https://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4030-2015.pdf) that will stretch students' minds and will help them develop critical thinking," said Karelyn Farrand, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Regional Program Advisor.

The contest is open to all South Dakota Schools, Home Schools and Individual 4-H members. Fourth, seventh and ninth grade students may enter the contest. Cash prize awards are given to the top five places at each grade level. First Place - $200; Second Place - $150; Third Place - $100; 4th Place -- $75; and Fifth Place - $50. Plus, teachers of First Place winners will receive $100 to put toward character education resources.

**March 1, 2017 Deadline**

The South Dakota 4-H Staff is looking forward to receiving your entries for the contest. Within the SD 4-H *Quotes to Live By* Essay Contest Packet, contestants will find the forms and resources necessary to enter the contest. [http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4030-2015.pdf](http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4030-2015.pdf). If you have any questions regarding the contest please contact Jessica Ness at jessica.ness2@sdstate.edu.

The winning essays from your local competition will advance to the statewide competition. The contest is sponsored by SDSU Extension 4-H.

**Teachers from last year’s contest had this to say about the*Quotes to Live By* Essay Contest.**

“...The students grew as individuals when they reflected on their own life and shared that experience with others. My relationship with my students grew stronger too because I learned about their views on life.... I opened up too and shared moments in my life when these maxims impacted me.” 9th Grade Teacher Tri Valley HS

“The coolest thing happened while working on this contest with my seventh graders! I witnessed sides of my students I had not seen before. I came into a better understanding of their values and what they believe in. . . Very beneficial assignment for myself and my students!” 7th Grade Teacher Lyman MS

“This has been a wonderful opportunity for my son and I to explore and discuss wise and enduring truths using a variety of quotes. (maxims) This essay process inspired a variety of discussions among our family and made a lasting impression on us... .” 4th Grade Homeschool Parent

*Learn to love without condition. Talk without bad intention. Give without any reason. And most of all, care for people without any expectation." —Debyman*
Small Business is Everybody’s Business Conference to be held February 10

“Small Business is Everybody’s Business: Community Support for Young Entrepreneurs” will be held at a location near you on Friday, February 10 from 12:15pm–3:30pm MST/1:15pm–4:30pm CST.

Brent Comstock, entrepreneur, student, and innovator will be the keynote speaker. Brent grew up in rural Nebraska determined to revamp negative views placed on rural communities. The town he grew up in has two stoplights, no Starbucks, and is primarily dominated by agriculture. After a series of business ventures, he established a creative media & technology company, BCom Solutions in his hometown of Auburn, Nebraska, population 3,385. Seven years later, that venture has experienced a variety of success – from international clients to hundreds of customers. While on the ride of his life in the start-up world, he’s currently a college student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He loves reading about start-ups, serves as an adviser and team member of several start-up ventures, and loves anything out of the ordinary. He is looking forward to bringing his message with you in February! This conference will also feature facilitated discussion at each site to brainstorm ideas of how communities can provide support and encouragement for young entrepreneurs. Students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

“South Dakota has been named one of the top locations to start a business by many organizations over the past several years. Many South Dakotans possess the characteristics important to be a successful entrepreneur. This conference will give us the opportunity to find ways to invite young people to think of entrepreneurship as a career option. With the technology available today, you can own almost any type of business anywhere you wish to live. Now is the time and South Dakota is the place,” says Peggy Schlechter, Community Development Field Specialist for SDSU Extension.

South Dakota’s DDN (Dakota Digital Network) will be used to allow us to hold this conference in 15 locations across South Dakota. Simultaneously. Through the DDN, conference participants will be able to interact with Brent Comstock, keynote speaker, as well as participants at the other locations. Register to participate at any of these locations: Britton, Centerville, DeSmet, Faith, Faulkton, Highmore, Miller, Mitchell, Philip, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Wall, Winner and Yankton.

TO REGISTER at any of the sites or for more information, visit igrow.org/community-development and click on events. Space is limited so register soon!

SDSU Extension Community Development along with the Bush Foundation is sponsoring this event. We look forward to having you join us in developing action steps to encourage youth entrepreneurs in our communities.

If you have questions, contact Kari O’Neill, 605-685-6972 or kari.oneill@sdstate.edu; or Peggy Schlechter, 605-394-1722 or peggy.schlechter@sdstate.edu
Wednesday, **February 17** is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Brown County 4-H will be celebrating this day by showing kindness to others during the month of February. Here are some simple ideas of things you can do at your school and in your community to show kindness to others.

Please send us photos or stories about what you are planning and what you have done so we can share your Random Acts of Kindness with others on our Facebook page and in local media.

Brown County has close to three hundred 4-H members. Think of the impact we can have by all of us showing random acts of kindness during this week. Thank you for representing Brown County 4-H in our communities!

- Make & deliver baked goods
- Pay it Forward
- Make a CD with positive and uplifting songs and give to people
- Send a care package
- Give compliments
- Hold a door

Don’t forget to send to us the things you are doing or photos. We can’t wait to share with others about our AWESOME Brown County 4-H members! Please send to brown.county@sdstate.edu and look for the stories and photos on the Brown County 4-H Facebook page. Thank you!
Here is some clarification for using **Green NUES tags** on market animals next year. Only Market Steers, Market Swine, and any Market Heifer that **DOES NOT** have a Bangs tag should be tagged.

- If a heifer has a Bangs tag, do not give her a Green NUES tag.
- Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Breeding Goats should have Scrapie tags (NUES tags). The number must be on the OVA.
- Dairy Goats should have a Scrapie tag, but if she does not, please make sure an individual ear tattoo is on the OVA.
- Rabbits must have an individual ear tattoo. The number must be on the OVA.
- REGISTERED Breeding Heifers must have a tattoo that corresponds to her Registration Papers. The number must be on the OVA.
- Dairy Cattle must have a Bangs tag, a Registration number Tag, a NUES tag or an individual ear tattoo. This must be on the OVA.
- COMMERCIAL Breeding Heifers must have a Bangs tag or Green NUES tag. The number must be on the OVA.
- All Market Swine should be Green NUES tagged unless they have a NUES Premises tag with a USDA seal on it.
- Poultry must have a leg band with color and number entered on the OVA as soon as the information is available.

**If an animal has a federal tag with the USDA shield, DO NOT put another NUES tag in its ear.**

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