Notes from Becca

The annual fruit sale is a sure sign warmer weather is right around the corner. I trust you are as excited as I am for another busy 4-H season. Please make sure you are keeping track of all the things going on with our on-line calendar located at the Brown County 4-H website (http://brown.sd.us/department/4-H). This is the best way to stay up to date on all of the activities going on with Brown County 4-H. Please also check out our Facebook page for updates. If you have any dates that you would like on the calendar or any information that you would like included in the Newshound please let us know. I look forward to working with you!

Still Time to Enroll

The new 4-H Year started October 1 and runs through September 30, 2015. Reminder...in order to enroll in 4-H youth must be 8 on or before January 1, 2015. Youth also can not be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2015.

4-HOnline is up and running and can be accessed by visiting www.iGrow.org, click on the “Enroll in 4-H” box or go directly to 4-HOnline at https://sd.4honline.com.

Remember, if you have been enrolled in 4-H before you do not need to create a new profile. Contact the office if you need help logging in.

NEW THIS YEAR….for adult volunteers there are six training modules built into the 4-H Online program. Access the modules by clicking on the ‘Training’ tab once you’ve enrolled. See the help sheet for step by step directions.
Last year 4-H members in every club participated in the Brown County 4-H Fruit Sale, raising over $15 thousand! Eleven $25 checks were issued to members who sold the highest dollar amount of fruit in the county. Did your club earn its share of money?

Beginning Sunday, February 1, 2015, you can be part of this fundraiser. All clubs and all 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 the sales directly benefit 4-H! The fruit is big, juicy, delicious and excellent in quality! Our county goal is for each 4-H member to sell at least five boxes of fruit or $100 worth of products. You will want to make sure to buy at least one box for your own family!

All fruit sale information will be provided to leaders at the January Brown County 4-H Leaders Association meeting. The order form is color coded by fruit type and includes tips for successful selling. Extra order forms are available at the 4-H office. Members should return all order forms and money to their club coordinator by the club's due date. The club's totaled order form must be turned in to the 4-H office on or before 12 noon on Monday, March 2, 2015. The fruit and products will arrive on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. 4-H members and families are responsible for delivering the fruit to their customers immediately. Any concerns about unsatisfactory fruit should be reported to the 4-H office no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015.

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. The leaders association uses profits from the fruit sales for a number of ways including helping with costs associated with 4-H camp, horse camp, State Youth Conference, 4-H Performing Arts Troupe, Citizenship Washington Focus, and other out of county experiences including state youth in action events. Good luck as we all work together to earn money for our 4-H program! If you have any questions please contact Kathy Sperry at 605-229-4591.

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4-H Leader’s Conference

The annual 4-H Leader’s Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015. The conference is being hosted by the counties of Brookings, Miner, Moody, McCook, Kingsbury and Lake counties of District S3. The event will be held in the Mitchell and Davison County 4-H facilities.

Registration fee for the conference is $20 to cover food and supplies. In the past the cost was $10, which included a $2,500 grant from Monsanto to support this event. The grant is no longer available. For more information contact the State 4-H Leaders Association at http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com/.
Market Beef Weigh-in

The market beef weigh-in is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2015 from 3-6 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. We would appreciate any help from parents at the weigh-in. Just as a reminder, market beef affidavits are available on iGrow [http://igrow.org/4h/] and on 4-H Online [https://www.4honline.com/Login.aspx?40776B4A2B324C45333732733D], and are due to the 4-H office on March 31, 2015 so we can get them to SDSU by April 1. Please bring $1.50 for DNA packet & tag.

Livestock Verification Affidavit Forms REQUIRED

Each 4-H livestock exhibitor will be required to complete and submit a verification affidavit for the 4-H office by the ownership/enrollment date for that type of livestock. Market beef verification forms are due April 1, 2015 to SDSU. All other livestock, except for poultry and rabbit, have until May 30, 2015. The various livestock verification affidavit forms are available at the 4-H office, on 4-H Online or on iGrow [http://igrow.org/4h/]. All market beef, market sheep and market swine are all required to have a 4-H green ear tag for the animal identification and to complete the verification affidavit form. Market beef tags are available at the 4-H office for $1.50 each.

Green tags for market sheep and market swine will be available following the market sheep and swine weigh-in on May 29, 2015. Breeding beef, breeding sheep, breeding swine and dairy cattle do not need to be 4-H green tagged but do require a completed verification affidavit form. Lack of verification affidavit on file at the 4-H office will result in livestock 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 in the 4-H office, you will not be able to show that animal.

Fitting Workshop — Save the Date!

Plans are currently underway to hold a beef fitting and clipping workshop in Brown County around March 19 or 20. Further details will be announced shortly on this great experience for our 4-H members! Questions? Please contact Sandy Osterman at 605-262-3937.
Leasing Animals

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 their not having:

1. Adequate facilities to house the animal.
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/](http://igrow.org/4h/) or from the 4-H office, and it must be filed with our office by May 31, 2015 for breeding beef, dairy cattle, dairy goats, breeding meat goats and breeding sheep.

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Nordby Exhibit Hall for 4-H, Youth, and Community

By Kristie Erickson and Kathy Sperry
County Fundraising Co-Chairs

Donations continue to come in from across the state for the new South Dakota State Fair 4-H Exhibit Hall.

Over $3 million has already been raised. Following his original donation of $1 million, retired Huron businessman Earl Nordby is now matching every dollar raised by South Dakota 4-H members.

In Brown County, 12 of our 14 clubs have already sent in donations bringing us to just over $10 thousand. Our overall pledge is $30 thousand. Thank you to those clubs who have been very ambitious and have already raised and donated most of their $100 per 4-H member pledge.

An extra thank-you to Brown County 4-H families who have contributed money and will be recognized with an engraved brick for their $1 thousand or more donation. This is on top of the already $10 thousand donated!

Make sure to reach out to former 4-H member and leader alumni about this exciting project. Also, take advantage of additional opportunities for clubs and Independent members to raise funds such as: the upcoming fruit sale, selling Herberger’s Community Day booklets, Schwan’s Foods, bake sales, raffles, etc. If your club is planning a fundraiser, please let the county office know so we can communicate this to others.

If you have any questions, please contact Kristie Erickson at ericksong@nrctv.com 605-229-4796 or Kathy Sperry at [sperryscott@hotmail.com](mailto:sperryscott@hotmail.com) 605-229-4591.
Scholarships

Brown County Leader’s Scholarship
The Brown County Leader’s Scholarship is available to graduating 4-H senior members who will be furthering their education. The scholarship is $150 and the application form is attached or can be found at the Brown County 4-H website. The qualifications are included in the application form. If you are interested, please return the application to Sandy Osterman, 40249 146th Street, Conde, S.D. 57434 by 5 p.m. on May 1, 2015.

Brown County Crop Improvement Association Scholarship
The Brown County Crop Improvement Association is offering two $500 scholarships to Brown County high school seniors that plan on furthering their education in an Ag related field. Additional information is attached or can be found at the Brown County 4-H website. The application is due by March 14, 2015 to Brown County 4-H office, 400 24th Ave. NW, Aberdeen, S.D. 57401.

Community and Family Extension Leader’s Scholarship
The deadline for the CFEL scholarship materials to be returned to the 4-H office is February 21, 2015. For more information, please contact the 4-H office and we would gladly assist you. The application form is attached or can be found at the Brown County 4-H website.

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“We would like to wish a heartfelt “Happy Birthday” to all members, leaders and volunteers who have birthdays this month!”

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak, courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.”

~ Winston Churchill