Welcome 2015!

A new year is bringing some changes in the SDSU Extension/Brown County 4-H office. Brenda Dreyer began in late December as our new assistant. If you would like to schedule a meeting please contact Brenda to set this up.

Again this year I will have office hours from 8:30—11:30 a.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. If there are situations that you are not available at these times, please work with Brenda to coordinate a time that works for your schedule.

Finally, please check out our calendar for upcoming events. This is an exciting time for Brown County 4-H! I look forward to working with you in 2015!

Enrollment

Please remember to complete the 4-H membership enrollment online at https://www.4honline.com/Login.aspx?40776B4A2B324C45333732733D. If you have not yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible so that your child can participate in events prior to the May 31st deadline. If you have any questions about the process, please call us at 605-626-7120 and we will gladly help.

LEADERS’ MEETING

The next Brown County leader’s meeting is scheduled January 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Aberdeen regional extension center. The executive committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. followed by the regular meeting at 7. Fruit sale plans will be discussed, so please have your club represented.
CALENDAR

Please check the 4-H calendar that is posted at 4-H Online every week. The calendar is a great tool for us to communicate with everyone all of the events taking place in a timely matter. If you have any suggestions how we can better use this tool, please let us know.

BROWN COUNTY COMMUNITY AND FAMILY EXTENSION

LEADERS’ SCHOLARSHIP

Brown County will be sponsoring two $300.00 scholarships to Brown County 4-H youth. The deadline for the scholarship materials to be returned to the 4-H office is February 20, 2015. 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 4-H office:

* Your past year’s completed 4-H record book
* Brief story explaining:
  - How the scholarship will be used, including your educational emphasis and school location.
  - How your 4-H experiences have benefitted 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 related.

BROWN COUNTY FRUIT SALE

By Kathy Sperry

The annual Brown County 4-H fruit sale will begin in February. Fifty percent of the profits raised are used to conduct the Brown County 4-H program and fifty percent of the profits are returned to each club based on the club’s sales.

Selling more fruit in the 4-H fruit sale will be a great way to raise funds for the new State Fair 4-H exhibit hall!

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 4-H club leaders at the Brown County 4-H leader’s association meeting on January 29, 2015 beginning at 7 p.m. at the regional extension center.
BROWN COUNTY SUMMER ASSISTANT
Applications are being accepted for the Brown County Summer Assistant position. A job description outlining qualifications, hours and the application procedure is attached to this Newshound. Applications are also available at the 4-H office. Completed applications are to be returned to the 4-H office by 5 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2015.

2015 STATE 4-H LEADER’S CONFERENCE
Don’t forget to mark your 2015 calendar for the State 4-H Leaders’ Meeting on April 11, 2015 in Mitchell, S.D. The day will be packed full of educational workshops, great speakers and wonderful opportunities to share ideas and learn helpful hints that might just be the answer you were looking for. Registration information will be available toward the end of January.

SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H ANNOUNCES ESSAY CONTEST
The South Dakota 4-H Quotes to Live By Essay Contest is an easy and effective way to enhance your school’s character efforts. The contest is to inspire youth to reflect upon, express and commit to wise and enduring truths that will guide them to make ethical choices throughout their lives. The SDSU Extension 4-H staff invites your entries for the contest.

The South Dakota 4-H Quotes to Live By Official Contest Packet is now available. The Official packet has the necessary materials to enter your 4th, 7th and 9th grade students in the contest.

To receive the South Dakota 4-H Quotes to Live By Official Contest Packet contact the SDSU Extension Aberdeen regional center at aberdeen.center@sdstate.edu.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT ENROLLMENT DATES
All animals exhibited in 4-H livestock classes must be in possession of the 4-H exhibitor by the closing enrollment date for that species and type of animal. Closing enrollment date for market beef in the Brown County 4-H Office, both steers and heifers, is March 31, 2015 (The due date for the State is April 1st.) Closing enrollment date for breeding beef, market sheep, breeding sheep, market swine, breeding swine and dairy cattle is May 31, 2015. 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 LEASE POLICY

All leased 4-H animals must have a lease agreement on file at the 4-H office by the closing enrollment date for that species and class of livestock. Forms are available at the 4-H office or on iGrow at the following link: …..

LIVESTOCK DATES TO MARK ON THE CALENDAR

*Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day—January 31, 2015
*Market Beef Weigh-In—February 27, 2015 from 3:00pm-5:00pm
*Market Beef Affidavits due to the BC 4-H Office—March 31, 2015
*Market Beef Affidavits due to the SD State Office—April 1, 2015
*Horse Testing—May 19-22, 2015
*Breeding Beef, Market Sheep, Breeding Sheep, Market Swine, Breeding Swine and Dairy Cattle Affidavits due to the State 4-H Office—May 31, 2015
*Horse ID Forms Due—May 31, 2015
*Brown County Horse Show—June 24, 2015
*Rabbit and Poultry Affidavits due—July 1, 2015
*Hub City Rodeo—July 3-4, 2015
*South Dakota State Horse Show—July 21-23, 2015
*State Livestock Judging Contest—July 24, 2015
*Summer Spotlight—July 25-26, 2015
*AK-SAR-BEN—September 24-27, 2015

*Tentative dates. We will keep you informed if these dates change.

2015 AK-SAR-BEN 4-H LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION

The 2015 AK-SAR-BEN 4-H Livestock Exposition will be September 24-27, 2015 in Omaha, Neb. If you are interested in showing market beef at this major 4-H show, there are some requirements you need to be aware of. You will need a DNA hair sample, which has a $6.00 fee and possibly a parental/member waiver form needs to be turned into the AK-SAR-BEN Office no later than April 5, 2015. We would like to have the DNA envelopes and waiver form to be at the 4-H office April 1, 2015 to ensure that they are postmarked by April 1st. Hair sample envelopes, instructions and waiver forms are available at the 4-H office and will be also at the market beef weigh in.
4-H DOG PROJECT MEMBERS

By Sheryl Erickson

It is not too soon to think about getting ready for the dog project! All 4-H'er's are welcome to attend classes. If you don't have a dog and would like to take part in the program, contact us and we will hook you up with a dog. There are community dog classes available through the Aberdeen Parks and Rec Office from puppy classes to advanced obedience classes. The dog project includes obedience, showmanship, rally and agility classes. There are also Canine Good Citizen® testers available throughout the area. This is a AKC program, but your dog does not have to be a purebred dog. For more information, please call Sheryl Erickson at 605-380-8291 or 605-225-1985, or you can email me at sjerickson@nvc.net

RUFF AND READY 4-H DOG

By Debi Munger

The Ruff and Ready 4-H dog project is open to any 4-H'er enrolled in the dog project. We will begin practice on Sundays beginning March 1st at 6:00 p.m. indoors at the Warner Community Center. Please bring a copy of your dog's current vaccinations, a copy of the Rally Guidelines, a 6 inch leather leash, training collar with an excess chain of no more than 2 inches (aka choke collar) or flat collar and treats. Guidelines for showmanship, agility, rally and obedience are available at https://igrow.org/4h/animals/. We will start the year with a Canine Good Citizens training and/or refresher training in March. In April, we will learn 4-H dog rally obedience, all indoors. If you have any questions, contact Debi Munger at debi@eaglepassranch.com or 380-6014.

COUNTY HORSE REMINDERS

Just a reminder that each 4-H horse project member is required to complete horse achievement annually. Upon completion of training, a signed verification form will be placed on file at the 4-H office verifying that the member and parent have received the training. Any 4-H horse project member not taking the training will not be eligible to participate in any 4-H horse event/activity at the club, county or state level.
The safety course for BB Gun is scheduled for January 12, 2015 at 7 p.m. at Northern Electric. Practice will be held on Monday evenings beginning on Monday, January 19, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Northern Electric meeting room.

All participants must attend the 4-H safety course for either BB Gun or Archery. If you cannot attend, please contact the appropriate instructor so that arrangements can be made.

The safety course for archery is scheduled for January 16, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the meeting room of the Lakewood Mall. Practice will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning January 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse at the Brown County Fairgrounds.

A fee of $5.00 will be assessed each participant (BB Gun and Archery), which is used to purchase practice targets. The instructors will collect this fee. 4-Hers that participate in the State Meet will be assessed a fee for that event at a later date. The State Shoot will take place April 24-26, 2015.

For more information, contact Lowell Harms at 605-397-8169 for BB Gun and Robert Rernleitner at 605-290-6650 for Archery.

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We would like to wish all of the members, leaders and volunteers who have birthdays this month a HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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**Becca Robotics 10 - 3 p.m.**

**Becca Robotics—1-3 p.m.**

**Hub Area Rodeo Meeting**

**Martin Luther King Day**<br>Becca Off<br>BB Gun Starts

**Archery Practice 6:30 p.m.**

**Livestock 5:30 pm**<br>Fair Board 6:30 pm

**Horse Workshop 6:30 p.m.**<br>4-H Office

**Leaders Meeting 7 p.m.**

**Becca Out of Office 12-5 p.m.**

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**Leaders Meeting 7 p.m.**

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