

The Brookings County Times



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July 2015

UPCOMING DATES

Project Day
July 1

Ext. Office closed for holiday
July 3

Cloverbuds
July 7 - 9

State Horse Show
July 20-23

County Dog Show
July 27

Fashion Revue Contest
July 28

Public Presentation Contest
July 29

Achievement Days
August 3 - 6

State 4-H Rodeo Finals
August 14-16

State Dog Show
August 22

South Dakota State Fair
September 3 - 7

State Livestock Judging Contest
September 19

Reminders:

July 1 - Purebred registration papers and market swine YPQA certifications due.

July 1 - State Horse Show and Horse YIA entries due.

August 1 is the deadline for Livestock, Static, Dog Show, & Youth-in-Action Exhibit pre-registrations in FairEntry.

Public Presentation Contest

The Public Presentation Contest will be held at the Brookings County Resource Center on July 29 at 2 pm. Pre-registration forms are due to the office by July 20. Forms are available in your Summer Achievement Book or can be found [online](#). A schedule will be determined following the pre-registration deadline. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.



Fashion Revue Contest - July 28

The Fashion Revue will be held in the Brookings County Resource Center on Tuesday, July 28 beginning at 9 am. 4-H members can enter in the following divisions: Constructed, Sew & Buy, Duct Tape Challenge and Selected Outfit. The pre-registration form is due to the office by July 9. Be sure to complete the form in its entirety so the narrations for the public fashion revue can be finalized.

Schwan's Cares Brookings County 4-H Fundraiser

Brookings County 4-H is continuing to run their fundraiser campaign through Schwan's Cares. This fundraiser, which was run successfully in 2014 will begin again July 1, 2015. During the first 45 days of the campaign, Brookings County 4-H will receive 20% on product sales and 40% on eGift Cards sales (limit 1 per customer, per campaign). After August 14, 4-H will receive 5% of all product sales until July 2016. The 2014 campaign ID will no longer be valid. To register the new 2015 fundraiser ID:

- Visit: <https://www.Schwans-cares.com/c/20883>
- Select "Join Now" to setup a fundraising profile
- Make sure to use the new campaign ID: **20883** (will auto-renew for future sales)

This is a great opportunity to stock up on your favorite Schwan's products while helping to raise money for Brookings County 4-H!

Need help registering for County and State events in FairEntry? Come on in to the office at anytime! We have kiosks set up for your convenience. Remember to bring your 4HOnline login and password.

The four H's stand for Head, Heart, Hands, Health

4-H Leaders Meeting ~ July 13, 2015

The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, July 13 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office.

All club leaders & parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Summer Achievement and State Fair Books

Summer Achievement and State Fair Books were provided to club leaders at the May leader's meeting. The Summer Achievement Book and State Fair Book are also available [online](#).

Ronald McDonald House Selected as 4-H Project

4-H members throughout the state will be asked to collect can tabs for the next 12 months to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

Brookings County continues to collect, weigh, and keep track of their tabs. Currently the Brookings Boys and Girls Club Helping Hands club is leading with 80.6lbs!

Please keep collecting pop tabs and turning them into the Brookings County Extension.

All pop tabs will need to be turned in by August 1, 2015.



4-H Graduation



Attention 4-H Graduates! If you will be graduating from Brookings County 4-H this year we would like you to be recognized during Achievement Days. Graduation forms are available in your Summer Achievement Book, or at the Extension Office.

The graduation recognition will be held during Round Robin on Thursday August 6, at 7pm. Please turn a graduation form into the office by July 20.

Craft Sewing Project Day - July 15

Laurie Tangen will be leading a craft sewing project day on July 15 at the Brookings County Extension Office. Participants can register by July 14 with the office, to complete one of the following projects:

- pillow case - \$10
- tote bag - \$10
- table runner - \$8

Two class times are available 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm. Experienced volunteers are needed! If your child is participating and you know someone experienced who can assist please have them accompany them.

South Dakota State University, South Dakota Counties and U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating

South Dakota State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer (Male/Female) and offers all benefits, services, education and employment opportunities without regard for ancestry, age, race, citizenship, color, creed, religion, gender, disability, national origin, sexual preference, or Vietnam Era veteran status



State Fair Changes

There are several changes for the 2015 State Fair. Changes are outlined on page 7 of the Fair book and in several locations throughout the Summer Achievement Booklet.

The Summer Achievement Booklets and State Fair Books were distributed to club leaders at the May Leaders meeting. Independent 4-H members can obtain a copy of either book from the Extension Office or online.

If you have any questions regarding changes or booklet information please contact the office 696.8280.

Brookings County Farmers Union Camp

South Dakota Farmers Union is celebrating their 100th Year this year and are proud to continue their efforts with teaching youth about agriculture, leadership, citizenship, pride in community and the spirit of cooperation across South Dakota.

Ages 6 - 13 are encouraged to attend this day camp. Registration is free and will be completed at 9 am on the day of camp, July 9. Camp will be held at Hillcrest Park in Shelter A (or at the Wesleyan Church, 1420 Orchard Drive in the event of rain) and will run from 9:30am - 4:00pm.

Contact the South Dakota Farmers Union 888.734.8136, Ext. 125 or the Extension Office 696.8280 for more information.

4-H Dog Show

The Brookings County Dog Show will be held in the Swiftel Center Arena, July 27 at 9am. Set-up and practice in the Health papers will be required the day of the show. Registration information will be made available through the dog project leaders Kristie Thompson and Mandi Christensen.

State Dog exhibit pre-registrations are due in FairEntry by **August 1**. Families must remit payment to the State 4-H Office by **August 1**.

Good Neighbor Award

Do you know someone, youth or adult, that exemplifies the traits of a good neighbor, a person of good will and good deeds? If so, please consider nomination them for the 2015 Good Neighbor Award presented during Achievement Days at the 4-H BBQ. Submit the nominee's name as well as a brief statement listing the neighborly deeds and good will that the nominee has done in support of the Brookings 4-H Program. If you have questions, contact the Extension Office. Nominations are due **July 10**.

4-H Arts Festival Food Booth

The Brookings Arts Festival will be held July 11 and 12, 2015, at Pioneer Park in Brookings. Your help makes this event possible! Independent 4-H'ers and club members from the following clubs are asked to volunteer. The Leader's Association set up a rotation schedule for clubs to work in the food booth. This year, the clubs who are asked to help include:

- ◇ West Sioux II - 12 expected volunteers
- ◇ Northview Lads & Lassies - 15 expected volunteers
- ◇ BGC Helping Hands - 10 expected volunteers
- ◇ Independent & Shooting Sports Members - 10 expected volunteers

All are welcome to help! Volunteer spots aren't only for members of the clubs on the 2015 rotation. Thank you!

We are again using [SignUp Genius](#), an online sign up and reminder tool, to fill the shift schedule. Please take a moment to sign up as volunteers are still needed! Here's how it works:

Click the link below to go to our invitation page.

Click 'Sign Up!' The shift times, number of volunteers and a job description are listed.

Please note, if you are having trouble accessing the site - please email:

Sonia Mack at Sonia.Mack@sdstate.edu

Ann Hansen at shansen@brookings.net



This is a great way to fulfill your 4-H Camp scholarship requirement to volunteer with a 4-H event!

Thank you! We look forward to this year's event!

Livestock Performance Tests & Study Guides

The Performance Study Guides have been updated and are ready for check-out. Performance Tests are available to 4-H members exhibiting market sheep, market swine, market beef and market goats. Tests need to be taken no later than July 17. The Performance Award is based on your test score, rate of gain and ribbons earned during Achievement Days.

Wool Project Opportunity!

The 4-H program has received a gift of wool fabric (all 58" wide) that is to be used for 4-H projects, 4-H Fashion Revue or the Make it with Wool Contest.

- 4 yards of camel color with matching lining and fabric to make a shell top to go with a suit
- 3 yards of cranberry
- 4 1/2 yards of black
- 2 7/8 yards of black
- 2 3/4 yards of black

It might be too late for this year's projects, but you can be thinking about next year's projects. If you are interested, please ask at the Extension Office. We will give you an address for you to send a thank you note to the donor.



Dairy Judging Schools

2015 Youth Dairy Cattle Judging Regional School schedule. These serve as a great opportunity for youth to gain understanding and to help build skills in dairy judging. All schools are free for youth to attend. Please arrive 15-30 minutes before advertised start time for registration.



- **July 22 at 6 pm** - Chris Fieber/Fieber Dairy, Inc; 135 S Bowdoin St, Goodwin
- **July 28 at 10 am** - Kevin & Suzanne Souza/Victory Farms; 48176 153rd St, Milbank

In order to be considered for a State Judging team you need to judge a minimum of one time at the county level (or an equivalent) per discipline.

If you have any questions contact Tracey at Tracey.Erickson@sdstate.edu or 605.882.5140.

Cat & Rabbit Practice Night

Brookings 4-H alum, Bailey Thompson, will be holding a cat and rabbit practice for project members on Wednesday, July 29 at 6:30 pm at the Brookings County Resource Center. This will be a great opportunity for members who have questions or are unsure of what to expect during Achievement Days! Come with your rabbit or cat project (in proper carrying units) and practice away.

Contact the office with questions and to sign up by Tuesday, July 28. If you have any questions regarding practice please contact: Bailey Thompson @ 605.690.2554

Poultry Shows Suspension

As a precautionary measure to restrict the potential for disease transmission of the H5N2 highly-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), the South Dakota Animal Industry Board issued a Board Order suspending all South Dakota bird exhibitions effective May 21, 2015 until further notice.

All 4-H poultry shows are suspended until further notice. If the suspension is lifted, the State 4-H office will work with the South Dakota Animal Industry Board to develop a strategy on how to proceed County events. Members are still encouraged to complete the ownership and identification requirements for poultry projects in the event the suspension is lifted. **The State poultry events however have been cancelled for the 2015 year.**

Reminder - Brookings 4-H Drop Slot

The Brookings 4-H Office has a Drop Slot that can be used to leave items (paperwork, fees, room keys etc.) for the office after hours or during times the office is closed.

The drop slot is located at the 'back' door (North East side of the building) accessed best from the gravel parking lot on the east side of the building. We hope that it will make things more convenient for you!



LIKE Brookings 4-H on Facebook!



Brookings 4-H is on FACEBOOK....you can find us at [Brookings County 4-H](#); **LIKE** us and keep up with happenings in Brookings 4-H.

Summer Dog Club Schedule

Join the 4-H Dog Club! It is a great chance to teach you dog obedience, rally, showmanship & agility. All Dog Club practice sessions begin at 7:00 pm.

Thursday, July 2nd
Thursday, July 9th
Thursday, July 16th
Thursday, July 23rd
Sunday, July 26th (Practice will be held at 3pm in the Swiftel Arena)
Monday July 27th Dog Show starts @ 9:00 be there by 8:30

If you have any questions regarding the Dog Club please contact one of the leaders below:

Mandi Christensen
m_petersen_15@hotmail.com
(c) 605.690.8514

Bailey Thompson
(c) 605.690.2554

Kristie Thompson
akthompson@itctel.com
kristie.thompson@ebankstar.com
(h) 605.542.7491
(c) 605.690.4887



Achievement Day Set-Up

Achievement Day set-up will take place in County Rooms C & D, Swiftel Center Arena and Holding Barn on Thursday, July 30 beginning at 9am. Please check your Summer Achievement Booklet for clubs/families assigned to set-up. All are welcome to help!!

Photography Exhibit Mounting Boards

Photography mounting boards of either a 16" x 20" crescent board or 10" x 14" foam core (white or black) for photography exhibits are available at the Extension Office for \$1.00 per board. Labels for photography exhibits are also available in the office. Be sure to check the fair book so that you are following exhibit guidelines.

Achievement Day Lunch Stand Donations

In order to increase profitability of the lunch stand, the following donations are being requested. All items donated should be dropped off at the office by noon on Wednesday, July 29. Please contact the office with your donation to keep track of remaining items.

Frozen Ground Beef - 150 lbs

Mild Salsa (66 oz.) - 2

Large Paper Plates with dividers - 550

Bottled Water (16oz bottle size) - 8 cases

Small Paper Plates (6" size) - 150

Thank you to those who have already begun donating items!

Summer Youth-in-Action Events

***Includes 2015 State Fair Changes!**

- ◇ State Fair Special Foods pre-registrations are due in FairEntry by August 1. Changes & additions can be made through the Extension Office until August 21 with a late fee of double the initial entrance fee.
- ◇ State Horse Show pre-registrations are due in FairEntry with fees paid to the State 4-H Office by July 1. Changes and additions can be made through the Extension Office until July 10 with a late fee of double the initial entrance fee.
- ◆ Brookings County Dog Show will be held on July 27, pre-registrations will be due to Kristie Thompson & Mandi Petersen.
- ◇ State Dog Show pre-registrations are due in FairEntry by August 1 with fees paid to the State 4-H Office. Changes & additions can be made through the Extension Office until August 21, with a late fee of double the initial entrance fee.
- ◆ Fashion Revue will be held on July 28, pre-registration will be due by noon on July 20
- ◇ State Fair Fashion Revue pre-registrations are due in FairEntry with fees paid to the State 4-H Office by August 1. Changes & additions can be made through the Extension Office until August 21, with a late fee of double the initial entrance fee.
- ◆ Public Presentations will be held on July 29, pre-registration will be due by July 20.
- ◇ State Fair Public Presentation pre-registrations are due in FairEntry with fees paid to the State 4-H Office by August 1. Changes and additions can be made through the Extension Office until August 21, with a late fee of double the initial entrance fee.

**DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!**

Important URLs for the County and State Shows!

Below is a comprehensive list of all the URLs you will need to register for upcoming County and State shows.

A video tutorial on how to pre-register for exhibits for families is available on www.igrow.org and <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLlIdDb7IZYqLy96O17Sw9d7JAAFMC Mw2P>



State Horse Show—<http://sdstatehorseshow.fairentry.com>

Brookings County Summer Achievement Days—<https://brookingscounty.fairentry.com>

South Dakota State Fair—<https://sd4hstatefair.fairentry.com>

SD 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest

4-H members from eastern South Dakota are invited to participate in the annual SD 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest on Wednesday, August 5 at the Sioux Empire Fair. The contest provides 4-H members the opportunity to use their critical thinking, writing and speaking skills. Prizes and awards will be available.

The registration deadline for the event is Friday, July 17.

For more information visit <http://igrow.org/4h/personal-development/sd-4-h-character-public-speaking-contest-seeks-participants/> or contact Philip Olson, Contest Coordinator at 605.212.6175.

Radio Take-Over

The 15th annual 4-H Radio Takeover is scheduled for Tuesday, July 21 at the Brookings Radio Stations from 9am-11 am.

This opportunity is open to all 4-Hers who can speak English clearly. 4-Hers will have a chance to talk on the Brookings Radio Stations promoting 4-H.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Radio Takeover chairperson--Louise Coull at 693-6632 or email at lcoull@itctel.com.



Raffle Tickets

4-H members are selling raffle tickets for the 4-H Exhibit Hall build in Huron. Iverson Chrysler of Huron and Mitchell has provided a 2015 Ram 1500 Crew Cab Express and a 2015 Featherlite 8413 24' Stock/Combo Trailer to the State Fair Foundation's capital campaign as grand prizes for two separate raffle tickets available.

A 1/2 beef is the first prize for each (provided by Huron Continental Sale Barn) and second prizes are a 1-year pass to Logan Theaters (Mitchell, Huron & Dell Rapids locations) or a large Gas Grill (provided by Runnings of Huron). Tickets will be sold until September 6 when winners will be announced at the 4-H Leaders' Association Barbeque.

- Truck/Beef/Movie raffle tickets are \$100 for 3 tickets, and \$50 for 1
- Trailer/Beef/Grill raffle tickets are \$50 for 3, and \$25 for 1

Prizes will also be given to the top three 4-H members who sell the most tickets!

“Ag”xpedition Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for 15-20 volunteers to help with the 4-H "Ag"xpedition during Achievement Days! Volunteers will assist at game stations where they will help the participants and explain the rules of the game.

We ask that you are at least 13 years or older.

You can sign-up to volunteer through [SignUpGenius!](#)

“Ag”xpedition will be held at the Brookings County Extension-Swiftel Center Arena on Wednesday, August 5 (during Achievement Days) from 2:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.



2015 Summer Spotlight

The 2015 Summer Spotlight will be held July 23 - July 26 in Huron, SD at the fairgrounds.

The schedule of events can be found on their [Facebook page](#).
