

The Brookings County Times



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State Fair Edition

UPCOMING DATES

State Dog Show - Mitchell, SD
August 22

Fall State Shoot Registration Due
September 1

State Fair Static Exhibits Judged
September 2

South Dakota State Fair
September 3 - 7

State Fair Exhibits ready for pick-up
September 9

Premium Award Forms Due
September 11

State Livestock Judging Contest
September 19

State Fair Livestock Exhibitors

4-H members exhibiting livestock at the State Fair—please stop by the office and pick up your “State Fair Exhibitor back tag” number before leaving for the fair. You will not be using the same number from Achievement Days.



BIG Idea Competition Offers Cash and Scholarships



The BIG Idea Competition is launching its 9th year of competition this fall. High school students across South Dakota are invited to compete in this business idea competition, and winners will receive cash awards and scholarships. The optional Marketing Design competition allows students to submit a logo and ad for their idea and to compete for additional prize money. Nearly \$5,000 in cash and scholarships are awarded through the BIG Idea Competition.

Students may work individually or as a team and will be able to submit their business idea applications online from September 1, 2015 through October 31, 2015. The application consists of a 1,000 word description of a business idea. The online application as well as various resources and examples can be accessed at the BIG Idea website: www.BIGideaSD.com.

All applications submitted by October 31, 2015 will be reviewed and ranked by several judges from the business community. The eight top scoring applications will be invited to the final competition which will be December 3, 2015 at Northern State University.

Created in 2007 to support youth entrepreneurship awareness, the BIG Idea Competition exposes students to the components of a business and encourages them to consider entrepreneurship in their future. More information can be found at www.BIGideaSD.com.

Reminders:

Please make sure you have paid your State Fair invoices by Wednesday, August 26th to the State 4-H Office or you will be unable to participate at the State Fair!

If you still have pop tab collections from your clubs, please turn them in to the Extension Office.

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

4-H Leaders Meeting ~ September 21, 2015

The 4-H Leader's Association will meet Monday, September 21 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office. All club leaders & parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Schwan's Cares Brookings County 4-H Fundraiser

Brookings County 4-H is continuing to run their fundraiser campaign through Schwan's Cares. After August 14, 4-H will receive 5% of all product sales through July 2016. During the check-out process indicate you'd like to "contribute to a fundraiser" and enter the Brookings County 4-H campaign code: 20883. The contribution will then automatically be credited to our campaign.

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



WANTED: YOUR 4-H Photography



We want your photos to fill the walls of the Brookings County 4-H Office!!

If you have photos that were exhibited this year and would like to loan them for display during the new 4-H year, we'd love to 'borrow' them! Bring the 8"x10" photo (doesn't need to be on the foam core, it can be framed if you'd like...it will all be returned to you at the end of the year - October 2016) to the office and we'll arrange on the walls. We have enjoyed our 2014-15 Gallery!

Just another way of showing off the work Brookings 4-H members do!!

State Fair Contestant Information Packets

The Youth-in-Action packets [Special Foods](#), [Fashion Revue](#), and [Public Presentation](#) are available on iGrow! Be sure to review the informational packets before heading to the State Fair events.

LIKE Brookings 4-H on Facebook!

Miss out on any 4-H events, updates or news?

Brookings 4-H is on FACEBOOK....you can find us at [Brookings County 4-H!](#) We frequently post about upcoming events, 4-H pictures, schedule changes and much more! **LIKE** us and keep up with what's happening in Brookings 4-H!



State Fair “Poultry” Exhibits - August 21 Deadline!

A Build a Bird contest will be held in place of live poultry exhibits this year at the South Dakota State Fair. There will be two categories judged (most creative and most lifelike) with two age divisions per category (17 years and under and 18 years and older). There will be a 1st place prize awarded in each category of \$100 and a 2nd place prize of \$50 sponsored by the SD Poultry Industries Association.

You must register in advance by August 21 and the exhibits must be dropped off to the State Fair Office by August 29 unless other arrangements are made.

Judging will take place Friday, Sept. 4. All exhibits must be on display Sept. 3 – Sept. 7 until 5 pm. The exhibitor is responsible for picking up exhibit after 5 pm on Sept. 7.

4-H Poultry “Bird-less” Showmanship at the State Fair

With the continuation of the ban on live poultry exhibits, the State 4-H office will be conducting a “Bird-less Showmanship” contest in its place for youth in Poultry project in 4-H. The showmanship contest will take place at the same time as the regular poultry showmanship was scheduled for.

There will be no pre-entry required for this event. In addition we will not be charging a Youth In Action fee. There will be one judge per age division and they will ask youth to conduct showmanship with a stuffed chicken. They may also ask questions as they would in a typical showmanship event. The contest will start at 1:30 pm on Saturday, September 5th, 2015 in the Poultry building on the SD State Fairgrounds. The judges will judge until they run out of youth!

Youth will be competing for Grand and Reserve Champion Plaques and Top 5 Rosettes in each age division. Please come out and take part in this event, as well as coming to observe these youth showing their skills. The “Bird-less Showmanship” will be one of many events lined up to keep a presence in the Poultry Barn this year.



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