

The Brookings County Times



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January 2016

UPCOMING DATES

New Year - Office Closed
January 1

Shooting Sports Start Date
January 9

4-H Leader's Meeting
January 11

Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
January 18 - Office Closed

President's Day
February 15 - Office Closed

Little International
April 1-2

4-H Camp
June 6-8

Achievement Days
August 1-4

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

Come test your knowledge and skills in a number of challenging events, including a beef cook off, dog show, hippology, livestock judging, livestockology, quiz bowl contests and more!

The Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day will be held January 30, 2016 at the Central States Fairgrounds & Walter Taylor 4-H Building, 601 E Centre St, Rapid City, SD. Pre-entry is required and the registration deadline is January 15, 2016.

For more information or to sign-up please review the [contestant packet](#), available on iGrow.



2016 Shooting Sports Registration

We still have some spots available for the 2016 4-H Shooting Sports. Discipline slots still available include .22 rifle, air rifle, air pistol, and one spot left for BB gun.

[Registration forms](#), [shooting schedules](#) and [discipline rosters](#) are all available [online](#).

Please make sure to complete your 4-H enrollment at [4-HOnline!](#)

If you missed the mandatory Shooting Sports Gun Safety training and testing, please arrive 30 minutes early to practice to take the safety training test. Members will not be allowed to start shooting until training has been completed.

The **Shooting Sport** sessions will get underway **January 9, 2016**. Watch the Facebook pages for updates:

[Brookings County 4-H](#).



Reminder:

**PLEASE CASH YOUR
PREMIUM AWARD CHECKS!**

Member Insurance

Independent 4-H members, please remember to pay your insurance it was due December 1.

Regular Members: \$3

Members w/Horse: \$3.50

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

4-H Leaders Meeting ~ JANUARY 11, 2016

The 4-H Leader's Association will meet January 11th at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office.

All club leaders & parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend. Supper will be provided.



2015-2016 4-H Enrollment

The new 4-H year started October 1 and runs through September 30, 2016.

Reminder...in order to enroll in 4-H, youth must be 8 **on or before January 1, 2016.**

Youth can not be older than 18 on or before January 1, 2016. New year enrollment opened online October 1.

Please complete the re-enrollment process on 4HOnline (can also be accessed through www.iGrow.org) in order to be an active member or volunteer for the 2015-16 4-H Year.

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.



Schwan's Cares Brookings County 4-H Fundraiser

Brookings County 4-H is continuing to run their fundraiser campaign through Schwan's Cares.

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!



Quotes to Live By - Essay Contest—Deadline January 31, 2016

The South Dakota 4-H 2016 Quotes to Live By Essay Contest is a way to enhance your school's character efforts. The contest is to inspire youth in 4th, 7th and 9th grades to reflect upon, express and commit to wise and enduring truths that will guide them to make ethical choices throughout their lives.

This contest is open to all students in South Dakota schools, home schools, and individual 4-H members in 4th, 7th and 9th grades.

The South Dakota 4-H 2016 [Quotes to Live By Official Contest Packet](#) is now available and is due January 31.

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

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Make a Wish as New 4-H Project

The Brookings 4-H Leaders Association is making a donation of \$380 to the Make a Wish Fundraiser raised from the Spaghetti Supper held November 9th, during the Recognition Night. They would like to challenge the other Brookings County Clubs to make a donation as well.



The South Dakota State 4-H Youth Council selected the Make-A-Wish Foundation of South Dakota as their state-wide community service project. We will be making donations throughout the next calendar year to try to raise \$5,000-\$6,000 in order to grant one wish for a child in South Dakota suffering from life-threatening medical conditions. Counties throughout South Dakota will compete to see which 4-H program can raise the most money for this fantastic cause. The winning county will receive a prize.

The Youth Council is asking counties, clubs and members to come up with some creative fundraisers in order to donate to this amazing organization and statewide community service project.

National 4-H Conference Trip

The National 4-H Conference is a leadership development event for 4-H members, ages 16 – 19, across the U.S. and its territories. Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for the National 4-H Conference scheduled for April 9-14, 2016, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Youth must be 16 – 18 years old by the date of the event to apply. Applicants need to submit their applications to their local 4-H Youth Program Advisor and delegates will be informed of the approval status on or before February 15, 2016.

For more information please review the [applicant packet on iGrow](#).

Upcoming 2016 Calf Shows

♦ Sioux Empire Farm Show (Jr. Beef) - Jan 28-30 ~ Sioux Falls, SD - www.siouxempirefarmshow.org for info
 Feeder Heifer Show - Thurs. Jan 28; Feeder Steer Show - Fri. Jan 29; Breeding Heifer Show - Jan 30
www.siouxempirefarmshow.org for more info

♦ SDSU B&B/AGR Jackrabbit Memorial Show - February 26-28 ~ Sioux Falls, SD
 W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds

If you have any questions about the Jackrabbit Memorial Show, please ask one of the



Pollinator Traveling School Exhibit

There is a national movement directed by the government, non-profits, and private industry to increase the pollinators available for insects and bees, which will lead to better habitats for songbirds, wildlife, other insects and benefit the environment overall. Kalyn Gutormson is trying to get elementary and middle school aged kids involved in learning about pollinators, honey bees and monarch butterflies while providing an educational exhibit to travel around schools and community areas. She would like your 4-H member/club's help in creating this traveling exhibit which will consist of a tri-fold board that is 4ft x 3ft with 2ft sides on hinges. She would like to include information, pictures and hands-on activities. The exhibit will also need information sheets for educators and how-to sheets.

If you are interested in contributing to this project contact: Kalyn Gutormson at kagutormson@yahoo.com
