

The Brookings County Times



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March 2015

UPCOMING DATES

4-H Leader's Meeting
March 9 @ 5:30 pm

Youth PQA Training
March 9 @ 6 pm

TLC
June 1-5

Performing Arts Camp
June 8-13

Market Beef Affidavit Due
April 1

State 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
April 1

Rodeo Participant Packet Due
May 1

4-H Camp @ Lake Poinsett
June 10-12

Special Foods Contest
June 17

County Horse Show
June 23

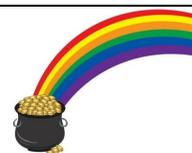
County Dog Show
July 27

Fashion Revue Contest
July 28

Market Beef Green Tagging/Weigh-In



The market beef weigh-in and green tagging will be held on **Monday, March 23 at Vander Wal Yards (20740 464th Ave) from 4-6 pm. All market beef need to have a green tag and a DNA sample submitted in order to participate at the 2015 State Fair.** DNA sample envelopes will be provided at \$6 each. **This will be the only scheduled weigh in.** Please contact the Extension Office if you will be weighing animals 605.696.8280.



4-H Horse Project Members

4-H Horses



Remember to work on your Youth in Action requirements for the 2014-15 4-H Year which will help you meet the completion requirement of the Horse Project Achievement Form. All requirements need to be completed by **June 1**. The requirements of the 4-H members are outlined on the form.

Requirements include:

- Completion of 2 Safe Skills on the Horse Activity Record
- Participation in a Youth in Action event or giving a public presentation (illustrated talk, demonstration, public speaking, project why) which can be given at the club level but must be related to the Horse Project
- Completion of the **Youth HORSE Training**. Attending a training in any location will meet the completion requirement necessary to participate in the county and state horse shows.

HORSE Safety Training Dates

Hayti	Sun. March 8th	5:00pm	4-H Auditorium
Brookings	Tues. March 24th	6:00pm	Brookings County Resource Center
Lake County	Sun. March 29th	1:00pm	4-H Building

Youth PQA Training

The Brookings Youth PQA will be held in Brookings at 6 pm on **Monday, March 9 at the Brookings County Resource Center**. Mandy Stade, SDSU 4-H Youth Program Advisor, will be the presenter. **Youth who plan to exhibit a market hog at the 2015 South Dakota State Fair must be Youth PQA Plus trained and certified.**



Reminders:

- Independent 4-H members, please remember to pay your insurance to the office by **March 10**.
- Please cash checks received from the 2014 Recognition Event and Winter Calf Show.

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

4-H Camp



The purpose of 4-H Camp is to provide an opportunity for 4-H and non 4-H members ages 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 years old to make new friends, understand and appreciate nature, have fun and build leadership skills that can be used for a lifetime. Camp will be held June 10-12 at Lake Poinsett. Camp scholarships are offered for any 4-H participant which will cover half of your registration fees.

There are only 49 spots available so don't wait to register! The deadline for registration is April 17. Registration is on a first come first serve basis **with** payment.

Don't forget to turn in a [4-H scholarship form](#) with your completed camp registration and half of your camp registration fee (\$75).

2015 Livestock Affidavits

The 2015 Livestock Ownership Verification Affidavits are now available. Required information is identified with an asterisk (*). If required information is missing from the form when uploaded into 4-HOnline the form will not be considered complete.

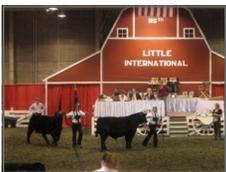
Market Beef forms are due **April 1**; Rabbit and Poultry forms have joined the remainder of the species with a **June 1 deadline** and will need to be uploaded to 4HOnline as well.

The affidavits can be found on the Brookings 4-H website: <http://brookingscountysd.gov/index.aspx?NID=353> or on iGrow.org

Item	Breeding Beef	Breeding Sheep	Breeding Meat Goat	Market Beef	Market Sheep	Market Goat	Market Swine	Dairy Cows	Dairy Goat	Poultry	Rabbit
Green Tag				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Weigh-In				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Ownership Affidavit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										
USDA Scrapies Tag		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DNA				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Tattoo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leg Band										<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

*****See page 4 for additional identification requirements. Contact the office with questions.**

Little I 2015 - Mark your Calendars



Little International (Little I) 2015 is scheduled for March 27-28, 2015. Little International is a two-day agricultural exposition planned, organized, and implemented by students at South Dakota State University for the benefit of high school and college students. Little International is considered the largest two-day agricultural exposition in the country. The exposition provides a fun and competitive opportunity for students to develop and refine skills essential for lifelong success in agriculture. Through Little International, students can utilize the two day event, not just as an opportunity to improve their showmanship, fitting, or judging skills, but also to develop time management skills, responsibility, hard work and personal pride—not to mention the networking possibilities and the fun had by all involved with Little International. Please contact the Brookings County Extension Office 696.8280 by March 18 if you wish to participate in judging.

Full information and registration forms can be found at: <http://www.sdsulittleinternational.com/>

High school seniors participating in the 2015 Little International event with interest in the agriculture industry are eligible to apply for the Little I scholarship. You must complete and return a Little I scholarship application by March 19 to qualify. Finalists will be notified between March 23rd – 26th, 2015 and will meet for an interview on Friday March 27 with the Little I Scholarship Committee. Winners will be announced at Little International during the Saturday night program. There will be two scholarships awarded for \$250 and one awarded for \$500.

NEW!!! 2014-15 4-H Livestock Green Tagging Changes

The “Green Tagging” system will be changing, starting with the 2014 – 2015 4-H program year.

Beginning with the 2015 – 2016 4-H program year, South Dakota 4-H Youth Development will move to completely different tags. Currently our tags are four numbers and a single letter. In the future, we will use National Unified Ear -Tagging System (NUES) tags. NUES tags are federally required for animals to technically cross state lines.

Another important part of the NUES tagging system is that only one federal tag can be placed in an animal. This becomes problematic with sheep and goats that already carry a Scrapie Tag (which is also a federal tag). Because of this, we will move away from green tagging sheep and goats. Sheep and goats still need to be verified on the Ownership Verification Affidavit forms; going forward their Scrapie number is the unique identifier. This change requires the entire Scrapie number be recorded on the form including the state code.

Another “change” for the 2015 – 2016 4-H program year will be in pre-identification of 4-H Dairy Cattle. Going forward, you will be required to provide one type of ID when submitting forms:

- A registration tag
- A registration tattoo
- An Electronic Identification Device (EID) tag number
- A complete Bangs tag number or a 4-H Green Tag number

To stay consistent, breeding beef animals will be required to have something more tangible than a herd tag for commercial animals. Breeding beef will need a tattoo at verification time or a Green Tag.

Important Reminder - Registration for Project Areas

Be certain to register **ALL** possible project areas of interest in your individual 4-H profile by May 31st. Failure to do so may result in possible disqualification of participation in future events.



Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

The Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce, Ag Relations Committee is offering a \$500 scholarship for students planning careers in agriculture related fields. Eligibility is limited to current students who are enrolled in any accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program in an agriculture related field. An application must be completed and returned with all supporting materials by April 15, 2015.

For an application or more information contact the Brookings Area Chamber of Commerce 605.692.9125 or the County Extension Office 696.8280.

Scholarship Opportunity for Shooters

The Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship deadline is April 1, 2015. To be considered, you must have participated in 4-H Shooting Sports for a minimum of three years, and be either a high school senior or college freshman with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The South Dakota Shooting Sports program will disburse a minimum of two \$500 scholarships. In 2014, four scholarships were awarded, totaling \$2500. The top two high school applicants meeting Daisy Scholarship criteria will move on to the National Daisy Scholarship pool and be eligible for a \$1000 scholarship.



The scholarship will be payable to any two-year or four-year accredited Jr. College, Technical School or University. Scholarship funds will be available in the second semester of the freshman year, or the fall semester of the sophomore year, once enrollment is certified.

How to Apply? The application requires a recommendation from a H.S. counselor or principal or college advisor, a recommendation from a 4-H coach or equivalent who is not a relative, a personal resume of awards and accomplishments, certified H.S. or college transcript, and a 250-500 word essay on the following topic: How Shooting Sports Has Prepared me for Life. Include college/career plans in the essay. For more information, download the [application form](#).

4-H Scholarships Applications ~ April 1



4-H Scholarship Applications are due to the State 4-H Office by April 1, 2015. Be watching [iGrow](#) for the SD State 4-H Scholarship list and application guidelines.

Start working on your submission packet now, to include: a cover letter, resume, letter of recommendation and a transcript. The application packet also needs to be signed by the 4-H Advisor and postmarked by April 1.

Farmers Union Scholarship

Farmers Union Insurance Agency in cooperation with the South Dakota Farmers Union Foundation is offering 25 - \$1,000.00 scholarships to South Dakota high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education at a college, university or technical school in South Dakota. Recipient eligibility and award criteria information can be found online at <http://sdfufoundation.org/category/scholarships/>. One way to be eligible is through participation in any South Dakota High School Activity Association's sanctioned events (SDHSAA).

Applications and additional information is available from school counselors, local Farmers Union Insurance agents, or at <http://sdfufoundation.org/category/scholarships/>

The deadline for applications for the Farmers Union scholarship is April 15, 2015.

Tri-State Horse Exposition

On March 21st the Minnehaha County Horse Council will be hosting Judging and Hippology at the Tri State Horse Show located on the W H Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls, SD. They will also be offering Youth HORSE Training for all youth. This event is open to all 4-H youth. If you have any questions you may contact:

Chuck Martinell (605)367-7877 or Barb Nix (605) 360-1802

In the Expo Building March 21 Schedule

◆ 8:00-8:30 Registration Onsite for Judging or Hippology (No pre-registration)
◆ 8:30 Judging
◆ 8:30: Hippology
◆ 12:00 Awards
◆ 1:00 Youth HORSE Training



Sewing Class



Gina Vander Wal will be holding a beginner sewing class March 28. You are learning basic principles and it is recommended that you choose a simple project such as a skirt, shorts or pajama bottoms with an elastic waist. Please let Gina know what you are planning to make when you register. The classes will held at Gina's home at 511 E. 1st St. in Volga, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Each student needs to be accompanied by an adult who knows how to run their sewing machine. There will be a **strict** limit of 3 students per class as there is only room for three students in her studio. You will be registering for the class directly with Gina at 627-9365 or 690-8441.

InB's Got Talent

Join the SD 4-H Youth Council during the South Dakota 4-H Leaders' meeting, on April 11 at 9:00 AM CST at the Davison County Extension Building (3200 W. Havens St.). Here's your opportunity to learn, have fun, and meet others from around the state that want to learn about leadership! INB will offer you leadership skills, a fun project to take home, an opportunity to participate in a community service project, and the opportunity to make new friends.

To register, [download an electronic copy of the form](#) and send your completed registration form to the Watertown Regional Extension Center by **April 1**.

2015 Young Scientist Challenge

Discovery Education and 3M are again sponsoring the Young Scientist Challenge. Students in grades 5-8 are asked to propose a new innovation or solution to an everyday problem, and explain their solution in a one-to-two minute video. Registration is currently open at the [Young Scientist Challenge website](#). Parents must sign a consent form and register their child. Students may then log-in and complete the student profile and upload their video presentation. **Entries close on April 21, 2015.**



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!



2015 Rodeo Packet

The 2015 [Rodeo Entry packet](#) is available and due to the office by **May 1**. The packet must be completed and on file by the due date or the 4-H member will be ineligible to participate in ANY regional 4-H Rodeo, including the SD 4-H Finals Inc. Rodeo. Please note that there is a 4-HOnline component that is to be completed by the participant. Packets **do require notarization** so plan accordingly.



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.

Camp Counselors Needed!

Applications Due March 13th



4-H Camp Eastern counselors belong to a group called, MISSION POSSIBLE. Why? Every year is a new adventure at 4-H Camp. Camp Counselors have a Mission to choose the yearly camp theme, bring fresh ideas for youth attending, participate in songs, crafts, recreation & swimming, campfires and FUN!

This Mission IS Possible with the help of YOU!

Mission Possible camp counselors must be at least 16 years of age and have the willingness to provide leadership skills to youth ages 8-12 years of age.

For an application, contact your county 4-H Office.

Questions? Contact your county 4-H Youth Advisor or

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