Welcome 2018!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and is ready to start a brand new year! A reminder to volunteers, if you have not yet enrolled, please go online and get that done as soon as possible. The deadline was December 31, 2017. All youth enrollment & project area

4-H Archery

The Safety Course for Archery is scheduled for January 2, 2018 at 7:00pm in the basement of the Aberdeen SDSU Extension Regional Center. Practices will be held every Tuesday beginning January 9, 2018 at 7:00pm at Jarret and Stacey Jones’ shop. Their address is 39507 130th St, Bath SD. It is not marked, it is exactly 3 miles north of the Bath corner on the east side of the highway, on the corner of 395th and 130th. For further information on archery, please contact Robert at 605-290-6650.

4-H BB Gun

The Safety Course for BB Gun is scheduled for January 8, 2018 at 6:30pm at Northern Electric for those members who are new to the program. Practices will be held every Monday beginning January 15, 2018 at 6:30pm.

**Members must be enrolled in the shooting sports project area via 4-H Online before they can participate in any shooting sports mentioned above**

Random Acts of Kindness

Saturday, February 17 is National Random Act of Kindness Day. Brown County 4-H will be celebrating this during the month of February. Think about how your club can participate and let us know so we can share your Random Acts of Kindness with others! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Make & deliver baked goods
- Pay it Forward
- Make a CD with positive and uplifting songs and give to people
- Send a care package
- Give compliments
- Hold a door

Thank you for representing Brown County 4-H in our communities!
Leader Association Dues
If you want your leader to have the opportunity to participate in the Brown County Leader Association, they must have paid their dues. Dues need to be paid to Leader Association Treasurer, Ellen Schlosser. After January 1, dues are $5. Please include the name, address, city and zip code of the leader as well as an e-mail address. Ellen’s address is 27751 106th Street, Frederick, S.D. 57441.

Fruit Sale
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 your 4-H club and also our county 4-H program.

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 Monday, January 29th.

Brown County Leaders Meeting
Brown County 4-H Leaders will be meeting Monday, January 29, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Aberdeen Regional Center.

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 May 31, 2018. Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine, Market Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Rabbit and Poultry is May 31, 2018.

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
A friendly reminder that 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.
Livestock Dates to Mark on your calendar

- Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day—January 27, 2018
- Horse Testing—May 14-18, 2018
- Beef, Sheep, Swine, Dairy Cattle, Rabbit, Poultry, Dog, & Cat Affidavits Due—May 31, 2018
- Horse ID Forms Due—May 31, 2018
- Triple Threat—June 22 & 23, 2018
- South Dakota State Horse Show—July 23-25, 2018
- Summer Spotlight—TBD
- AK-SAR-BEN—September 22 & 23, 2018

2018 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

The 2018 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day will take place on January 27, 2018 in Rapid City, SD. This event is put on by SDSU Extension and South Dakota 4-H. The Youth Day is open to all youth, regardless of their affiliation with 4-H. Age requirements are that the youth must be at least 8 years of age by January 1, 2018 and must not have turned 19 by January 1, 2018.

Youth Day activities include:

- Livestock Judging – Team and Individual Event
- Beef Cook-Off – Individual Event
- Horse Quiz Bowl – Team Event
- Hippology: Team Event
- Livestockology: Team Event
- Dog Show: Individual Event
- Dog Skill-a-thon: Individual Event
- YQCA Instructor Led Training

Along with the Youth Day Activities, there are also the following scholarship opportunities for youth:

**Black Hills Stock Show® Foundation**

The non-profit Black Hills Stock Show Foundation is truly committed to preserving the legacy of the Western Way of Life and Investing in the Future. In support of this commitment, the Foundation provides four annual Scholarship Programs to the youth of our communities who intend to pursue careers, either in or in support of agriculture. Applicants for Category I and Category II Scholarships must be residents of South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana or Nebraska and high school seniors planning to continue their education through an accredited university, college and/or technical institution, preferably in the 5-state area identified above. All seniors satisfying this criteria are invited to apply. **Completed applications must be mailed to the Black Hills Stock Show Foundation AND postmarked no later than midnight December 10, 2017. (If date falls on Saturday/Sunday, the Friday immediately preceding.)**

Further information, along with the application packet can be found at [http://bhssf.com/scholarships.htm](http://bhssf.com/scholarships.htm)


**Rapid City Chamber of Commerce Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee**

Young women and men who graduated from high school in the spring of 2017 or will graduate in the spring of 2018 are eligible to apply. Four $1,000 scholarships will be awarded for formal instruction in any South Dakota accredited university, college, technical school or other recognized program preparing young people in agricultural and natural resources related fields. Two $500 scholarships will also be offered to Western Dakota Technical Institute. Interviews for finalists will begin at 8:00 am, January 27 at the Central State Fair Office (800 San Francisco St.). **Applications must be received in the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce by January 8, 2018.**

Further information, along with the application packet can be found at [http://www.rapidcitychamber.com/committees/agriculture-natural-resource-committee](http://www.rapidcitychamber.com/committees/agriculture-natural-resource-committee)


Questions? Contact Rachel Day (605) 718-8454 [day@rapidcitychamber.com](mailto:day@rapidcitychamber.com)
Here is some clarification for using Green NUES tags on market animals. Only Market Steers, Market Swine, and any Market Heifer that DOES NOT have a Bangs tag should be tagged.

- If a heifer has a Bangs tag, do not give her a Green NUES tag
- Market Lambs, Market Goats, and Breeding Goats should have Scrapie tags (NUES tags). The number must be on the OVA
- Dairy Goats should have a Scrapie tag, but if she does not, please make sure an individual ear tattoo is on the OVA
- Rabbits must have an individual ear tattoo. The number must be on the OVA
- REGISTERED Breeding Heifers must have a tattoo that corresponds to her Registration Papers. The number must be on the OVA
- Dairy Cattle must have a Bangs tag, a Registration number Tag, a NUES tag, or an individual ear tattoo. This must be on the OVA.
- COMMERCIAL Breeding Heifers must have a Bangs tag or Green NUES tag. The number must be on the OVA.
- All Market Swine should be Green NUES tagged unless they have a NUES Premises tag with a USDA seal on it.
- Poultry must have a leg band with color and number entered on the OVA as soon as the information is available.

If an animal has a federal tag with the USDA shield, DO NOT put another NUES tag in its ear.
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