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### Upcoming Meeting or Events

#### • Leaders Meeting

Monday, September 18 @  
7:00

#### \*\*Important Dates\*\*

- Sept 1 Sign up for End of Year Workshop
- Sept 4 Labor Day—Office Closed
- Sept 5 End of Year Work Shop
- Sept 6 Pick up State Fair Exhibits at the Extension Office from 9:00 A.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Sept 9 State Trap Shoot—Mitchell Trap Club
- Sept 15 End of year Records DUE by 5:00 PM Western 4-H Family & Consumer Science Deadline
- Sept 16 Sign-up for Dog Class Dog Ownership Day
- Sept 16 Poultry Show
- Sept 18 End of Year Record Meeting/Leaders Meeting—6:00 pm
- Sept 19 Dog Class
- Sept 26 Dog Class
- Sept 29-30 Rural Women Making A difference Conference—Spearfish
- Oct 1-7 National 4-H Week
- Oct 3 Dog Class
- Oct 4-7 Western Junior Livestock & Western 4-H FCS Shows-RC
- Oct 10 Dog Class
- Oct 12 CWF Interviews
- Oct 13-14 North Central Region Volunteer Forum
- Oct 17 Dog Class
- Oct 24 Dog Class
- Nov 5 Recognition Event
- June 23 - Citizenship Washington Focus
- July 1 2007



#### **ACHIEVEMENT DAY!!!!**

By: Norma Westergaard, Pennington County Secretary

We had a very exciting day on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. The 4-H youth and parents showed up bright and early to bring in their exhibits for judging that day. Judging started at 8:30 am and continued till noon. One hundred thirty eight (138) 4- H members participated. They brought in eight hundred seventeen (817) exhibits. Two hundred nine (209) purple ribbons were awarded. Lunch was provided and served by the Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee. We appreciate their sponsorship. We want to thank the Judges, 4-H Leaders & families for their time and dedication.

#### **Making A Difference**

Creating Opportunities for a Lifetime

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**Western Junior Livestock Show—**

The Western Junior Livestock Show will be held October 4-7, 2006 in Rapid City at the Central State Fair.

**Western 4-H Family and Consumer Science Show—DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 15.**

The Western 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Show will once again be held October 6-7, 2006 in conjunction with the Western Junior Livestock Show in Rapid City, SD.

Detailed information about the contest is available at your local Extension Office.

Registration materials will be available in August at your local Extension Office or visit the 4-H Website at <http://4-H.sdstate.edu> and click on Western 4-H Family and Consumer Sciences Show to visit our new website.

**HELP, HELP**

We need helpers for the Western Junior Livestock food booth. We need a couple of crock pots donated to the Penn Co. Leaders Association. They can be dropped off at the office.

Along with the Western Junior Show and Consumer Science Show comes the food booth. Clubs need to keep in mind that they will need to help and also donate pies (3 per club). Again this year, there will be monetary incentives for those clubs who help—\$25.00 per time slot with four 4-H'ers and 2 adults. If you can only help for a couple hours or especially from 10 to 1, our busiest times, please let us know. To sign up stop by or call the office at 394-2188.

**Western Junior Food Booth**

**Wednesday, October 4**

8:30 am – 11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 am – 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

**Thursday, October 5**

7:00 am – 11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 am – 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

4:00 pm—7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday, October 6**

7:00 am – 11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 am – 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

4:00 pm—7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, October 7**

7:00 am – 11:00 am \_\_\_\_\_

11:00 am – 4:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_

4:00 pm—7:00 pm \_\_\_\_\_ Patriot Riders

**End of Year Workshop**

Are you confused about the final paper work to complete the 4-H year? You are invited to attend a workshop to learn about awards, project pins and special awards. The workshop will be held September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Please register by September 1 so we will have enough handouts for all. Call Mary Lunders at 721-6544 if you have any questions.

**End of the Year Paperwork —Leaders please pick up your end of the year information if you have not already done so.**

All award information needs to be turned into the office by September 15 by 5:00 p.m. in order to be eligible for any awards. All Leaders need to be at the Leaders meeting scheduled for September 18th at 6:00 p.m. **The Leaders Association will be providing Pizza.**

**National 4-H Week, October 1-7, 2006**

Check out National 4-H Council's Clover Corner News Web site <http://www.4-Hmediaresources.org>. have new media promotion ideas for National 4-H Week.

You will find 4-H Week logos, print materials such as bookmarks, brochure, certificates; event materials such as folder labels, name badges, table tents; letterhead; placemats; etc.

**Recognition Event**

Recognition Event will be held November 5 at the 4-H Building. There will be the annual chili lunch at noon followed by the Recognition Event. Each club is asked to provide 2 youth ambassadors to help with the event. These youth should feel comfortable speaking in front of a group of people. Please turn these names into the office by September 18, 2006.

**South Dakota Jump Start Coalition-- Consider Becoming a Member**

Jump Start is an educational program promoting personal financial literacy by coordinating community partners to provide resources primarily to high school youth and young adults. If you are interested in learning about and participating in the South Dakota Jump Start Coalition, see our state's Web site <http://www.sdjumpstart.org>. The national Web site is <http://jumpstart.org>.

**THANK YOU—THANK YOU-THANK YOU!!!!**  
Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers for their dedication and hard work that made 2006 Achievement Day a BIG SUCCESS! We couldn't do it without your help!  
Pennington County Extension Office

## Volunteerism

### Be a 4-H Volunteer. YOU can make a difference.

We need your help. 4-H is an experiential learning youth education program for boys and girls ages 8-18. Its practical life skills education in science and technology, healthy lifestyles and citizenship can reach any kid. In addition to traditional programs for youth in after school programs, we are developing new community partnerships to bring our educational resources to the underserved members of our community.

4-H is a community of young people across America learning leadership, citizenship and life skills. With the guidance of 4-H volunteers, youth:

- ✦ Learn by doing
- ✦ Develop leadership and life skills
- ✦ Make new friends
- ✦ Give back to the community
- ✦ Build connections with others

Volunteering can be short term to long term in length. Sometimes, we need help with one event or a short term activity, in addition to longer commitments. If you are interested in helping our young people and serving your community through service with our 4-H programs and educational special projects, please contact our Pennington County Office at 394-2188. We are also looking for volunteers to help in our office for short term projects too.

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#### North Central Region Volunteer Forum October 13-14, Rochester, MN

This is our regional conference for leaders and volunteers. For registration information, please contact our Extension Office at 394-2188 or check it out online at <http://4-H.sdstate.edu/programs.cfm?page=programs>

There are discounts for online registration. Deadline for regular conference rates is September 1, 2006.

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### Lights On Afterschool! At-A-Glance

*Lights On Afterschool* is celebrated nationwide to call attention to the importance of Afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities.

In America today, 1 in 4 youth -- 14.3 million children -- are alone and unsupervised after school. Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. They provide opportunities to help young people develop into successful adults.

*Lights On Afterschool* was launched in October 2000 with celebrations in more than 1,200 communities nationwide. The event grew in 2001 to more than 3,600 events, and more than 7,500 in 2005. This October 2006, 1 million Americans will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool!*

The Afterschool Alliance salutes the many *Lights On Afterschool* partners and programs who make this event a success, in particular the After-School All-Stars, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, 4-H Afterschool, Junior Achievement, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers and the YMCA of the USA.



Planning your event, check this website for ideas:

[http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/lights\\_on/planning.cfm](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/lights_on/planning.cfm)

## Citizenship Washington Focus

South Dakota has been accepted for the June 23-July 1 week for our trip to Washington, D.C. We will be leaving on June 23 and returning on July 1. Up to three individuals from Pennington County may be selected with a full scholarship to attend this excellent workshop in Washington, D.C. This workshop offers youth an opportunity to learn how government functions and what the role of responsible citizens are.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. Thousands of young people from across America stay at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center, near Washington, D.C., every summer to participate in the program, which provides opportunities for young people to:

- Broaden appreciation and practice respect for themselves and others;
- Increase individual commitment to citizen involvement;
- Understand the importance of civic and social responsibilities;
- Practice fitness and have fun!

CWF participants get:

- A behind-the-scenes look at our nation's capital and the chance to meet Members of Congress;
- Motivational speakers, workshops and assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement and build lifetime skills for success;
- Activities that encourage new and lasting friendships;
- An enthusiastic college-age staff that works directly with them.

CWF program assistants immerse delegates in the culture and history of Washington, DC, through onsite workshops at its most spectacular sights. Destinations include, but are not limited to:

- The Capitol
- Mount Vernon
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Presidential and war monuments and memorials
- Smithsonian museums

Selection of trip participants is based on:

- \*Enrollment in Citizenship or Leadership Project 15 years old or older
- \*Resume
- \*Present a 500-word speech on "What Citizenship Means to Me" to a judge.
- \*Personal interview
- \*Be in Good Standing

**INTERVIEWS:** Thursday, October 12 at 4:00 p.m., at the 4-H & Extension Building.

**DEADLINE:** Monday, September 18, 2006

## 2007 Region 4-H Dog Project

Region 4-H Dog Project has changed its format for meetings/trainings. Training will be offered 4 times each year (new class being offered in the Spring - Freestyle). Class signup will be held on Saturday, September 16, 2006 during the RDO day event (see details below). Cost is \$30 per 4-Her for the year no matter when you join. You may join the program anytime during the 4-H year. Lois Schmoll, Project Lead, 430-7688.

The first training session will begin on Tuesday September 19th for six weeks. All training sessions will be held in the 4-H building in Rapid City on the Central States Fairgrounds.

6 p.m. Canine Good Citizen (CGC) / Basic Obedience Training - CGC is a certification program that is designed to reward dogs who have good manners at home and in the community. The Canine Good Citizen Program is a two-part program that stresses responsible pet ownership for owners and basic good manners for dogs. All dogs who pass the 10-step CGC test may receive a certificate from the American Kennel Club. <http://www.akc.org/events/cgc/index.cfm>

6 p.m. Rally Obedience class - this class is intended for those who have completed the Basic Obedience training class. Rally is new to SD 4-H and will be offered as a class at the state level this next year. Rally is a sport in which the dog and handler complete a course that has been designed by the rally judge. The judge tells the handler to begin, and the dog and handler proceed at their own pace through a course of designated stations (10 - 20, depending on the level). Each of these stations has a sign providing instructions regarding the next skill that is to be performed. Scoring is not as rigorous as traditional obedience. <http://www.akc.org/events/rally/index.cfm>

7 p.m. Agility - Back to Basics agility training - this class is intended for those who have completed the Basic Obedience training class

7 p.m. Advanced Obedience - this class is intended for those who have completed the Basic Obedience training class and are ready to compete at the Novice level or higher (off lead heeling, dumb bell, drop on recall, etc.)

## 2006 AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day Event

September 16, 2006 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Hosts:** Rapid City Kennel Club and Region 4-H Dog Project

**Location:** Central States Fair Grounds behind the 4-H building in the grass area, Rapid City

**Events:** Fun Games, 4-H booth, CGC testing, Obedience demo/basic training, Retrieving demo, Rally demo/hands on, Agility demo/hands on, Parade of Breeds, Search and Rescue demo, "Meet the Breed" Booths, CFF Freestyle demo, Earth Dog demo, Tracking demo, Grooming booth (hands on), Nutrition booth, Health booth (vaccinations and health topics), RCKC dog class signup, Sled Team demo, Microchip Clinic.

### 2006 Achievement Day Results

Results for the Achievement Day and the Pennington County Dog Show were printed in the Rapid City Journal and are also available at the Extension Office or can be e-mailed to you. Please let us know if you would like to have them emailed.

### Pick up State Fair Exhibits

Please Pick up your State Fair Exhibits on Wednesday, September 6th from 8 am-5 pm.

### Fashion Revue Photos

Cherie Hilton is making a scrapbook for Fashion Revue. If you have any photographs from 2004 and prior years would you please Contact Cherie Hilton at 787-9106.

### Poultry Show

There will be a Poultry Show held September 16th at the Kammerer's Rush Lake Harvest Fest starting at 9:00 a.m.. The show is sponsored by the Riding Ranchers 4-H Club and is open to everyone of all ages to participate. Call 279-2306 for more information. Fun-Fun-Fun!

### State Horse Show Results

Congratulations to the following 4-H'ers that attended the State Horse Show in July in Huron.  
Stock Seat Equitation—Kodee Click—Red  
Hunt Seat Equitation—Kodee Click—Purple  
Saddle Seat Equitation—Heather Graff—Reserve Champion  
Trail—Dallas Steen—Blue  
Reining—Dallas Steen—White  
Pleasure Driving—Heather Graff—Grand Champion

### Rest Well: It's Labor Day!

By: Kathy Bruckner  
Pennington County Administrative Assistant

For some people, the Labor Day holiday means a three-day weekend, and for many parents, it's the deadline for back-to-school shopping. Today, the founding ideals behind this national holiday are mostly forgotten. Did you know Labor Day was first established as a holiday honoring the working people?

The idea behind Labor Day stemmed from an event in 1872, when 10,000 workers marched in New York City to demand better working conditions. One of the marchers, Peter McGuire, promoted the idea for a holiday honoring working people. The first Labor Day parade was held in Manhattan on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, and was organized by machinist Mathew Maguire. More of a festival than a demonstration, the parade captured the interest of the entire nation.

## Have a safe Labor Day

Have a wonderful fall and school year!

### **Pennington County Extension Office Hours**

Our hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Please remember that you can mail in registrations to us if postmarked by the deadline for 4-H events. If you need to see a staff person or pay a fee after 5pm, please call our office to make an appointment.

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