

Newsletter

Pennington County Extension

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Upcoming Meetings or Events - 4-H Bldg

July 14-7:00 pm-Leaders Mtg

Other Important Dates

- June 1 Dog Class
- June 2-5 4-H SET Camps
- June 3-5 Range Camp
- June 6 Range & Pasture Project
- June 8 Dog Class
- June 9 TLC Camp
Ceramic Class
- June 12 Drama Camp Meeting
- June 15 Dog Class
- June 15-19 Teen/Counselor Camp
- June 16 Ceramic Class
- June 17 Deadline Drama Camp
- June 23-24 Rangeland Days
- June 22 Dog Class
- June 23 Pottery Class
- June 30-July 3 4-H Camp
- June 13 Horse camp
Rabbit Showmanship
- June 14-20 Performing Camp
- June 29 Dog Class
- June 30 County Horse Show
- July 1 State Horse Show Entries
DUE
- July 6 Dog Class
- July 7 Pottery Class
- July 10 Achievement Day Pre-
registration **DUE**
- July 13 Dog Class
- July 14 Painting Workshop
- July 15-18 Melo Dram Camp
- July 18 Fashion Revue
- July 20 Dog Class
- July 27 Dog Show
- Aug 15 Livestock Show
- Aug 20



Welcome

Please welcome Rick as Extension Horticulturist for Pennington County Extension.



Howdy all,

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Rick Abrahamson and have recently joined the Pennington County Extension office as the new extension educator in horticulture. I bring with me experience as a county educator in Clay County, Minnesota with the University of Minnesota Extension Service. Most recently, I was the director of education at Lauritzen Gardens in Omaha, NE. Lauritzen Gardens is a 100 acre botanical garden with a strong regional aspect to its gardens. I would often find myself lost in the rose garden or the model railroad garden taking photographs. Prior to my appointment with extension in Minnesota, I was landscape and grounds supervisor at North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND where I was "in charge" of everything outdoors, including landscaping, turf management, flowerbed design and care, campus delivery, campus mail, campus waste management, and of course snow removal. While at NDSU in this position I had the thrill of overseeing grounds during former President George W. Bush's visit to Fargo and had orders from the secret service to secure port-a-potties for the event. I also planted the first Ginkgo trees on the NDSU campus.

My educational background includes a B.S. in horticulture and an M.S. in soil science both from North Dakota State University. I have several years researching vegetables, including variety trials of tomatoes, peppers, celery, carrots, cabbage, muskmelon, watermelon, and Oriental radish. My thesis work was on the effects of nitrogen and potassium fertilization on carrots grown in North Dakota conditions.

My family includes four wonderful (most of the time) children, ages 24, 21, 14, and 12. My youngest son and daughter will be joining me for most of the summer. My oldest son is an Eagle Scout and his brother is following in his footsteps. I have been active with their local Boy Scout council as committee chair and Order of the Arrow chapter advisor for many years. I enjoy camping with the scouts and have taken two groups to the Florida Seabase in Islamorada, Florida.

Making A Difference

Creating Opportunities for a Lifetime

South Dakota State University, South Dakota Counties, & U.S. Department of Agriculture Cooperating. South Dakota State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer (male/female) and offers all benefits, services, education and employment opportunities without regard for ancestry, age, race, citizenship, color creed, religion, gender, disability, national origin, sexual preference, or Vietnam Era status.

CERAMICS/POTTERY CLASSES

Ceramics is a two session class

June 9 & 16 from 6pm – 7pm
Cost \$8.00 this does not include purchase of the ceramic piece.
Pieces are between \$3 to \$4.

Students will have two stained or glazed ceramics at the end of the class.

Pottery is a two session class

June 23 & July 7 from 6pm – 8pm
Cost is \$15
Students will have two unique pottery pieces at the end of the class.

Horse Camp

Shamrock Riders will be hosting a 4-H Horse Day Camp on Saturday, June 13, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Rounds Arena at the Pennington County Fairgrounds

Cost: Free if registered by June 5. \$5 per person if registering after June 5.

Contact: Patty Brunner 393-2577 or Alan Van Bochove 342-4042

For Camp Schedule & Registration Form click on the following link: [Horse Camp Form](#)

Join us for a GOOD time with Your Dog!

Region 4-H Dog Project is open to any child 8-18 years old. You can be a 4-H member in ANY county or club to join us. If you are not already a 4-H member, there is an additional fee of \$3 to sign up with the Dog Project specialty club "Extra Ordinary Friends". **You will need to sign up for 4-H before May 31.**

Classes: Mondays - 6-8:30 p.m. – June 1st – July 20th (8 weeks)

Show: 4-H Fair Dog Show – July 27th – 6-9 pm

Location: 4-H Building on Central States Fair Grounds in Rapid City.

Cost: \$30 per child per 4-H year (October - September). Lois Schmoll – Project Leader 430-7688

Face Painters Needed

We are looking for 4-H'ers 12+ yrs to help paint faces.

4-H and Operation Military Kids will have a booth at Cool Summer Nights on July 9 from 5:30 to 9:30.

Please call the office if you would like to help with this.



ATTENTION ALL CLUBS!

1. CLUB BANNERS

We would like to decorate the auditorium in the 4-H Building with Club Banners. The banners should be made of felt or fabric. Our goal is to have some ready to hang in time for Central States Fair. We plan to leave the banners up year round.

2. 4-H Fun Day at the Fair

August 26, from 2:30 to 4:30 behind the 4-H building, we are hosting a Fun Day for youth and families. We will have a variety of fun hands-on stations. If your club has members that would like to help run a station. Please contact the office.

3. National 4-H Week is the first full week of October, 5th through the 10th. Now is the time to start planning how your club will promote 4-H.

4. 4-H Carnival

The Leaders are planning to hold a 4-H Fundraising Carnival in January. Be thinking of a game activity your club can do.

5. State 4-H Leaders Conference.

North Central Regional 4-H Leaders Conference. October 1-4, 2009 in Lincoln, Nebraska. There are funds available from Leader Associations to help provide travel funds those attending. Hotel and transportation costs can be shared if there are multiple people attending.

PAINTING Workshop

Finally! An instructor from Let's Paint Run-A-Ways, is coming to teach an acrylic painting workshop **JULY 14.**

There will be two sessions:

**Morning session from 9am – noon

**Afternoon session from 2pm – 5 pm

Cost: \$32. Class sizes limited to 25. Come reserve your child a spot today.



Marbling Paper Workshop

Make it a day. Paint half of the day and spend the other half learning how to marble paper. The Art teacher from South West Middle will be teaching this workshop on July 14.

**Morning session from 9am – noon

**Afternoon session from 2pm – 5 pm

Cost: TBA but less than \$10



Marbled Paper

Achievement Day—August 20

ALL Pre-Registration DUE Friday, July 10, 2009

This includes all entries including Fashion Revue and Clothing

LEADERS/FAMILIES: Achievement Day packets will be ready for pickup on June 8. Each family is responsible for picking up their own information unless arrangements have been made with their leader. It is very important that everyone has a **CURRENT 2009 State Fair Book** because **ALL lots have been changed**. State Fair Books are available on line at <http://4h.sdstate.edu> or can be purchased at the office for a fee.

- **Achievement Day Judging will be held on Thursday, August 20th, 2009 from 8:00 am. til 12:00 noon in the 4-H Building. Exhibits can be entered from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Judging starts at 8:30 a.m. 4-H'ers are encouraged to participate in the interview judging process.**
- **All youth must pre-register their exhibits on or before Friday, July 10, 2009. Entries can be faxed by 5:00 p.m. or postmarked by July 10, 2009. A late fee of \$5.00 will be assessed per 4-H'er. Absolutely NO LATE entries after August 7. **Late entries will forfeit their premium money and will not be able to go on to State Fair.****
- **All static exhibits except clothing will be judged on this day, including flowers.**
- **GOOD NEWS****—Entry tags will be generated from our new 4-H Plus program again this year. We will be printing the front side of the tag only — you will need to pick up the back side of the tag and fill each one out for each exhibit. Back entry tags are available at the office. Please do not use any old 4-H tags that you may have on hand. We will have your entry tags for the entries that you will be bringing on August 20 ready for you the day of check-in.
- **Clover Bud Entry Tags – All clover buds will be using a clover bud entry tag instead of the 4-H entry tag. LEADERS, please make sure if you have any clover buds that they use the correct tag.**
- **LEADERS/CLUBS**—We will need to watch the 4-H Building on August 22,23 28 and 29. Please call the office to sign up for a shift.
- **We will need volunteers the day of judging. Please call the office to sign-up.**
- **Livestock Show – The livestock show will be **Saturday, August 15th, 2009 at the Custer County Fair**. More information will be mailed directly to all livestock enrolled 4-H members by July 1.**
- **Fashion Revue—July 18**
All of the Fashion Revue Forms can be found on this link: [Fashion Review Forms](#)



Congratulations Archery Members

The Black Hills Archery Club qualified 35 archers for the state 4-H shooting sports competition in Ft. Pierre April 24 – 26. About 1,000 kids participated in the competition which includes shooting as well as archery events.

Medals are awarded to the top three competitors in each age and equipment class. Steve Shaefer earned a first-place finish setting a new state record in the process. Kail Larsen earned a second-place medal with Steve Shaefer also winning a second-place medal.

In addition to individual events, the archers also compete as teams. The Black Hills Archery Club placed two teams in first and two teams in second. The first-place teams are (1) Sandy Shaefer, Steve Shaefer, and Meadow Will; and (2) Sandy Shaefer, Steve Shaefer, Dylan Norris, and Meadow Will. The second-place teams are (1) Jarrod Deaver, Colton Riley, Rylan Gikling, and Aren Wells; and (2) Dakota Nelson, Thomas White, Wyatt Weiderbach, and Kaleah Evans.

South Dakota sends a four-person archery team to the national 4 tournament to be held in Nebraska in June. This team is comprised of three individuals from the Black Hills Archery Club. These individuals are Steve Shaefer, Sandy Shaefer, and Dylan Norris.

The Black Hills Archery Club is coached by Craig Shaefer (Craig is also coaching the South Dakota archery team), Al Kraus, Leon Meinan, Jesse Sturm, and Greg Riley. For additional information contact Paul Nelson at 388-0543.



The Black Hills Archery Club



Archers at the State Competition in Ft. Pierre

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Ag Day 2009 held at the Central States Fair Event Center

Over 1000 third graders learned how agriculture affects their lives over a two day span.



Brenda and Rick, our new Horticulture Educator, making living lockets with the kids.



Tana teaching kids about genetics.

Be on the lookout for Lost Ladybugs!

SDSU researchers need your help gathering information on some native ladybugs that are becoming rare. Take a picture of any ladybug when you find it and then send it to: ladybug@cornell.edu Include your name, date, time, where you found it- describe what the habitat was (Ex. Garden, wild field). Remember that we need to keep the ladybugs alive and in the wild.

Contact the Extension Office for more information: 394-2188.



9 spotted lady bug



2 spotted lady bug

Rapid City Public Library Summer Reading Program Kick Off

Magician, Curious George and Drawing—June 6, 2009 – 10:30 am
June 26 – Magic Workshop. Limited space.
July 8 – Dragons Are Too Seldom Puppet Show
Contact 394-4171

New Drama opportunity - 4-H Melo Drama Play!

Mark Barnes of Uncle Monkey's Melo Drama Company has offered to provide a Melo Drama camp and direct the performances of a 4-H Melo Drama. The project will entail: Acting, stage makeup & costumes, props & lighting, and stage setup. Participants are expected to attend camp and all practices.

Drama Camp will be July 15-17 at Camp Bob Marshall in Custer State Park.

Youth 12-18 yrs. may participate in this camp.

Cost is \$55.

Practices begin Sunday, June 28th and continue every Sunday afternoon through July.

Performances are scheduled at the Custer County Fair in Hermosa on August 13 and August 26 at the Central States Fair.

If you are interested, please attend the meeting on **Monday, June 12nd at 6:30 pm** at the Pennington Co. 4-H Building. Registration Deadline – June 17. Contact LaDonna McKnight at the Custer Co. Extension Office, 605-673-4971.

CONGRATULATIONS COUGARS!

The Cougars sold the most beef raffle tickets, \$248. Their Club won money for a party. Everyone worked hard on this fundraiser and your help is appreciated. We raised \$1674.00. The winners of the beef were Nick Caspers and Jan Jenish. Tim Erickson won the \$100 grocery gift certificate. Rachel Edoff won the \$50 grocery gift certificate. Robin Elbers won the \$25 grocery gift certificate.

Out to Lunch Dates for Tana

June 2 afternoon
June 5 – afternoon
June 8 3pm – 5pm
June 15 all day
June 17 all day
June 22 to June 26
June 30 to July 3

Youth Development Programs:

Lost Lady bugs
Youth Center EAFB
Black Hills Children's Home
General Beadle Afterschool



Tana Clark, 4-H Youth Development

Communities Activity Corner

FREE Summer Camp for Middle School Girls (6th thru 9th).

Reach for the Moon – hands-on Science, math, and technology activities

Saturday, June 6, from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at Western Dakota Tech

For more information contact 718-2987

Out to
LUNCH!

Volunteers Greatly Needed!!!

Vickie Powers Memorial Park is one of the most exciting developments in Rapid City's Parks and Recreation and you can help! The playground is designed by children, and the entire community will supply the labor to build the playground in only **five days** on **Wednesday, June 17th through Sunday, June 21st**.

We need volunteers of all skill levels to complete the community build. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for **4 hour shifts** during one of the building days. The days of biggest need are on **Saturday, June 20th and Sunday, June 21st**. **Free** childcare will be provided so bring your kids to make this a family event. If you are planning on help with the build drop your child off for an action packed day. Children ages 3 to 13 are welcome to join us for Harmonica shows, tie-dying t-shirts, movie nights and a visit from clowns. Each day all activities will be centered around a theme. The themes include **Cowboy/Cowgirl Day, Pajama Day, Groovy Day, Hawaiian Day and Beach Day**. Feel free to dress your child according to the theme to enhance their experience. **If building is not your skill and playing is more your style contact Jewel Lyons to volunteer at the childcare facility.** Jewel Lyons (605) 791-4321, lionkingkidz@yahoo.com.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please visit: www.vppark.com or call Brenda at the office.

Brenda Biberdorf, RD, LN
Family Consumer Science Educator
Pennington County Extension



Congratulations
to all our
2009 Graduates!!!



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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