



# The Clover Connection

South Dakota State University Cooperative Extension

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4-H Members, Leaders, Parents, and Volunteers,

Well, we are finally navigating towards the end of a very odd year. Who dreamt that something so common place as a virus could change our lives so dramatically in a matter of weeks? The good news is that it appears a vaccine has been approved by the FDA and soon high risk, and people with essential jobs will have the opportunity to be vaccinated. It will take time, but hopefully by this time next year we will look back at the 2020 pandemic and be grateful to fill our social calendars once again. We've all cancelled and postponed activities to bend the curve and I'm sure we are all anxious to put this in the past, and look to the future of what can be, instead of what can't be.

I want to take this time to thank all of you for your support, and understanding for the adventures of the last 10 months. Honestly, some days were hard, down right depressing, but we pushed forward and we made it through the tough spots. We are 4-H strong and better days are ahead. We've started making plans and placing activities and events on the calendar for 2021.

May you and your family take the time to enjoy the season and remember that Jesus really is the reason for the season! Earlier this week we hosted a small live outdoor nativity. Have you ever wondered exactly who was there that night in that manger all those years ago? And why?? You may or may not realize the lowly donkey bears a cross on its back. Coincidence? I think not. God's blessings to you all and have a Merry Christmas!

In 4-H Spirit,

Shari Rossow—Campbell & Walworth County 4-H Youth Advisor

## UPCOMING DATES AND DEADLINES

EVENT	DATE(S)	TIME	LOCATION
Re-enroll in 4-H online	Nov. 2, 2020 new	online location: w	ww.v2.4honline.com
Community Service Christmas Stocking	Dec. 12, 2020	9:00 am	MC Community Center Mound City, SD
Campbell County 4-H Shooting Sports	Dec. 13, 2020	3:30-6:30 pm	MC Community Center Mound City, SD
Healthy Habits Virtual Classroom	December 22, 2020	12:30pm	Google classroom w/ Freeman Davis Elementary Mobridge, SD
Christmas holiday schedule	Dec. 24-25, 2020	County office	s Selby & Mound City closed
Campbell County 4-H Shooting Sports	Dec. 27, 2020	3:30-6:30 pm	MC Community Center Mound City, SD
SD 4-H Leaders Mini Grant deadline	Dec. 31, 2021	Postma	rked or emailed by that date
SD 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Training	Jan. 2, 2021	8:00-12:00pm	Jones Co. Sportsman Club Murdo, SD
Campbell County 4-H Shooting Sports	Jan. 3, 2021	3:30-6:30 pm	MC Community Center Mound City, SD
Archery Team Qualifying Event	Jan. 9-10, 2021		Yankton, SD
Davison County Beef Show	Jan. 9, 2021		Davison County Fairgrounds Mitchell, SD
Walworth County 4-H Recognition Event	Jan. 10, 2021	1:00-3:00 pm	Selby Opera House, Selby, SD
Campbell County 4-H Shooting Sports	Jan, 10, 2021	3:30-6:30 pm	MC Community Center Mound City, SD
SD 4-H Shooting Sports Coaches Training	Jan. 16, 2021	8:00-12:00 pm	Grant County 4-H Bldg Milbank, SD
Campbell County 4-H Shooting Sports	Jan. 17, 2021	3:30-6:30 pm	MC Community Center Mound City, SD
Campbell & Walworth County Joint Meetin	ng Jan. 18, 2021	7:00-8:30 pm	Zoom (watch for invite)
Walworth County 4-H Leaders Meeting	Feb. 1, 2021	7:00-8:30 pm	Zoom (watch for invite)
Livestock project deadline on 4honline	May 31, 2021	midnight	
Hub City Livestock Show	June 3-5, 2021		Brown County Fairgrounds Aberdeen, SD

This schedule is correct to the best of my knowledge as of today, but of course it may be subject to change given the current COVID-19 situation. I will try to keep everyone updated as warranted.









\*Reminder: Time to enroll/re-enroll using <u>v2.4honline.com</u>. Note that everything from the prior version was supposed to roll over into the new version. Some have noted a mistake in the number of years enrolled please notify me if you notice this problem with your youth when you are re-enrolling.



Get a jump start on 2021! This summer along with some local volunteers we created a Special Foods Workshop video: Everything You Need to Know About the 4-H Special Foods Contest which is available for parents and youth to check out! We have broken the Special Foods project down into 5 areas: 1)Objectives & Rules; 2)Selecting a recipe and writing menus; 3)Understanding nutrition; 4)Preparing the recipe; 5) Setting the table



The Walworth County 4-H Leaders will be hosting a Youth Project Day in early June 2021. But we need YOUR help! We are looking for project ideas, volunteers to lead project ideas, and volunteers to assist. We really want everyone's input so please email, text, or call with your ideas. The ideas should fall within a 60-90 minute timeframe or less. We need ideas submitted by February 1, 2021. If you have an idea, but it needs time to cure or dry we may be able to set it aside and come back to it.



Christmas Stocking Community Service project is scheduled for December 12 at 9:00 am at the Mound City Community Center class-room. Christmas stockings will be quilted/sown and donated to the residents of the Herreid Good Samaritan Center. Youth who want to sew their own Christmas stockings can for \$7.50/ stocking kit. After assembling the stockings for the residents we will fill them with goodies & deliver them to Herreid. Also, while we are there we'll Christmas carol

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(outside) at the Herreid Good Samaritan Center.
So please dress warmly!

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If you or someone you know interested in becoming a certified 4-H Shooting Sports coach please contact me. Both counties can use volunteers. (SD normally has an Annual 4-H State Shooting Sports meeting/trainings in Pierre—but guess what, another one bites the dust—cancelled til 2021).

There are just 2 Coach Shooting Sports Cetification trainings left for this season.

The first is Jan. 2, 2021 at the Jones Co. Sportsman Club in Murdo at 8:00 am. They will be offering Air Rifle and Archery. You must pre-register so please notify me for more info.

The 2nd is rifle training on Jan. 16, 2021 at the Grant Co. 4–H Building in Milbank also starting at 8:00am. There is a pre-registration for this training as well, so let me know if you are interested and I'll get you the info.

If you have youth age 8 by January 1, and enrolled in 4-H they are eligible to participate in the 4-H Shooting Sports Programs. Please contact me for more information.

Campbell County's 4-H shooting sports is meeting at the Mound City Community Center on December 13 and December 27. They are offering Archery, BB gun, and Air Pistol.

Walworth County 4-H shooting sports program is being reviewed and the schedule is being revised so keep watching for the new schedule and other information.





The SD Game Fish Parks notified me that Hunt Safe is still available online. To find the correct location on the GFP web site go to gfp.sd.gov. once there look under the hunt tab, and then hunter education. Hunt Safe is required for youth aged 12-16 who are not participating in a mentored hunt. If you have an 11 year old they will not let them do the Hunt Safe until they turn 12. I will be able to offer Hunt Safe face to face classes in the fall of 2021. Note: SD lowered the age minimum for mentored hunts.



## **4-H Livestock Judging**

LOOKING for youth who would like to once again pick-up where we left off with livestock judging, or add new youth who would also like to learn.



YQCA (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals) Class will once again be required in 2021. YQCA will be required for youth enrolled in live animal projects. I'm planning on having numerous class options available starting in late Jan. 2021. According to the State 4-H Office there are a few bugs in the current training that the YQCA committee is in the process of fixing.



20/20 Vision is the name of the new 2021 State 4-H Community Service Project. They

are asking us to collect used eyeglasses and donate them to the project. The goal is to collect 2,020 pairs of glasses.

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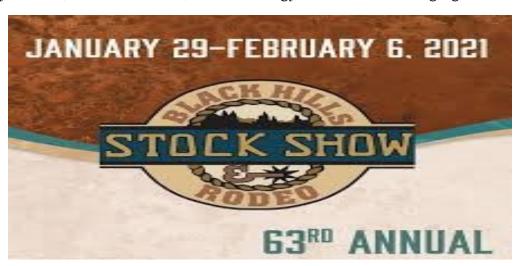
The Walworth County 4-H Leaders have set January 10, 2021 for the 2020 Walworth County 4-H Recognition Event. The time has been set for 1:00pm at the Selby Opera House. It will be potluck style and I will be bringing Pork Loin for the main entrée. PLEASE notify me if your family is coming and would like to bring beverages, buns for the meat, condiments, salads, soup, or veggie sides. Let's show our 4-Hers how proud we are of them and their accomplishments!



Avera Medical Groups Maternal Fetal Medicine is in need of baby blankets

for families that just received a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome with their newborn. These baby blankets can be handmade or purchased. For more information or to send blankets please contact: Avera MFM, Attention: Karina Skov, Plaza 1, 1417 S. Cliff Avenue Suite 100, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57105

The Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day is back again! The advisors have declared January 30, 2021 BHSS Youth Day at the Central States Fairgrounds in Rapid City. If you and your family are interested in picking up a packet please let me know. The registration packet is due January 15. This year's activities include: a Beef cook —off, Scholarship Opportunities, Hippology Contest, Horse Quiz Bowl, Livestockology, and Livestock Judging.





for your news, accomplishments, and picures so send it to the office & we'll include them in our monthly newsletter.

## **Contact Us**

We are here to work together for the 4-H/Youth Program! Please get in touch with us! shari.rossow@sdstate.edu

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