

# Brown County 4-H Newsletter

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## Final Enrollment!

4-H final enrollment is **May 31, 2024**. That is the last chance for youth to join the 4-H program and the last chance for 4-H members to drop or add projects areas for this 4-H year. **Each Main Club Leader will be e-mailed their club's member enrollment and project enrollment list.** If for any reason you cannot download and print the information, please contact our office. Review the information and confirm the project enrollment with each club member. It is important to have this enrollment information correct since it can affect county fair exhibits, project completion, member completion, awards and premiums.

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## OBSERVING DEADLINES

We would like to remind club leaders, members, and parents to observe the various deadlines for the spring and summer 4-H youth activities and events. The Brown County Leaders developed the following policy for handling missed deadlines: **"Members may enter a contest/event after the deadline date, but at the conclusion of the judging, their final ribbon will be dropped one place to reflect the late entry. No exceptions for late entry will be allowed."** Please see this policy is shared with all club members and their parents.

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## BROWN COUNTY 4-H LEADERS MEETINGS

The next meeting will be 6:00 pm, 07/15/2024 at the Brown County Courthouse Basement.

Future Dates:

· 09/30/2024

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## ANIMAL INPUT IN FAIR ENTRY

4-H Online will open on April 1st for animal entry. The deadline for entering animals (excluding Companion Animal) into 4-H Online is June 1st at 11:59 p.m. CST. Companion Animals have until August 13th at 11:59 p.m. CST to enter their animal information into 4-H Online. The Companion Animal must be entered into 4-H Online before they register for State Fair. This year there are some changes on how animal information will be put into 4-H Online. Below are the changes that are being made.

Animal Types – To eliminate the families from entering the animal as a Market Animal and a Breeding Animal, the animal types have been combined. The animal types set up in 4-H Online are:

- Beef – Market and Breeding.

- Dog.
  - Commercial Breeding Meat Goat, Wether Dam, and Market Meat Goat.
  - Dairy Goat.
  - Registered Breeding Meat Goat.
  - Horse.
  - Companion Animal.
  - Poultry.
  - Rabbit.
  - Sheep – Breeding and Market.
  - Swine – Breeding and Market
- When it comes time to registering in FairEntry, the animal types will be set up so that the family can either enter it as a Market or a Breeding Animal. Families should only input the animal information once into 4-H Online and under one youth in the family.
  - Paperwork in 4-H Online and FairEntry: This year the only forms that will be uploaded into 4-H Online will be the lease papers. This will allow for us to not allow any edits made to the animal information by the families after June 1st. Only counties will be able to edit the animal information after June 1st and through State Fair. Below is how information will be collected for YLL and HL, Registration Papers, and Lease Papers.
  - YLL and HL: As previously mentioned, counties are responsible for checking that the youth completed YLL and HL. There will not be a spot to upload the certificate to.
  - Registration Papers: Registration papers will not be collected in 4-H Online. Instead for State Fair, they will be collected during the State Fair entry process in FairEntry. When they enter their animal and that lot requires Registration Papers, the family will need to upload the Registration Paper to the entry. This is a required field and if they do not have the papers, they will need to switch their entry to Crossbred/Commercial. The Crossbred/Commercial lots do not have a Registration Paper upload option.
  - Lease Papers: If the animal is being leased, the family must upload the lease paper into 4-H Online by June 1st at 11:59 p.m. CST. The lease form can be accessed at <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2021-03/MC-02097.pdf>
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## 4-H ROYALTY APPLICATIONS

We are encouraging all senior members to apply for the 4-H Royalty Contest. The Royalty Contest will be held on Thursday night of the Brown County Fair to give opportunity for all members to attend. Royalty winners will receive a \$50.00 gift card from the Brown County 4-H Office and an award from the Brown County Leader's Association at our annual Recognition Event. Individuals wishing to participate in the 4-H Royalty Contest are encouraged to complete an application, link is below. A paper copy will be available by request only. Completed applications are due to by **May 31st, 2024**. Information provided by the members will be used to write descriptions published in the local papers in late June and the Brown County Fair Special Newshound in August.

The following are guidelines for the event:

- Members must be senior members (age 14+).
- Applicants applying for royalty must attend six meetings in the year.

## Livestock Dates to Mark on your calendar

- Animal Online Enrollments Due—May 31, 2024
  - South Dakota State Horse Show—July 08 - 10, 2024 in Huron SD
  - Summer Spotlight—July 24-28, 2024
  - AK-SAR-BEN—September 26-29, 2024
  - Brown County Fair - August 12-18, 2024
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## STATE FAIR 4-H ANIMAL PROJECT REQUIREMENTS/PARTICIPATION

Affidavits will be for unofficial use only— meaning the forms will be available to collect animal info at home, but the information must be entered on 4-H Online

4-H Online data entry for 4-H animal identification is the **exhibitor's responsibility** to upload onto 4-H Online by **June 1st, 11:59 PM**. The 4-H office is available for assistance or access to a computer. Please make arrangements in advance if assistance is needed.

Initial weight for market animals is no longer required to participate at the State Fair.

Animal registration papers are the **exhibitor's responsibility** to upload to Fair Entry for County and State Fair Registration.

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## PROSPECT CALF SHOW - BROWN COUNTY FAIR

The Prospect Calf Show will be taking place on Friday, August 16, 2024. It will be open to all Brown County 4-H members enrolled in the beef project and is sponsored by the Skoglund Family and the Daren and Abby Ward Family. The criteria for the show include the following:

- Calves must be born after January 1st, 2024.
- Animals must be owned or leased to the exhibitor by May 31st, 2024.
- The calves will be judged as market animals and can be put in the Premium sale.
- They will be judged in classes of age. Class and division will be determined by the show supervisor.
- All calves must have proper health papers signed by a licensed vet.
- All calves must be weaned. No mother cows on the fair grounds.
- All calves must be green tagged
- Complete 4H-Online registration under breeding beef (required info is breed, birthday, & tag #)
- Calves will be shown with rope halter or show halter.
- Exhibitors can have two calves per lot with a maximum of four per exhibitor.
  - Lot 1—Weanling calf: Heifer and/or Steer



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## 4-H Livestock Literacy

- June 5 - Warner Dairy Tour
  - Location 14534 388th Ave Warner SD 57479
  - 2 tours offered
    - 11 AM
    - 2 PM
  - Link to register - <https://forms.gle/UsYuKoogWv3ax8y76>
- If the above dates do not work, there is an online option. You must complete the 4 links below and then let the Brown County 4-H Office it has been completed. There is no cost to this option.
  - <https://forms.gle/cWsfetaui2qmOgw78>
  - <https://forms.gle/31SDPwJWoSg9QAVu9>
  - <https://forms.gle/XivGNV6THqnvC6Fk9>
  - <https://forms.gle/c3MSVruHXpnRcSYV7>

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## 4-H Horse Literacy

- Complete one approved online learning option (options listed below)
  - Horse Sense: Equine Youth Safety Course o Register at:  
<https://www.myhorseuniversity.com/youth-safety>
    - Watch program minimum of 1 hour of content; turn in a brief reflection paper of your learning
  - Complete Stay Safe Working with Horses Interactive Course  
<https://innovativemedia.nmsu.edu/products/information/safewithhorses.html>
    - Complete the three (3) chapter; turn in a brief reflection paper of your learning
  - AQHLearn (some have a \$ fee)
    - <https://learn.aqhuniversity.com/collections>
      - Complete one (1) Level 2 or 3 course or two (2) Level 1 courses; turn in certificate(s)

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## SKILLX BY 4-H

SkillsX by 4-H (formally Teen Leadership Conference) will take place June 3-7, 2024 on the campus of South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota.

SkillsX by 4-H provides all teens with an opportunity to develop their leadership and life skills, while working to learn, grow, and express themselves through an educational on-campus experience.

If you are interested in chaperoning this overnight experience for youth, fill out the coach and chaperone interest form <https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-coach-and-chaperone-application>

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## GRADUATION CORDS

Are you graduating in the spring and looking for something to show your 4-H participation? The Brown County 4-H Office will have graduation cords for you! You will receive the cords upon request only, please contact the Brown County 4-H Office (605-626-7120) to submit a request. The deadline for requests is May 2nd of the current graduation year.

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## Brown County 4-H Buds

The 3rd Brown County 'Buds meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28th, at the Brown County Fairgrounds. We'll meet at the steps of the 4-H Office at 5:15. We'll talk about using our HANDS for larger service and will be doing a community service project. We will help out the 4-H office staff by helping them to plant flowers in the planters that sit outside of the office throughout the summer. Wear some clothes you can get dirty and we'll have a sweet treat when we're all done!

In the theme of planting flowers, we'll also introduce the Horticulture project area and talk about how your family garden can be a 4-H project, too! As we get closer to the Brown County Fair, there are some important deadlines you'll need to know about, and we'll talk through those at our meeting, too.

Parents, be sure to go to <https://v2.4honline.com/#users/sign-in> to officially enroll your child in 4-H and the Cloverbuds project area. When you have added your Cloverbud as a member, go to projects, and choose Cloverbuds only. As a Cloverbud, your 4-H'er can explore as many project areas as they would like in a single project area. PROJECT AREA registration is due by 5/31.

Junior and Senior 4-H'ers are encouraged to come along to 'Buds meetings to help out and can use their experiences toward project areas such as in Leadership, Community Service, and Child Development Cloverbuds is still looking for an Assistant Leader to help with the Brown County 'Buds program. If you are interested, please reach out to Becca in the 4-H office, or Nicole Volk, Cloverbud Coordinator at 605-380-2116, for more information.

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## Youth In Action Day

Youth in Action Day will consist of: Fashion Revue, Public Presentations, Specials foods and with will also offer classes of CDM and Horticulture judging. The date is June 25, more information will be shared soon. Plan to save the date. If you are new to Brown County 4-H or if you would like to learn more about youth in action activities, be on the lookout for resources to help you gain a better understanding of them.

- Location is Simmons Middle School
  - Special Foods Contest
    - AM Session - 9 AM

- PM Session - 12 PM
  - Registration Link - <https://forms.gle/74YSPpt3dBGDar8s7>
  - Fashion Revue
    - 1 - 4 pm
    - Registration Link - <https://forms.gle/Ey7zh78bzKECaTV38>
  - Public Presentations
    - 9:30 to 12:30
    - Registration Link - <https://forms.gle/SkePsKJR3EpkXXd48>
  - CDM Judging - this will be a come and go event
    - 9 am start time
  - Horticulture Workshop
    - Master Gardener presentation - 2 pm
    - Skillathon/judging - 3 pm
    - Registration Link - <https://forms.gle/3ChWNie6jEFs2DfW6>
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## **BROWN COUNTY 4-H HORSE SHOW**

- Date – June 18, 2024
  - Location – Akkerman Arena
  - Please contact the Brown County 4-H Office with any questions.
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## **UPDATE: Static Project Entry Form County and State Fair**

1. Static projects that are only coming to the Brown County Fair will not have to complete the static project entry form if interview judging takes place with the project.
2. If interview judging does not take place, then entry form needs to be completed and attached to the county fair projects.
3. If projects are going to the state fair, it will be the responsibility of the member/family to make sure proper paperwork is attached to the project prior to the packing of state fair projects on Sunday afternoon of the Brown County Fair.

~ Any questions please contact the Brown County 4-H Office ~

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## **NON-LIVESTOCK EXHIBIT JUDGING AND ENTERING**

Non-livestock exhibits will be judged from 3:00-6:00 pm on Monday, August 12th, 2024 at the Brown County Fair. Further information will be shared as we progress through the summer.

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## **EXHIBIT MONITORING SCHEDULE**

It is the club's responsibility to make sure there are people present during their assigned time. As

handle exhibits. Each club is required to take a time. Below is the list of days and times that will need to be filled. Please contact the Brown County 4-H Office to schedule your club's day and time. The schedule will be released later.

- Tuesday - August 13
  - 11-4 –
  - 4-9 -
- Wednesday - August 14
  - 10 – 3:30 –
  - 3:30 to 9 –
- Thursday - August 15
  - 10 – 3:30 –
  - 3:30 to 9 -
- Friday - August 16
  - 10 – 3:30 –
  - 3:30 to 9 –
- Saturday - August 17
  - 10 – 3:30 –
  - 3:30 – 9
- Sunday - August 18
  - 10 – 1:30 pm –
  - 1:30 to 5 pm –

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## **FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES SKILL-A-THON (CDM)**

### Rules and Regulations

- Youth are limited to one entry for Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon (CDM).
- Contest takes place on Sunday, Sept. 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Nordby Exhibit Hall.
- The Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon (CDM) is an individual contest.
- 4-H youth participating in the Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon (CDM) must choose a time when registering in FairEntry by Aug. 13 at 11:59 p.m.
- Each county may send unlimited individuals in each age division.
- Registered individuals will select a time in FairEntry to participate. We reserve the right to adjust a participant's time frame, if needed. If a reader is needed, one will be provided. Please note during registration in FairEntry if a reader is needed.
- Prior to leaving the skill-a-thon, participants need to make sure that all scorecards have answers that are clearly marked. A zero will be given for an answer that has no answer marked or if the answer is not clearly identified.
- Contestants are not allowed to talk to each other during the skill-a-thon. Any individual caught speaking to another individual may be given a zero.
- Cell phones are not allowed. Any individual caught with a cell phone may be given a zero.
- Awards will be presented to the top individuals in each age division.
- The top four Senior individuals will be eligible to compete at the respective National Contest in the FCS Skill-A-Thon.
- Study materials (photos, definitions, and answer sheet) can be requested through the local Extension Office or materials can be accessed at [www.browncounty4h.com](#)



The classes and activities to be completed:

- Sewing and Clothing ID: Identify from a provided list of fabrics, sewing machine parts, techniques, trims & fasteners or tools. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
  - Interior Design and Housing ID: Identify from a provided list of carpet/flooring, curtain & window treatment, decorative wood, faux finishes/techniques, material, tools, painting or windows. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
  - Food and Cooking ID: Identify from provided list of appliances, cookware, dish & tableware, spices/food or utensils. Seniors will identify 25 items, juniors 15 and beginners 10.
  - Judging Classes: Beginners will judge two classes chosen from child development, clothing & textiles or foods & nutrition. Juniors will judge one class chosen from child development, clothing & textiles or foods & nutrition.
  - Quiz: Juniors will complete a 15 question multiple choice quiz. Seniors will complete a 25 question multiple choice quiz. Questions will be chosen from the definitions from the three ID categories.
  - Pencils and note paper will be provided. All notes need to be turned in when leaving the contest. •
  - Contestants will use a scan sheet to mark their answers.
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## **HORTICULTURE SKILL-A-THON**

### Rules and Regulations

- Youth are limited to one entry for Horticulture Skill-A-Thon.
- Contest takes place on Friday, Aug. 30 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Nordby Exhibit Hall.
- Individuals must be registered in FairEntry for the Horticulture Skill-A-Thon Contest by August 13th at 11:59 p.m. Registered individuals will select a time to participate in FairEntry. We reserve the right to adjust a participant's time frame, if needed.
- A reader will be available, but it is the responsibility of the youth or guardian to ask for assistance when they arrive at the Skill-A-Thon. Monitors will also be available to answer questions.
- The combined score of all sections is the participant's overall score and which determines placing.
- All age divisions have one or more plant identification classes.
- Contest participants are required to identify common plants from any of these parts: root, stem, flower or seed. Contact your local County Extension Office for additional study materials or materials can be accessed at <https://sdsu.app.box.com/folder/112273407476?s=8emjq5qp5m2geuh4qalj9mpg6fy6h47u>
- Plant samples vary for each age division. Samples may be live or preserved and may include, but are not limited to: stems, twigs, leaves, flowers, seeds, fruits, roots, bulbs, tubers or plant products. Plant Samples may also come from printed materials.
- Each county may send unlimited teams in a given age division for the Horticulture Skill-A-Thon Contest.
- Counties may combine to form teams, even if they do not share the same 4-H Youth Program Advisor. The counties must decide which county the team will be representing. It is the responsibility of one of the combining counties to register the team by August 13th.

Individuals who are registered by the county as a team member but not registered in FairEntry as an individual will not be allowed to participate.

- Awards will be given to top teams and individuals.

The Horticulture Skill-A-Thon consists of three parts:

- Judging
- Written tests
- Plant identification

Beginners:

- 1 class vegetable judging
- 1 class fruit judging
- 1 class vegetable identification (edible portions only)
- 1 written test from the Beginner Study Guide (New in 2023)

Juniors:

- 1 class vegetable judging
- 1 class fruit judging
- 1 class flowers/indoor plants judging
- 1 written test from the Junior/Senior Plant Parts Study Guide (Updated in 2023)
- 1 written test from NJHA study guides. For 2024, the Study Guides to use will be: Plant Propagation and Managing Trees and Shrubs (Managing Woody Ornamentals in the Landscape)
- 1 class vegetable identification (edible and/or seed portions)
- 1 class fruit, nuts and berries identification (edible and/or seed portions)
- 1 class flowers and indoor plants identification (flower only) NEW IN 2023

Seniors:

- 1 class vegetable judging
  - 1 class fruit judging
  - 1 class flowers/indoor plants judging
  - 1 written test from the Junior/Senior Plant Parts Study Guide (Updated in 2023)
  - 1 written test from NJHA study guides. For 2024, the Study Guides will be: Greenhouse Structures and Plant Nomenclature
  - 1 class vegetable identification (foliage, edible and/or seed portions)
  - 1 class fruit, nuts and berries identification (foliage, edible and/or seed portions)
  - 1 class landscape ornamentals identification (foliage, flower or seed portions)
  - 1 class flowers and indoor plants identification (flower or foliage)
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## PAINTED ROCK CONTEST

Ages 3 to 5  
Ages 6 to 8  
Ages 9 to 14  
Ages 15-18  
Ages 19 and older



*Tuesday, August 13th, 2024 - 6:00 PM in the Competitive Exhibits Building*  
decorate and embellish your rock with any medium. There will be a 1st and 2nd place winner for each age division. All rocks will be displayed as a rock snake during the week of the fair. They can be picked up on Sunday afternoon. Brown County Fair T-Shirts will be awarded to the winner of each age group.

**Registration is 5:30 PM to 5:45 PM, and interview judging begins at 6:00 PM**

**EXHIBITORS SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIFT THEIR ROCK UNASSISTED  
(NO BOULDERS, PLEASE)!**

### SPONSORED BY WEBER LANDSCAPING INC. PAINTED ROCK SNAKE

Help us grow our Rock Snake!  
Decorate and embellish your rock with any medium. The rock snake will be available to start growing on June 1st outside of the Competitive Exhibits

**All ages are welcome to participate.**  
All rocks will be displayed through the week of the fair and can be picked up Sunday, August 18th.

Spread the word by taking a picture with your painted rock on the rock snake and tag Brown County Fair on social media!



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## Becca's Corner

### Day Life Skills

Life skill #2: How to shop for groceries

The best way to show youth how to grocery-shop is to invite them to go with you. Be sure to show them how to develop a shopping list by looking at what you've already got on hand and listing what they need. Deepen the learning by discussing the concept of meal plans and nutrition considerations. They will love to share their knowledge about food and what they've heard is good or bad for their bodies. Use this natural interest to further communication. Discuss how to choose the best fruits and vegetables and how the perimeter aisles of the grocery store are where you should focus your shopping because that's typically where the fruits, vegetables, meat, and dairy products are. Eating well is critically important to a successful well-being and life. Choosing the food we'll eat and how we'll share it with others includes some major competencies like responsible decision-making, self-awareness, and relationship building.

### Activity

Birdseed Ornaments

To make the seed ornaments you will need:

- 2 Packages Unflavored Gelatin 2 TABLESPOONS TOTAL
- 2 Tablespoons Corn Syrup
- 1 cup Water
- 12 Cookie Cutters
- 3 Drinking Straws CUT INTO 2" LONG PIECES
- Twine

## Instructions

- Add 1/2 cup cold water to a large bowl.
- Pour the 2 packages of unflavored gelatin on top of the water.
- Add 1/2 cup boiling water to the gelatin mixture and stir until the gelatin is completely dissolved.
- Add the corn syrup and stir until combined.
- Add the birdseed and mix well.
- Place the bowl in the refrigerator for about 10 minutes until the liquid firms up enough that it won't leak out from under the cookie cutters.
- Set your cookie cutters onto a parchment lined baking sheet and fill them with spoonfuls of the birdseed mixture. Using the back of the spoon, press down the birdseed mixture firmly to fill in all the gaps. Fill the cookie cutters to the top.
- Press the drinking straws into each of the shapes leaving at least 1/2" of space between the hole and the edge of the shape.
- Place the ornaments in the refrigerator overnight.
- To remove the cookie cutters, gently pull the metal away from the edges on all side then gently push the birdseed ornaments out of the cookie cutters. Gently pull the straws out.
- Thread a piece of twine through the hole and tie the ends in a knot.
- Hang the birdseed ornaments from tree branches, leaving room nearby for the birds to perch on while eating.

## Notes

When you place the mixture in the refrigerator, right after you've added the gelatin to the birdseed, make sure you don't keep it in the fridge for too long.

If any of the gelatin "breaks" when you stir it, you need to microwave the whole bowl to melt it and try again. The birdseed/gelatin mixture needs to be thickened slightly in the fridge until it has the consistency of a thick syrup. If the gelatin is set more than that before you spoon it into the cookie cutters, the ornaments will end up being crumbly. Just make sure it's set enough so that it doesn't all leak out from under the cookie cutters.





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