The 55th Annual Western 4-H Family and Consumer Science Show was recently held in Rapid City, SD. While this is called a show, it consists of various contests for youth and adults to participate in to develop life skills. Participants can come from any state and do not need to be in 4-H to enjoy the activities. In 2017, entries came from SD, WY, NE, and MD. Youngsters can participate as Cloverbuds before they reach eligible age to belong to 4-H and receive participation ribbons. Adults are encouraged to participate in many contests and enjoy the competition. To receive the Premier Exhibitor Awards, youth must pre-register by the yearly deadline. A trip winner receives an expense paid trip to Denver, Colorado to participate in educational activities with other area youth.

The two day event consists of the following contests: bread baking, meat identification, family life photo, scrapbook pages, home living, place setting, fashion revue both sewn and purchased, public presentations, ingredient measuring, family and consumer sciences judging, produce identification and judging and a family and consumer science skill-a-thon.

Each year the show recognizes an individual who has contributed greatly to the success of the show. The 2017 Honoree was Kathy Reeves, Rapid City, SD. Kathy started working with the show in 1990 and continues to serve on the board today. Volunteers organize and conduct the various contests. The show concludes with a public style show and awards program. Many local businesses and individuals contribute to the awards.

The participants and awards from the area are as follows:
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Colin Bender, Junior: Home Living, blue; FCS Judging, purple; Meat ID, red; Produce ID/Judging, red; Skill-A-Thon, blue
Shana Bender, Senior: Fashion Revue, purple; Home Living, blue, FCS Judging, blue, Skill-A-Thon, blue; Scrapbook Page, blue; Produce ID/Judging, red, Meat ID, white
Angela Dehn, Senior: Scrapbook, purple
Kendal Dehn, Senior: Fashion Revue, purple, FCS Judging, purple, Meat ID, red, Family Life Photo, blue; Produce ID/Judging, red; Scrapbook Page, blue; Skill-A-Thon, purple
Jocelyn Fulton, Beginner: Meat ID, white
Jaxon Fulton, Junior: Meat ID, white
Alexa Ham, Beginner: FCS Judging, purple
Jenna Ham, Beginner: FCS Judging, purple
Lillie Ham, Beginner: FCS Judging, purple, Measuring, purple
Madie Ham, Beginner: Measuring, purple
Byli Ladoie, Beginner: Produce, white
Emma Ladoie, Cloverbud: Produce ID/Judging
Jaden Matkins, Junior: Top Junior in FCS Judging, purple; Meat ID, white; Family Life Photo, blue; Produce ID/Judging, purple; Scrapbook Page, purple; Skill-A-Thon, purple
Landen Matkins, Junior: Top Junior in Scrapbook Page, purple; Produce ID/Judging, red; Skill-A-Thon, purple; FCS Judging, purple
Evan Miller, Cloverbud: FCS Judging, Measuring, Produce ID/Judging
Olivia Miller, Beginner: Home Living, purple; FCS Judging, blue; Measuring, purple; Produce ID/Judging, blue; Place Setting, red
Abby Moon: Senior: Home Living, purple; Place Setting, blue; Produce ID/Judging, blue, Scrapbook, blue; Skill-A-Thon, purple
Emmy Moon, Beginner: Measuring, purple; FCS Judging, purple
John Moon, Cloverbud: Measuring
Lacy Moon, Junior: FCS Judging, purple
Quinn Moon, Junior: Home Living, blue; Meat ID, white, Family Life Photo, red; Place Setting, red, Scrapbook Page, blue; Skill-A-Thon, red
Lily McCouley, Beginner: Top Beginner in Produce ID/Judging;
Anna Palmer, Cloverbud: Place Setting
Aria Palmer, Cloverbud: Measuring, Meat ID, Produce
Oliver Palmer, Cloverbud: Measuring, Meat ID, Place Setting, Produce
Gianna Rangel, Beginner: FCS Judging, purple; Measuring, purple
Daniela Rousch, Cloverbud: Produce ID/Judging
Mercedes Shangreaux, Junior: Produce ID/Judging, blue; Skill-A-Thon, blue
Anna Maria Shatraw, Beginner: FCS Judging, purple; Measuring, purple
Carol Shatraw, Senior: Top Senior in Produce ID/Judging, purple; Skill-A-Thon, red
Mara Shatraw, Cloverbud: Measuring, Produce ID/Judging
Athena Simons, Beginner: Produce, white
Regan Simons, Junior: Produce ID/Judging, blue; Skill-A-Thon, blue
Thane Simons, Junior; Meat ID, red
Claire Simons, Cloverbud: Measuring, Produce ID/Judging
Yathena Simons, Junior: Skill-A-Thon, red
Clara Shatraw, Junior: FCS Judging, purple
Tim Shatraw, Senior: Produce ID/Judging, blue; Skill-A-Thon, red
Savanna Suckow, Beginner: Top Beginner in Scrapbook Page, purple; Produce ID/Judging, red; Measuring, purple; FCS Judging, purple, Home Living, purple
Carson Wheeler, Beginner: FCS Judging, blue; Measuring, purple;
Jenna Bender, Adult: Produce ID/Judging, white
Karen Bialas, Adult: Produce ID/Judging, red
Christinea Dehn, Adult: Meat ID, white; Produce ID/Judging, white; Skill-A-Thon, purple
Angela Lytle, Adult: Top Adult in Meat ID, purple; Skill-A-Thon, purple
Kimberly Suckow, Adult: Produce ID/Judging, red; Skill-A-Thon, blue
Carrie Wheeler, Adult: FCS Judging, purple; Produce ID/Judging, red
Carrie Ham, Adult, Top Adult in FCS Judging, purple
Trisha Miller, Adult: FCS Judging, purple; Skill-A-Thon, blue

Top Beginner Team in FCS Judging: Emmy Moon, Lillie Ham, Savanna Suckow
Top Junior Team in FCS Judging: Jaden Matkins, Landen Matkins, Clara Shatraw
Top Senior Team in Produce ID/Judging: Carol Shatraw, Tim Shatraw, Abby Moon

The 2018 Family and Consumer Sciences Show will be held on October 12 and 13, 2018 at the Walter Taylor Building, Central States Fairground, Rapid City, SD.

More information maybe found by emailing w4hfcshow@gmail.com or on Facebook under the show name. A complete show catalog is also available there. The catalog will not be changed until 2020. A yearly membership maybe purchased for $10 which helps defray expenses of the event.