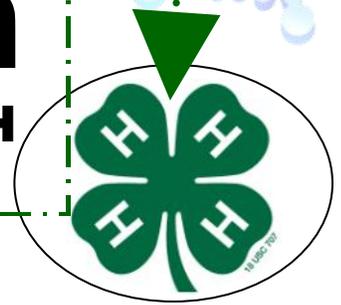




# Clover Patch

## Newsletter for Grant County 4-H



### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 10	Farm & Home Show Exhibit Judging
January 11-12	Grant County Farm & Home Show
January 12	4-H Public Presentations
January 13	Junior Leaders Sledding Party
January 14	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 7:15 pm
January 16	4-H Association Meeting @ 7 pm
January 31	Livestock Meeting @ 5:30-7 pm

### Advisor Comments...

A month sure has gone by quick. I can't believe I have been here for a month already. I have enjoyed every minute being your new 4-H Advisor.

The support that I have received thus far is unimaginable. 4-H has been in my heart for many years, ever since I was little kid. The things I learned while being in a wonderful organization were very educational and rewarding.

I believe Grant County 4-H is going to cap on their excellence in the coming years, and I feel so privileged to help guide the organization.

Since my first month at the office, it has been crazy, in a good way though.

My first order of business

was getting things lined up for the Grant County Farm & Home Show. With the help with everyone from the program, I truly feel this year will be a successful Farm & Home Show.

Since I was employed during 4-H enrollment, it has been quite the learning experience trying to get everyone enrolled on South Dakota 4-H Online. Remember, if you are uncertain if members or volunteers are enrolled on 4-H Online, please contact me at the office (432-9221) and I can check or walk you through the process of enrolling.

If I haven't met you yet, you can tell that I'm all about starting fresh and rejuvenating. I hope you all like the new look of the newsletter. I'm also a tech nerd. I find myself equipped with a phone and computer at all time. Some things that I'm working on are: utilizing 4-H online more

(don't freight, I'll make it simple), getting a webpage put for people to access forms from a distance, continuing to use Facebook (Grant County South Dakota 4-H) for quick reminders, and a go-to communication tool outside the office—4H Central.

Something new this year for 4-H livestock exhibitor is DNA sampling. Many 4-Hers around the state have questions about the process. To decrease the confusion, I have set up a Livestock Meeting for members, parents, leaders and/or volunteers to attend to learn more about the DNA process and start talking about County Weigh-ins. For information is located inside the newsletter.

If you have any questions or have any new ideas, I would like to know about them. Please feel free to stop by the office. My door is always open!

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### Grant County Farm & Home Show

The Grant County Farm & Home Show is next weekend! There are many details that go into getting the Farm & Home Show. Without amazing members, parents, leaders and volunteers, it wouldn't go on.

Some housekeeping details that you need to know:

1. Look over the Leaders Lunchstand Schedule on the following page.

2. Stop by the office or call the office if you are able to assist with set up, tear down, or being a judging assistant for Thursday evening.

Any questions regarding the Leaders Lunchstand, contact either Brenda Block, Delores Kelly, or Lowell Boe.

Any questions regarding exhibit judging, contact the office.

Four-H families are asked to help donate to the 4-H program by bringing **one nine-inch pie** to the lunch stand at the Farm and Home Show, on **Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013**. If you cannot bring a pie, please let one of the chairpersons know, so they can make arrangements to have enough pies for the lunch stand. Thank you.

Arthur, Joe/Tawny	Berkner, Curt/Diane	Berkner, Chuck/Shelly
Block, Brian/Brenda	Boe, Lowell/Julie	Bohn, Greg/Andrea
Brakke, Jay/Karen	Christensen, Roger/Sandy	DeWald, Jim/Tammie
Goodhart, Karen	Grear, Mikel	Greiner, Brian/Peggy
Hay, Britney	Hilbrands, Heather	Jarman, Wayne/Julie
Karges, Don/Jessica	Kelly, Cody/Delores	Leddy, Donnie/Krecia
Lenards, Tim/Dolly	McKernan, Lyle/Darla	Mueller, Bill/Raynelle
Niven, Kim	Peiker, Jim/Debbie	Peschong, Troy/Tamara
Pillatzki, Mark/Cindy	Rausch, Tony/Deb	Schlueter, Steve/Tanya
Schmidt, Chris/Stacy	Schweer, Richard/Michelle	Seehafer, Jeff/Holli
Speidel, Chris/Becky	Steinlicht, Bill/Kathy	Strei, Dick/Marla
Thiele, Darin/Jennifer	Tuchscherer, Dale/Ann	VanderWal, Paul/Dawn
Yamaura, Vince/Amy		

### BARS...BARS...BARS...BARS...

Four-H Families, please help donate to the 4-H program by bringing one and one-half dozen BARS, (NO COOKIES) large enough to sell for .50 cents (3"x3" square size bars). Please bring to the lunch stand at the Farm and Home show on FRIDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>. Please have the bars individually cut and wrapped (*i.e. Saran Wrap, etc.*) for sale. Thanks for your help!

Barlund, Doug/Gail	Batchelor, Laurie	Baumgart, Theron/Jodi
Bender, Neal/Jaimee	Bohlen, Matt/Jessica	Bolin, Ricky/Julie
Boone, Bob/Toni	Dockter, Mike/Deanna	Dragt, James/Tamara
Folk, Duane/Gail	Grant, David/Tracie	Holland, Mark/Alicia
Johnson, Darwin/Audra	Karels, Jason/Susan	Kelly, Keith/Cheryl
Klemm, Kevin/Michelle	Leddy, Wade/Lori	McDonald, Brad/Sarah
Mertens, Darin/Lesa	Mertens, Jay/Tara	Meyer, Wayne/Nancy
Miller, Tim/Sheila	Mischel, Jason/Heidi	Mursu, Chris/Twila
Przybycien, Shawna	Schmitt, Neal/Lisa	Schmitz, Tim/Carin
Schreurs, Stu/Karen	Schwagel, John/Hilary	Schweer, Cheryl
Sousa, Joe/Karen	Spartz, Jed/Christina	Spiering, Steve/Bonita
Stallman, Chad/Melissa	Steltz, Joel	Stemsrud, Steve/Robin
Stohr, Keith/Danelle	Storm, Larry/Jan	Thomas, Greg/Joni
Thyne, David/Lynelle	Weinkauf, Dale/Stacy	Wendler, Sara
Wolff, Jeff		

### 2013 Farm & Home Show 4-H Leaders Lunchstand Work Schedule

**Leaders/Parents, please note:** The Lunchstand will be at the west end of the armory (in the National Guard Kitchen) again this year. Chairpersons for the lunch stand are Lowell Boe, Brenda Block, and Delores Kelly.

#### Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00-11:00 am -	Lowell Boe, Brenda Block, Tamara Peschong, Susie Busk, & Jennifer Thiele
11:00-1:00 pm -	Bill Mueller, Lyle McKernan, Brian Block, & Dale Tuchscherer
1:00-3:00 pm -	Julie Bolin, Joni Thomas, Dawn VanderWal, & Bonita Spiering
3:00-5:30 pm -	Krecia Leddy, Wayne Meyer, Susan Karels & Lori Leddy
5:00-8:00 pm -	Bill Steinlicht, Holli Seehafer, Sandy Christensen, & Heather Hilbrands

#### Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00-11:00 am -	Julie Jarman, Karen Schreurs, & Delores Kelly
11:00-1:00 pm -	Gail Folk, Duane Folk, & Tammy Magilge
1:00-3:00 pm -	Delores Kelly, Tammie DeWald, Lowell Boe & Brenda Block

**Note: If you can't work at the scheduled time, please find a substitute or switch with someone. Thank you for all your help!**



# Farm Show Lego Contest

Saturday, January 12, 2013

11:30 a.m. Check-in at Milbank High School Lunchroom

All persons age 4 and up are invited to participate in a LEGO contest being held at the Grant County Farm and Home Show. Kids, ask your relatives and friends age 15 and up to enter the contest too! We would like to have more participants in this age category.

**How the contest works:**

Participants must bring their own LEGO bricks and a base on which to build their entry. Contestants will be give a maximum time to 30 minutes to assemble their LEGO project. None of the LEGO bricks may be put together before the contest begins. (You should practice putting your project together at home prior to the contest to see that you can get it accomplished in 30 minutes or less.) Table space to work on will be provided. Judges will be observing and asking questions while you assemble your project. If you were a first place winner in last year's contest, you will be ineligible to win first place in the same age division again this year, but you will be able to win second place or People's Choice award. If you have moved up to a different age category this year, you are eligible to win any placing. Judging will be based on creativity of the project, ability to answer questions, completing project within the 30 minutes time allowed and bringing the needed supplies with you.

**The age categories:**

- Age 4-6—contestants use DUPLO or LEGO bricks
- Age 7-10—contestants use LEGO bricks
- Age 11-14—contestants use LEGO bricks
- Open class (older than 14)—contestants use LEGO bricks

**Prizes awarded in each category: (LEGO sets donated by Liebe Drug & Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks provided by Grant County 4-H Leaders Association and Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce)**

We will also have a People's Choice award for all the entries. Everyone present will be able to vote for their one favorite entry regardless of age category.

**First Place**

- Age 4-6—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Buck
- Age 7-10—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks
- Age 11-14—\$40 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks
- Age 15 & Up—\$40 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks

**Second Place**

- Age 4-6—LEGO set
- Age 7-10—LEGO set
- Age 11-14—\$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks
- Age 15 & Up—\$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks

**Pre-registration is required!** Return from by Friday, January 4th to the Grant County Extension Office, Grant County Court House, 210 E. 5th Ave., Milbank, SD 57252. Call 605-432-9221 to inquire about late registration.

LEGO is a trademark of the LEGO group of Companies which does not sponsor, authorize or endorse this event.

**Please return this portion to the Grant County Extension Office by Friday, January 4, 2013.**

**ENTRY FORM—FARM SHOW LEGO CONTEST—MILBANK HIGH SCHOOL LUNCHROOM**

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE AS OF JANUARY 11, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_



# Announcements...

## Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

Youth Day at the Black Hills Stock Show will be held on Saturday, January 26th with all the events being held at the Pennington County 4-H/Extension Building and the Central States Fairgrounds.

Activities that will be going on are: Beef Cook-off, Horse Bowl, Hippology, Livestockology, Livestock Judging Contest, Dog Show, Beef Bust and Youth PQA Plus.

**Registration deadline is January 10th.** For more information, contact Sara at the office.

## Volunteer Forms

Due to the new enrollment registration with 4-H Online, each volunteer needs to fill out the Volunteer Work Agreement Form.

**Deadline to turn in these forms to the office is Jan. 3rd.**

Once they are turned into the State 4-H Office and approved by them and Human Resources, Leaders will be able to gain Club access.

## Fruit Sales

The 4-H Association, 4-H clubs and families will be selling fruit again this year as a fundraiser. It is done on a volunteer basis. I have made contact regarding the fruit sales already. Supplies will not be available until the middle of January.

If you or your club is interested in taking part, contact the Extension Office by January 18th to sign up. You will be contacted once we have collected the necessary information.

*Congratulations* to the Northern Lights and Madison Junior Livestock 4-H Club for placing second in the Festival of Trees at the Grant County Courthouse.

## Farm Safety Poster Contest

Youth ages 5 to 13 are invited to participate in the Farm Safety Poster Contest during the Watertown Winter Farm Show.

The poster is to illustrate an aspect of farm safety.

Only one entry per individual, submit poster on 11x17 or 12x18 inch paper, and any media forms may be used.

Submit entries to Codington County Extension Office, 1910 West Kemp Avenue, Watertown, SD 57201 by **Thursday, January 17.**

## Shooting Sports

Grant County Shooting Sports is about to get underway. We are blessed to have amazing leaders that spearhead this special interest club.

Sandy McKernan is handling the archery portion, and John Schwagel and Wayne Meyer are rejuvenating the BB Gun side of shooting sports.

Archery Organizational Meeting January 7 at 7 p.m. above Old Hardware Hank.

BB Gun Organization Meeting is Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. at 4-H Static Exhibit Building at fairgrounds.

## Livestock Meeting

On January 31st at 5:30-7 p.m., a livestock meeting is going to be held at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

This meeting is recommended for those involved or exhibit any general livestock at the county and state level.

Meeting will consist of discussion of county weigh-ins, DNA process, and any other questions regarding livestock.

Those unfamiliar with the new DNA process, read the Q&A on the following page.

**"All our dreams can come true — if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney**

## DNA: Easy as 1-2-3

"I have to collect what?" "It is collected from where?" "Do I need to do this? If so, why?"

Have these questions been rolling around in your head? For many of our 4-H livestock exhibitors and their families, answers to these questions and more will help them plan for their 2013 livestock projects. The collection of DNA is an important step to ensuring ownership of market animals as well as maintaining the integrity of our program. This brief article will explain the process as simply as possible and help you decide if you even need to collect a DNA sample from your market animal.

First things first, the answer to the following question will determine how you proceed: Are you hoping to exhibit your market animal at the South Dakota State Fair?

If the answer is **YES**, proceed to the **DNA Q&A** section below.

If the answer is **NO**, then nothing changes for you. Animals shown only at the county level do not need to have hair samples pulled for DNA. Be sure to fill out your ownership affidavit available at [www.igrow.org](http://www.igrow.org), attend your county weigh in and prepare your project for the county fair/achievement days.

### DNA Q&A

A goal of attending the South Dakota State Fair with your market livestock will re-

quire you to complete the DNA process. Hopefully the following information will assist you through the process.

#### Q: I have to collect what?

A: Hair samples from all market animals to identify them.

#### Q: It is collected from where?

A: The location for hair sampling is different for each species. Market beef is collected from the tail, market swine from the loin or rump, and market sheep and goats from the leg right above the toes. It is important the hair be PULLED and not cut because the roots of the hair samples are necessary for proper identification of your animal.

#### Q: When does this need to be done?

A: The deadlines for market beef are March 31 and for market swine, sheep and goat May 31. Be prepared to assist your 4-H Advisor and the weigh in committee as hair samples will be pulled during your county weigh in.

#### Q: How much does this cost?

A: The cost for each animal is \$6. If your family plans to take 3 steers to the state fair, it will cost \$18. Checks will be payable to your local county extension office or leaders association on the day of the weigh-in. If your family plans to attend Ak-Sar-Ben with the same market animal, you

will not need to do this process again.

#### Q: What happens to the sample?

A: An envelope will be provided by your 4-H Advisor which contains the identification information for the animal and the exhibitor. The hair sample is placed in the envelope, and it will be sent to AK-SAR-BEN in Omaha, NE to be held for verification.

#### Q: Does this mean I can't weigh in at a 4-H sanctioned show/weigh-in held in another county?

A: You can weigh in and be green tagged at a show/weigh-in held in another county, BUT you will need to contact your 4-H Advisor and make arrangements to have a DNA sample taken or obtain a DNA envelope to take with you.

#### Q: What if I purchase my market animal and it already has a SD green tag?

A: You are half way there. Call your 4-H Advisor and make arrangements to have a DNA sample pulled before the deadline.

Hopefully this cleared up some of the questions you may have about DNA collection. If it didn't, please feel free to contact your 4-H Advisor for more information.

## Clover Classifieds

We are continuing with a feature that consists of 'ads' for items that are 'lost & found', 'for sale', 'wanted', etc. So, if you have anything you would like to put in the 'Classifieds' for the next month, please call or bring in to the office, by the last Monday of the month.

### Wanted:

BB Gun Shooting Sports Leaders are looking for any BB guns that were loaned out from previous years and never returned to the club. Please call John Schwagel at 432-6808 or Wayne Meyer at 623-4520.

### Wanted:

Have unused gun cases? Donate them to the Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports BB Gun program. Please call John Schwagel at 432-6808 or Wayne Meyer at 623-4520.

### Need to place to hang out? Waiting for your parents?

Stop by the Grant County Extension Office and work on your homework or use a computer.

Remember that you have to schedule to use the Community Room through the Grant County Auditor's Office (432-6711).

Any activities planned for the Courthouse Community Room on Monday nights, plan on starting at 7:30 p.m. or later.

# Junior Leaders Corner



The Grant County Junior Leaders held their first gathering in the middle of December. They went caroling throughout St. Williams Care Center and then joined at the Community Room in the courthouse to plan the upcoming year. A few changes that were decided amongst the leaders is instead of having officers, each club needs to elect a junior leader representative. The representative should be present at the Junior Leader meetings and report back to their club if any information.

A few things planned, January 13th will be the next Junior Leaders Meeting. A tentative plan is going sledding. Please watch Facebook for any details.

On January 19th, join the Big Stone County 4-H at Andes Tower Hills in Alexandria, MN for 4-H Ski Day from 1:30 to 7 p.m. Ski lifts is \$15, ski rental is \$7, tubing is \$10 for 2 hours and snowboard rental is \$17. Transportation is on your own. Register by January 11 with the Big Stone County Extension Office by calling 320-839-6380.

## 2013 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS POP & ICE CREAM STAND WORK SCHEDULE

### Friday: January 11th, 2013:

9:45-10:30 am– Brianna Schreurs / Rebekah Tuchscherer

10:30-11:30 am– Andrew Christensen / Riley VanderWal

11:30-12:30 pm– Jimmie Berkner / Patti Berkner /

McKenzie Mertens

12:30– 1:30 pm- Michaela DeWald / Breanna Schmitt /

Emily Pillatzki

1:30 pm– 2:30 pm- Chris Block / Kasey Klemm

2:30 pm-3:30 pm- Mikayla Sousa / Megan Thomas

3:30 pm– 4:30 pm– Sharon Folk / Kiera Leddy

4:30 pm– 6:00 pm– Cara Berkner / Kadon Leddy / Zach Sousa

6:00 pm-8:00 pm – Jenna Dockter / Tyler Grear / Bailey Storm

### Saturday– January 12th, 2013:

8:30 am– 9:30 am- Heidi Bergquist / Rebecca Leddy

9:30 am– 10:30 am– Sam Jarman / Sarah Jarman

10:30– 11:30 am- Alexandra Magilke / Kasey Schmidt

11:30 am– 12:30 pm– Rebecca Stohr / Kayla Steltz

12:30–2 pm– Wyatt Kelly / Natalie Stohr

Please keep to the schedule as much as you can, exchange with others or otherwise let me know if there is a problem.

Remember you need to check with your teachers for those working on Friday. Mr. Snaza will have this list.

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