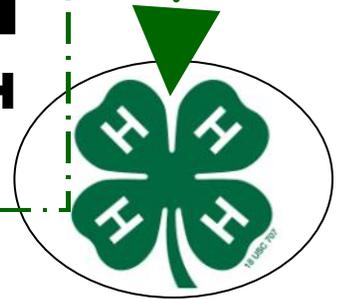




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Newsletter for Grant County 4-H March 2013



Advisor Comments...

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 7	Judging Day @ 3:30-5:30 pm
March 9	Power Project Day
March 11	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 6pm
March 19	Judging Day @ 3:30-5:30 pm
March 23	SD Leaders Conference, Aberdeen
April 1	Judging Day—All Day
April 17-18	Sara Gone— Spring Conference
April 26-28	Shooting Sports State Shoot

I'm hoping that Spring is well around the corner. I love the snow but we have received just enough. I am happy to see all this moisture though for our fellow farmers and ranchers which is much needed after last year's drought.

Spring is a sign that 4-H is going to get very busy in the next couple months. There are many items on the calendar and more events being finalized.

Check out the calendar of events inside the newsletter for more details.

I would love to send out a huge congratulations to all the clubs who sold fruit. What an amazing job you did...\$23,000 in sales! This will benefit all the clubs who participated for the upcoming 4-H years. Way to go!

Finally, I would like to say

a huge thank you to all the families for accommodating with me as I'm still in transition. We held Market Beef Weigh-ins earlier this week and I know that this was short notice. Families that need to weigh-in their animal, please call me at the office to let me know a convenient date for your family.

If I haven't met you yet, please stop by the office! I would love to meet you!

Check us out:



Pinterest: grantcountysd4h



Facebook: Grant County South Dakota 4-H

Winter Fun Day

Grant County 4-H will be holding a Fun Day for families on Sunday, March 3, 2013 at the Visitors Center in Milbank beginning at 1:30 p.m.

We will again be playing bingo and the junior leaders will have a concession stand. Each club is asked to donate three door prizes and donate \$25 toward a fruit prize that will be awarded during the games. We will

need to award 16 prizes, one for each game (16 games are played) and then one overall Grand prize to be drawn from the tickets/cards sold to every bingo participant. The cost of the bingo card will be \$5.

All 4-H families will be asked to help clean up when the afternoon is done. For more information, or if you have any questions, contact the Extension Office. Please come for a relaxing afternoon!

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Calendar of Events

March 23: South Dakota State 4-H Leaders Conference, Aberdeen

April 1:

- 4-H Scholarship applications due
- Market Beef 4-H green tags & verification affidavits due

April 6 – 11: National 4-H Conference

April 26 – 28: South Dakota 4-H Shoot

May 1:

- 4-H Youth Council applications due
- State 4-H Teen Leadership Conference early registration due
- Volunteer Insurance Form 7 and payment due from Counties
- South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Entry for Eligibility Due

May 4: Grant County 4-H Rabbit Show and Clinic

May 23: 4-H Gourmet Graduation Day in Milbank

May 31: Last day to Add or Drop Exhibits

June 1:

- Horse Safety Training (Form 1) due to County Offices
- Market Sheep, Goat and Swine; Breeding Beef and Sheep and Dairy Cattle green tags and verification affidavits due

June 3 – 7: State 4-H Teen Leadership Conference

June 12-14: Camp Poinsett

June 13: Youth PQA Training in Milbank

June 15 – 23: Citizenship Washington Focus

June 27: Small Animal Workshop at Doggie Do's

July 1:

- State 4-H Horse Show entries due
- 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame nominations due
- Market Swine YPQA Certifications due
- 4-H Livestock Breed Registration Paper Copies Due

July 23 – 25: State 4-H Horse Show

July 26: State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

July 26 – 28: South Dakota Summer Spotlight

August 1:

- State 4-H Dog Show entries due
- State Fair Youth In Action Event Entries due
- National 4-H Congress applications due

August 5-7: Grant County Achievement Days

August 16 – 18: State 4-H Rodeo Finals

August 29 – September 2: South Dakota State Fair

September 15: Community Service project reports due

October 9 – 12: Western Junior Livestock Show

Power Project Day

4-H Power Project Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th in the Courthouse Community Room. Pre-registration is due March 1st. Register online at sd.4honline.com.

The cost will include the total cost of the workshops taken, plus \$4 for lunch including a beverage. This can be paid at time of registration. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., with a lunch break from

11:30 to 12:30.

Sessions:

Eco-Bot, Cost: \$4. Youth will assemble their own Eco-Bot, discover how it functions, what it can do well, as well as what it can't do.

Hula Hoop Weaving. Transform a pile of old T-Shirts into a spectacular work of woven art with a spare hula hoop. Youth must bring a dozen of t-shirts to

complete this project.

Lava Lamps Cost \$2. Using general household products like soda or water bottle, food coloring and oil make a lava lamps. Youth are asked to bring two 16 oz empty bottles for this project.

Cupcake Decorating. It's your opportunity to learn proper cake baking, different frostings, and techniques to make a decorated cupcake.

Decorative Jars, Cost \$2. Youth will turn glasses into a decorative, keepsake luminaries.

4-H Gourmet—The New Special Foods

During the months of March, April and May youth have the opportunity to have more fun learning about food through the Grant County 4-H Gourmet Project, previously known as "Special Foods."

Youth choosing to participate in the 4-H Gourmet program will be asked to attend three workshop sessions where they will receive hands-on instruction. The dates and topics are as follows:

Thursday, March 21 – Courthouse Community Room – **"Laying the Food Foundation"** --Nutrition (MyPlate- Food Groups – Nutrients/Vitamins) and Recipe Selection – 3:30-5:30 pm

Thursday, April 4 – Courthouse Community Room – **"Safety Comes First"** (Food & Equipment Safety Kitchen) & the "How To's" (Techniques of Cooking, Reading Recipe, Measuring etc.)

Wednesday, May 15 (tent.) MHS Home Ec. Rm - **"Pleasing...and 'Fun'"** (Garnishes and Place setting) AND PRACTICE Cooking (opportunity for youth to practice cooking their recipe in environment to that of the CONTEST environment.

Thursday, May 23 (tent.) MHS Home Ec. Rm – **4-H Gourmet Contest**
For more information, contact Grant County 4-H Office or Sandy Christensen.

Horse and Rodeo Update

Horse

The Horse Council met the beginning of February. Important dates are as follow:

- **Tri-State Horse Show:** May 27th, June 15th, and July 4th
- **Grant County 4-H Horse Show:** June 26th (28th rain date)
- **4-H State Horse Show Entry Deadline:** July 1st
- **State 4-H Horse Show:** July 23-25th

If someone would be interested in being a roping mentor and showing

the basics to members, please contact the office.

Horse Safety Training will be March 21st at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse Community Room, and May 20th at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Practices will be Monday nights at 7 p.m. starting June.

Rodeo

South Dakota 4-H Finals Rodeo will be held August 16-18th.

I finally received the Insurance

Forms and State Rodeo Finals Entry Packet information.

Families can now enroll youth in the South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Program through 4-H Online.

The entry deadline is May 1st.

A mass email will be sent to members in regards to Horse and Rodeo project. If you do not have a working email or rarely check it, please contact the office so I can mail the information.

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.

"A real decision is measured by the fact that you've taken a new action. If there's no action, you haven't truly decided." -Tony Robbins

Announcements...

SD Horse Fair

The South Dakota Horse Fair will be held March 15-17 at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Building in Sioux Falls, SD.

There are many events planned such as Dana Hokana Clinics, Horseman's Challenge, Ranch Rodeo, Cowboy Church and stroll down Breed Boulevard and Stallion Avenue.

Youth will be able to participate in horse judging contest, horse safety training and stick horse contest.

SD Midwest Dairy Opportunity Fun

The Midwest Dairy Association is once again offering grants to South Dakota 4-H Clubs to promote dairy products. 4-H Clubs can request up to \$750.00 to complete their promotion project. The initial application is due by April 30. 4-H Clubs must complete and submit an evaluation form, following the event/promotion by August 31.

If you have any questions, please contact Roger Scheibe at 605.692.1775.

Nominate Outstanding Young Volunteer

Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program encourages adults, 21 years of age or over, to nominate young volunteers, ages 6 – 18 for Kohl's Cares Scholarships. Nominators should describe how young volunteers have contributed to their communities in a positive way by performing volunteer services that helped people who are not related to the students during the last 12 months.

Nominations are accepted through March 15.

Each store winner receives a \$50 Kohl's gift card. Kohl's is also awarding one hundred \$1,000 regional scholarships and five \$9,000 national scholarships in each age group for post-secondary education.

4-H Leaders Conference

2013 Spring 4-H Leaders Conference "4-H 101: Back to Basics" will be Saturday, March 23 in Aberdeen. The conference will be at the ARCC (Aberdeen Recreational & Cultural Center) from 8:30-3:30 pm.

Session include: 4H Online, judging in foods & nutrition, posters & displays & livestock area, & more. For more information, view www.southdakota4hleaders.com

Apply for SD 4-H Scholarships

Youth who have at least five years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H and are current high school seniors or are enrolled in post secondary education are encouraged to apply for seven different South Dakota 4-H Scholarships.

Deadline is April 1st.

For guidelines on how to apply or any questions, contact the Grant County 4-H Office.

Military Child Month

April marks the nation's "Month of the Military Child," a time to honor military youth in our communities who have been impacted by deployment and family military service. South Dakota's Operation: Military Kids Program is proud to announce SD 4-H partnering to sponsor the promotion of the 2013 Purple Up! Campaign. For Military Kids' Day, April 12, wear something purple to show support and thanks.

Announcements...

Lawn Mowing Bids Wanted

The Grant County 4-H Association is looking for lawn mowing bids. The person selected will be in charge of mowing the Grant County Fairgrounds this summer.

Bids are due March 29th.

A form can be picked up at the Extension Office or call 605-432-9221 for more information.

Summer 4-H Camp

The 2013 4-H Camp Poinsett dates have been set! Registration, tracks, and theme information will be available in the April newsletter.

Grant County will be camping June 12-14 along with the following counties: Deuel, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, Roberts, and Union.

Ag Day at SDSU

The Ag-Bio Student Prexy Council will be holding two different Ag Day events in March.

This year's campus Ag Day will be held on March 13th, starting 10 am. Free meal will be served with evening speakers.

The 10th Annual Ag Day event at Washington Pavilion will be held March 23rd from 10 am—2 pm. This is a FREE family event with lunch provided.

Enrollment and Re-Enrollment

It is important that youth are enrolled or re-enrolled for this 4-H year before they participate in any 4-H events and activities.

Enrollment can be done through www.sd4honline.com. Please do not create a new account if you are uncertain if an account is already created. Please contact the office for assistance.

New Judging Concepts

There has been much discussion over the past couple months about Judging and consistency. While I was at training, State 4-H pitched the idea of new judging concepts.

Across the Board Method: Individual awards would be recognized in the Top 5 consistently and Team awards would be recognized in the Top 3 consistently.

Family & Consumer Science Judging Contest will move to Consumer Decision Making with the same standards as Western National Roundup. Photography Judging would be dropped, as well as Visual Arts Judging.

Photography and Visual Arts Judging would explore separate or combined Skill-A-Thons.

Grant County will be holding Judging Days March 7, March 19, April 1, and April 29.

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.



**Parliamentary
Procedure
Training**

Officer Training

Find out what each
officer position entails!

Regional Center Training



When: March 16th, 2013 9:30-noon CST

Where: Regional Centers (will be connecting via DDN/Smart Classrooms)

- **Sioux Falls (2001 E. 8th St.), Aberdeen (13 2nd Ave SE), Pierre (412 W. Missouri Ave), Winner (325 S Monroe St), Rapid City (1905 Plaza Boulevard)**

Who: All 4-H members ages 8-18 and leaders

Cost: FREE!

Please RSVP by March 15th to audrey.rider@sdstate.edu who will be participating and what location you will be attending.

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South Dakota 4-H Youth Council

INB: Leadership for 8-13 year olds

Get Introduced to Leadership!

Only \$15, lunch included!

Here's your opportunity to learn, have fun, and meet others from around the state that want to learn about leadership! INB will offer you new recreation ideas, a choice of project and learning workshops, and the opportunity to make new friends. Join us during the South Dakota 4-H Leaders' meeting, on March 23rd, and get introduced to leadership at INB! Fill out the registration form, and send it to the SDSU Watertown Regional Extension Center in Watertown, by March 15, 2013.

For driving directions, Google ARCC, 225 3rd Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD.

INB starts at 9:30 am and ends at 4:00 pm

At the Aberdeen Recreation and Culture Center (ARCC), 225 3rd Ave. SE in Aberdeen during the South Dakota 4-H Leaders Meeting on Saturday, March 23, 2013!



INB (in-bee) stands for In Between!

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Name _____
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Cost includes workshops, and lunch for only \$15!

Make checks payable to: South Dakota 4-H Youth Council

Choose Your Workshops
Workshop 1

- I-Spy Bottle— create your own "look and find" in a bottle. OR Peter Pan Flute— make a flute like Peter Pan's!

Workshop 2

- Bridge Connects— make a sturdy bridge! OR Robotics

Learning Workshop

- Public Presentations OR Fashion Revue OR Static Judging Class

Junior Leaders Corner

(Remember, any member age of 13 and older can be involved in Junior Leaders which participate in many fun and exciting activities and community service events throughout the year.)

The Junior Leaders were unable to meet during the month of February to scheduling conflicts. Junior Leaders will be having a Concession Stand during Winter Fun Bingo Day on March 3rd. Contact Brenda Block for more information. We plan to meet briefly afterwards to discuss next month's gathering. Please continue to bring ideas to the meetings and check out our Facebook group—Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders.

I'm challenging you as Junior Leaders for the next meeting—if there are 12 Junior Leaders present, I will have a surprise!

TLC is for kids ages 13-18 years old and takes place at the SDSU campus. We are planning on utilizing the campus more this year. Tracks consist of FCS, AG, STEM, and Leadership. The theme this year is "The Mystery Within" We will also be having an amazing speaker, John Beede. Here is a link to see a little of his presentation <http://www.climbonsuccess.com/>. The cost is \$200, but there are opportunities the county, leaders, and financial scholarships to cut the costs. Registration is due May 1st. This camp is open to NON 4-Hers too!!

Bake and Take Day

The South Dakota Wheat Commission annual "Bake and Take Day," occurring this year on March 23, invites home bakers of all ages to slow down, relax and embrace community spirit by baking home-made goodies and sharing them with friends, neighbors or folks who may not be able to bake themselves.

Contestants who write in to tell about their Bake and Take activity will be entered into a random drawing for \$50 cash in one of four categories. Participants need to indicate a category -- youth individual (4-17), youth group, adult individual (18 plus), or adult group – on the entry form. If no category is indicated, the entry will be placed in the category that most fits the information provided. **All eligible entries collected via e-mail and U.S. mail by April 15, 2013 will be included in the drawing.**

Send a summary of your activity to the South Dakota Wheat Commission, Box 549, Pierre, SD 57501 or e-mail the information to the South Dakota Wheat Commission (info@sdwheat.org). Include any community service aspects, and comments regarding how the activity strengthened the bonds between individuals.

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