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Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

August 2016



DATES TO REMEMBER

August 16	Rocket Launch & Grounds Clean Up at 6:00 PM—4-H Grounds
August 17	Consumer Decision Making Judging Practice for State Fair at 10 AM—Courthouse
August 19-21	SD 4-H Rodeo Finals
August 27	SD 4-H State Dog Show, Mitchell
August 30	State Fair Static Exhibits DUE to 4-H Office
August 30—September 5	SD State Fair (Sara Gone)
September 5	Office Closed (Labor Day)

Advisor Comments...

The 2016 Grant County Achievement Days are in the books and now on the horizon, preparing for the State Fair!

There are so many people that need a personal thank you for making this year's Achievement Days go as smoothly as it could. Thank you to those who worked in the Lunchstand,

assisted with the BBQ, helped at different specie shows, lend a hand during pre and post cleanup, and the livestock sale. Without your working hands, Achievement Days wouldn't be possible for our county youth.

Personally, I feel the summer fly by like a rocket. It's hard to

imagine that our yearly event has concluded already. Therefore, we are looking ahead to finalizing our 4-H year. Please review the information on page 3.

I want to extend best wishes to those planning on attending the SD State Fair and participating in 4-H events.

4-H Livestock Auction Checks

Youth who sold an animal on the 4-H Livestock Auction may start picking up their checks at Wells Fargo Bank.

The checks will not be

mailed and will need to be picked up by the youth.

A list of members who have shown their Thank You at the conclusion of the sale or at the office,

has been sent to the bank. If you have not shown your Thank You at the office, you must do before your name is released to receive your check.

Rocket Launch & Final Grounds Clean Up

The planned Achievement Days rocket launch was postponed. The weather was difficult and trying to find a time to launch during a busy Achievement Day schedule became a struggle.

Our rocket volunteers will be on hand Tuesday,

August 16 at 6:00 p.m. to shoot off rockets at the 4-H Grounds.

Also, we will be having one final opportunity for youth to complete community service hours for school by doing a final 4-H Grounds clean up. We will be moving picnic tables and risers from static building. We

encourage all families to come out to support our aerospace and rocketry youth and assist with clean up.

To end the evening, ice cream and freezies will be served.

If you are able to assist during this day, we look forward to seeing you!

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Families: South Dakota State Fair Preparation

Many families will be preparing to attend the South Dakota State Fair in a couple weeks. As you begin to prepare for the 4-H division, our county office will guide you in making your experience stress-free.

ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

All animal exhibitors (except cat) will need to pick up their show number at the 4-H Office. Numbers will be available Friday, August 19 through Monday, August 29.

STATIC EXHIBITS

All static exhibits registered for State Fair must be brought to the 4-H Office by Tuesday, August 30,

12 p.m. Noon.

Sara will bring all static exhibits to State Fair for judging. Please make sure all exhibits have the display exhibit form or special display exhibit form attached. Each exhibit going will have a new entry card attached by the 4-H Office.

For Horticulture, youth exhibiting any horticulture lots, may enter another specimen in that class or another vegetable class at the South Dakota State Fair. Youth must complete a new exhibit entry form when substituting another vegetable and staple it to the original exhibit entry form that show the county purple ribbon

placing. (Please refer to the State Fair 4-H Handbook for more information.)

Exhibits will be returned to the 4-H Office on Tuesday, September 6. Please allow us to sort and organize your projects by family and club. Pick up exhibits will be on September 6-9 outside the 4-H office. If you are the State Fair Monday, projects can be picked up at 4 PM in the National Guard Armory.

If you are going to State Fair on Thursday, September 1, it's FREE entry with 4-H Membership Card. Membership cards were given out this year.

SD 4-H State Fair Assistance Needed

The South Dakota 4-H Office has released an online SD 4-H State Fair Worker sign up.

The sign up allows volunteers to assist with 4-H events. If you are able to assist in a capacity, please take time to review the link. There

are many available slots from Thursday through Monday, ranging from animals to youth-in-action events.

To sign up, view the link [here](#).



4-H Leaders provide Camp Fee Assistance

The SD 4-H Leader's Association will again assist with camp fees in 2014. There is a \$25 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend Camp Poinsett, Bob Marshall or North Central. There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend TLC or Performing Arts. Here is how the scholarship program works.

- Step 1 – Register for the 2014 camp and pay the full camp fees.

- Step 2 – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- Step 3 – Tell a group about camp. For the \$25 4-H Camp scholarship, tell one group. For the \$50 TLC or Performing Arts Camp scholarship tell two groups.
- Step 4 – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all signatures and submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will

receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt.

You will find the form on our website at <http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleader/s/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance.pdf>.

Applications are due by **December 31, 2016**.

End of 4-H Year Information

As Achievement Days are over and SD State Fair is approaching, I want to encourage youth to start thinking about working on your 4-H Record and end of the year information.

The 4-H record book is a summary of the member's entire year. While a 4-Her may receive recognition during the year for participating in activities or with an exhibit at the fair, record books measure the growth and accomplishments the 4-Her has made through the entire year. There have been a few youth that have mentioned completing a record book has assisted in completing scholarships and developing a resume.

This process is not meant to be a headache. Therefore, I will be holding two 4-H record book

work days during September.

Monday, September 19 at 4-6 PM

Wednesday, September 21 at 4-6 PM

Besides the 4-H Record Book, youth are to complete two other requirements for the 4-H year.

1. Must attend four club meetings.
2. Must give a public presentation/demonstration at club or higher level.

These requirements are not to be stressful but are easy for families to complete. Therefore, with completion, youth will receive awards and monies during our annual Recognition Event in November.

A big part of our 4-H Recognition

Event is recognizing our youth who apply for top awards and scholarships.

Please keep in mind these award applications:

- Grant County Top Horseman Award
- 4-H Leaders Scholarship
- Citizenship Washington Focus delegate application
- County Award Application
- Kay Wolff Youth In Action Award
- Outstanding Beginner Award
- Schmig's Genetics Award
- Diane Frevert Memorial Award

Youth may start working on their 4-H Record Book and any award application they be eligible for.

All documents are located on our Google Drive file (<https://goo.gl/EsfesX>).

Cooking and Wellness Demonstrations at Fair

SDSU Extension staff will be hosting cooking and wellness demonstrations during the 2016 South Dakota State Fair in Huron September 1-5.

"State Fair provides a great opportunity for our team to interact with South Dakotans and share healthy new recipes with ingredients that are trending across the United States right now," says Suzanne Stluka, SDSU Extension Food & Families Program Director.

More than cooking, the SDSU Extension team will also encourage South Dakotans to get moving with physical activity and yoga classes.

All classes will be held in the Women's Building, the public is invited to attend at no cost.

Agenda

Thursday Sept. 1 at 9:30 a.m.: Are you a woman looking for some tips on how to exercise with weights? Join Nikki Prosch, SDSU Extension Health & Physical Activity Field Specialist as she leads a class to teach you how.

Thursday Sept. 1 at 4 p.m.: Curious about yoga? Attend this introductory class and let Tara Shafrath, SDSU Extension Health & Physical Activity Field Specialist as she guides you through the basics on what you need to know to

get started.

Friday Sept. 2 at 1 p.m.: Avocado Chocolate Pudding. Looking for an easy dessert that is packed with flavor and health? This class is led by Megan Olesen, Registered Dietitian and SDSU Extension Nutrition Field Specialist

Friday Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.: Cooking with Quinoa Discover some quick and easy recipes to use made with this ancient grain. This class is led by Suzanne Stluka, Registered Dietitian and SDSU Extension Food & Families Program Director.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

August 19-21—State 4-H Rodeo, Ft. Pierre

August 27—State 4-H Dog Show

August 31-September 5—South Dakota State Fair, Huron

September 5—Office Closed (Labor Day)

September 16—State Livestock Skill-a-thon & Practice Livestock Judging Classes, SDSU Campus, Animal Science Arena

September 17—State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, SDSU Campus, Animal Science Arena

September 22-25—AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha, NE

September 26—Pre Conference 4-H Staff Meeting, Brookings

September 27-29—SDSU Extension Fall Conference, Brookings

October 2-8—National 4-H Week

October 3-8—World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI

October 5-8—Western Junior Livestock Show & 4-H FCS Show, Rapid City

October 10—Native American Day (Office Closed)

November—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria

Announcements...

2017 County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

We are looking for a new t-shirt design for 2017 County 4-H T-shirts.

4-H members are encouraged to submit their designs by October 8 to the Grant County 4-H Office.

The winning design will be used on the shirts and are given to each active 4-H member.

Voting will be held at Recognition Event.

This year's t-shirt design was done by Hope Karels of the Junior Busy Bees 4-H Club

Visit iGrow.org for 2016 State Fair Results

Keep up with 4-H'ers from your county and across the state during the [2016 South Dakota State Fair at iGrow](#) where results and photos will be posted daily.

“4-H truly has something for everyone. Youth have opportunities to test their knowledge or compete in educational project areas varying from animal exhibits and showmanship to display exhibits, robotics, speaking contests and judging. Couple this with the use of the new Nordby Exhibit Hall for 4-H, Youth and Community and it promises to be a great 2016 South Dakota State Fair,” said Peter Nielson, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Development Program Director.

New Text Message Method

The Grant County 4-H Office will be utilizing a new text message method. In the past, we have utilized the text message through 4-H Online and email.

We will begin using Remind. To set up your text message reminders from the Grant County 4-H office—text @grant4h to the number 81010.



Consumer Decision Making Judging

Those who registered for Consumer Decision Making Judging at the South Dakota State Fair, we will be holding a practice session prior to State Fair.

We will be having practice judging classes, going over questions and

what to say during oral reasons. Practice session will be: Wednesday, August 17 at 10 AM at the Courthouse Community Room.

The practice session will last until 11:30 a.m.



Donate a Photo to Support 4-H

The National 4-H Organization is partnering with Johnson & Johnson to help empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

Each photo donated through the Donate a Photo mobile app helps provide a child with materials for a valuable leadership program.

Together, we can help prepare the next generation of leaders. For everyone photo donated, Johnson & Johnson gives \$1 to 4-H. That \$1 helps provide one child's curriculum, member kit, and record book for the year, to give kids the chance to show true leadership in their lives and the lives of others. It



takes 20 photos to provide one child with supplies for a year. The Donate a Photo app is available through App Store and Google Play.

“Fair”cycled Art Contest at State Fair

Look in your yard, look in your basement, look anywhere you have stuff lying around. Turn that extra stuff into art! Enter the “Fair”cycled Art Contest, a recycled indoor/outdoor art contest. The challenge is to make indoor or outdoor art using the theme of ‘fair’ with the stuff you have lying around!

Your art creation needs to be constructed out of ‘recycled’ items, or items already found lying around. New resources can only account for 10% of the materials used.

Judging Divisions Include:

Table Top Art Division: Dimensions or size of project can be no larger than 3' wide x 3' tall.

- 17 years old and under
- 18 and older

Yard Art Division: Entry dimensions no larger than 5'x5'. These will be placed on the ground.

- 17 years old and under
- 18 and older

1st Place \$50 Prize will be awarded in each division and 2nd Place \$25.

The registration deadline is

August 22. Exhibits are due to the State Fair Office by August 29, unless prior arrangements have been made. Exhibits can be removed from the fairgrounds on or after Tuesday, September 6. Any exhibits not picked up by Friday, September 9 will become property of the SD State Fair. Entry form available [here](#).

You're invited to join us for the

Dedication Ceremony

Nordby Exhibit Hall
for 4-H, Youth, and Community

Sunday, September 4, 2016
at 4 p.m.

Nordby Exhibit Hall
SD State Fairgrounds
1060 3rd Street SW • Huron, SD

Honoring all campaign donors and volunteers

South Dakota State Fair Foundation
605-553-4251 • sdstatefairfoundation.com

A photograph of the Nordby Exhibit Hall, a large, modern, light-colored building with a blue awning over the entrance. A sign in front of the building reads 'NORDBY EXHIBIT HALL for 4-H, Youth and Community'. The building is surrounded by trees and a clear blue sky.

Chalk it up to Ag @ South Dakota State Fair

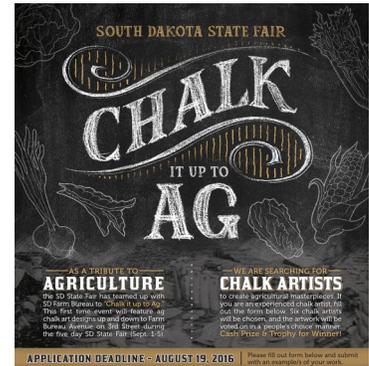
As a tribute to agriculture at the South Dakota State Fair, the SD State Fair has teamed up with South Dakota Farm Bureau to “Chalk it up to Ag.” This first time event will feature agriculture chalk art designs up and down Farm Bureau Avenue on 3rd St. during the fair.

Fairgoers can vote on their favorite art piece Thursday, September 1 through Saturday, September 3 at the Farm Bureau booth. The winner will be announced on Sunday,

September 4.

They are searching for chalk artists to create agricultural masterpieces. If you are an experienced chalk artist, fill out this form (<http://www.sdstatefair.com/assets/docs/uploads/071516-chalkituptoag.pdf>). Six chalk artists will be chosen and the artwork will be voted on in a people’s choice manner. The winner will receive a trophy and cash prize.

Chalk artists will be given a maximum space of 4’ deep by 15’ long to create their masterpieces. The area will be blocked off only on Thursday, September 1. The application deadline is Friday, August 19.



Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

Find information at: SDSU Extension iGrow (www.igrow.org), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website (www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension)
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

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