

Achievement Days Edition



Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H
July 2014



DATES TO REMEMBER

July 1	Leddy Livestock Judging School @ 6 PM—Leddy Ranch, Twin Brooks
July 1	Breed Registration Papers DUE
July 1	Youth PQA Certifications DUE
July 4	Office Closed (4th of July)
July 10	Fashion Revue @ 4 PM—Grant County Courthouse
July 15	Achievement Day Registrations DUE
July 15	Judging Contest Entries DUE
July 16	Pinterest Day Camp
July 21-24	State 4-H Horse Show—SD State Fairgrounds, Huron
July 24-27	SD Summer Spotlight—SD State Fairgrounds, Huron
July 29	4-H County Dog Show @ 3 PM—4-H Grounds
August 1	4-H Static Entry Day @ 9 AM—1 PM
August 4-6	Grant County 4-H Achievement Days

Advisor Comments...

We are about **ONE** month away from the Grant County Achievement Days! We are very excited here at the office for the upcoming annual event.

Achievement Day books were released to 4-H Families. Registration forms for Achievement Days is **due July 15th!**

for our county only. Especially, our horticulture flower division, cupcake wars, duct tape challenge and milk mustache contest!

Please review the Achievement Day Supplement Guide as there are many new changes

Questions? Don't hesitate to contact the 4-H Office.

Check out full calendar of events inside!

The middle of June,

4-H Character Counts! Speaking

South Dakota 4-H members are invited to participate in this summer's 11th Annual SD 4-H CHARACTER COUNTS! Public Speaking contest at the Sioux Empire Fair on August 6.

- Speak about a 4-H project area and tell how CHARACTER COUNTS! fits into it
- Speak about a current event and tell how CC! fits into it
- Speak about a person experience and tell how CC! fits into it

Contest awards include Certificates of Deposit for \$250 – \$1,000. Juniors are eligible for awards up to \$500 and Seniors are eligible for awards up to \$1000. The top novice speaker in each age division receives \$100 cash.

Participants will meet at 8:00 a.m. by the 4-H Snack Stand at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls. The entry deadline for the event is **Friday, July 18.**

The contest offers novice and experienced divisions for Juniors (ages 8 – 13) and Seniors (ages 14 – 19). Participants will receive \$20 cash to spend at the Fair as well as five free gate passes and five free meal cards to share with their families.

Contest registration is open to families in 4HOnline until 11:59 p.m. CT on July 18. Download the 4HOnline Help Sheet for instructions for How to Register for State Events in 4HOnline.

Competing speakers will deliver a 3-6 minute speech on one of the following topics:



It is each families responsibility to adhere to deadlines. If the deadline date falls on a weekend date, you will have the next business day to turn in any materials.

Do not miss any upcoming deadlines!

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.southdakota4hleaders.com/forms_3.html. Applications are due by **December 31, 2014**.

2014 State Consumer Decision

Teams have been formed for the State Consumer Decision Making Contest held at the South Dakota State Fair.

There will be two practices scheduled this summer:
July 15 at 2:00 PM—Grant County

Courthouse Community Room
July 22 at 2:00 PM—Grant County
Courthouse Community Room

Teams are as follow:

Beginner—Cassidy Schwagel & William Karels

Junior—Allison Leddy & Noah Steinlicht

Senior—Breanna Schmitt, Callie Bolin, Michaela DeWald & Sharon Folk

These two practices before the state contest will be beneficial as they will prepare you with what to expect at State Fair.

Animal Registration Papers

To be eligible for all Purebred Registered Breeding Shows, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat, exhibitors are required to have registrations papers in their name, farm name, family name or

sibling name. The exhibitors must have a copy of breed registration papers to the 4-H Office by July 1, 2014. Refer to the SD State Fair Animal Exhibit Handbook on iGrow for details. Plan ahead so you have

time to process your registration papers before the deadline. This rule is enforced.

Clarification: if the "Breed Registration" paper is not in the 4-H Office by **July 1**, that animal will be shown in the Commercial Division.

4-H Leddy Livestock Judging School—July 1

Make plans to attend this year's 4-H Leddy Livestock Judging School on July 1st at 6 PM at Gene & Wade Leddy's Farm in Twin Brooks, SD.

All 4-Hers and their families are

welcome to attend. Experience judging officials will be on hand to discuss each class presented during the judging school. This is an opportunity for youth to judge in a contest setting, much like the state contest. An interactive, hands-on

skill-a-thon will be provided for youth!

Directions: Travel west on Hwy 12 for 6 miles to 472nd Ave. Turn south, travel 4 miles to 153rd St. Turn east, travel to 1 mile to 473rd Ave.

For Sale: Rabbits & Rabbit Cages

There are 4-H members and families that have rabbits and rabbit

cages for sale. For Mini Lop and Dutch rabbits, contact Rebecca

Hay at 605-467-9029. Brianna Schreurs has cages for sale at 605-432-7949. Also, there is a double and single rabbit cage with hutch for free. Call 605-949-2101.

Announcements...

Text Messages

Start receiving text messages to remind you of important deadline and updates from Grant County 4-H.

We will be utilizing this technology as we approach Achievement Days.

To receive them:

1. Log into 4H Online (sd.4honline.com)
2. Under member profile information, enter your cell phone.
3. Check "I wish to receive notices via text message"

Photography Exhibits

The 4-H office will have Photography white/black foam board available starting June 30. They are \$1 per board.

For Achievement Day, please place photography foam board in a plastic bag when exhibiting. All photography projects will need the photography half sheet label attached to the exhibit. The labels will be available at the 4-H office.

4-H Horse Judge's Training

South Dakota 4-H strongly encourages county 4-H horse show committees to hire a judge from the South Dakota Certified 4-H Horse Show Judges List.

Therefore, SDSU Extension will host a 4-H Horse Show Judge's Training on the South Dakota State Fairgrounds in Huron July 22-23.

The training has two sessions beginning July 23, from 4 PM to 8 PM and July 24, from 6:30 AM to noon. Both portions are required for certification. To register visit iGrow. The registration fee is \$40 per person.

2014 State Fair Handbook

New this year are two books rather than one South Dakota State Fair 4-H Division Handbook. One is the Project Exhibit & Youth-In-Action Guide and the other one is Animal Exhibits. They are now available on the iGrow Website. Read them to be current with the latest info.

Upcoming Leaders Meeting

Grant County 4-H Leaders Meeting is scheduled for July 15th at 5:30 PM at the Grant County 4-H Grounds

All leaders are encouraged to attend as this will be the final meeting before the Grant County Achievement Days.

We will be meeting in conjunction with our scheduled work week to do some extra sprucing up of the grounds.

4-H Grounds Work Week

The 4-H Leaders have designated a 4-H Grounds Work Week for July 14-18 from 5-7 PM.

There are several larger projects in addition to club assignments that need to be accomplished before Achievement Days. Clubs can complete their assignments during this time.

Monday—Moving of static exhibit risers & repair
Tuesday—Repair and paint sign
Wednesday & Thursday—Paint Tack shed
Friday—Finishing touches

Looking for a youth to create a design for the entrance sign!

Youth Dairy Judging School

There are still two opportunities for youth to participate in a dairy judging school.

Chris Feiber of Feiber Dairy will be July 23rd at 6:30 PM. Directions: From the Junction of I-29 to Hwy 212, go east 10.5 miles to county road 312, go 1 mile south to Goodwin. At first stop sign, continue south 3 blocks.

Kevin & Suzanne Souza of Victory Farms will be holding a judging school July 8th at 1 PM.

Driving directions: From junction Hwy 15 & 12, go 4 miles south to 153rd St., then 3 1/2 miles east on 153rd, north side of road.

State 4-H Display Exhibit Plan for 2014

As the new exhibit hall is being built for 4-H on the State Fairgrounds in Huron, there will need to be some temporary adjustments for this year's State Fair 4-H display exhibits. This will be a great opportunity to showcase the educational value of 4-H in your county/unit. There was a great variety of opinions of "what to do" in this transitional year. The State 4-H Event Management Team conducted a Town Hall meeting, sent out a survey, and held a Youth Forum to gather input on how to display exhibits at the State Fair. Input from all three venues was used to form the 2014 plan. What follows is a temporary solution that allows all 4-Hers in South Dakota to continue to experience the State Fair in the best way possible with the least amount of change.

2014 Display Exhibit Plan

- Youth may enter **2 display exhibits** at the State Fair.
- The preferred example would be 1 display exhibit and 1 photography exhibit.
- Display exhibits will be in the armory (county booths) while photography exhibits will be along the outside walls in Younger and Ag Center (a.k.a. Green Steel North of Livestock Arena)
- Photography exhibits will only be the 10" x 14" photo boards.

If you want to enter an artistic photo, that would be considered a display exhibit for your county booth.

What is the rationale?

Last year, just under 3,000 kids brought a display exhibit (including photography) to the State Fair. This resulted in 13,000+ pre-entered displays with just over 10,000 exhibits actually judged. If priority is given to your best two exhibits, around 6,000 exhibits is the maximum potential to be judged in a much smaller area this year.

Where will everything be housed?

- Counties will be given equal amount of space to display their exhibits in the Armory.
- A trade show booth (curtains and poles will be set up) approximately 8'x10' in size will be set up for each county including a table and 2 clothing trees
- A map will be set up to best accommodate county units and counties that travel together.
- Due to limited space, it is suggested that a mutual agreement between 4-H Youth Program Advisors and county 4-H Leaders be in place to deal with situations where there are just too many exhibits for the small space. Everything will be judged, but you will only be able to display exhibits within the space provided.
- Photography will be displayed

on the boards around the perimeters of Younger Hall and Ag Center.

- Booths must be set up for public viewing by 8 am Thursday regardless of judging schedule.

Additional Adjustments (NEW!)

- County booths will be judged and 2 winners will receive a "Welcome to X County" outdoor metal sign to display at the entrance of the county. Judging criteria for the booths will be:
 - Posters and/or Pictures for County/Unit Youth In Action participants (judging teams, special foods, public presentations, fashion revue) at the State Fair. Many counties do this already. This is a great standard of practice.
 - Promotion of county 4-H program
 - Utilization of space to display exhibits and quality
 - Educational value of 4-H program in county/unit

How will the other buildings be utilized?

- Younger--Robotics Challenge all day Saturday and Fashion Revue judging Sunday
- Ag Center (a.k.a. Green Steel North of Livestock Arena)— Horticulture and Sheep Skill-a-thons Friday, Consumer Decision Making Contest and Beef Skill-a-thon Saturday, Dog Skill-a-thon Sunday, Cats on Monday

Fashion Revue • July 10th

We are seeking 4-Hers to participate in this year's Fashion Revue. Judging will take place at 4 PM and public review at 7 PM. Registration form can be found in your Achievement Day Supplement Guide.



Make Plans!

Calendar of Events

July 4—Office Closed (4th of July)

July 10—Grant County 4-H Fashion Revue—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

July 15—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day Green Form Due to Grant County 4-H Office

July 22-24—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron

July 24-27—SD Summer Spotlight & State Livestock Judging Contest, Huron

July 29—Grant County 4-H Dog Show at 3:00 p.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

August 1—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day Static

Judging at 9:00 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

August 4-6—Grant County 4-H Achievement Days

August 14—SD State Fair Entries Due

August 15-17—South Dakota 4-H Finals Rodeo

August 28-Sept. 1—South Dakota State Fair, Huron

October 8-11—Western Junior Livestock Show, Rapid City

October 13—Office Closed (Native American Day)

November 9—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria

Pre-clean Up for Achievement Days

Junior Busy Bees	Kitchen, bathroom, ceiling & food display cases	Exhibit Building
Kountry Kids	Lunchstand & bathrooms	Livestock Building
Madison Junior Livestock	East & South (swine, sheep, beef areas) and show arena	Livestock Building
Northern Lights	Floors, risers, tables & clothing stands (25)	Exhibit Building
Saddle Pals	Windows & lights, horse take shed & horse arena	Exhibit Building
Shooting Stars	Wash racks (check drains) & 4-H grounds (pickup)	Livestock Building
Young Explorers	Bleachers & North Wing (dairy, poultry, rabbit area)	Livestock Building
Young Farmers	Front-entry way & store room	Livestock Building

4-H Livestock Fees

4-H members eligible to attend SD State Fair with their animal must pay entry fees to participate. These non-refundable fees are assessed on a per event basis to offset expenses for judges, awards, maintenance, etc. Entry fees do not include bedding and are not stall fees nor guarantee stall space. Exhibitors must submit total payment amount of their fees to the office by August 10th. State

Fair registrations will take place at the conclusion of each livestock show during Achievement Days.

The Grant County 4-H Leaders have offered to assist again this year. They will be paying \$15 a youth towards livestock state event. However, if a member doesn't exhibit their animal at State Fair, the family is responsible to reimburse the Leaders

with the exception of animal hardship.

Market, Breeding Beef—\$10
 Dairy Cattle—\$10
 Market, Breeding Sheep; Market, Dairy, Breeding Meat Goat; Market Swine—\$5
 Poultry—\$1
 Rabbit—\$1
 (All fees are per head, bird, or animal.)
 Make checks to 4-H Leaders.

Summer Cloverbud Gathering

The Grant County Cloverbuds will meet Tuesday, August 5 at 11 AM at the exhibit building.

Members will hold a show/tell of their entered exhibits and participate in a

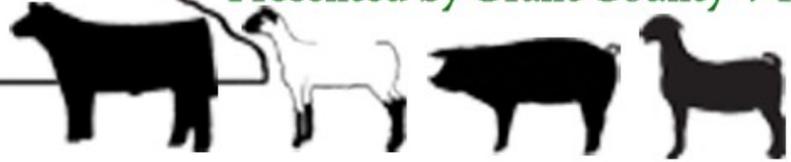
fun farm safety activity by Emma Christensen. Any youth ages 5-7 are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Karels at jskarels@dishmail.net or 605-237-0955.

**Achievement Day
 Registration Forms
 DUE July 15th!**

(No Exceptions!)

Battle of the Borders SHOWDOWN

Presented by Grant County 4-H



Beef ▪ Sheep ▪ Meat Goat ▪ Swine

Grant County 4-H Grounds, Milbank, SD

Saturday, July 19 & Sunday, July 20

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, July 19

Swine

7:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Check-in/Weigh-in
11:00 a.m. Show

Cattle

10:00 a.m.—Noon Check-in/Weigh-in
1:30 p.m. Show

Livestock Judging Contest

5:00 p.m. Registration
5:30 p.m. Contest

Sunday, July 20

Sheep & Goat

10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. Check-in/Weigh-in
12:30 p.m. Show
Sheep show to follow

Payback:

- Champion Payback: Market Swine: \$250; Breeding Heifer: \$250; Market Beef: \$250; Breeding Ewe: \$100; Market Sheep: \$200; Meat Goat: \$150
- Class monies will be awarded

Contact:

Grant County 4-H Office: 605-432-9221
Jeff Wolff, Show Chair: 605-881-5317

Rules & Information:

- Beef: Ages 8-21; Sheep, Swine & Meat Goats: Ages 21 and under
- No pre-registration. Register the day of the show.
- Entry Fees: \$30 per calf; \$25 per lamb, swine, and goat
- All calves, lambs, goats and market swine must be accompanied by current health certificate. Purebred animals must be accompanied with a registration paper.
- Participants may use bedding. Wood chips only. Bedding must be cleaned up or premium will be forfeited.
- Portable generators are encouraged.
- Fitting is optional. 4-H fitting rules apply. No unethical practices allowed.
- Show committee will not be responsible for accidents and all decisions will be final.

This is a South Dakota Junior Point Show!

Youth will be able to participate in an interactive, hands-on livestock skill-a-thon throughout the two days.

Prizes will be awarded to the top individuals in each species.

Youth
Livestock
Skill-a-thon

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**Show Supply trailer will
be available on the
grounds.**

Pinterest Day Camp!



Youth can
enter these
project at this
year's
Achievement
Days!

When: July 16th

**Where: Grant County
Courthouse Basement**

**Times: Grades 3rd—
5th @ 9am—12pm**

**Grades 6th—12th @
1pm—4pm**

Projects:

- Clover Painting
- Clay Pen
- Edible Slime
- Pop Bottle Planter
- Tin Can Wind Chime
- \$5 fee for all projects

Any Questions contact the Grant County 4-H office: 605-432-9221

Pinterest Party Day Camp

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____ Conformation email will be sent.

Phone: _____ \$5.00 fee paid Y N

Community Service Opportunities

Through its pledge of “hands to larger service,” 4-H has historically given back to the community by encouraging young people and adults to volunteer. In 4-H, service is commonly defined as the voluntary action of an individual or a group of individuals without pay. Service to the community – through food drives, raking the yard of an elderly neighbor, adopt-a-highway programs, teens teaching younger youth, teens mentoring children or youth determining community needs and helping solve

community problems – helps young people learn caring, leadership and citizenship.

Alex’s Lemonade Stand

The Grant County 4-H Leaders will be hosting another lemonade stand at Achievement Days. Last year, we raised over \$200 for childhood cancer.

Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs

This year’s Statewide Community Service Project is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The funds generated

from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House’s expenses.

Each club will receive a pop tab collection house that can be placed around the community. Those will be distributed to Club Leaders at our next meeting in July.

The Grant County 4-H Office will be a main drop off collection site for the pop tabs! The club collecting the most pop tabs by weight will receive a PRIZE!

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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To:

Mark your calendar’s for this year’s Achievement Days!

August 1; August 4-6 at the Grant County 4-H Grounds

Family Packets will be available to be picked up starting July 24.

**Get
excited!**