



Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H January 2016



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 4	Archery Registration @ 6:30pm
January 4	Farm & Home Show Set-up @ 3:30
January 15-16	Farm & Home Show
January 16	4-H Public Presentations @ 9:00am
January 16	Farm & Home Show LEGO Contest @ 11:30am
January 18	Office Closed— Martin Luther King Day
January 18	BB Gun Practice @ 5:30pm
January 20-22	Sara Gone—SD Advisory Meeting
January 21	4-H Association Meeting @ 6:00pm

Advisor Comments...

We are quickly approaching a new year. It's been a whirlwind of a year. Time rushes by when you are having fun. In 4-H, I hope all youth enrolled in 4-H are having fun.

This year's 4-H theme is "4-H Grows Here". It's the start of empowering youth with skills to lead for a lifetime. Make sure you are not missing an opportunity to make an difference.

Enrollment is still open. As of December 30, we have only 63 youth re-enrolled. Please don't forget to register. If you need assistance, please contact the office and we'll be happy to assist you.

For the new year, we are looking at

expanding special interest areas. Currently, we have an outstanding sewing club going. Youth are meeting once a month and learning how to sew. Youth do not need a sewing machine to participate.

Furthermore, we had 7 youth participate in an aquatic robotic training with Big Stone County in MN. These youth are excited to expand on what they learned and will be holding sessions this spring and summer to share with others in the community.

This has been a great year though. I'm very proud of all the youths' accomplishments!

2015-2016 Animal Identification Process

The "Green Tagging" system is changing this 4-H program year.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 4-H program year, South Dakota 4-H Youth Development will move to completely different tags. We will use National Unified Ear-Tagging System (NUES) tags. NUES tags are federally required for animals to technically cross state lines.

Another important part of the NUES tagging system is that only one federal tag can be placed in animal. This becomes problematic with sheep and goats that already carry a Scrapie Tag (which is also a federal tag). Because of this, we will move away from green tagging sheep and goats. Sheep and goats still need to be verified on the Ownership Verification

Affidavit forms, going forward their Scrapie number is the unique identifier. This change requires the entire Scrapie number be recorded on the form including the state code. Families exhibiting 4-H Dairy Cattle will be required to provide one type of ID when submitting forms:

- A registration tag
- A registration tattoo
- An Electronic Identification Device (EID) tag number
- A complete Bangs tag number or a 4-H Green Tag number.

To stay consistent, Breeding Beef animals will be required to have something more tangible than a herd tag for commercial animals. Breeding beef will need a tattoo at verification time of a NUES Green Tag.

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2015-2016 Enroll & Participation Requirements

Enrollment is open for re-enrollment!

We will be using 4honline.com again this year, all returning members must register through 4honline.com using your email address. Please do not create a new account if you are re-enrolling in 4-H. All enrollment paperwork, code of conduct, media release, and medical waivers will be electronically signed in 4honline.com.

All new members will need to complete the 4honline.com registration as well. One important note, every family must have an email address in order to

enroll in 4-H Online. Remember if you want to receive text messages, you must add number and check the box in enrollment.

Participation at club and county levels are very important! There are participation requirements that have been set for 4-H members enrolled in a traditional club. Members must complete these participation requirements **each year** to earn any Achievement Day or special honors.

Please review them as we move into a new 4-H year.

- 4-H member must attend four

club meetings.

- 4-H member must complete 4-H Record book.
- 4-H member must give a public presentation/demonstration at club or higher level.

Each club may have their own discretion on what constitutes for meeting these requirements. Such as, working the Lunchstand at Achievement Days may count towards a club meetings.

New 4-H independent guidelines are being created to properly graduate from the 4-H program.

Save your Spare Change for Make-A-Wish

The cans are on display out in the community. They are at Running's starting January 4. The cans will be on display at the Grant County Farm & Home Show January 15-16.

Promotional boards are being produced currently. Through Thrivent Financial, we were able to receive "seed" money to help use with our promotional items.

Share with you family and friends about our community service project.

About the Community Service Project

At this year's Teen Leadership Conference, over 150 youth selected raising money to grant one Make-A-Wish to a person in South Dakota. Grant County 4-H Leaders are challenging clubs to raise enough money to be able to grant one wish, which is approximately \$5,000-\$6,000.

Make-A-Wish grants a wish to a child diagnosed with a life-threatening medical condition.

Check out how Make-A-Wish helped a child in Watertown receive a Star Wars Lego room make-over.

https://youtu.be/bd-qaxjb_T0.



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!

Announcements...

4-H Sewing Club

The January Sewing Club will meet Saturday, January 16 at the Farm & Home Show at 10:00AM.

This will be held at the booth of Kristi Mogen, Silver Sage Homestead, located across from the Shooting Sports booth.

The project this month will be a possibility bag with a zipper. Please sign up a week before the class and the cost is \$5.00 to help cover supplies.

Each class is limited to the first 10 youth. If any questions, please contact the 4-H office to register.

4-H Volunteer Enrollment Process

All 4-H volunteers must enroll or re-enroll in 4-H Online yearly.

For new volunteers, fill out a [4-H Volunteer Work Agreement](#), complete steps stated on form, and submit forms to the Grant County 4-H Office.

The volunteer will receive an email from SD BOR instructing them to go to Hire Right address to complete the background check. Please make sure they do this and check their email for this final process in the background checks.

Volunteers will need to complete enrollment through 4-H Online, watch

videos 1-6 under training.

For re-enrolling volunteers, please watch video #6 through 4-H Online.

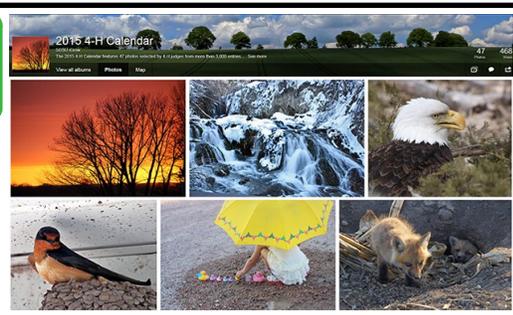
These steps must be completed by **January 1st**. If you are a new enrollee, please note the Grant County 4-H Leaders pay the \$10 enrollment fee.

If you experience technological issues while viewing the videos, please contact the Grant County 4-H Office as we will assist you.

There are two computers available at the office if enrollees need assistance during courthouse hours.

South Dakota 4-H Calendars on SALE

Beth Goodhart, Kiera Leddy and Noah Mursu are featured in the 2016 South Dakota 4-H Calendar, out of over 800 photography exhibits. There are still copies of the calendar available for purchase at the 4-H Office. Each calendar is \$5.00.



Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

The 2016 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day will take place January 30, 2016 in Rapid City at the Central States Fairground and Walter Taylor 4-H Building (601 E Centre St.).

Registrations will be due January 15, 2016, the contestant packet will have instructions on where to send the registrations. To get your packet and instructions, please go to <http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4042-2015.pdf>.

Upcoming Livestock Meeting

All livestock superintendents and assistants are asked to meet on Wednesday, January 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

The purpose of this meeting is assisting with planning for this year's upcoming livestock program. There will be individual species work time.

This date was selected by majority of superintendents and assistants. An agenda will be sent January 4th.

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 4-H office by **January 19th** to sign up. You will be contacted once we have collected the necessary information.

Protecting Your Prized Livestock

Did you know that 4-H members can recover costs due to death of one of your livestock? A lot of time and energy is put into raising livestock and there is a way to protect your investment.

Farm Bureau Financial Services can help safeguard your investment in your 4-H livestock. Animal Mortality Insurance is tailored to short-term livestock ownership. Under this

policy, each animal is insured for its cost or value in the event of unexpected death.

Livestock that can be insured are those animals valued at \$2500. or less in the following categories:

- Beef animals for feeding
- Beef and dairy animals for breeding
- Hogs for feeding and breeding
- Lambs for feeding and breeding
- Goats for breeding

-Goats for dairy and breeding
The premium for all livestock is \$11. per \$100. of the insured animal's value.

Further information, brochures and applications are available at the office. Please stop by the Grant County 4-H Office with any questions.

Give a Public Presentation at Farm & Home Show

Youth interested in doing a Public Presentation at the Farm & Home Show may start signing up today until December 31.

4-H Public Presentation is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate or give an illustrated

talk to teach the audience a skill, concept or principle related to a project area.

Youth must give at least two club presentations or one county presentation to meet project pin requirements and/or one

presentation at club or county level to meet participant requirements.

Public Presentation will take place on Saturday, January 16 at the Milbank High School, starting at 9:00 am. in Classroom 43.

Upcoming: 4-H Shooting Sports Registration

Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports will be starting soon. This 4-H special interest group is open to youth ages 8 -19 and youth do not need to be enrolled in 4-H.

There will be new registration times. Archery registration will be on January 4 at 6:30 pm above the Valley Queen Cheese offices

(formerly the Old Hardware Hank) on Main St. Entrance is on the north side. Practices will begin January 11.

BB Gun, Air Rifle and Air Pistol registration will be held in conjunction with the Farm & Home Show January 15 - 16.

Participants are asked to stop at

the 4-H Shooting Sports booth to register. Practices will begin on January 18 at 5:30 pm at the 4-H Exhibit Building at the 4-H grounds on Flynn Drive.



Apply for National 4-H Conference Trip

Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for National 4-H Conference scheduled for April 9-14, 2016, in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Youth must be 16 – 18 years old by the date of the event to apply. Applicants should submit their applications to their local 4-H Youth Program Advisor. Upon approval, the 4-H Youth Program Advisor will submit the signed application, via email or USPS mail, to

the State 4-H Office by January 15. A designated committee of 4-H Youth Development professionals and/or previous trip participants will review applications and notify delegates on/before February 15. For more information, view the [2016 Application Packet](#).

The National 4-H Conference is a premier professional and leadership development event for 4-H members,

by the National 4-H Headquarters of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). the camp's mission is to assist in the development of the next generation's leaders. Delegates attend training workshops, become acquainted with government and have the opportunity to meet with state leaders.

4-H Curriculum Feature: Consumer Savvy

Each month we are featuring 4-H curriculum opportunities. Completing these curriculum books are great projects for Achievement Days. Or, a new family deciding what project area interests you.

Remember, if it's something you would enjoy, contact the Grant County 4-H Office for the complete activity guide to complete.

How does this work as a project to exhibit? The exhibit will consist of the Activity Guide with seven newly completed activities and one finished product for the activity guide. Usually the curriculum comes with three levels, youth may enter a level each year; however, each year an additional seven activities and one finished project must be completed.

About Consumer Savvy Curriculum

You will be a consumer all your life. Savvy consumers are people who know what they need and want and are able to make wise use of their money and other resources to

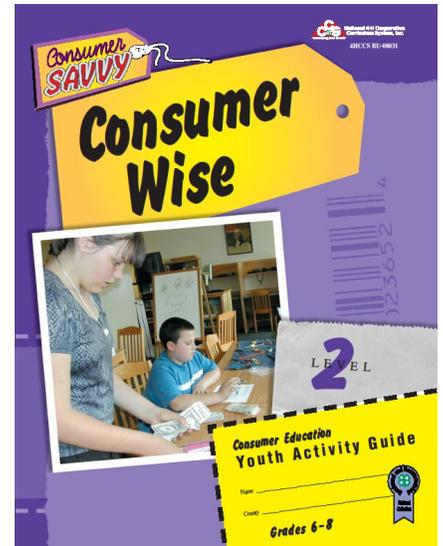
reach those goals. This sounds a lot like our Consumer Decision Making judging contest we do yearly.

The activities in the curriculum will help you become a skilled consumer. You will practice life skills including wise use of resources, goal setting and sharing with others.

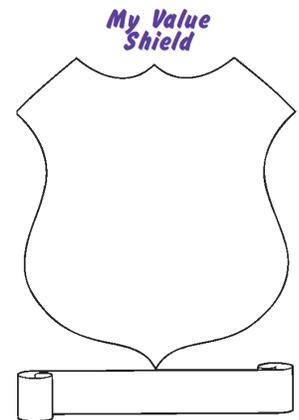
Activity

In level two, *What is Important?*, there are some things that are important to people. They are called values. Throughout history, a unique shield or coat of arms was used by some people to distinguish themselves and their property from to others. Sometimes it represented acts of valor or bravery. Other times it stood for a family's important accomplishments or status. These shields, or family crest, had symbols and colors similar to a flag.

Your activity is enlarge this shield. Your shield will be a collection of items that represent your personal values. Build your design by using words, drawings, symbols, or



pictures cut out of magazines. Add your favorite colors. Write your last name on the banner below the shield to take ownership of your values.



Your heart is free, have the courage to follow it.

South Dakota 4-H Quotes of Live By Essay Contest

South Dakota 4-H and South Dakota State University Extension are hosting an essay contest for students in grades 4, 7 & 9 with registration due on January 31, 2016.

The contest is open to all students in South Dakota schools, home schools, and individual 4-H

members. The contest is to inspire youth to reflect upon, express and commit to living by wise and enduring truths that will guide them to make ethical choices throughout their lives.

Five winning essays will be selected in each grade statewide. Cash prizes and awards will be

given to the winner in each grade level.

A complete contestant packet and South Dakota 4-H Quotes to Live By Maxims and Educational Guide can be found at this link:

<http://igrow.org/events/sd-4-h-quotes-to-live-by-essay-contest/>



GRANT COUNTY LIBRARY

Looking for ways to jazz up your club meetings? The Grant County 4-H office can help! We have set up a library for your use.

Currently we have: curriculum and resource books to use, anything from Aerospace to Workforce.

Come in and see what resources we have and check out any of these to use for your club meetings. We ask you that any checked-out books be returned within one week of your activity so it is available for others to use.



Farm & Home Show **UPDATED** Information

Thank you to those who stepped in to fill empty spots for the Farm & Home Show lunchstand and Junior Leader Ice Cream & Pop Stand.

The 4-H program is a large component of this event and to make this event successful is with many helping hands. The Leader Lunchstand and JuniorLeader

Stand are huge profit makers for both entities. Also, the Chamber appreciates our help with set up and take down. Please note the schedule with **red need to be filled**.

BBQ Meat: Needs to be filled
Taco Meat: Andrea Bohn, Heidi Mischel
Unseasoned Meat: Needs to be filled

Pies: (Please NO custard pies that need refrigeration)

1. Sandy Christensen (2)
2. Tammy Magilke (2)
3. Deborah Peiker (2)
4. Shelly Berkner
5. Hillary Schwagel
6. Kylee Mogen
7. Nancy Meyer
8. Becky Swezey
9. Krecia Leddy
10. Michelle Schweer
11. Marty Buttke (2)
12. Julie Jarman (3)

Bars: 3x3 size

1. Nancy Meyer
2. Dawn Vander Wal
3. Jan Storm
4. Susan Karels
5. Lori Leddy
6. Chely Wellnitz
7. Karen Sousa
8. Twila Mursu
9. Tara Mertens

10. Robin Stemsrud
11. Amy Pekelder
12. Becky Swezey
13. Darcy Hupke
14. Kris Street
15. Lisa Wienk
16. Chelsey Wiik
17. Janae Tostenson
18. Jake Talsma
19. Renee Locke
20. Tamara Dragt
21. Annie Berry

Friday, January 15th

9-12 noon: 1. Needs to be filled
 2. Needs to be filled
 3. Needs to be filled

11am-2pm: 1. Tamara Peschong
 2. Heidi Mischel
 3. Melissa Schuneman
 4. Needs to be filled

1:30-4pm: 1. Nancy Meyer
 2.. Wayne Meyer
 3. Needs to be filled

4-6:30pm: 1. Susan Karels
 2. Lori Leddy
 3. Krecia Leddy

6:30-8pm: 1. Jason Karels
 2. Darcy Hupke
 3. Needs to be filled

Saturday, January 16th

9-11am: 1. Tammy Magilke
 2. Robin Stemsrud
 3. Kristi Mogen

11am-1pm 1. Julie Jarman
 2. Needs to be filled
 3. Needs to be filled
 4. Needs to be filled

1-3pm: 1. Angie Bowen
 (clean up) 2. Needs to be filled

Junior Leader Ice Cream and Pop Stand

It is your responsibility if you are unable to cover a shift to find a replacement.

Remember, youth signed up to work must turn in a note to the Milbank High School or Middle School to work shift.

Friday: January 15th, 2016:

- 10:00-10:45 am-- Needs to be filled (2)
- 10:45-11:30 am--Allison Grear; Kendra Schweer
- 11:30-12:15 pm--Allison Grear; Kendra Schweer; Sarah Jarman
- 12:15-1:00 pm--Katie VanderWal; Elias Magilke; William Mischel
- 1:00-1:45 pm--Claire Mischel; Matt Christensen
- 1:45-2:30 pm--Cara Berkner, Tatiana Stemsrud

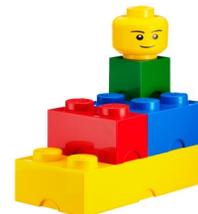
- 2:30-3:30 pm--Bailey Storm; Kasi Schlueter
- 3:30-5:30 pm--William Karels, Logan Meyer
- 5:30-7:30 pm-- Needs to be filled (3)

Saturday-- January 17th, 2016:

- 10:30-11:30 am- Sarah Jarman; Needs to be filled
- 11:30 am-12:30 pm- Kylee Mogen; Katie Mogen
- 12:30- 2:00pm--Needs to be filled (2)

Farm Show LEGO Contest

Saturday, January 16, 2016



11:30 a.m. Check-in at Milbank High School Lunchroom
Contest will begin at Noon ▪ Awards will be presented at 1:30 pm

All ages 4 and up are invited to participate in the LEGO contest being held at the Grant County Farm & Home Show!

How the contest works:

Participants must bring their own LEGO bricks and a base on which to build their entry. Contestants will be given a maximum time to 30 minutes to assemble their LEGO project. None of the LEGO bricks may be put together before the contest begins. Table space to work on will be provided. Judging will be based on creativity of the project, ability to answer questions, completing project within time allowed and participant bringing supplies needed. Participants who earned first place in last year's contest will be ineligible to win first place in the same age division again, 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.

The age categories:

Age 4-6—contestants use DUPLO or LEGO bricks

Age 7-8—contestants use LEGO bricks

Age 9-10—contestants use LEGO bricks

Age 11 and up—contestants use LEGO bricks

First Place

Age 4-6—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Buck

Age 7-8—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks

Age 9-10—\$40 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks

Age 11 & Up—\$40 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks

Second Place

Age 4-6—LEGO set

Age 7-8—LEGO set

Age 9-10—\$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks

Age 11 & Up—\$20 Milbank 'OI Mill Bucks

Prizes awarded in each category: LEGO sets & Milbank OI' Mill Bucks donated by the 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 category. Award sponsored by Learning Time Preschool, Teacher Paula Wieting.

CONTINUING THIS YEAR:

Participants who are awarded first and second place, their LEGO display will be featured at the Grant County Library after the contest until January 31.

Pre-registration is required! Return form by Wednesday, January 6th to the Grant County Extension Office, Grant County Courthouse, 210 E. 5th Ave., Milbank, SD 57252. Call 605-432-9221 to inquire about late registration.

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Please return this portion to the Grant County Extension Office by Wednesday, January 6, 2016.
ENTRY FORM—FARM SHOW LEGO CONTEST—MILBANK HIGH SCHOOL LUNCHROOM

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ AGE AS OF JANURARY 16, 2016 _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ (Required for confirmation of registration)

FARM SAFETY POSTER CONTEST

2016 MILBANK FARM AND HOME SHOW

JANUARY 14-16, 2016

SPONSORED BY HOPE KARELS AND CAILEY SIME (BULLDOG NATION PROJECT)

Youth Grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th are invited to participate in the Farm Safety Poster Contest. The poster is to illustrate an aspect of farm safety.

- Only one entry per student
- Submit poster on 11 x 17 or 12 x 18 inch paper
- Any media forms may be used—crayons, colored pencils, markers

On the back of the poster, include name, grade, teacher and school.

First, second and third place awards will be given in each grade. Awards will be \$15, \$10, and \$5 respectively. Awards will be provided by Titan Machinery, Sime Repair, and one more business.

Posters will be judged using the following criteria: attracts attention, conveys message, originality, and workmanship. Posters will be delivered back to the schools.

Submit to your school office or the Grant County Extension office (basement of the courthouse) by Monday, January 11, 2016. Posters will be displayed in the band/choir hallway at the Milbank High School during the entire Farm & Home Show. Awards will be presented at 1:00PM in the Milbank High School Lobby. Award winners will be notified of this award presentation.

For further information or questions, contact Susan Karels at 605-237-0955.



Junior Leaders Corner

For youth ages 12 and older

Are you a leader? If you positively influence and help others for a shared goal, you are a leader! Leaders aren't just elected to an office or position. You can also be a member of committees, small groups and teams. You can develop your individual leadership skills by learning more about yourself and how you work with others. In the 4-H leadership project, you will learn leadership principles, help plan 4-H programs, and recruit members.

We had a great Junior Leader meeting last month. The youth who attended talked about programs and decided on programs to do this year. There is still opportunity to be part of this action-fun group. The next time they will be meeting is Tuesday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m.

If you lead last month's activity at your club, great job! Make sure you are documenting what you are doing for leadership. Here is this month's activity: Mysterious Paper

Instructions:

1. Each participant gets one sheet of letter size paper.
 2. Each participant is instructed to either put on a blindfold or close their eyes. They are not to speak, peek or ask question. Just follow the instructions.
 3. Read each clue, slowly and clearly.
 - Pick up the paper
 - Fold the paper in half
 - Turn the paper once, to the right
 - Tear off the bottom left corner
 - Fold the paper in half
 - Turn the paper twice to the right
- Tear off the top left corner
 - Turn the paper once to the left
 - Tear off the bottom left corner
 - Turn the paper upside down
 - Tear off the upper right corner
 - Open your eyes; unfold the paper to see how it compares to others.

Discussion questions:

1. Did everyone hear the same directions?
2. Why do the papers not all look the same?
3. Who has the correct paper?

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To:

**Make
Plans...**

**For the Grant County Farm & Home Show!
January 15-16 at the Milbank High School
Participate in this year's 4-H Public Presentation at the Farm & Home Show!**