



Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

March 2017



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 4	Fruit Delivery @ Dakota Country Feed & Seed
March 16	4-H Junior Leader Mystery Trip
March 17	Power Project Day @ 9:00 AM — Grant County Court House
March 19	Market Beef Weigh-in @ 4:00-5:00 PM— Mertens Cattle Co.
March 20	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:30 PM — 4-H Office
March 21-23	Sara Out of Office— SDAE4-HP Spring Meeting
March 26	4-H Junior Leaders Winter Fun Day at 1:00-4:00 PM — Location to be determined
April 1	4-H Scholarship Applications Due to the State 4-H Office

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Advisor Comments...

The month of February has been great! There has been many things happening and the excitement is going to keep rolling on this year.

Things I have been busy with have been our monthly Cloverbud Connections at both Koch Elementary and St. Lawrence School. I've been teaming up with Sarah Jarman as our county's Character All Star with the State 4-H program. Lastly, I just completed a six-week "Achieving the Extension Mission through Volunteers" training. I'm

looking forward to working with our Grant County 4-H Leaders and Promotion and Expansion Board to be able to create useful resources and support for our county's 4-H volunteers.

My heart is full to be able to work in a county with fabulous volunteers. It takes a village to provide life skills to our youth. I'm looking forward to this year of providing resources and continue your excitement for your involvement in 4-H.

4-H Alumni: Raise Your Hand

Did you know that 1 in 3 kids have the skills they need to thrive? That's why National 4-H is asking you, and the millions of 4-H alumni across the nation to Raise Your Hand and Pay It Forward to empower the next generations of True Leaders.

fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state.

It's easy:

1. Raise Your Hand—complete [this](#) form to show your pride as a 4-H alum.
2. Compete for your state—raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000 award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.
3. Pay it Forward—Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag

4-H gives kids the opportunity to learn by doing, grow from failure and develop the skills they need to handle what life throws their way. No one knows this better than you, our alumni, who have experienced our programs firsthand. We need your help to bring the same experience and skills to youth today. Show your 4-H pride and help bring the same opportunities to kids in your community and nationwide.



Lawn Mowing Bids are being requested

The Grant County 4-H Association are seeking lawn mowing bids for the 2017 year. The person selected will be in charge of lawn maintenance at

the 4-H Grounds. A form can be picked up at the 4-H Office, or call 605-432-9221 for more information. The 4-H Association would like 4-H

youth to have the first opportunity. If bids have not been submitted by March 16, bids will be open to the community.

Scholarship Available for Youth

During the spring months, high school seniors are busy completing scholarship application for their post-secondary career.

South Dakota Farm Bureau is not taking applications for scholarships. Scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded to students whose parents or guardians are current members of SDFB, and have been members for at least two years. In addition, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited school of higher education, a high school senior or a current student already enrolled in college. Completed applications and materials

can be found at www.sdfbf.org, and must be received by March 15, 2017.

Build Dakota scholarship application period is open to 2017 high school graduates enrolling in designated program at two-year technical institutes. Scholarship for partial and full rides to the scholarships will support tuition, fees, books and other required program expenses in the eligible technical institute program. For more information and participating schools, visit <https://www.builddakotascholarships.com/>.

Students unsure about career choices? Check out the list of Fastest Growing Jobs in South Dakota. Schuneman Equipment welcomes job shadowing for any available careers at their business. For students interested in Diesel Technology, ask about our \$9,000 tuition reimbursement program.

The **Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee** has dedicated to fund three \$500 scholarship. The scholarships are open to South Dakota high school seniors who are planning to study agriculture at a post-secondary institute. Deadline for application is April 1, 2017. Applications are available at the office.

Announcements...

State 4-H Leaders Meeting

The South Dakota 4-H Leaders are excited to announce details for the 2017 State 4-H Leaders Conference!

The conference will be Saturday, April 1 in Winner. District W3—Tripp, Gregory, Jones, Lyman, Mellette and Todd counties will host the conference. Please review the following link to conference details & registration. <https://sdsu.box.com/v/grantcounty4h>

4-H Fruit Sales

On Saturday, March 4 will be our fruit delivery!

Our fruit delivery time is 10:00 AM. Only club fruit coordinators and 2 volunteers are asked to be on hand for sorting at Dakota Feed & Seed and are to be there by 10:30 AM.

Remaining club members needing to pick up are to show up at 11:15 AM.

Winter Fun Day being planned

The Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders is planning a winter fun day for Sunday, March 26th from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bingo and activities, plus concessions will be available. Prizes will be handed out.

Complete details will be emailed out soon to families in the county weekly update.

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!

Attention: 2017 4-H Animal Information & Updates

Winter farm shows are in progress and we are starting to think about this year's animal identification and weigh-ins. In this article will outline changes and new process this year related to 4-H animals.

Rodeo

The official Rodeo packet is now available on [iGrow](#). The entry process is due May 1st!

To highlight important steps: members must enroll on 4H Online, complete required paper work and mail the proper paperwork to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary. The office will only receive the Insurance Declaration Form 1. This process is new so take time to review the entry process.

Horse

4-H members planning on participating in the 4-H Horse Show, start making plans before our first horse safety opportunity. Each youth during horse safety training, must complete two skill sets and a youth-in-action. Plan to give a demonstration at your club about your horse.

This year's horse safety training is about horsemanship. Horse safety training will be held on May 7, in conjunction with the Hairy Horse Fun Show.

For the past couple years, we have been changing the "Green Tagging" system into a more unified federal tag and guidelines. Please review the animal updates, changes will be made on a monthly basis.

Ownership Affidavits, DNA & Registration Papers

4-H Ownership Verification Affidavits are available on iGrow. If you are 4-H members are planning on showing animals at Achievement Days and SD State Fair, these must be **FULLY completed**. The Grant County 4-H program adheres to the South Dakota 4-H deadlines. To access affidavit forms, visit <https://sdsu.box.com/v/animalova>

YQCA Training

Moving forward this year, the South Dakota State 4-H program will implement the Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. As the Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus training is being replaced YQCA, those planning to exhibit Market Swine in the 4-H division at the South Dakota State Fair will be required to complete the training. Only swine exhibitors are required to complete the YQCA training in 2017.

Deadlines:

June 1—Market Beef (Please notice change of date).

June 1—Breeding beef, breeding meat goat, breeding sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, market goat, market sheep, market swine, poultry and rabbit.

A friendly reminder that there is a DNA sample process for all market animals intended for the 4-H division competitions at the South Dakota State Fair. DNA samples will cost exhibitors \$6 per animal at the time of their initial weigh in. DNA samples must be on file or before the Ownership Affidavit deadline.

Beef

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.

Grant County 4-H Market Beef weigh-in and Aksarben DNA identification is Sunday, March 19. With the Market Beef Ownership Affidavits due June 1, youth unable to make weigh-in March 19 will need to come May 31. There will not be another weigh-in scheduled for Market Beef.

Sheep & Goat

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.

Market sheep and meat goat weigh in will be Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Grounds.

Dairy

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.

Swine

Families exhibiting swine will once again self-identify their animals. Ear tags, DNA and information will be available for families at a later date.

If families utilize an RFID tag for other shows, that is an acceptable tag for identification and can be used as a NUES green tag.

Cat & Dog

Members who are planning to exhibit animals in the cat or dog project area, will be required to enter their animal information on 4H Online. The information that needs to be entered is the animal name, sex, breed, colors and markings, age and vaccinations. A veterinary certificate for dog will be required at the first practice or the show, which event comes first. This will assist with Achievement Day entry.

For 2017, a companion animal show will be held in conjunction with the 4-H Cat Show. More information will be available at a later date.



County Power Project Day

Try a new project area this year!

Double Sided Tissue Pouch, Wood Burning, Mouse Trap Cars, & Bread in a Bag



For 2017, we will be holding two county-wide Power Project Days. Each day will feature the same activities. Power Project Day is for youth to try a new project area, create a project and exhibit the project at this year's Achievement Days.

When: Friday, March 17, starting at 9:00 a.m.

9:00-10:00 a.m. – Double Sided Tissue Pouch (\$5); 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. – Bread in a Bag (\$5);

11:00 a.m. – Noon – Woodburning (\$5); Noon – 1:00 p.m. – Mouse Trap Cars (\$10)

Where: Grant County Courthouse Community Room

Items to bring: \$25.00 for all projects

Please RSVP which projects to the Grant County 4-H Office by Wednesday, March 8 to ensure we have enough supplies and materials.

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4-H Fun Youth Rabbit Show/Clinic

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Milbank, SD

Exhibit building on 4-H grounds

9:30 am registration begins

10:00 am rabbit show judging begins

- rabbit showmanship practice
- learn how to judge rabbits
- rabbit hopping practice if requested
- educational displays



DUTCH
Maximum Weight - 5 1/2 lbs.

*****CCB RABBIT SUPPLY will be offering a 3 stacker rabbit cage raffle for our youth at this show. Call 605-860-8916 for equipment questions and orders. *****

Rabbit show awards

Cost: \$1.00 per rabbit entry

Hot dogs, bars and water available at lunch stand—Hardees & Pizza Hut close by

Silent Auction items to bid on

Rabbit tattooer will be available on site

Feel free to bring rabbits to sell suitable for 4-H

Sponsored by: Grant County 4-H Leaders &
South Dakota Rabbit Breeders Assoc.

Not an ARBA or SDRBA point show.

Questions: call Jody at 605-432-5049

"If we're growing, we're always going to be out of our comfort zone."

- John C. Maxwell



Hairy Horse Fun Show

Grant County 4-H Grounds

May 7, 2017



Show Starts: Noon
Registrations at 11AM
NO Registration once show starts

1. Beg Showmanship
2. Jr. Showmanship
3. Sr. Showmanship
 ** 10 minute break to warm up
4. Beg. Horsemanship
5. Jr. Horsemanship
6. Sr. Horsemanship
7. Beg. Western Pleasure
8. Jr. Western Pleasure
9. Sr. Western Pleasure
10. Jr. Ranch Riding
11. Sr. Ranch Riding
12. Jr. Trail
13. Sr. Trail
 ***Break for Tack Change
14. Beg. English Equitation
15. Jr. English Equitation
16. Sr. English Equitation
 ***Break for Tack Change
17. Beg Hat Race
18. Jr. Hat Race
19. Sr. Hat Race
20. Beg. Keyhole
21. Jr. Keyhole
22. Sr. Keyhole
23. Beg. Poles
24. Jr. Poles
25. Sr. Poles
26. Beg Flag
27. Jr. Flag
28. Sr. Flag
29. Beg. Barrels
30. Jr. Barrels
31. Sr. Barrels

Beg: Age 8-10; Jr: Age 11-13; Sr: Age 14 and over
(Age of January 1, 2017)

Horse Safety Training will be held for 4-H youth
(If the show is cancelled, Horse Safety Training will still be available.)

Judge is Jean Hommel

\$3/class

- **South Dakota 4-H Rules will apply**
- **Any exhibitor/horse combination may not show or be shown more than once in any class or any event regardless of age division.**
- **Horses do not have to be groomed and trimmed, just clean looking**
- **Door Prizes will be given.**

Additional Rules:

- **Helmets are optional**
- **Hats are optional for games**
- **Long Sleeve shirts must be worn**
- **Please pick up around your trailer (take all poop piles home with you)**

A limited concession stand will be available.

For more information contact:

Grant Co. Extension Office 605.432.9221
 Heidi Mischel 605.467.6046
 Hilary Schwagel 605.467.0241

Cancellation notices will be on KMSD or KDIO radio & Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page.

Money raised will go to help support the Grant County 4-H Horse Project!

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

March 4 —Fruit Delivery—Dakota Country Feed and Seed (tentative)

March 16 – 4-H Junior Leader Mystery Trip

March 17 – Power Project Day at 9:00 a.m. – Grant County Courthouse Community Room

March 19—Market Beef Weigh-in at 4:00-5:00 p.m.—Mertens Cattle Company

March 20 – 4-H Leaders Meeting at 5:30 p.m. – 4-H Office

March 21-23 – Sara Gone (SDAE4-HP Meeting)

March 26—4-H Junior Leaders Family Fun Day at 1:00-3:00 p.m.—Milbank Visitor’s Center

April 1—4-H Scholarship Applications Due to the State 4-H Office.

April 6—4-H Promotion & Expansion Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.—4-H Office

April 15—State Shoot Registration Deadline

April 17—Special Foods Workshop at 10:00 a.m. – Grant County Courthouse Community Room

April 28-30 —SD State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Fort Pierre

April 29—4-H Rabbit Fun Show—4-H Grounds (tentative)

May 1—4-H Rodeo Finals Packet postmark on/before to 4-H Rodeo Finals Inc.

May 7—4-H Hairy Horse Show & Horse Safety Training – Grant County 4-H Grounds

May 25—“Youth for the Quality Care of Animal” training for market swine at 2:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

May 29—Office Closed (Memorial Day)

May 31—Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-ins at 5:30-6:30 p.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

June 1—Breeding Beef, Market Beef, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Swine & Horse Ownership Affidavits Due to Grant County 4-H Office

June 1—“Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” Certifications due

June 5-9—Teen Leadership Conference at South Dakota State University campus, Brookings, SD (tentative)

June 5-7—4-H Malt Wagon – Milbank City Office parking

lot

June 20-21 --SD Rangeland & Soil Days, Wall, SD

June—Leddy Livestock Judging School at 6 p.m. – Leddy Ranch, Twin Brooks (tentative)

June 28—Grant County 4-H Special Foods Contest at 10 a.m.—Milbank High School Home Economics Room

July 1—State Horse Show entries Due

July 4—Office Closed (4th of July)

July 15—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day entries due via Fair Entry

July 17-19—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron

July 20-23—SD Summer Spotlight Show, Huron

August 1 – 4-H State Fair Static & Livestock entries Due

August 1—Breed Registration Papers due to Grant County 4-H Office

August 4—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day Static Judging at 9:00 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

August 7-9—Grant County 4-H Achievement Days

August 18-20—State 4-H Rodeo, Ft. Pierre

August 26--State 4-H Dog Show, Mitchell

August 30-September 4 – South Dakota State Fair, Huron

September 4—Office Closed (Labor Day)

September 15—State Livestock Skillathon and Practice Livestock Judging Classes, Brookings, SD

September 16—State 4-H Livestock Judging, Brookings, SD

September 28-October 1—AK-SAR-BEN, Grand Island, NE

October 2 – 4-H Record Books due to the 4-H Office

October 1-7—National 4-H Week

October 3-7—World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI

October 4-7—Western Junior Livestock Show & 4-H FCS Show, Rapid City, SD

October 9— Native American Day (Office Closed)

October 30 – Club Financial reports are due (from Club’s treasurer’s books)

November 5—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria (tentative)

November 10 – Office Closed (Veterans Day)

November 23-24 – Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

DEADLINES!

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!

Junior Leaders Corner

For youth ages 12 and older

The Grant County 4-H Leaders have been doing a wonderful job taking leadership. For the month of February, they completed a community service activity—Mercy Meals and then were treated to supper at Pizza Ranch. They are busy planning their winter fun day at the end of March and upcoming community service activities.



4-H Junior Leaders Mystery Trip

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

Mystery
Destination

Ahead

What is a Mystery Trip? Answer: Youth will meet at the Grant County 4-H Office and will depart to an unknown destination except the adult chaperones. All expenses will be covered by the Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders, except for any snacks. Youth will be taking part in an educational tour and a fun activity.

Details are still in the works. Tentative schedule is to leave at 8:00 a.m. and return at 5:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required by **Tuesday, March 14.**

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To:

Don't
forget!

**Have you enrolled yet? If yes, GREAT and Thank you!!
If no, let's get it checked off your list.**