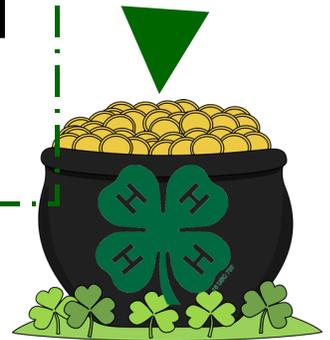




# Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H  
March 2014



## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2	Junior Leader Phonathon @ 4-7 PM—Grant County 4-H Office
March 9	BINGO Day @ 1:30 PM—Milbank Visitors Center
March 13	CDM & Horticulture Judging @ 3:30-5:00 PM
March 13	New 4-H Family Night @ 6 PM—4-H Office
March 16	Power Project Day @ 2:30 PM—Courthouse Community Room
March 22	Open House Baby Shower for Sara @ 10 AM—Milbank Visitors Center
March 24	CDM & Horticulture Judging @ 3:30-5:00 PM
March 27	4-H Horse Safety Training @ 6:30 PM—4-H Office
March 29	4-H Bake & Take Day @ 10 AM—Emmanuel Lutheran Church
April 1	Market Beef Ownership Affidavits DUE

## Advisor Comments...

Onto another month! I thought we were never going to get through the month of February, and now it's here.

March is a VERY busy month of activities and events happening. You will notice that this month's Clover Patch is jammed packed with information. It is your responsibility to review and make any necessary deadlines that pertain to

your family.

Inside, you will find a Calendar of Events. These are all the events that have been slated thus far. Please take time to put any dates on your family calendar so you do not miss out on the fun!

The events and activities that have been happening have had a great turn out. 4-H Shooting Sports is going very well as we

have qualified many youth for the SD State 4-H Shooting Sports match. Also, it's been great to see new faces for Consumer Decision Making Judging practices.

As we roll into March, I just want to briefly address that families will be receiving a letter in the mail in regards how the office will be ran while I'm on maternity leave the first part of March.

## March Power Project Day

The Young Explorers 4-H Club will be hosting a Power Project Day on Sunday, March 16th at 2:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

Youth will be making snowman and decorative glasses. All materials will be provided (please note the cost). Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, March 5th. A registration sheet will be available outside of the Grant County 4-H Office or you may email at [grant.county@sdstate.edu](mailto:grant.county@sdstate.edu).



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## YouTube Channel

Would you like to star in a video? Looking for youth who would be interested in doing how-to videos for other 4-H members to see and learn about different 4-H activities. Contact Sara if you are willing to help do a video for Special Foods, Public Presentations, or any project areas.

## Horse and Rodeo Updates—Please Read!

### Horse

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

- **Tri-State Horse Show:** May 26th, June 14th, and July 4th
- **Grant County 4-H Horse Show:** June 25th (27th rain date) at 9:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. start time.
- **4-H State Horse Show Entry Deadline:** July 1st
- **State 4-H Horse Show:** July 23-25th

Horse Safety Trainings will be March 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Community Room, and May 31st at 10 a.m. at the 4-H grounds. A survey was sent via email the beginning of February to arrange opportunities during horse safety training.

Practices will be Monday nights at 7 p.m. starting June 2.

### Rodeo

South Dakota 4-H Finals Rodeo will be held August 15-17th. Entry deadline is

May 1st.

Official 2014 Rodeo Packet was emailed to families that were enrolled in the Rodeo & Horse project area on January 29th. If you do not have a working email or rarely check it, please contact the office so I can mail the information.

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

## 2014 Livestock Requirements—Please Read!

If you are new to 4-H or need a refresher course, and are planning to exhibit 4-H Market Beef, Sheep, Swine or Meat Goats, the following information is for YOU!

- All market animals listed above will be required to be weighed and great tagged at an official county weigh-in.
- All market animals listed above will be required to be verified on a 4-H Ownership Verification Affidavit specific to the species involved.
- If there's a chance a market animal listed above will be considered for the SD State Fair in Huron, then a DNA sample will need to be paid for during the weigh-in times as well.

### DNA Sampling Required for 4-H Market Animals

Last year, South Dakota 4-H has implemented a DNA sample process for all market animals intended for 4-H Division competitions at the South Dakota State Fair. DNA sampling will take place during the upcoming 4-H Green Tag and

Weigh-In events around the state.

This requirement has been added to ensure the integrity of the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Program. Market animals without a DNA sample on file by the ownership deadline will be rejected from entering 4-H Division competition at the South Dakota State Fair, regardless of the youth's ribbon placing at a County Fair or 4-H Achievement Days.

South Dakota 4-H has partnered with AK-SAR-BEN to process the DNA samples and paperwork. The 2014 DNA sample fee is \$6 per head and covers the expense of materials and handling.

**Notice:** It is required that at the time of DNA sampling, both a guardian and the 4-Her be present to sign the DNA envelope and to make payment. *If one or the other is not going to be present at weigh-in; they must complete a wavier form "before" weigh-in date.*

### 2014 4-H Leasing Animals

A new change for 2014 is that livestock leasing agreements for breeding animals is acceptable.

Market animals are not eligible for the lease project because they are a terminal project.

### Livestock Weigh-Ins & Deadline

**Market Beef Weigh-In:** March 1st @ 10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.—Mertens Cattle Company  
**Market Sheep, Goat, Swine Weigh-In:** May 29th @ 4-6 PM—4-H Grounds

March 28th—Market Beef Ownership Deadline

June 1st—Market Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat Ownership Deadline

June 1st—Breeding Animals, Dairy Cattle & Dairy Goat do not need to be weighed or 4-H green tagged, HOWEVER, Ownership Verification deadline

June 1st—Horse Ownership Deadline  
 Prior to State Fair—Poultry & Rabbit Ownership Deadline

- To be eligible for a 4-H purebred show in both market and breeding, exhibitor are required to have registration papers turned into the Extension Office by July 1st.

# Announcements...

## 4-H Leaders Conference

The 2014 South Dakota 4-H Leader's Convention is scheduled for **Saturday, April 5 in Pierre**. "The Mark of Success" will be this year's theme. This is a great opportunity for leaders, parents, and junior leaders to attend workshops.

See brochure on page 5 for more information and registration form.

## Lawn Mowing Bids

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 April 1st.**

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

## Winter Fun Day

Come for a relaxing afternoon of playing BINGO on **Sunday, March 9** at the Visitors Center in Milbank beginning at 1:30 p.m. Each club is asked to donate three door prizes and donate \$25 toward a fruit prize that will be awarded during the games. The cost of the bingo cards will be \$5.

All 4-H families will be asked to help clean up when the afternoon is done. For more information, contact the office.

## 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 several different South Dakota 4-H Scholarship opportunities.

**Deadline is April 1st.**

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

## Shooting Sports Fun Shoot

The Grant County 4-H Shooting Sports will be holding a Fun Shoot on March 29th!

BB Gun, Air Pistol & Air Rifle Fun Shoot will be held at the 4-H Grounds Exhibit Building.

More information will be available at a later date.

## Baby Shower Open House

The Shooting Stars 4-H Club would like to invite all the 4-H families in Grant County to an Open House Baby Shower on Saturday, March 22 at the Milbank Visitor's Center from 10 a.m. to Noon.

Stop in and celebrate with Sara & Dustin as their baby boy is due in April.

## 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.

## Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture

Last year, South Dakota 4-H rolled out new judging concepts. We successfully held Consumer Decision Making Judging practices, which we had several members attend state contest at State Fair.

This year, we will be holding practices for Consumer Decision Making Judging and Horticulture Skill-

a-thon.

Dates are set for practices at Grant County Courthouse Community Room:

**March 13—3:30—5:00 p.m.**  
**(Senior Group Think at 3:00 PM)**

**March 24—3:30—5:00 p.m.**  
Youth interested in participating at State Fair, must attend 3 or 4

practices. If Sara attended your club meeting, that will count as one practice.

Practices will consist of four classes and one horticulture skill-a-thon class.

Questions? Contact the Grant County 4-H Office at 605-432-9221.

# Get Involved: South Dakota 4-H Youth Council!

The South Dakota 4-H Youth Council in South Dakota has a long and rich history. ***This program is a great leadership opportunity for 4-H and non 4-H youth ages 15 – 17.***

By applying to become a member of the State 4-H Youth Council team, you will participate in an interview during Teen Leadership Conference. If you can't attend TLC and still want to interview for Youth Council please contact Audrey Rider at 605-882-5140 and work out further details.

If chosen to be a member of the State 4-H Youth Council team, you will accept up to a three-year term and are responsible for attending meetings and events across the state. Your role as a State 4-H Youth Council member

is to provide leadership opportunities to youth throughout South Dakota.

## Requirements for Application

**Résumé:** one page, typed with a one-inch margin using 12 font size including:

- Name, address, county, home phone and e-mail address
- Leadership and teamwork opportunities you have experienced, including your specific responsibilities
- Significant awards, medals, or recognitions received, including the year
- Knowledge and skills learned through 4-H and other activities

**Cover letter:** one page, typed with one-inch margins using 12 font size including:

- Reason for wanting to become a member of the State 4-H Youth Council team
- One paragraph of what you would bring to the State 4-H Youth Council team
- One paragraph on your plan of action for leadership development and teamwork if chosen to be on Youth Council

## **Letters of Recommendation:**

Three letters of recommendation (from non-relatives)

**Deadline:** Submit all information to the State 4-H Office by **June 1, 2014.**

- **State 4-H Office** C/o SD 4-H Youth Council Berg Agricultural Hall 128, Box 2207E South Dakota State University Brookings, SD 57007-2097



**Plan to Attend!**

2014 Teen Leadership Conference will be held June 2-6, 2014 at the South Dakota State University campus. The theme will be "Around the World at TLC!" Some of the exciting events will be access to the Wellness Center, professors from each college will give a talk on the different programs offered, an international dinner, a youth forum (based on a youth congress debating a topic affecting SD 4-H), and some awesome keynote speakers!

Challenge is set to have more than 200 delegates and is open to non-4-H members! **Registration opens April 1st via [www.igrow.com](http://www.igrow.com)!**

## **Club Food Drive Challenge**

The Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders presents each club a challenge! Do you accept?

Each club is asked to participate in our community service Food Drive Challenge, "Feed the Need" in Grant County.

This ties perfectly into this year's South Dakota 4-H Youth Council State 4-H Community Service Project. Last year, Grant County was recognized as a statewide winner and received a \$150 pizza gift certificate.

The 4-H Club who collects the most items will receive a pizza party! More

information will be available to 4-H Club Leaders the first part of March.

The challenge will run until April 10th and all items will be donated to the Grant County Food Pantry.

For more information, you can contact the Grant County 4-H Office at 605-432-9221 or Kiera Leddy at [leddyds@yahoo.com](mailto:leddyds@yahoo.com).

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

**SESSIONS**

- 8:30-9:00 Registration
  - 9:00-9:15 Welcome
  - 9:15-9:45 Keynote Speaker
  - 10:00-10:45 Session 1
  - 11:00-11:45 Session 2
  - 11:45-12:00 Assemble for Lunch
  - 12:00-12:45 Lunch
  - 12:45-1:45 Leaders Meeting
  - 2:00-2:45 Session 3
  - 3:00-3:45 Session 4
  - 3:45-4:00 Drawings
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- 1.1 ~ Discovery Center
  - 1.2 ~ Skillathon Requirements
  - 1.3 ~ Communicating with 4-H Members
  - 1.4 ~ Converting School Projects to 4-H
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- 2.1 ~ 4-H Stewardship
  - 2.2 ~ Outdoor Education
  - 2.3 ~ Meat Goats & Other Critters
  - 2.4 ~ Success for Community Service
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- 3.1 ~ STEM Activities for Clubs
  - 3.2 ~ Exploring Outdoor Education Project Areas
  - 3.3 ~ Bridging the Gap of Then to Now
  - 3.4 ~ Capacity Building through Local Resources
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- 4.1 ~ The Exchange Experience from SD Teens
  - 4.2 ~ Foods & Nutrition Judging
  - 4.3 ~ Including Rally in Your Dog Obedience
  - 4.4 ~ Oral Reasons Scoring

**Motels:**

- Days Inn (Block of Rooms, Reserve by March 1st)  
520 W Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD  
(605) 224-0411
- Holiday Inn Express (Block of Rooms, Reserve by March 1st)  
110 E Stanley, Fort Pierre, SD  
(605) 223-9700
- Super 8  
320 W Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD  
(605) 224-1617
- Governor's Inn  
700 W. Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD  
(605)224-4200
- Comfort Inn of Pierre  
410 W Sioux Ave., Pierre, SD  
(605)224-0377

**Mark of Success**



**Conference Registration**

Circle the Sessions you would like to attend.

- Session #1—10:00 AM-10:45 AM  
1.1 1.2 1.3 1.4
- Session #2—11:00 AM-11:45 AM  
2.1 2.2 2.3 2.4
- Session #3—2:00 PM-2:45 PM  
3.1 3.2 3.3 3.4
- Session #4—3:00 PM-3:45 PM  
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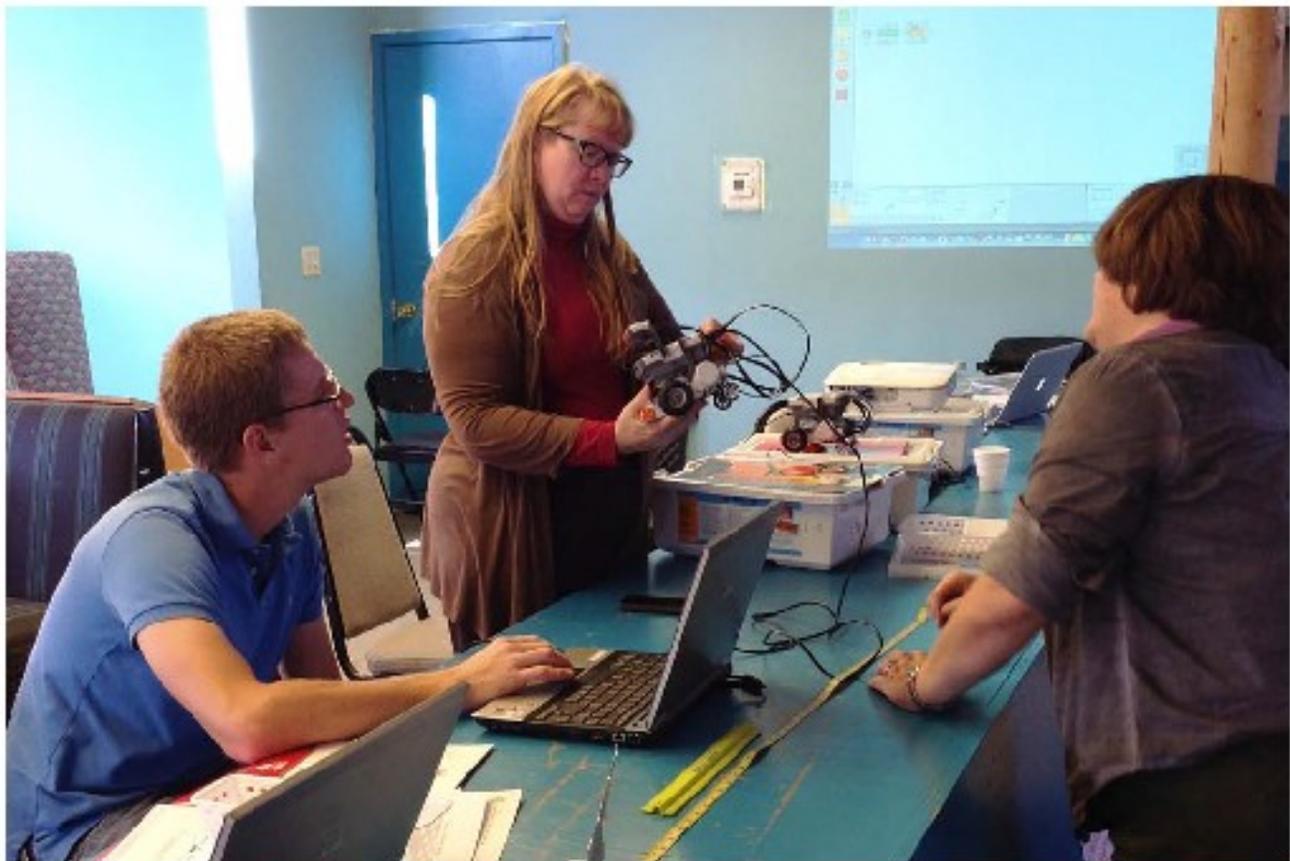
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\_\_\_ Adult (\$10) \_\_\_ Jr. Leader (\$5)  
 Make checks payable to:  
 SD 4-H Leaders Association

Mail your completed registration by  
 March 15, 2014 to:  
 Hughes/Stanley/Sully Co Extension  
 PO Box 970  
 Fort Pierre, SD 57532

**INB**

4-H members ages 10-13 years old. Here's your opportunity to learn, have fun, and meet others from around the state that want to learn about leader-ship! INB will offer youth ideas for project development, leadership skill building, and the opportunity to make new friends. Join us during the South Dakota 4-H Leaders' Conference, on April 5th and get introduced to leadership at INB! Watch for more information and registration form to be posted on iGrow.org and on the State Leaders' website. Cost will be \$15 and will include a pizza lunch.



## 4-H Robotics 101 – March 22

Want to learn more about what you as a volunteer can do to bring a robotics program to youth in your area?

Join us from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a hands-on workshop **March 22, 2014**  
at SDSU's Ag and Biosystems Engineering Room 127A  
1400 N Campus Drive Brookings, SD 57007  
Lunch will be provided. Class size limited to 16.

This workshop will introduce you to both the 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics and 4-H Platforms curriculum. You will learn the basics of the Engineering Design process and get a basic overview of the different robotics competitions available in South Dakota.

Please pre-register before **March 19<sup>th</sup>** by contacting the SDSU Extension Sioux Falls Regional Center 605-782-3290  
Cost of registration is \$10.

For more information contact Christine Wood at 605-782-3290 or [Christine.Wood@sdstate.edu](mailto:Christine.Wood@sdstate.edu)

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# Calendar of Events

**March 8**—Fruit Delivery at 8 a.m.—Dakota Country Feed and Seed

**March 9**—4-H Bingo Day at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank Visitor's Center

**March 13**—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**March 13**—New 4-H Family Night at 6:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**March 16**—Power Project Day at 2:30 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**March 24**—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**March 27**—4-H Horse Safety Training at 6:30 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**March 29**—4-H Bake & Take Day at 10:00 a.m.—Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Milbank

**April 1**—Market Beef Ownership Affidavits Due to Grant County 4-H Office

**April 5**—South Dakota State 4-H Leaders Conference & Volunteer Forum—Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pierre

**April 25-27**—SD State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Fort Pierre

**April 30**—4-H Association Meeting, TBD

**May 10**—4-H Rabbit Fun Show & Clinic at 10:00 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

**May 26**—Office Closed (Memorial Day)

**May 29**—Market Swine, Goat & Sheep Weigh-ins at 3:00

p.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

**May 30**—Breeding Beef, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Swine & Horse Ownership Affidavits & Rodeo Forms Due to Grant County 4-H Office

**May 31**—4-H Horse Safety Training @ 10:00 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

**June 2-6**—4-H Teen Leadership Conference, Brookings

**June 4-6**—4-H Camp, Lake Poinsett

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

**June 19**—Youth Pork Quality Assurance Training at 10:00 a.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**June 25**—Grant County 4-H Horse Show

**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 23-25**—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron

**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 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

## Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

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



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## April Power Project Day

The Young Farmers & Saddle Pals 4-H Club will be hosting a Power Project Day on Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

Youth will be making a melted crayon art. All materials will be provided (please note the cost). Pre-registration is required by Friday, March 28th.

# Junior Leaders Corner

(Remember, any member age of 12 and older can be involved in Junior Leaders which participate in many fun and exciting activities and community service events throughout the year.)

- ⇒ The next Junior Leaders gathering is our Phonathon on March 2nd from 4-7 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Office. Pizza and refreshments will be served to the workers. Come out for a fun evening!
- ⇒ Junior Leaders are asked to help with 4-H Bake & Take Day on March 29th!

**Being involved in Junior Leaders looks great on community service, scholarship applications and much more!  
Get involved today!**

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## Save the Date: 4-H Bake & Take Day—March 29th

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND....Grant County 4-H will be holding a Bake & Take Day in conjunction with the South Dakota Wheat Commission on March 29th at 10 a.m.—2 p.m. at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Milbank.

This year's annual "Bake and Take Day," will occur on March 22, 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.

Families are welcome to participate in this year's 4-H Bake & Take Day! **Pre-registration and \$5 fee is required by March 21st.**

We will participate in their Bake and Take competition, where we will write in to tell about their Bake and Take activity to 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, 2014 will be included in the drawing. For more information, contact the 4-H Office at 605-432-9221.

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210 East 5th Ave.— Courthouse  
Milbank, So. Dakota 57252

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Save the  
Date

Grant County 4-H welcomes the many families that have joined 4-H this year! Before summer activities and events begin, I want to welcome families to attend "4-H: 2014 Jump Start" on March 13th at 6:00 pm at Grant County 4-H Office.

Topics covered: Achievement Days, Project Guide, Events & Activities, and much more!