



# Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H  
March 2015



## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 3	Office Closed 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.—NE Advisor Meeting 4-H Fruit
March 7	Delivery at Dakota Country Feed & Seed
March 7	Market Beef Weigh-Ins at Mertens Cattle Co. @ 3 PM
March 8	4-H Junior Leader Phonathon & Meeting @ 5-7 PM
March 9	4-H Leaders Meeting at 5:30 PM—Courthouse
March 12	4-H Club Officer Training @ 10 AM— Courthouse
March 13	4-H Paint Day @ 10 AM—VPD Studio
March 16-20	Engineering with 4-H @ 4:30-5:30 PM
March 26	4-H Horse Safety Training @ 6:30 PM—Courthouse

## Advisor Comments...

Spring should be arriving soon, right?! It seems that everyone is in consensus that the extreme cold temperatures can move along and make way for warmer weather.

This time of the year is another reminder schedules start getting busier. In this newsletter, you will find a calendar of events. This will provide you a guide on events, activities and deadlines approaching. Those events and activities from State 4-H Office, once I receive information, will be passed along to families as soon as possible.

As we are moving one more month closer to summer, I just want to provide a friendly reminder about technology.

Since starting this position, I have tried to adapt to the evolving technology. I praise you for accommodating me and willing to learn as well. My intent for technology changes is not to cause headaches. It helps me to be more

efficient and timely on topics. I have started posting information on 4H Online such as camp registration, newsletters, and calendar of events. This year, we will be running all of our 4-H Achievement Days online. There will not be anymore paper registration forms. As we get closer, I will provide help sheets for you to successful enter all your projects. Just remember to ask for help when needed.

One thing State 4-H rolled out this year was the 4-H Volunteer Training videos. If you did not participate in our gathering in November, please complete these trainings by April 1.

Lastly, we still have many members that have not completed this year's 4-H enrollment process. Enrollment deadline is May 31st; however, if you plan to participate in an state event or show livestock, enrollment must be completed by that specific state deadline. Please do not be afraid to ask for help. Looking forward to a great summer!

## 4-H Club Officer Training—March 12th

There will be a 4-H club officer training on Thursday, March 12, starting 10 a.m. in the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

The officer training will focus on the following:

- Teach officers their specific officer responsibilities.
- Reinforce concepts for members who have been officers previously.
- Demonstrate a successful club meeting.
- Give officers a chance to learn

from each other through asking questions and discussing the characteristics of their club's meetings, activities and members.

- Allow members to get to know 4-H'ers from across the county.
- RSVP is required by **Friday, March 5** to insure there is enough supplies. A lunch will be served and snacks will be available.

**Note:** If there is not more than 10 youth participating, this training will be cancelled.

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# Announcements...

## Upcoming Meetings

There will be a Grant County 4-H Leaders Meeting held Monday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Office.



Grant County's Border of the Battle Prospect Show planning meeting will be Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Grant County 4-H Office.

## 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.

## Paint Day

We are lucky to have our own Art Studio in Milbank...vdpArtstudio!

Sarah and Naomi are excited to offer Grant County 4-H a special day and painting for youth to let their creative juices to flow. This is also open to parents.

Make plans for March 13 at 10 a.m. The cost is \$30 to cover your painting and snacks. **Please RSVP by March 4.**

## State 4-H Leaders Conference

Put this date on your calendar for the annual 4-H Leader's Conference...Saturday, April 11 at the Davison County 4-H facilities in Mitchell.

The conference is being hosted by the counties of Brookings, Miner, McCook, Kingsbury and Lake counties. Registration fee for the conference is \$20 to cover food and supplies.

Planning is underway, more details coming.

## InB's Got Talent 2015

### 4-H MEMBERS AGES 10-13:

Here's your opportunity to learn, have fun, and meet others from around the state that want to learn about leadership! INB will offer you leadership skills, a fun project to take home, an opportunity to participate in a community service project, and the opportunity to make new friends. Join the SD 4-H Youth Council during the South Dakota 4-H

Leaders' meeting, on April 11th, 2015 and get introduced to leadership at INB! See registration form below. Access the registration form from <http://igrow.org/up/general/10331.pdf> and send to the SDSU Watertown Regional Extension Center in Watertown, by April 1st, 2015 to reserve your spot.

### Make Plans...

More information will be available via email about April Power Project Days and the State 4-H Scholarships in early March!

**"When you feel like quitting, think about why you started."**

## Scholarship Opportunities for 4-H Youth

It's scholarship season for high school seniors and there are many opportunities for youth to apply to help support their post-secondary goals.

### Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Scholarship

The Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee has dedicated funds for two \$500

scholarships. The scholarships are open to South Dakota high school seniors who are planning to study agriculture at a post-secondary institute. Applications are available at Titan machinery and Schuneman Equipment in Milbank. Deadline is April 1, 2015.

### Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarships,

the student must have participated in 4-H shooting sports for a minimum of three years, and be either a high school senior or college freshman with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The South Dakota shooting sports program will disburse a minimum of two \$500 scholarships. For more information and application, visit <http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/scholarship-opportunity-for-4-h-shooters/>. Deadline is April 1, 2015.

## 2014-2015 4-H Livestock Updates

The 2015 4-H Livestock Ownership Verification Affidavits are available on iGrow. New this year, many columns have an asterisk on them. This denotes that this is required information. If the information is missing for 4HOnline, the form will be considered incomplete. The rabbit and poultry forms will be due June 1 as well. This is a new requirement from the State 4-H Office.

**Market Beef Weigh-ins will be March 7 at Mertens Cattle Company at 3 p.m. Members anticipating on exhibiting a market steer or heifer, must be weighed in and identified during this time.**

A new Livestock Lease form will be released at a later date. Youth are able to lease market animals for 2015 4-H year. The only animals that cannot be leased will be market swine as the State Fair show is terminal.

The "Green Tagging" system will be changing, starting with the 2014-2015

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. Currently our tags are four numbers with a single letter. In the future, 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.

Another "change" for the 2015-2016

4-H program year will be in pre-identification for 4-H Dairy Cattle. Going forward, families 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 or a Green Tag.

An email was sent out January 27 to 4-H Families regarding the many Livestock updates from the State 4-H Office. In that email, there was information about the Horse Achievement Program and 4-H Rodeo Packet. Our horse safety dates will be set in February. Those interested in participating in Rodeo, packets are due to the Grant County 4-H Office by April 27th.

### 2015 4-H Camp

Grant County will be attending camp at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer, SD June 23-26. This year's theme is Way to the West. Youth will enjoy the Black Hills, canoeing, camp fire cooking, leather crafts, and much more. Registration fee is \$45/4-H camper, \$55/non-4-H camper. Camp information is posted on 4H Online.

### 2015 TLC Camp

Teen Leadership Conference is for all youth ages 13-18. TLC will be June 1-5 in Brookings. This year's theme is Hollywood. Registration will be available April 1st.

### 2015 Performing Arts Camp

Lights, Camera, Action...participate in this year's Performing Arts Troupe. Performing Arts Camp is open to youth ages 13-18. The camp is held in Aberdeen and this year's dates are June 8-13, tentative. More information to come.

### Clover Classifieds

We are continuing with a feature that consists of 'ads' for items that are 'lost & found', 'for sale', 'wanted', etc. So, if you have anything you would like to put in the 'Classifieds' for the next month, please call or bring in to the office, by the last Monday of the month.

### 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))

## Wanted: Stuffed Animals

Madison Jr. Livestock 4-H Club is seeking donations for gently loved stuffed animals for the Milbank Area Hospital. These stuffed

animals will be given to children that are hospitalized. These items can be dropped off at the Grant County 4-H Office.

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## Apply for 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 youth ages 15 – 18. The group's focus is to help to develop the minds of youth by increasing and promoting leadership and activity through 4-H. Major program components include the Teen Leadership Conference, held annually in June on the SDSU campus. The group also provides leadership training opportunities for youth across the state, and work with volunteers and professional staff to make 4-H more visible. 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 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.

Download the application form at the following link: <http://igrow.org/4h/personal-development/apply-for-sd-4-h-youth-council/> Applications are due June 2.

## Just Words

"Quiet people have the loudest minds."

- Stephen Hawking

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## Engineering Fun: A Week of Imagination—March 16-20

Take an hour out of your schedule to join Grant County 4-H March 16-20 for a fun time of using your imagination and learning the fun things of engineering.

Grant County 4-H program received several grants to purchase supplies to allow youth, ages 8 and above to explore the fun of engineering. A huge thank you to Whetstone Valley Electric who contributed to the program and will be offering assistance.

### Game Plan

- Each day will be at 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Please review the schedule of the location.

- **Monday, March 16**—Grant

County Library: Youth will learn about robotics and programing.

- **Tuesday, March 17**—Grant County Courthouse: Youth will put their robots into action and modifying their designs.

- **Wednesday, March 18**—Grant County Courthouse: Youth will spend the day on how circuits work and how circuits are used in their every day lives.

- **Thursday, March 19**—Grant County Courthouse: Youth will spend the one hour learning how engineering is around them, creating simple engineering projects.

- **Friday, March 20**—Grant County Courthouse: Youth will learn about electricity and building their own lamp.

This is a **FREE** program. All the supplies will be provided. This is open to non 4-H members as well. Maximum of 30 youth. **Registration deadline is March 11.**



# Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

- **March 7**—Fruit Delivery—Dakota Country Feed and Seed
- **March 7**—Market Beef Weigh-ins at 3:00 p.m. – Mertens Cattle Company, Milbank
- **March 8**—4-H Jr. Leaders Phonathon and Meeting at 5:00-7:00 p.m. – 4-H Office
- **March 13**—4-H Paint Day at 10:00 a.m. – VPD Studio, Milbank (pre-registration required)
- **March 16-20**—Engineering Fun at 4:30-5:30 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 26**—4-H Horse Safety Training at 6:30 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **March 31\***—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **April 1**—Market Beef Ownership Affidavits Due to Grant County 4-H Office
- **April 1**—4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- **April 11**—South Dakota State 4-H Leaders Conference & Volunteer Forum—Davison County 4-H Office, Mitchell
- **April 7\***—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **April 24-26**—SD State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Fort Pierre
- **April 30**—4-H Rodeo Finals Packet Due to Grant County 4-H Office
- **May 25**—Office Closed (Memorial Day)
- **May 25**—Special Foods Workshop – Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **May 27**—4-H Horse Safety Training at 6:00 p.m. – Grant County 4-H Grounds (rain date May 29)
- **May 28**—Youth Pork Quality Assurance Certification at 1:00 p.m. – Grant County 4-H Office
- **May 28**—Youth Pork Quality Assurance Certification at 10:00 a.m. – Codington County Extension Office, Watertown
- **May 29**—Market Swine self-identification, Goat & Sheep Weigh-ins at 3:00 p.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds
- **May 30**—4-H Junior Leader Fun Day, Sioux Falls (pre-registration required)
- **June 1**—Breeding Beef, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Swine & Horse Ownership Affidavits & Rodeo Forms Due to Grant County 4-H Office
- **June 1-5**—4-H Teen Leadership Conference, Brookings
- **June 6-7**—Dakota Youth Prospect Livestock Show, Watertown
- **June 8-13**—4-H Performing Arts Camp, Aberdeen (tentative)
- **June 20**—Clark County Prospect Livestock Show, Clark
- **June 23-26**—4-H Camp Bob Marshall, Custer
- **June 23-24**—SD Rangeland Days, Chamberlain
- **June 26**—Grant County 4-H Horse Show (rain date June 30)
- **June 26-27**—Triple Threat Livestock Expo – Brown County Fairgrounds, Aberdeen
- **June 30**—Grant County 4-H Special Foods Contest at 10 a.m.—Milbank High School Home Economics Room
- **June 30**—State Horse Show entries and State Livestock Judging Team entries Due
- **July 3**—Office Closed (4th of July)
- **July 8**—Babysitting Clinic, Grant County Courthouse Community Room (pre-registration required)
- **July 9**—Grant County 4-H Fashion Revue—Grant County Courthouse Community Room; Public Review at 7 p.m.
- **July 15**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day entries due via Fair Entry
- **July 17**—SD 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest entries Due
- **July 20-23**—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron
- **July 24**—State 4-H Livestock Judging, Huron
- **July 31**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day Static Judging at 9:00 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds
- **August 2**—Family Fun Day at 2:00-6:00 p.m. – Grant County 4-H Grounds
- **August 3-5**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Days
- **August 5**—SD 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest, Sioux Falls
- **August 14-16**—State 4-H Rodeo, Ft. Pierre
- **August 22**—State 4-H Dog Show, Mitchell
- **September 2-7**—South Dakota State Fair, Huron
- **September 24-27**—AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha, NE
- **September 28**—World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI
- **October 4-10**—National 4-H Week
- **October 7-10**—Western Junior Livestock Show, Rapid City
- **November 8**—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria

# 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 Leader meeting will be **March, 8 at 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.** We will be hosting our annual phonathon and meeting. Reminder, the money raised from this helps put on fun activities and summer trip.
- ⇒ Recap from our February meeting, a decision was made to go to Sioux Falls on May 30 for a fun time. Finalizing our plans will be done in March.

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

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## Calling all Cloverbuds—For youth K-2 grade



Our regular Clever Cloverbuds will meet on March 23rd at 3:30-4:30 PM at Koch Elementary.

Come for a fun time!

The South Dakota 4-H Cloverbud Program is a non-formal education program. The program appeals to a

child's natural curiosity, enthusiasm for learning and high energy level. It provides opportunities for exploration and active learning in a non-competitive environment.

This year, Grant County 4-H office will be offering a wide variety of activities and experiences monthly to encourage children to explore and

think about the world around them.

### Upcoming Meeting Dates:

**April 20th**

**May 18th**

**June 15th**

*\*Note: Location change from November*

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