



# Clover Patch

## Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

### March 2016



#### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 5	Fruit Delivery @ Dakota County Feed & Seed
March 5	Market Beef Weigh-ins @ 3-4 PM—Mertens Cattle Company
March 6	Jr. Leader Phonathon @ 5-7 PM—4-H Office
March 9	4-H Photography Club @ 4-5 PM— 4-H Office
March 10	Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice @ 3:30-5 PM— Courthouse
March 11	Sara Gone—SD Environthon in Brookings, SD
March 24	Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice @ 3:30-5 PM— Courthouse
April 1	Market Beef Ownership Affidavits DUE
April 3	4-H Sewing Club @ 12 Noon— Courthouse

### Advisor Comments...

Some of you have heard me talk about a book I recently read with fellow work colleagues, “The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leaders”. I thoroughly enjoyed reading the chapters and participating in group conversations. Melanie Brown, who lead our discussions always said, “You are a phenomenal leader!” Her enthusiastic attitude in helping us become better leaders, empowered me to emulate the same attitude.

I’m privileged to work with amazing youth members, and leaders. The positive attitude, encouragement, and teamwork everyone brings to the table is growing

true leaders. Take time to read below the Grow True Leaders campaign. I will be starting to showcase youth leaders that make a difference in our 4-H program.

I leave you with a quote from my book, the Law of Timing chapter:  
“There comes a special moment in everyone’s life, a moment for which that person was born. That special opportunity, when he seizes it, will fulfill his mission—a mission for which he is uniquely qualified. In that moment, he finds greatness. It is his finest hour.”  
Every leader desires to experience that moment.

## Grow True Leaders Campaign

National 4-H is launching a Grow True Leaders, a campaign to empower youth with the opportunity to share their voice and show that their skills are making a difference in their communities.

The campaign will launch nationwide in April and will run through the end of 2016, with focused activity and promotion at key times of the year around three calls to action—Shout, Share and Support.

Shout (April-June 2016) will honor youth who are making an impact in their lives and the lives of others through Shout outs on your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and your website using hashtag #TrueLeaders

Share (July-October 2016) is the primary online groundswell beginning in fair and camp season. We will ask 4-H alumni to share how the 4-H pledge is relevant in their life today through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and your website using #4HGrown. The ultimate goal is to re-connect alumni to the 4-H community.

Support (November-December 2016) will be an opportunity to support 4-H locally and nationally through the gifting of a \$10 digital clover. More updates will be available at a later date.



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## **Attention: Animal Updates**

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

### **Rodeo**

The official Rodeo packet is now available on iGrow (<http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4043-2015.pdf>). 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 reproduction. Horse safety trainings have not been set yet and more information will be available at a later date.

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.

### **Ownership Affidavits, DNA & Registration Papers**

4-H Ownership Verification Affidavits are available on iGrow

(<http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4036-2015.pdf>). If you are interested in showing animals at Achievement Days and SD State Fair, these must be completed. The Grant County 4-H program adheres to the South Dakota 4-H deadlines.

\*\*This year, before accepting, forms must be fully completed.

### **Deadlines:**

April 1—Market Beef

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 filed on or before the Ownership Affidavit deadline.

Copy of breed registration paper for registered or purebred animals must be upload to the 4-H member records on 4H Online by July 29 by the family. If this is not completed, animal will be shown in the crossbred or commercial division.

### **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 Market Beef weigh-in will be Saturday, March 5 at Mertens Cattle Company from 3:00-4:00 PM

### **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 Tuesday, 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**

For 2016, 4-H 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. There is a required Dog Ownership Affidavit form to be completed before the first practice on iGrow

(<http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4012-2015.pdf>).

The information that needs to be entered is the animal name, sex, breed, colors and markings, age and vaccinations. A veterinary certificate will be required at the first practice or the show, which event comes first. This will assist with Achievement Day entry.

# Announcements...

## Photography Club

Early February, we sent out an email to families finding interest for starting a photography club.

Our first photography club will be Wednesday, March 9th at 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Office.

There will be regular monthly meetings for youth the first Wednesday of each month at 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Come, learn and explore your creativity!

## Delta Waterfowl: Nest Tube Rehab Event

Delta Waterfowl—Big Stone County Chapter is offering an opportunity to learn about waterfowl habitat by checking next tubes in Ortonville/Big Stone County Area on Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m.

For more information or to participate, contact Chris Mursu at 605-924-0046 or [chris.mursu@gmail.com](mailto:chris.mursu@gmail.com)

## 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.

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## Get Involved: Sewing Club

Several youth have been participating in our sewing club. It meets once a month, youth spend approximately three hours and sew projects. If you want to join the fun, attend our next meeting on Sunday, April 3 at the Courthouse Community Room at 12 PM.

This month's project, youth will be sewing their own pajama pants. Youth will be required to go shopping and pay for their own material. They will need to purchase 3 yards of cotton or flannel material, and 1 yard of 1 inch elastic. Patterns will be provided on April 3. We ask

youth to have their material selected by Monday, March 21 from Lewis Drug. Our volunteer, Kristi will pick up material to prepare them for the next meeting.

Contact the Grant County 4-H office with any questions.

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## 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 to fund three \$500 scholarships. 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, 2016. Applications are available at the office.

### Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarship, 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 iGrow (<http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/4-h-shooting-sports-scholarships-available/>).

Deadline for application is April 1, 2016.



# Make plans for summer activities...

## 2016 4-H Camp

Grant County will be attending camp at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer, SD June 22-25. This year's theme is Around the World. Youth will enjoy the Black Hills, canoeing, camp fire cooking, learning about different countries, and much more. More details will be available to Club Leaders at a later date!

## 2016 TLC Camp

Teen Leadership Conference is for all youth ages 13—18. TLC will be June 6-10 in Brookings.

Youth will receive a great balance of leadership training, personal growth and fun!

Registration will be available soon.

## 2016 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 13-17, tentative. More information to come.

## March Power Project Day

The Kountry Kids 4-H Club will be hosting a Power Project Day on Saturday, March 12 at 1:00 pm at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

**Pre-registration is required by Monday, March 7.** Please contact the Grant County 4-H office to register.

This afternoon will be filled with two fun projects that can be exhibited at this year's Grant County Achievement Days.

One project will be making a bird feeder out of recycled plastic to be decorated. There will be various plastic objects supplied. You pick out which one you want to work with and decorate. How fun it will

be to hang it in your tree and watch the birds flock to it! Supplies will be provided.

The second item will be making a vintage looking mason jar frame with a favorite black and white photo. Please bring one (1) 6 x 4 black and white photo or two (2) 4 x 6 black and white photos. All other supplies will be provided.

The photos will be inserted into the mason jar and the lid will be decorated with twine to display in your home.

The cost of these two project will be \$15.00. Youth can pay the day of. If any questions in regards to projects, please give Angie Bowen a call.



## Update: Don't forget to enroll on 4H Online

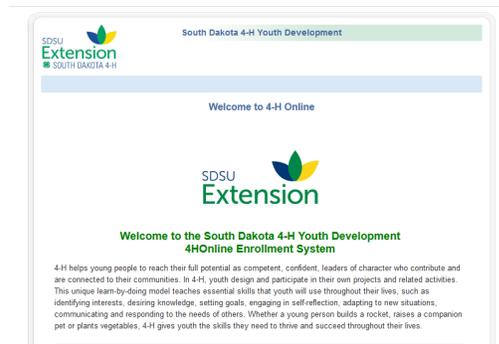
At the time of this newsletter, we have 115 enrolled members for this year's 4-H year.

You need to re-enroll each year to update any online paperwork, code of conduct, media release, and medical waivers that are electronically signed.

The purpose to enrolling each year is

notify the State 4-H program that you are a registered member for 4-H activities and events. As we are moving into animal ownership affidavit deadlines and activities are beginning, members need to enroll before forms are accepted.

If you still need to enroll, visit [South Dakota 4H Online](#). Friendly reminder, this is not iGrow.org.



# 4-H Curriculum Feature: Photography

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.

## Photography Curriculum

In spirit of starting our 4-H

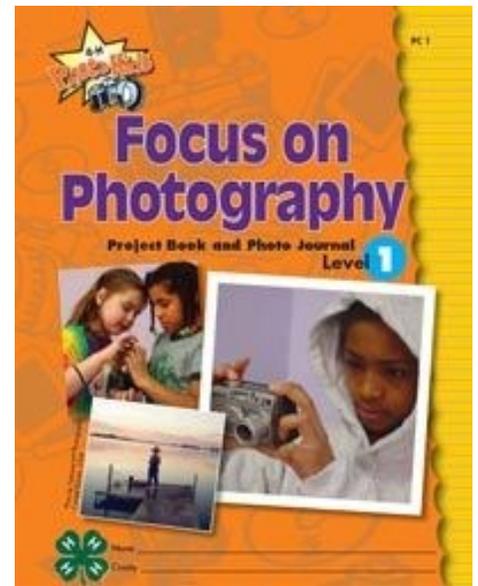
Photography club, it's fitting to feature our photography curriculum. Youth will recognize photography as a useful hobby and potential profession. They observe and appreciate surroundings through the eye of the camera. They will develop and apply technical and artistic skills in film-based and digital photography. Through this curriculum, they will record events, ideas and situations.

If you are struggling with a project, ask the office for a copy of this book, complete it and showcase what you learned at Achievement Days.

### Activity

Photography can seem like magic. In the blink of an eye, you can record what you're looking at. Imagine how amazing this must have been to the first people who used cameras!

**Your activity is** take two pictures



of a friend, one using the wide "landscape" position and one using the tall "portrait" one. Compare. Which works better?

Then, take a level picture of a tall tree. Now tilt the camera more and more as you take several pictures. It will look like the tree is "tipping." Ask friends how that makes them feel.

**"Every thought we think is creating our future" -Louise Hay**

## Elias Magilke selected for National 4-H Conference

Congratulations to Elias Magilke, 4-H member of the Madison Jr. Livestock 4-H Club being selected by the State 4-H Office. He will be representing Grant County and the state of South Dakota at the National 4-H Conference, April 9-14 in Washington, D.C.

The National 4-H Conference is a premier civic engagement opportunity for 4-H members. They will have an opportunity to increase knowledge, resources and skills that will empower them to make an impact on their community in a meaningful and genuine way. Delegates have

roundtable discussions, attend workshops, visit with congressional delegates and create partnerships with 4-H National Headquarters and other agriculture agencies.

Elias will share his experiences at our recognition event in the fall. Congratulations Elias!



# 4-H Fun Rabbit Show & Poultry Clinic

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Milbank, SD

Exhibit building on 4-H grounds

9:30 am rabbit registration begins

10:00 am rabbit show judging begins

- also judging classes to qualify for state  
rabbit judging teams

- rabbit showmanship practice

- rabbit hopping practice if requested

- educational displays



Poultry Clinic not to begin before 1:00 pm

No live birds—demos and discussions

Rabbit show awards

Cost: \$1.00 per rabbit entry

Only 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

# Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

- **March 5**—Fruit Delivery—Dakota Country Feed and Seed
- **March 5**—Market Beef Weigh-ins at 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Mertens Cattle Company, Milbank
- **March 6**—4-H Jr. Leaders Phonathon and Meeting at 5:00-7:00 p.m. – 4-H Office
- **March 10**—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:30-5:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **March 31** —4-H Horse Safety Training at 6:30 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **March 24**—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:30-5:00 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 3**—4-H Sewing Club at 12 Noon—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **April 14**—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **April 21**—Consumer Decision Making & Horticulture Judging Practice at 3:00-5:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **April 15**—State Shoot Registration Deadline
- **April 22-24** —SD State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Fort Pierre
- **April 25**—Special Foods Workshop at 10:00 a.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room
- **May 1**—4-H Rodeo Finals Packet postmark on/before to 4-H Rodeo Finals Inc.
- **May 14**—4-H Rabbit Fun Show at 9:30 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds, Milbank
- **May**—4-H Camp Bob Marshall registrations due to Grant County 4-H Office
- **May 26**—Youth Pork Quality Assurance Certification at 1:00 p.m. – Grant County 4-H Office
- **May 30**—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, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Swine, Horse, & Dog Ownership Affidavits Due to Grant County 4-H Office
- **June 2**—Youth Pork Quality Assurance Certification at 10:00 a.m. – Codrington County Extension Office, Watertown
- **June 6-10**—Teen Leadership Conference at South Dakota State University campus, Brookings, SD
- **June 6-8**—Milbank Malt Wagon
- **June 13-18**—4-H Performing Arts Camp, Aberdeen (tentative)
- **June 18**—Clark County Prospect Show, Clark 4-H Grounds, Clark, SD
- **June 22-25**—4-H Camp Bob Marshall, Custer
- **June 24-25**—Triple Threat Prospect Show, Aberdeen, SD
- **June 29**—Grant County 4-H Horse Show (rain date July 1)
- **June 30**—Grant County 4-H Special Foods Contest at 10 a.m.—Milbank High School Home Economics Room
- **July 1**—State Horse Show registrations Due
- **July 4**—Office Closed (4th of July)
- **July 14**—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 16-17**—Battle of the Borders Showdown Prospect Show—Grant County 4-H Grounds, Milbank
- **July 19-22**—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron
- **July 29**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day Static Judging at 9:00 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds
- **July 29**—Breed Registration Papers uploaded to 4H Online Due
- **August 1**—State Fair & State Dog Show Registration Deadline (Livestock, Static, Youth-in-Action)
- **August 1-3**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Days
- **August 3**—SD 4-H Character Public Speaking Contest, Sioux Falls
- **August 14-16**—State 4-H Rodeo, Ft. Pierre
- **August 19-21**—State 4-H Horse Show
- **September 1-5**—South Dakota State Fair, Huron
- **September 5**—Office Closed (Labor Day)
- **September 22-25**—AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha, NE
- **September 26**—Pre Conference 4-H Staff Meeting, Brookings
- **September 27-29**—SDSU Extension Falls Conference, Brookings
- **October 2-8**—National 4-H Week
- **October 4-8** —World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI
- **October 10**— Native American Day (Office Closed)
- **November**—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria

# 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 started making plans for their programs. There is still opportunity to be part of this action-fun group. The next time they will be meeting is Sunday, March 6 at 5:00 p.m., where we will hold our annual phonathon.

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: Balloon Towers

Are you looking for a fun and engaging team building activity to do with your club? Look no further than Balloon Tower! This activity encourages teamwork and discuss conquering challenges. Your objective is use a bag of balloons and roll of masking tape to build the tallest freestanding tower possible in the time allotted

minutes.

4. When you say "Go!", the tower building can begin. Allow for 10 minutes to build. At the end, whichever team has the tallest freestanding tower is the winner.

### Instructions:

1. Split groups into 3-4 people.
2. Give each group 20 balloons and a roll of tape.
3. Allow each group to brainstorm and planning for 5

### Discussion questions:

1. What worked for your group? What didn't?
2. What was challenging?
3. How do you feel about your finished tower?
4. How is this activity like working on your project with your team?

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To:



**Have you enrolled yet?**  
**If you can answer yes, GREAT & Thank you!**  
**If you answer no, let's get it checked off your list. Visit [South Dakota 4H Online Today!](#)**