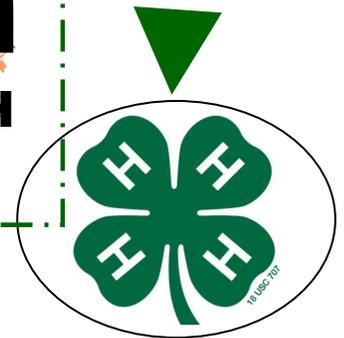




Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

October 2015



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| October 4-10 | National 4-H Week |
| October 6 | Family Fun Night @ 6-7:30 PM—Exhibit Building |
| October 7 | 4-H National Youth Science Day @ 4:30 PM |
| October 7-10 | Western Junior Livestock Show—Rapid City |
| October 10 | First Sewing Class @ Courthouse Community Room |
| October 13 | 4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:30 PM—Courthouse |
| October 24-30 | Sara Gone @ NAE4-H Conference—Portland, OR |

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Advisor Comments...

As I write my comments, it's the first day of fall. School has been in session for a month and another 4-H year is to come to an end. This has been a great year. Surely, we had a few ups and downs but I feel all 4-H members ended on a positive note and working towards new

challenges for the upcoming 4-H year.

I want to commend all 4-H members who participated at the SD State Fair. I'm very proud of your successes. The leadership that all you possess shows throughout the state. Just a reminder, a full listing of results is posted on iGrow and there are still

static exhibits that need to be picked up.

We will soon be starting a new 4-H year. I want to hear everyone's feed. Your comments on the survey is taken to heart in improving our 4-H program. I wish you a great fall season and a fabulous start to a new 4-H year!

Make Plans: Participate in Sewing Club

Our first Sewing Club is going to begin in October. Volunteers Kristi, Katie and Kylee Mogen will be starting a sewing club. Our first meeting will be October 10 at the Courthouse Community Room at 10 AM-Noon. Participants are asked to sign up a week before the class and pay \$5 for each month to help cover supplies.

Each class is open to the

first 10 youth. Alternative dates will be planned if there becomes a waiting list. Youth are asked to bring a sewing machine if able.

Registration for October class by October 1st.

Sewing Schedule: October 10th:

Bags (Sara will be attending the NAE4-HA National Conference in Portland. They will be

delivered to the Children's Book Bank.)

November:
Pin Cushion and Coasters

December:
Christmas Gifts and Towels

January:
Purse

February:
Pillow Cases

March:
Pajama Pants



REMINDER: 4-H Record Books are due in the 4-H Office Wednesday, September 30th.

Club Leaders are NOT responsible for collecting books.

Enroll for the 2015-2016 4-H Year

We will be using 4HOnline.com again this year. All returning members must register through 4HOnline.com using your e-mail address. Please do not create a new account if you are enrolling in 4-H. All enrollment paperwork, code of conduct, medial waivers will be electronically signed in 4HOnline.com.

All Shooting Sports participants starting in January in enroll through 4-H Online. Past

Shooting participants already have an account created and do the 4-H Online process prior to registration.

In regards to 4-H participation is age. Youth to participate in activities, such as Shooting Sports must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2016.

All new members will need to complete the 4HOnline.com registration as well. One important note, every family must have be e-mail address in order to

enroll in 4-H.

If you have any problems or questions about registration, please don't hesitate to contact the 4-H office at 605-432-9221.



Family Fun Night—October 6

Make plans to attend this year's Family Fun Night on October 6 at the 4-H Exhibit Building located at the 4-H Grounds, east of Milbank.

Clubs and special interest groups will be on hand to answer your questions. The

Grant County goal is to have a 2015-2016 membership of 160 youth, an increase of 20 youth.

Bring a friend or friends out to show them what you can do when joining a club and participating in 4-H.

There will be appetizers and beverages available. Door prizes will be drawn as well. We look forward to a fun night and learning what each club does throughout the year!

4-H Leaders provide Camp Fee Assistance

The SD 4-H Leader's Association will again assist with camp fees in 2016. There is a \$25 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend Camp Poinsett, Bob Marshall or North Central. There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend TLC or Performing Arts. Here is how the scholarship program works.

- Step 1 – Register for the 2016 camp and pay the full camp fees.
- Step 2 – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- Step 3 – Tell a group about camp. For the \$25 4-H Camp scholarship, tell one group. For the \$50 TLC or Performing Arts Camp scholarship tell two groups.
- Step 4 – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all signatures and

submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt.

You will find the form on our website at

<http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleaders/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance.pdf>.

Applications are due by **December 31, 2015**.

Clover Classifieds

Kittens to give away: Very friendly and tame kittens available at the end of October. They were born the beginning of August. They are not afraid of dogs. Also, 3 adult male cats available. One would love to be a house cat, loves to snuggle. Contact Heidi Mischel at 605-467-6046.

End of 4-H Year Information

As Achievement Days and SD State Fair are over, I want to encourage youth to start thinking about working on your 4-H Record Book. A mass email was sent out to families Tuesday, August 18 with record book and award applications.

The 4-H record book is a summary of the member's entire year. While a 4-Her may receive recognition during the year for participating in activities or with an exhibit at the fair, record books measure the growth and accomplishments the 4-Her has made through the entire year.

This process is not meant to be a headache. I held two (2) 4-H record book work days during September. Hopefully these work days gave you information to help complete your record books.

Besides the 4-H Record Book, youth are to complete two other requirements for the 4-H year.

1. Must attend four club meetings.
2. Must give a public

presentation/demonstration at club or higher level.

These requirements are not to be stressful but are easy for families to complete. Therefore, with completion, youth will receive awards and monies during our annual Recognition Event in November.

A big part of our 4-H Recognition Event is recognizing our youth who apply for top awards and scholarships.

Please keep in mind these award applications:

- Grant County Top Horseman Award
- 4-H Leaders Scholarship
- 4-H Association Scholarship
- Citizenship Washington Focus delegate application
- County Award Application
- Kay Wolff Youth In Action Award
- Outstanding Beginner Award
- Schmig's Genetics Award
- Diane Frevert Memorial Award

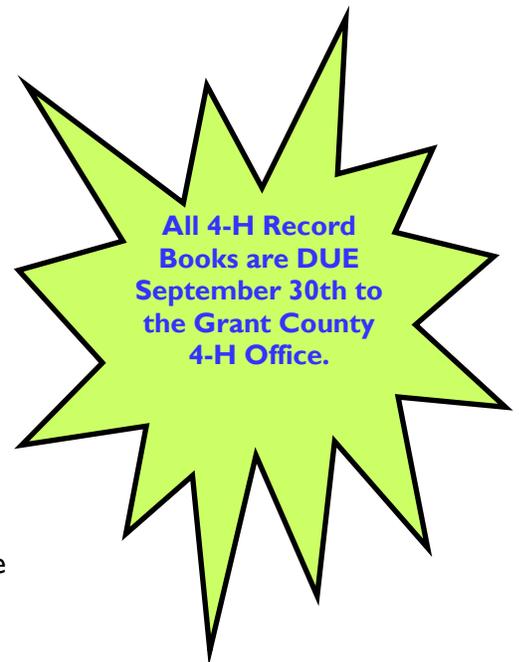
End of the Year Survey

Please take time to answer the survey, and turn them in by September 30.

This survey will address questions about our county 4-H program and how we can improve. There will also be questions regarding items relating to the South Dakota 4-H program. The survey is open to all youth and parents.

Sara truly appreciates all feedback on the 4-H program! An electronic version of the survey can be found at:

<http://questionpro.com/t/AKh9IZS43q>



Citizenship Washington Focus 2016

Dates for the 2016 Citizenship Washington Focus trip have been tentatively set for June 18-26, 2016. The Grant County 4-H Leaders help sponsor these trips for youth.

Grant County did not have any

youth represented last year, and we want to encourage all youth ages 15 to 18 who have been in the 4-H program for five (5) years and enrolled in the Citizenship project area and received their Citizenship pin.

**“Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do.”
Benjamin Spock**

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

October 4-10—National 4-H Week

October 7-10—Western Junior Livestock Show, Rapid City

October 18 —Power Project Day

November 8—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria

Announcements...

2016 County 4-HT-Shirt Design Contest

We are looking for a new t-shirt design for 2016 County 4-H T-shirts.

4-H members are encouraged to submit their designs by October 15 to the Grant County 4-H Office.

The winning design will be used on the shirts and are given to each active 4-H member. The youth who submits the winning design will be recognized at the 4-H Recognition Event.

If you would like to be a t-shirt sponsor, contact Sara at the office.

October Power Project Day

Our first Club Power Project Days will be on October 18th hosted by Shooting Stars. Youth will be making barn wood signs. Project is \$15 to help cover supplies.



The day will begin at 2:00 PM at Dakota Country Feed & Seed. Start signing up now or sign-up at Family Fun Night on October 6th.

Upcoming Leader's Meeting

4-H Leaders Meeting will be held October 13th at 5:30 PM at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

Tentative agendas are e-mailed to Club Leaders prior to the meeting.

Reminder for Club Leaders: End of the Year Report are due October 15th!

National 4-H Week: October 4-10, 2015

More than 6 million young people across the country today will celebrate 4-H Week, an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October. Grant County 4-H will leverage National 4-H Week this year to showcase the great things that 4-H offers young people and highlights the incredible 4-H youth in the community who work each day to make a positive impact on the community.

In Grant County, more than 140 4-H youth and 60 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H.

Also during National 4-H Week, hundreds of thousands of youth from all around the nation will complete a single, innovative experiment on 4-H

National Youth Science Day, which will be held on Wednesday October 7, 2015. This year's NYSD, Motion Commotion, explores the science of motion through the relationship of speed and stopping distance. The activity extends to real-world investigations of reaction time and safety, making connections to the dangers of distracted driving.

Join us October 7 at the 4-H Grounds at 5:30 p.m. to start learning about the National Youth Science Day and having a fun time learning.

Some things that can be done next week is: wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt, ask your Church to acknowledge 4-H Sunday and 4-H

members who are present, or put a 4-H message on grocery bags. Plans for a medallion hunt are in the making as well!!

I challenge all youth, volunteers, professionals and alumni to EXPRESS your 4-H pride with this year's theme "4H Grows Here".

From October 4-10, share your pride photo or video on: Grant County South 4-H Facebook Page
Twitter @GrantSD4H
Instagram @grantsd4H,

#Grant CountySD4H
#South Dakota4H
#4H GrowsHere

2015 Recognition Event—November 8th

This year's Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th. Ice Cream Social will start at 1:00 PM and the recognition program will begin at 1:30 PM in the Milbank High School Cafeteria. This is a great way to come together as a 4-H family and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth over the year!

During this event, members are awarded for their year successes. There are three kinds of recognition available to 4-H member: participation, achievement and project awards. Members that have met the requirements can earn their 1st,

5th, and 10 year membership pins.

Also awarded are achievement pins, project medals, project achievements, Achievement Day livestock awards, showmanship awards, club Herdsmanship awards, Cloverbud and static awards, and much more!

Club Work Schedule for Recognition Event:

Set Up & Decorating:

Shooting Stars
Junior Busy Bees

Serving:

Saddle Pals
Madison Junior Livestock
Kountry Kids

Clean up:

Young Farmers
Young Explorers
Northern Lights

SD 4-H Quotes to 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/>

National Walk to School Day

In conjunction with National Youth Science Day, **October 7th** is also celebrated as **National Walk to School Day**. Youth from across the nation celebrate by skipping a motorized ride and walking to school. Walking is one of the easiest forms of physical activity, it can be done anywhere with no equipment (besides a pair of good shoes).

Schools and youth organizations

everywhere can celebrate Walk to School Day by planning a walking event in their community. Classroom activities, designated starting points for out of towners, school handouts and walking trains are all ways to celebrate and encourage walking to school. For more information on planning a Walk to School Day event, accessing promotional materials and ideas to celebrate this

international event, visit the [Walk and Bike to School Day](#) website.



Junior Leaders Corner

Junior Leader is being restructured this year! Youth ages 12 and older are asked to fill out an application.

Project Guidelines: To be a Junior Leader, you must be at least 12 years old by January 1 of the current year, completed at least two years as a member and enroll in one other project. 1) Must be committed to create a program and encourage youth to participate in 4-H activities; 2) Complete the selected leadership jobs following the procedure planned with the Leader. 3) Must attend at least 5 meetings/activities. There are applications in the office and these are due to the 4-H office October 15th.

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

National 4-H Week

Show us your 4-H spirit with our photo challenge! Post a picture on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram now through Saturday, October 10, and tag it with the hashtags #GrantCountySD4H AND #4H Grows Here to be entered into a drawing.

Photo 1: 4-H Selfie

Take a selfie of you and your 4-H awesomeness!

Photo 2: Favorite 4-H Event

Share a picture from your favorite 4-H event; fair, camp, club meetings. Show us how much you love to be involved.

Photo 3: 4-H Friends

How many friends have you made in 4-H? Share a picture of you and your 4-H friends that you've bonded with!

Photo 4: Throw Back

Share a picture from your early days in 4-H. Photos must be two or more years old.

Day 5: 4-H Spirit

Show us your 4-H spirit with your favorite shirt, SWAG, or anything to show your love for 4-H!

By tagging and submitting a photo, you consent to it being shared on the Grant County 4-H social media sites. One photo from each day must be submitted to be eligible. Open to all!

Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

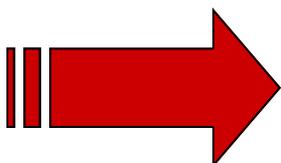
Find information at: SDSU Extension iGrow (www.igrow.org), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website (www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension)
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

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To:



***National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2015
Join Grant County 4-H starting October 1st!!***