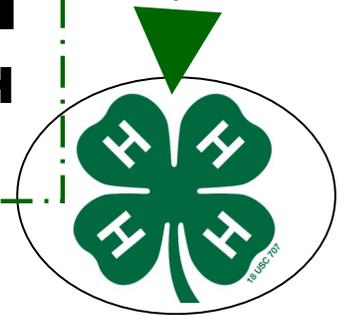




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Newsletter for Grant County 4-H
September 2015



DATES TO REMEMBER

August 28	State Fair Exhibits DUE to 4-H Office
September 2	Horticulture and Food Exhibits to the Office –8-9AM
September 2-7	Sara Gone @ SD State Fair (office will be open, limited hours)
September 9-11	Static Exhibit Pickup—Office
September 24-25	Sara Gone
Sept. 28—Oct. 1	Sara Gone (Annual Extension Conference)
October 6	Family Fun Night @ 6-7:30 PM—Exhibit Building

Advisor Comments...

Preparations for the South Dakota State Fair is wrapping up. I'm very excited during this time of the year.

Even though I'm a MN 4-H alumni, my favorite part was attending State Fair. I enjoyed seeing friends that I had met at events over the summer. Those have been my

closest friends today. Besides the food stands and various vendors, I enjoyed attending our State Arts-In performance and looking at the different projects.

I encourage you to attend this year's SD State Fair. I'm very excited to see all the families. I will be on the

grounds from Wednesday to Monday. If you see me running around, stop me and say hi! Just remember to start working on your 4-H Record Book and consider applying for awards.

Thank you and see you at the fair!

4-H Poultry Showmanship at State Fair

With the continuation of the ban on live poultry exhibits, the state 4-H office will be conducting a "Birdless Showmanship" contest in its place for youth in Poultry project in 4-H. The showmanship contest will take place at the same time as the regular showmanship was scheduled for.

There will be no pre-entry required for this event. In addition we will not

be charging a Youth-in-Action fee.

There will be one judge per age division and they will ask youth to conduct showmanship with a stuffed chicken. They may also ask questions they would in a typical showmanship event. The contest will start at 1:30 pm on Saturday, September 5, 2015, in the Poultry building on the SD State Fairgrounds. The judges will judge until they run out of youth!

Youth will be competing for Grand and Reserve Champion plaques and top 5 rosettes in each age division. Please come out and take part in this event, as well as coming to observe these youth showcasing their knowledge of the specie.

The "Birdless Showmanship" will be one of the many events lined up to keep presence in the Poultry Barn this year.

Follow Grant County 4-H @ SD State Fair!
Facebook: Grant County South Dakota 4-H
Twitter: @GrantSD4H
Instagram: grantsd4H
#GrantCountySD4H

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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!**

Families: South Dakota State Fair Preparation

PLEASE read your State Fair books carefully. The Grant County 4-H Leaders will pay up to \$15 per exhibitor for animal entries. Youth must submit a copy of their invoice to the county 4-H office to be reimbursed.

ANIMAL EXHIBITS

All livestock exhibitors are to pick up their show numbers at the 4-H Office. These numbers are now available at the office. After September 2, Sara will take them to State Fair and the family will be responsible in making arrangements with her to pick up.

STATIC EXHIBITS

All static exhibits going to the State Fair (except baked goods

and horticulture) must be brought to the office by Friday, August 28.

Baked goods, eggs, and horticulture exhibits must be brought into the office on Wednesday, September 2 between 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. ONLY. Select new horticulture produce just prior to bringing them to the office. Be sure to water two days before picking.

For Horticulture, youth exhibiting any horticulture lots, may enter another specimen in that class or another vegetable class at the South Dakota State Fair. Youth must complete a new exhibit entry form when substituting another vegetable and

staple it to the original exhibit entry form that show the county purple ribbon placing.

Exhibits will be returned to the 4-H Office on Tuesday, September 8. Please allow us to sort and organize your projects by family and club. Pick up exhibits will be on September 9-11 outside the 4-H office. If you are the State Fair Monday, projects can be picked up at 4 PM in the National Guard Armory.

If you are going to State Fair on Thursday, September 3, it's FREE entry with 4-H Membership Card. Membership cards were given out last year. If you are new or do not have yours, please contact the office.

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, 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 2015. 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 2015 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**.

End of 4-H Year Information

As Achievement Days are over and SD State Fair is approaching, I want to encourage youth to start thinking about working on your 4-H Record. 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. Therefore, I will be holding two 4-H record book work days during September, please note schedule change. If these dates do not work for the youth, please contact Sara at the 4-H Office.

Wednesday, September 23 at 4-6 PM

Monday, September 28 at 4-6 PM

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

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

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.

Applications are due September 30.

- Kay Wolff Youth In Action Award
- Outstanding Beginner Award
- Schmig's Genetics Award
- Diane Frevert Memorial Award

Record Books and applications will be sent via email August 18. If you would like to start early on your Record Book, please contact Sara.

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.



Mark your Calendars:

All Record Books and Applications Due September 30 to 4H Office, not your Leader!

"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

- Tim Notke

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

September 2-7—South Dakota State Fair, Huron

September 19—State 4-H Livestock Judging, Brookings

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

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.

2015 North Country Fiber Fair

Mark September 19 and 20 on your calendars for the 2015 North Country Fiber Fair at the Codington County Extension Complex. A weekend filled with many vendors with wool from sheep, goats, llamas, alpacas, etc.; yarn and ready made items, spinning wheels, looms and much more.

Classes and demonstrations will be held in learning to spin, knitting, baskets and others. Pre-registration for classes is necessary. For more information about the fair and classes, visit <https://northcountryfiberfair.org/>

National 4-H Week October 4-10, 2015

We know that 4-H youth are making extraordinary changes in their communities every day. From October 4-10, spread the word about 4-H!

Beyond social media, spread the word about National 4-H Week by distributing bookmarks and flyers at local events, hang posters at retail stores, notify your local newspapers and radio stations about the six million young people empowered by 4-H every day.

Make Plans: Participate in Sewing Club

Our first Sewing Club is going to begin this fall. 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 a.m.-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. **Register for October class by September 30.**

Sewing Schedule:

October:

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



Fun Show



SEPTEMBER 19TH 10:00 AM

Grant County 4H Grounds- Milbank, SD

Eight ribbon places will be awarded with prizes to high point places.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

HILARY SCHWAGEL (605) 467-0241 OR RICKY BOLIN (605) 237-8934

1. Single Barrel
2. Hat Race
3. Figure-of-Eight Race
4. Keyhole
5. Pole Bending
6. Pole Weaving
7. Ribbon Race
8. Flag Race
9. Barrels
10. Barrel Relay
11. Rat Race
12. 4-Horse Bending

Age Groups

Pee Wee: 6 and under

Beginner: 7-10

Junior: 11-14

Intermediate: 15-18

Senior: 18-39

Senior Plus: 40 and up

\$2.00 per class or \$20.00
for all events with a
\$50.00 cap per household.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS

Poultry Activities planned at SD State Fair

In lieu of recent Avian Flu outbreaks across the Midwest, the live poultry shows have been suspended at the South Dakota State Fair. No live animals will be allowed.

Live poultry may be absent from the 2015 South Dakota State Fair, but the Poultry barn will still host plenty of events throughout the fair including several presentations on poultry health, updates on the Avian Flu, Ag Heritage Museum old time poultry exhibit and a lunch sponsored by Dakota Provisions.

Monday, Sept. 7, is Poultry Party Day: Poultry Education at

the State Fair and will feature a “Calling all Redheads” contest at the NorthWestern Energy Freedom Stage. The closest red-haired person to match the color of a Rhode Island Red Chicken will win a prize sponsored by the South Dakota Poultry Fanciers Association.

Other fun activities include a “Something to Crow About: Bird Calling Contest” and “State’s Largest Chicken Dance.”

The 2015 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 7. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Sept. 2. This year’s

theme is “Sew it. Grow it. Show it.” For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit www.sdstatefair.com or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Agriculture is South Dakota's No. 1 industry, generating over \$21 billion in annual economic activity and employing more than 122,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

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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