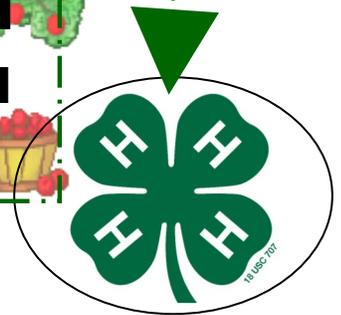
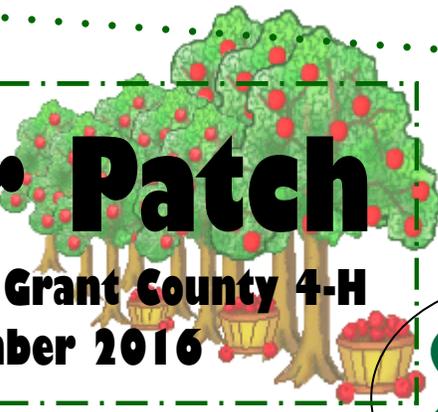




Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H
September 2016



DATES TO REMEMBER

August 30-September 5	Sara @ SD State Fair (office will be open, limited hours)
September 5	Office Closed—Labor Day
September 6-9	Display Exhibits Pickup—Office
September 15-16	Sara Gone
September 19	4-H Record Book Help @ 4-6 PM—Courthouse
September 21	4-H Record Book Help @ 4-6 PM—Courthouse
September 22	4-H Promotion Expansion Committee Meeting @ 7 PM—4-H Office
September 26-29	Sara @ Extension Annual Conference, Brookings
September 30	4-H Record Books & Award Applications DUE

Advisor Comments...

At the time of the release of our county newsletter, families have made their way to participate at State Fair—if it's in a Youth-in-Action event, show animals, or just to take in the State Fair atmosphere.

State Fair is portrayed as

a cherry on top of a sundae. It's an opportunity for youth from our county to compare their expertise or animals with others around South Dakota.

September marks the last month of the 4-H year. It's a time for youth to reflect on their challenges and

accomplishments in project areas. It's a time for youth to think about what they would like to do for the coming year.

At the 4-H office, we are starting to review this 4-H year as well. We are looking forward to planning programs for our 4-H youth.

Grant County 4-H Prepares for National 4-H Week

There is a lot in store for this year's National 4-H Week. We are looking forward to a great week to kick off the start of a new 4-H year!

Family Fun Night
Make plans to attend this year's 4-H Carnival on October 3 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Exhibit Building located at the 4-H Grounds, east of Milbank.

This event is open to all. Our 4-H Clubs will be offering games, There will also be our Shooting Sports special interest group on hand.

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

Commissioner's Proclamation
Our Grant County Commissioners has developed a National

4-H Week Proclamation. Signing and presentation of the proclamation will be held Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

We ask if youth and volunteers would like to be part of the presentation and photo, to be present at 7:50 a.m.



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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!**

Donate a Photo to Support 4-H

The National 4-H Organization is partnering with Johnson & Johnson to help empower young people with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

Each photo donated through the Donate a Photo mobile app helps provide a child with materials for a valuable leadership program. Together, we can help prepare the

next generation of leaders. For everyone photo donated, Johnson & Johnson gives \$1 to 4-H. That \$1 helps provide one child's curriculum, member kit, and record book for the year, to give kids the chance to show true leadership in their lives and the lives of others. It takes 20 photos to provide one child with supplies for a year.



The Donate a Photo app is available through App Store and Google Play.

Announcements...

Homecoming Parade?

For the past couple years, Grant County 4-H has had a float in the Milbank Homecoming Parade.

We are looking for 3 youth to plan this year's float. If you would like to plan, please contact the 4-H Office.

Planning consists of securing parade transportation and decorations. The 4-H Office will pick up candy.

This year's homecoming parade is Friday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m.

4-H Leaders Meeting

The next Grant County 4-H Leaders meeting is planned for Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the conclusion of 4-H Carnival Night.

The meeting will be held at the 4-H Exhibit Building.

Items of discussion, not limited to:
4-H Recognition Event, County-wide Power Project Days, and Election of Officers

Mark Your Calendar: Youth Town Hall Meeting

A YOUTH Town Hall Meeting is being planned for Monday, November 14 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Courthouse Community Room.

The purpose of this town hall meeting will only allow youth to share their thoughts on the 4-H program. Parents are welcome to observe.

More details will be made available in next month's newsletter.

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.

End of 4-H Year Information

As Achievement Days are over and SD State Fair is upon us, I want to encourage youth to start thinking about working on your 4-H Record and end of the year information.

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. There have been a few youth that have mentioned completing a record book has assisted in completing scholarships and developing a resume.

This process is not meant to be a headache. Therefore, I will be holding two 4-H record book work days during September.

New County Text Message Method

The Grant County 4-H Office will be utilizing a new text message method. In the past, we have utilized the text message through 4-H Online and email.

We will begin using Remind—easier to manage for our county office. To set up your

Monday, September 19 at 4-6 PM
Wednesday, September 21 at 4-6 PM

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
- 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

Youth may start working on their 4-H Record Book and any award application they be eligible for. All documents are located on our Google Drive file



text message reminders from the Grant County 4-H Office—text @grant4h to the number 81010.



**"Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."
- Tim Notke**

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

September 5—Office Closed (Labor Day)

September 16—State Livestock Skill-a-thon & Practice Livestock Judging Classes, SDSU Campus, Animal Science Arena

September 17—State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, SDSU Campus, Animal Science Arena

September 22-25—AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha, NE

September 26—Pre Conference 4-H Staff Meeting, Brookings

September 27-29—SDSU Extension Fall Conference, Brookings

October 2-8—National 4-H Week

October 3-8—World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI

October 5-8—Western Junior Livestock Show & 4-H FCS Show, Rapid City

October 10—Native American Day (Office Closed)

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

Announcements...

2017 County 4-H T-Shirt Design Contest

We are looking for a new t-shirt design for 2017 County 4-H T-shirts.

4-H members are encouraged to submit their designs by October 8 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.

Voting will be held at Recognition Event.

This year's t-shirt design was done by Hope Karels of the Junior Busy Bees 4-H Club.

2016 North Country Fiber Fair

Mark September 16 and 18 on your calendars for the 2016 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/ncff/>.

National 4-H Week October 2-8, 2016

We know that 4-H youth are making extraordinary changes in their communities every day. From October 2 - 8, 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.

Do you have a BIG Idea? Could be worth \$1,000!



The BIG Idea Competition is launching its 10th year of competition this fall. High school students across South Dakota are invited to compete in this business idea competition, and winners will compete for up to \$5,000 in cash prizes and scholarships. The optional Marketing Design competition allows students to

submit an ad for their idea and to compete for additional prize money. New this year is a Wellness Category sponsored by Sanford Health that awards an additional \$500 to the best business idea addressing wellness.

Students may work individually or as a team and will be able to submit their business idea applications online from September 1st through October 31st. The online

application as well as various resources and examples can be accessed at the BIG Idea website: www.BIGIdeaSD.com.

All applications submitted by October 31st will be reviewed and ranked by several judges from the business community. The eight top scoring applications will be invited to the final competition which will be on December 8th at Northern State University.

EXPERIENCE THE LEGACY OF CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Applications are due
September 30 to the
Grant County 4-H
Office!

For over 50 years, thousands of 4-H youth between the ages of 14 and 19 have traveled to Washington, DC to participate in Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a life-changing week that empowers 4-Her's to take their leadership skills to the next level for themselves and their communities.

4-H youth are empowered to make a positive impact in their communities, their country, and their world.

In six days, delegates will:

- + EXPERIENCE THE GRANDEUR OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL WITH ITS HISTORIC SITES, MEMORIALS, AND MUSEUMS
- + ENGAGE IN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH THEIR PEERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY ON ISSUES ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO THEM
- + PLAN AND LEAD LARGE SCALE EVENTS DURING THE WEEK AT CWF FROM CONCEPTION TO EXECUTION
- + PRACTICE INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION AND CROSS-CULTURAL COMPETENCY AS LEADERS OF POSITIVE CHANGE



Contact your local 4-H extension office or your 4-H educator for more details and how to register.

Want to bring your own delegation?
Contact our Youth Opportunities Team at:

1-800-FOUR-H-DC

www.4HCWF.org



Coming this Fall! Cloverbud Connections—Ages 5 to 8

Plans are being discussed with Grant County schools in providing a cloverbud based program—Cloverbud Connections.

Cloverbud Connections provides an opportunity for our cloverbud members to meet once a month to have a fun time learning something new. The program will be led by 4-H Advisor and youth.

Cloverbud programs are activity-focused and not project-focused, built on cooperative learning rather than competitive activities.

Details

Meeting will be held after school time. There is no fee to participate. Information will be set to families through school towards the end of September.

April—Rain Cloud Experiment

May—Sprout House

Agenda of Events:

Pledges
Show & Tell
Snack
Lesson, following:

October—Coffee Filter Apple Art

November—Magic Dancing Corn

December—Popsicle Stick

Snowman Door Hanger

January—Pine Cone Bird Feeder

February—Yarn Hearts

March—Straw Rockets



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:

Get
excited!

National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2016!
Join Grant County 4-H starting October 1st!