



Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H February 2018



Advisor Comments...

The one phrase I hear often in and out of the office is, "I'm too busy." Families, even our 4-H youth, schedules are packed with extra curricular school activities, church priorities, family trips and many other appointments.

Life can be chaotic and fast. We are trying to multitask a billion things "wisely". According to Success.com, our brains aren't meant to juggle multiple things at once. Working on one thing at once keep your brains properly wired and happy. Ever thought of

the importance of slowing down and becoming more balanced and effective every day.

1. Turn off electronics. We are so glued to messages, newsfeeds and social media.
2. Breathe. Holding your breathe overstimulates our brains. Just breathe, your whole body could relax and allow our brains to be still.
3. Focus. Hard time slowing down or reducing stress is we pay attention to many things. Pause and focus on one area, we may feel more balanced.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 6	4-H Horse Council Meeting @ 6:00 PM—4-H Office
February 10	4-H Junior Leader Winter Activity — Andes Tower Hills
February 14	Fruit Order Forms DUE to Club Coordinator
February 16	Fruit Order Forms from Club Leaders DUE to 4-H Office
February 16-19	Sara Out of Office
February 19	Office Closed—President's Day
February 26	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:30 PM—4-H Office
March 3	Fruit Delivery—Time to be determined

Dairy Fest Picowasa Entries Needed

How do you view the dairy industry in the mid-west? Here is your opportunity to show off your artistic talents and put your thoughts on canvas!

The third annual Picowasa of Dairy Fest is opened to youth in junior and senior high, as well as 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters. This year we have added an opportunity for youth to auction off their paintings and receive the proceeds or donate them to their school, 4-H club or FFA chapter!

during Dairy Fest, and paintings will be on display for the public to view on June 2nd at the Swiftel Center.

For additional information, contact Suzanne Souza at 605-237-2199, by email souza004@umn.edu or Larissa Neugebauer, Dairy Fest Coordination at 605-770-8233, by email sddairyfest@gmail.com.

Event information and registration form can be downloaded [here](#).



Deadline to register is May 1st. Judging will take place

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NEW: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

Grant County 4-H Program will be implementing Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) in 2018. The YQCA program will replace Youth Pork Quality Assurance (YPQA). This program is for youth exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, meat goats, dairy goats, swine, poultry, and rabbits.

The YOUTH standards for YQCA in South Dakota 4-H include:

- Youth ages 8 to 21 exhibiting swine projects at 2018 county and/or the State Fair will be expected to complete YQCA certification.
- Youth ages 8 to 18 (4-H age as of January 1st) should complete an instructor led YQCA training with a YQCA Trainer for the first year (2017- 2018). Ages 19 to 21 should complete

the online certification training per national YQCA guidelines. Please check with your county or surrounding counties for class dates.

- YQCA certification needs to be completed and uploaded to 4-H Online by June 1, 2018.
- Youth ages 8 to 21 exhibiting beef cattle, dairy cattle, dairy goats, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbits at county-level fairs or State Fair will be required to become YQCA certified for the 2018-19 4-H year.

The registration fee for instructor led (only ages 8 to 18 may attend) YQCA trainings is \$3 per person and the registration fee for the online training (open to all ages) is \$12 per person. Certification is for all food-producing animals a

youth exhibits in a year; youth complete one certification each year.

Three trainings have been scheduled at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room: March 9 at 1:00 PM; April 19 at 6:30 PM; and May 29 at 10:00 AM

Youth must register for a training through the YQCA website, <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>. Please sign in through your 4H Online credentials. Contact the Grant County 4-H Office with any online registration issues.

For additional information, please refer to [iGrow](#) for Youth Standards and Frequently Asked Questions document.

Dakota Area Targhee Assoc. Starter Flock Program

The Dakota Area Targhee Association is offering a start flock program.

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. 8-15 years of age as of January 1, 2018
2. Be resident of the Dakota Area (SD, ND, MN, WY, NE)
3. Exhibit their animals at their respective county fair and either the SD State Fair or respective state fair.
4. Strongly encouraged to exhibit

at the National Show

5. Must have facilities and resources to provide proper care for their new flock.

Applicants will write an essay explaining their interest in the sheep industry, why they like the Targhee breed, and what qualities they possess to become a good shepherd. Explanation of facilities and resources available to care for livestock should be included. How the applicant plans to grow and promote their flock and the Targhee breed should be included.

The winner will receive 3 ewes consisting of a combination of yearling, fall or spring ewe lambs for their starter flock. The ewes will be awarded during the month of May so they will be eligible to be shown in 4-H and at the national Show. Applicant will also be paired with a DATA Targhee breeder that will act as a mentor.

Applications are due March 15, 2018. More information can be attained at the Grant County 4-H Office.

Lawn Mowing Bids are being requested

The Grant County 4-H Association are seeking lawn mowing bids for the 2018 year. The person selected will be in charge of lawn

maintenance at the 4-H Grounds. A form can be picked up at the 4-H Office, or call 605-432-9221 for more information. The 4-H

Association would like 4-H youth to have the first opportunity. If bids have not been submitted by March 16, bids will be open to the community.

Attention: 2018 4-H Animal Information & Updates

The new year as begun and 4-H members are scoping out new animal projects for this year. With a new project comes deadlines and proper identification. Please utilize this article to successful prepare your animal for this 4-H year.

Rodeo

The official 2018 South Dakota 4-H Regional & State Finals Rodeo entry form is available on [iGrow](#). The entry process is due May 1st!

To highlight important steps: members must enroll on 4H Online and enrolled in the rodeo project, complete required paper work and mail the proper paperwork to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary. The county 4-H office will only receive the Insurance Declaration Form I.

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 topic is "Preventing and Recognizing Horse Emergencies." A horse safety training will be scheduled at a later date.

The State 4-H Office has released changes for the 2018 Animal Projects. The changes is moving towards to 4-H families to "self-identify" 4-H animal projects. The proposed changes are as follows:

1. Affidavit forms will be for unofficial use only.
2. 4H Online data entry for 4-H animal identification is the exhibitor's responsibility to upload into 4H Online by June 1 at 11:59 p.m.
3. Initial weight for market animals is no longer required to participate at State Fair.

4. DNA collection is the exhibitor's responsibility.
5. Animal registration papers are the exhibitor's responsibility to upload to 4H Online by July 1 at 11:59 p.m.
6. Weigh-back processes during State Fair animal exhibition have been eliminated.

Grant County 4-H families received an email January 29 outlining the changes. In addition to gain feedback on how to process within our county. Please complete the brief, short survey to compile feedback to review at an upcoming Leaders meeting.

Complete survey by February 20:

<https://www.questionpro.com/t/AMm2kZbUI8>

DNA sample process will continue 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 DNA samples are turned into the county 4-H office. DNA samples must be on file or before June 1 at 5:00 p.m.

Animal Identification Processes

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. Market beef will obtain a NUES Green Tag from the county 4-H office.

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. The entire Scrapie number be recorded must include the state code.

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 NUES Green Tag number.

Swine

Swine animal projects are required to have an federal ear tag as well. RFID tag or Premise ID tags are an acceptable tag for identification and can be used as a NUES green tag.

Cat

Cat information is to be entered by June 1. A veterinary certificate will be required at the first practice or the show, which event comes first. This will assist with Achievement Day entry.

Dog

Dog affidavits require slightly different information than other animal affidavits. With the vaccination certificate being on the affidavit, the dog affidavit is required and will be uploaded, along with the picture of the dog by June 1 deadline. The dog project entry process will remain the same as past years.

Poultry

Poultry animal projects will be required to have an leg band number for 4-H Achievement Days and State Fair. Families are required to pick up poultry bands at the county 4-H office and record numbers when entering their poultry animal project in 4H Online.

Lease Agreements

Youth planning to lease an animal for 4-H, lease agreements will need to be completed like years past. The 4-H exhibitor will upload lease agreements to 4H Online for leased animals.

Announcements...

SD State 4-H Leaders Conference

The 2018 Spring SD State 4-H Leaders Conference will be Saturday, February 24th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Nordby Center in Huron.

Workshops tentatively include: Foods & Nutrition Judges training, State Fair Book preview workshop, Poster Judges training, a great keynote speaker, and much more.

This is open to all—4-H leaders, volunteers and parents—to learn more and how to enhance your 4-H opportunities.

4-H Fruit Sales

Most of you are well on your way to selling fruit. Just a few reminders:

On Wednesday, February 14, order forms are to be turned into your club coordinator. Your club leader may have decided an earlier date. Club leaders are to turn in summarized order blanks to the 4-H Office on Friday, February 16.

Fruit delivery will be Saturday, March 3 at Dakota Feed & Seed. A time will be determined at a later date.

New State Tote Bags Available

The National 4-H Council has announced their new [“4-H Grows Here” state tote bags](#). These items are only available for pre-order through February 7. They will be delivered the first week of March. Don't miss these limited time items!



SD State Leaders 4-H Quilt Raffle

SD State 4-H Leaders Association is holding a Quilt Raffle. Raffle tickets will be available at the Grant County 4-H Office. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Drawing will be held February 24. The quilt is made from shirt styles the State 4-H Leaders have sold over the past six years.



Scholarship Available for Youth

During the spring months, high school seniors are busy completing scholarship application for their post-secondary career.

South Dakota Farm Bureau is now taking applications for scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded to students whose parents or guardians are current members of SDFB, and have been members for at least two years. In addition, students must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited school of higher education, a high school senior or a current student already enrolled in

college. Completed applications and materials can be found at www.sdfbf.org, and must be received by March 15, 2018.

In 2018, **America's Farmers Grow Ag Lenders (presented by Monsanto Fund)**, Dean Foods, Iowa Interstate Railroad Ltd., National Mastitis Council, Rose Acre Farms and the Edgar and Ann Duskin Southern Crop Production Association/FFA Agriculture Leadership Scholarship fund are offering scholarships available to non-FFA members. Check [scholarship](#)

[catalog](#) descriptions for eligibility. FFA uses one online application for members and nonmembers. Applicants will be directed to the appropriate questions based on the membership response.

The **Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee** has dedicated to fund three \$500 scholarship. 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, 2018. Applications are available at the office.

“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.”

- Winston Churchill

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

February 6—4-H Horse Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m., Grant County 4-H Office

February 16-19—Sara Gone

February 19—Office Closed (President's Day)

February 26—4-H Leaders Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Grant County 4-H Office

March 1—South Dakota 4-H Scholarship Applications due to State 4-H Office

March 3 —Fruit Delivery—Dakota Country Feed and Seed (tentative)

March 8 – Junior Leader Community Service Activity, Abbey of the Hills

March 9—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training at 1:00 p.m., Grant County Courthouse Community Room

March 20-22 – Sara Gone (SDAE4-HP Meeting)

April 1—Shooting Sports Scholarship Applications due

April 16—State Shoot Registration Deadline

April 19—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training at 6:30 p.m., Grant County Courthouse Community Room

April 27-29 —SD State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Fort Pierre

April 30—Junior Leaders Mystery Trip

May 1—4-H Rodeo Finals Packet postmark on/before to 4-H Rodeo Finals Inc.

May 25—4-H Bike Rodeo – Grant County 4-H Grounds

May 28—Office Closed (Memorial Day)

May 29—Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training at 10:00 a.m., Grant County Courthouse Community Room

May 31—Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-ins at 5:30-6:30 p.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

June 1—All 4-H Animal Project Identification Deadline, due on 4H Online

June 1—Late Rodeo Finals Packet Deadline

June 4-8—Teen Leadership Conference at South Dakota State University campus, Brookings, SD

June 4-6—4-H Malt Wagon – Milbank City Office parking lot

June 10-16—Performing Arts Troupe Camp, Aberdeen

June 16-24—Citizenship Washington Focus, Washington D.C

July 1—”Youth for the Quality Care of Animals” Certification Deadline

July 1—Breed Registration Papers due on 4H Online

July 1—State Horse Show Registration Deadline

July 4—Office Closed (4th of July)

July 10—Grant County 4-H Youth-in-Action Day (Special Foods, Public Presentations, & Fashion Revue)

July 16-24—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron

August 1—State Dog Show Registration Deadline

August 6-8—Grant County 4-H Achievement Days

August 17-19—State 4-H Rodeo, Ft. Pierre

August 20—State Fair, State Livestock Judging & Skillathon Contest Registration Deadline (Livestock, Display Exhibits & Youth-in-Action)

August 25—State 4-H Dog Show, Mitchell

August 29-September 3 – South Dakota State Fair, Huron

September 3—Office Closed (Labor Day)

September 22-23—AK-SAR-BEN, Grand Island, NE

October 1 – 4-H Record Books due to the 4-H Office

October 7-13—National 4-H Week

October 10-13—Western Junior Livestock Show & 4-H FCS Show, Rapid City

October 2-6—World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI

October 8— Native American Day (Office Closed)

October 23-25—Sara Gone (SDSU Annual Extension Conference)

October 30 – Club Financial reports are due (from Club's treasurer's books)

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

November 12 – Office Closed (Veterans Day)

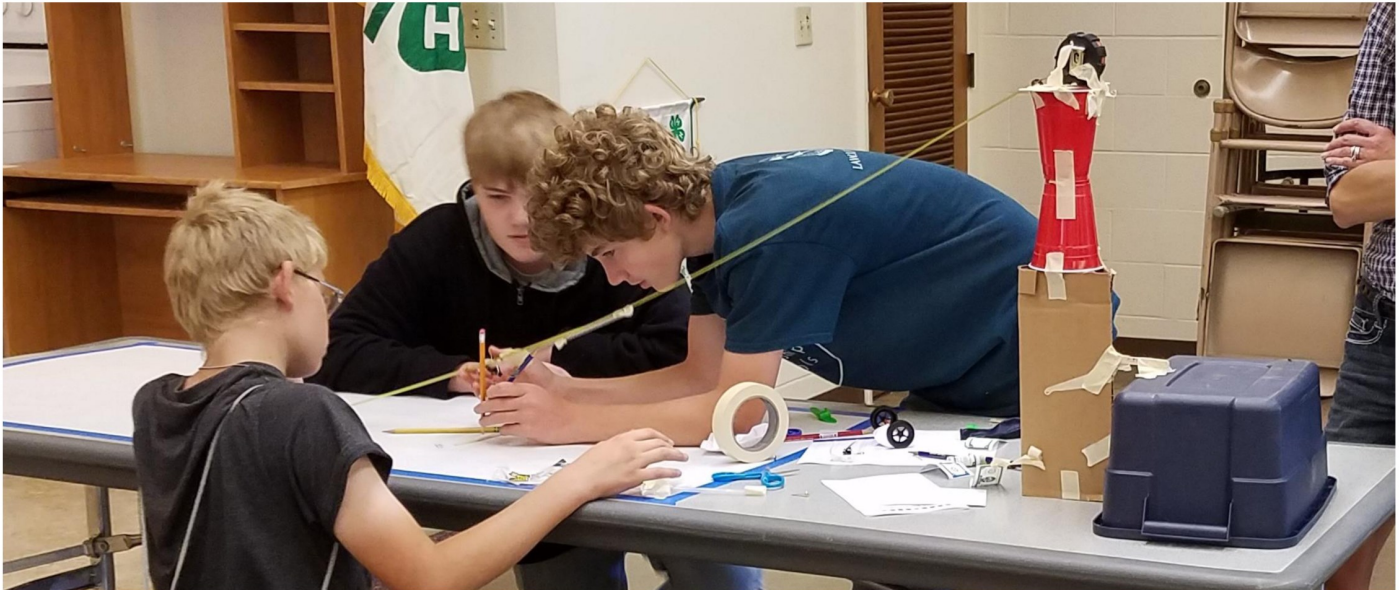
November 22-23 – Office Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

December 24-25—Office Closed (Christmas Holiday)

DEADLINES!

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!



Junk Drawer Engineering Introduction

March 3, 2018

Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center
2810 22nd Ave. S. Brookings, SD 57006

1-5 pm

The 4-H Junk Drawer curriculum offers youth an opportunity to engage in engineering design and scientific exploration. Volunteers and 4-H Leaders are invited to attend to learn more about utilizing the lessons available.
Please register on iGrow.

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Northeast 4-H Calf Show

February 10, 2018

Weigh-in: 10:00 a.m.– Noon

Show at 1:30 p.m.

Open to 4-H members enrolled in beef project in Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, Roberts and Spink counties.

Complete entry blank on Box:

<https://sdsu.box.com/v/northeastcalfshow>

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Junior Leaders Corner

Junior Leaders is designed to provide members with the opportunity to learn about the qualities and competencies needed to be a leader. Leadership is a set of skills and attitudes that can be learned and developed that will help the leader influence the actions of others.

The Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders met January 4 for their Christmas party. It was a fun meeting with Christmas activities and gift exchange. In addition, thank you to those who helped with the Farm & Home Show, if that was working at the Pop & Ice Cream stand, setting up and take down, or assist with Make & Takes. Your leadership is truly appreciated!

Upcoming Events for the Junior Leaders:

- ⇒ Saturday, February 10—Winter Fun Activity at Andes Tower Hills
 - **RSVP is required by February 7, must have 10 youth to receive group discount!** Youth active in Junior Leaders will receive 1/2 discount on tickets. Ski & Snowboard is \$21 for lift ticket & \$14 for equipment rental. Tubbing is \$19 for 2 hours or \$20 for 3 hours.
- ⇒ Thursday, March 8—Abbey of the Hills Community Service Activity at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The day will be filled with activities and food.
- ⇒ Mark Your Calendars: Junior Leader Mystery Trip April 30!



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To:

**Thank
You!**

The Farm & Home Show Lunchstand Chairmen thank you to the amazing 4-H families that went above and beyond in making this year's Lunchstand successful! Your generous help in making food and working a shift is much appreciated!

-Brenda Block, Delores Kelly & Lowell Boe