



Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

December 2017



DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4	4-H Archery Fundamentals 101 @ 6:30 PM—Milbank Valley Archery
December 7	National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum @ 6:00-7:30 PM—Courthouse
December 9	Festival of Trees Open House @ 5:00-7:00 PM
December 11	Farm & Home Show Committee @ 5:00-6:00 PM
December 12	Sara Out of Office—Livestock Committee Meeting in Pierre
December 12	Junior Makers @ 3:30 PM—Grant County Library
December 18-21	Sara Out of Office at 3:00 PM—Afterschool Programming
December 25-26	Office Closed—Christmas
December 27-30	Sara Gone
January 1	Office Closed—New Year's Day

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Advisor Comments...

This month is primarily noted the season of giving. Growing up, I was told the holidays are about giving, not receiving. How many of you have heard that expression?

Many of our county 4-H members don't practice the season of giving just during the holiday, they practice giving year

round. That is one thing that I'm incredibly proud of our members and leaders for doing. Our clubs can be found in our Grant County communities doing community service activities. They are collecting donations for our ICAP office, visiting elderly at homes, assisting families in need, cleaning road ditches, and much more. Their

lending hands makes a difference in the peoples' lives they are helping and their own.

Just a small act of kindness during this holiday season can not only change the life of the person you are helping, but yours.

Happy Holidays to your families from ours!

Enroll for the 2017-2018 4-H Year

At the time of publish, we have 46 members enrolled for the 2017-2018 4-H 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.

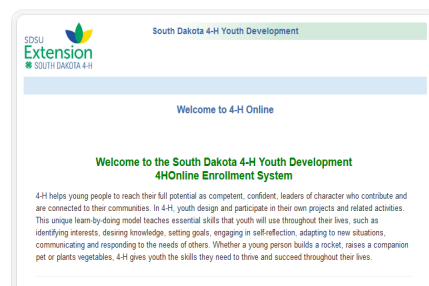
All Shooting Sports participants starting in January enroll through 4-H Online. Past

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, 2018.

All new members will need to complete the 4HOnline.com registration as well. One important note, every

family must have an e-mail address in order to enroll in 4-H. **Please complete enrollment by December 31, 2017.**

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



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.

After January 2018, there will be three trainings scheduled for youth to attend one.

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

Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

The 2018 4-H Youth Day at the Black Hills Stock Show is slated for January 27, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Centrals State Fairground & Walter Taylor 4-H Building

All youth (non 4-H and 4-H) are invited to participate. Age

requirements for the Beef Cook-Off, Livestock Judging, Livestockology, Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology and Dog Show must be at least 8 years of age by January 1, 2018 and must not have turned 19 by January 1, 2018.

Awards will be presented at the

conclusion of each individual event in the area the event has held.

Judging awards will be available at the Stock Show Office at the Civic Center later Saturday afternoon.

Entries must be received or postmarked on or before January 12, 2018. Entry blanks will be available [here](#) on iGrow.org.

4-H Volunteer Process for 2017-2018 4-H Year

Each year, 4-H youth need to re-enroll for the upcoming 4-H year. Also, during that time, we update our 4-H volunteer information.

You may become a registered volunteer, if:

- ☐ Have unsupervised and/or one-on-one contact with youth
- ☐ Volunteer potential for 15 plus hours/year (including club meetings, practices, and

helping at events such as fair) committed to the South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program (club, county, and/or state)

- ☐ Lead any South Dakota 4-H Youth Development event or committee at a county or state level.

If you checked one of the three, you are considered a registered volunteer. Therefore, we ask you

to complete a Volunteer Work Agreement.

Renewing volunteers DO NOT need to fill out the volunteer work agreement again. New volunteers must complete the form before Monday, December 4.

After January 1, a volunteer background check will be increased from \$10 to \$75.

Upcoming: Farm & Home Show • January 12-13, 2018

Plans are underway for the 2018 Farm & Home Show. If you are unfamiliar, the 4-H program contributes largely to the Grant County Farm & Home Show.

Our 4-H Program puts on the home exhibit display judging, crop show exhibits, 4-H Leader lunchstand, Junior Leader activities, and hold our 4-H Public Presentations. Also, we are asked to assist the Milbank Area

Chamber of Commerce with putting up and taking down drapery for exhibitors.

The only way to make our portion of the Farm & Home Show successful is the helping hands of volunteers. We have several volunteer spots available to help contribute.

Families have been receiving an updated sign up sheets within

their Monday Weekly Update. Please take a few minutes to sign up where you can assist, if it's donating pies and bars, helping with setup or take down, or working a shift in the lunchstand.

Please note, any youth ages 12 and older may sign up for a shift in the Junior Leader Pop and Ice Cream stand.

Apply for the 2018 National 4-H Conference Trip

It's time for South Dakota 4-H members 16 to 18 years old to apply for the 2018 National 4-H Conference held in Chevy Chase, Maryland April 7 - 12, 2018.

As a delegate, 4-H members will attend training workshops, become acquainted with government and have the opportunity to meet with state leaders. They visit various Federal Agencies to present on topics that

they have researched during the week. They also go on tours of the Monuments on the Washington Mall.

For South Dakota 4-H members, the National 4-H Conference trip is sponsored and fully funded by the South Dakota 4-H Livestock Industry Trust Fund.

Application deadline is Jan. 1, 2018. To apply, youth should fill

out the electronic application found [here](#). Youth must be 16 - 18 years old by the date of the event. Applicants should submit their applications to their local SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor.

Once received, a designated selection committee will review applications and notify youth who are selected to attend National 4-H Conference as a delegate.

“Blanket Buddies”: 2017-2018 Statewide Community Service Project

The South Dakota 4-H Youth Council (YC) team has launched their statewide community service project.

Any 4-H family, club, or county are encouraged to make an endless number of tie blankets to be donated to area health care facilities (i.e. hospitals, clinics, assisted livings, etc.) and/or shelters.

Those participating are asked to

keep track of the number of blankets made. These numbers are to be reported to the Grant County 4-H Office.

At the completion of making blankets, they can be distributed locally. This year's community service project will conclude in August 2018.

Our County's YC Representative

Kylee Mogen of the Shooting Stars 4-H Club was selected in



June to serve up to a three-year term and provide leadership opportunities throughout South Dakota. For additional questions about “Blanket Buddies” or YC, please contact her.

Getting Started: Your 2017-2018 4-H Checklist

We wrapped up our first month of the new 4-H year. Many of you may have attended a club meeting, elected officers and discuss club goals. Some may be pondering the opportunities of 4-H. We are excited to assist you with any questions you may have. We want you to have the utmost positive experience in our 4-H program.

Member Checklist:

- ☐ *Enroll or Re-enroll on 4-H Online at <http://bit.ly/2dcNivg>. If you are re-enrolling in 4-H, do not create a new profile. If you do not recall your login information, please contact the 4-H Office.*
- ☐ *Update project on 4-H Online (by May 31st).*
- ☐ *Contact the office to ensure you are receiving the county's monthly newsletter (Grant County Clover Patch).*

- ☐ *Check your emails! That is how the 4-H Office communicates with you. If you do not have email, please communicate with the 4-H Office on how we can provide communication with you.*
- ☐ *Print a copy of 4-H Record Book to work during the 4-H year. (Suggestion: complete a section at the end of each monthly meeting.)*
- ☐ *Ask questions! We are here to help!*

Leader & Volunteer Checklist:

- ☐ *Enroll or Re-enroll on 4-H Online. Adults complete the adult enrollment process.*
- ☐ *4-H Leaders, you have access once you become an active volunteer to view your member records. Please attempt to try to view your club membership.*

- ☐ *Communicate with new families about upcoming meetings.*
- ☐ *Submit club financial report by November 30 (from club's treasurer's book).*

While the 4-H Club provides a wonderful small group learning environment for the positive development of young people, it is not the only way to become a 4-H member. Our 4-H program offers independent membership. Youth's work is self-directed with guidance and support of parents and mentors.

Our county 4-H program has revised the criteria for independent members to allow members to complete a 4-H year and be eligible for awards and scholarships.

Please contact Sara for more information on independent membership guidelines.

Clover Classifieds

For Sale: 1 black Junior buck, 1 black and 1 broken black Havana Junior Does. \$30/rabbit plus pedigree.
Contact Sally Heinje at 605-467-1676.

LAST CALL: 4-H Leaders provide Camp Fee Assistance

The SD 4-H Leader's Association will again assist with camp fees in 2017. 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 2017

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/~sd4hleader/s/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance17.pdf>
Applications are due by **December 31, 2017.**



2017 National 4-H Volunteer e-Forum RSVP TODAY!

Join us on December 7, 2017 at 6:00-7:30 PM (CT)

Grant County Courthouse Community Room

Topic: Helping 4-H'ers Grow in Life & Work

In 4-H, all youth can explore their future. Club meetings, events, camps, and after-school programs are places to develop life skills and expand their interests through 4-H. During this session volunteers will share ideas, receive resources, and see a variety of successful programs that help youth focus on life-long learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration. Caring adults can help all young people make decisions and create their own positive future.

Open to all 4-H Leaders, Volunteers, Parents and Youth!

Contact:

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2018!**

Youth-in-Action Day

Lights! Camera! Action! We will be hosting a 4-H Youth-in-Action Day set tentatively for July 10. This day will feature our three main county's Youth-in-Action events: Special Foods, Public Presentations, and Fashion Revue. We are going to encompass these three events into one day for 2018. Please watch for more details early 2018!

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4-H Shooting Sports Registration

New registration time will be held for both Archery and BB Gun, Air Pistol and Air Rifle for 2018. This 4-H special interest group is open to youth ages 8-19 and youth do not need to be an active 4-H member.

Monday, December 18, 2018

Archery: 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Milbank Valley Archer Range

BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle: 6:30-7:30 at Grant County 4-H Grounds

Get a head start with filling out your forms! Access them [HERE](#), and bring to register night.

Contact Information:

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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 Junior Leaders met in November and planned out their next activities and events. See them in action at:

- ♦ **Holiday Community Service Project**
 - ⇒ Junior Leaders decided for their December Community Service Project they would provide a complete Christmas meal and a grocery store gift card to a family in need through the ICAP office.
- ♦ **Festival of Trees Open House & Winter Wonderland**
 - ⇒ Junior Leaders will be offering music, cookies, bars and refreshments. Others will be lending a helping hand at the Chamber Holiday Gathering at Speedway.
- ♦ **Farm & Home Show**
 - ⇒ Junior Leaders will be hosting their annual Pop & Ice Cream Stand. In addition, they will be leading make & takes and putting together blanket buddies with community members visiting the Farm & Home Show.

Next meeting is Thursday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m. The Junior Leaders will be having a Christmas party with a BBQ meal. We will be having a gift exchange (gifts between \$10-15, please be tangible). Please RSVP by December 12 to ensure I can get a head count on food.



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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