Advisor Comments...

Besides the snow we have received in recent weeks, the sun helps us think about things coming up in the spring.

Operations at the 4-H Office has been going great with the addition of our new support staff, Sally Heinje. She is a Grant County 4-H alumni and if you haven’t had the chance to meet her, take time to stop down. She is willing to help and guide families to be successful.

With that being said, we are looking at providing new additional things this spring. You will notice that our 4-H newsletter is much larger than previous month. It is because there are many great activities and programs coming ahead. We are working on programs that will give youth hands-on opportunity to improve and inspire their 4-H project areas.

There is a lot of news though, so please take time to ready through the monthly newsletter to make sure you haven’t missed any important details!

True Leaders in Service

4-H members are passionate about service. Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H programs are significantly more likely to make a positive contributions to their communities.

In April, 4-H members across the nation will participate as True Leaders in Service in multiple community service projects, culminating in a National 4-H Day of Service on Saturday, April 28, 2018.

The National 4-H website has outlined various information in making your service event successful.

1. Put Your Activity on the Map! Submit your event and details to show what is being done.

https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#!event-registration

1. A complete toolkit of resources to promote and support your True Leaders in Service Event.

https://4-h.org/get-involved/true-leaders-in-service/#!toolkit

Start planning your service event today!
**Announcements...**

**4-H Fruit Sales**

On Saturday, March 3 will be our fruit delivery!

Our fruit delivery time is 10:00 AM. Only club fruit coordinators and 2 volunteers are asked to be on hand for sorting at Dakota Feed & Seed and are to be there by 9:30 AM.

Remaining club members needing to pick up are to show up at 10:15 AM.

**For Volunteers: Junk Drawer Engineering Introduction**

The 4-H Junk Drawer curriculum offers youth an opportunity to engage in engineering design and scientific exploration. Volunteers and leaders are invited the FREE session to learn more about utilizing lessons.

Aberdeen, March 17 at SDSU Extension Aberdeen Regional Center @ 1:00-5:00 PM—Registration Deadline March 1.

**Market Animal Weigh-ins.**

With the new animal changes this year, our county as elected to continue county weigh-ins. Please see the importance below. Therefore, this is an option for families to do.

**Beef** will be held Sunday, March 25 at 3:00-4:00 PM at the Grant County 4-H Grounds.

**Sheep and Meat Goat** will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 5:00-6:00 PM at the Grant County 4-H Grounds.

**Importance of Rate of Gain**

Average Daily Gain (ADG) is important to show how efficiently the animal is growing. Once you know how much weight your animal is gaining each day, you can estimate how much weight the animal still needs to gain before the show. It is important to know how much weight your animal is gaining each day. You do not need to weigh your animal every day. If you know how much weight your animal is gaining each day on the amount of feed you are giving, you can adjust the feed ration to help the animal reach it’s ideal weight before show time.

The Grant County 4-H program takes pride in educating youth the importance of raising their animals.

**Scholarship Opportunities Available for Youth**

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

**South Dakota State 4-H**

Scholarship is open until April 1, 2018. To be eligible, youth must have at least five years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H, current or accepted to college, technical institute, etc. Complete Scholarship Policy and information can be found on iGrow.

**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.

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**Mark Your Calendar! 4-H Fun Youth Rabbit Show & Clinic**

Saturday, April 14, 2018 • Grant County 4-H Exhibit Building • 9:30 a.m. Registration

*Rabbit Showmanship practice, rabbit judging and skillathon and educational displays will be offered!
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.

Dairy Fest Picowsa Entries Needed

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

The third annual Picowsa 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!

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

10 Steps to Master Anything

Are you practicing and monitoring your progress along the way? Any skill can be gain quickly through progressive mastery.

Here are 10 steps to progressive mastery:

1. Determine the skill you want to master. Narrow your focus.
2. Set specific stretch goals on your path to developing that skill. Build steps to achieve your overall goal.
3. Attach a high level of emotion to your journey. Find the importance to your goal but allow yourself get frustrated.
4. Identify the factors critical to success, and develop your strengths in those areas.
5. Develop visualizations that clearly show what success and failure look like. Develop a vision board to help you keep on track.
6. Schedule challenging practices developed by experts.
7. Measure your progress and get outside feedback. Get out and show your skill to other groups.
8. Socialize your learning by practicing or competing with others.
9. Continually set higher goals so you keep improving. What’s if your target?
10. Teach others what you are learning. Mentor those around you.

-Success.com
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.

NEW: Youth for the Quality Care of Animals

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.learngrow.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.

4-H and JOANN Partnership is Amazing

JOANN stores are connecting more young people to experiences where they can learn by doing, creating and making. By providing local 4-H clubs with resources and tools to run impactful programs, JOANN will bring the 4-H experience to more kids in need.

4-H Rewards Card
You can save 15% with JOANN 4-H Rewards on in-store and online purchases. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of eligible transaction to 4-H.

Get the card:
http://www.joann.com/4-h/

Lawn Mowing Bids 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.

This year, the 4-H Association put in requirements such as trimming around buildings and picking up debris. 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.

Grant County 4-H Leaders are purchasing coupons for 4-H members to waive the $3 registration fee for YQCA training. The 4-H Office is in the process but please notify to be placed on a waiting list!

Don't forget to re-enroll in 4-H!
Attention: 2018 4-H Animal Information & Updates

Winter farm shows are in progress and we are starting to think about this year’s animal identification and enrollment. In this article will outline changes and new process this year related to 4-H animals.

Rodeo
The official Rodeo packet is now available on iGrow. The entry process is due May 1st!

To highlight important steps: members must enroll on 4H Online, complete required paper work and mail the proper paperwork to the 4-H Rodeo Finals Secretary. The office will only receive the Insurance Declaration Form I. This process is new so take time to review the entry process.

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 is about horsemanship. Horse safety training will be held on May 6, in conjunction with the Hairy Horse Fun Show.

Practices will be Monday nights at 6pm starting June 4. I practice will mandatory with 2 practices strongly suggested for youth participating in the horst project!

Ownership Affidavits, DNA & Registration Papers

For the past couple years, we have been changing the “Green Tagging” system into a more unified federal tag and guidelines. Please review the animal updates, changes will be made on a monthly basis.

4-H animal enrollment must be completed on 4-H online this year! If you are 4-H members are planning on showing animals at Achievement Days and SD State Fair, these must be FULLY completed by June 1. The Grant County 4-H program adheres to the South Dakota 4-H deadlines.

YQCA Training
Moving forward this year, the South Dakota State 4-H program will implement the Youth for Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) program. As the Youth Pork Quality Assurance Plus training is being replaced by YQCA, those planning to exhibit in the 4-H division at the South Dakota State Fair will be required to complete the training.

All swine exhibitors are required to complete the YQCA training in 2018, regardless if they have been YPQA certified.

Deadlines:

- June 1—Market beef, Breeding beef, breeding meat goat, breeding sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, market goat, market sheep, market swine, poultry and rabbit must be entered online.

A friendly reminder that there is a DNA sample process 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. DNA samples must be on file or before the enrollment deadline.

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.

Grants County 4-H youth are responsible for their own Aksarben DNA identification this year and are due June 1.

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. Sheep and goats still need to be verified on the online enrolment, going forward their Scrapie number is the unique identifier. This change requires the entire Scrapie number be recorded on the form including 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 4-H Green Tag number.

Swine
Families exhibiting swine will once again self-identify their animals. Ear tags, DNA and information will be available for families at a later date.

If families utilize an RFID tag for other shows, that is an acceptable tag for identification and can be used as a NUES green tag.

Cat & Dog
Members who are planning to exhibit animals in the cat or dog project area, will be required to enter their animal information on 4H Online. The information that needs to be entered is the animal name, sex, breed, colors and markings, age and vaccinations. A veterinary certificate for dog will be required at the first practice or the show, which event comes first. This will assist with Achievement Day entry.
Blue Bird Nesting Box Project

Open to all youth! Space is limited to 30

Spring is just around the corner and our feathery friends will be heading back to visit us. Join us as we learn about one of our friends of flight, the bluebird! We will be making Peterson Bluebird nesting boxes for our friends as well. Participants will have the opportunity to make two nesting boxes: one to take home to attract their new friends and the other will be given to the Big Stone Lake State Park to provide more homes for returning bluebirds.

When: Monday, March 26th

Where: Big Stone Wildlife Refuge

Time: 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Cost: $10 \hspace{1cm} \text{Deadline to sign up is March 20th:} \hspace{0.5cm} 320-839-6380

Thank you to our partners: Big Stone County National Wildlife Refuge, Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area, and Big Stone Lake State Park!

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Peterson Bluebird Nesting Box REGISTRATION FORM
Send to: Big Stone County 4-H, 11 SE 2nd Street, Ortonville, MN 56278

Name

Address

City \hspace{0.5cm} \text{State/ZIP}

Phone (day) \hspace{0.5cm} \text{Email}

Please register:

\hspace{1cm} \text{number of youth}

\hspace{1cm} \text{amount paid}

Please make checks out to Big Stone County 4-H

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Hairy Horse Fun Show
Grant County 4H Grounds
May 6, 2018

Registration: 11 AM  Horse Safety: 11:30 AM  Show: Noon

1. Beg Showmanship
2. Jr. Showmanship
3. Sr. Showmanship
   ** 10 minute break to warm up
4. Beg. Horsemanship
5. Jr. Horsemanship
6. Sr. Horsemanship
7. Beg. Western Pleasure
8. Jr. Western Pleasure
9. Sr. Western Please
10. Jr. Ranch Riding
11. Sr. Ranch Riding
12. Jr. Trail
13. Sr. Trail
   ***Break for Tack Change
14. Beg. English Equitation
15. Jr. English Equitation
16. Sr. English Equitation
17. Beg Hat Race
18. Jr. Hat Race
19. Sr. Hat Race
20. Beg. Keyhole
22. Sr. Keyhole
23. Beg. Poles
24. Jr. Poles
25. Sr. Poles
26. Beg Flag
27. Jr. Flag
28. Sr. Flag
29. Beg. Barrels
30. Jr. Barrels
31. Sr. Barrels

Beg: Age 8-10 Jr: Age 11-13 Sr: Age 14 and over
(Age of January 1 2017)

4H Rules will apply

$2/class

***Horses do not have to groomed and trimmed, just clean looking

*** Door Prizes
*** Helmets are optional
*** Hats are optional for games
*** Long Sleeve shirts must be worn
*** Please pick up around your trailer (take all poop piles home with you)
*** No registration once show starts

For more information contact:
Grant Co. Extension Office 605.432.9221
Heidi Mischel 605.467.6046
Hilary Schwagel 605.467.0241

Cancellation heard on radio
KMSD or KDIO

***Horse Safety will be held at 3 PM if need to
cancel due to weather or wet grounds.
Spring Sewing Extravaganza

Project 1: April 9-20:
Zig Zag Table Runner

Project 2: April 23-May 7: Self Binding Baby Blanket & Burp Rag or Circle Pillow

Project 3: May 14-May 30:
Apron or Kimono

How to participate: Youth will be responsible for purchasing their material. Sewing machines will be available if don’t have their own. Youth can come to the office when it works best for them within the 2-week schedule.

RSVP to the Grant County 4-H Office prior to each sewing event:
Project 1: April 2
Project 2: April 16
Project 3: May 17

Contact Information:
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605.432.9221

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Poultry 101 Workshop

March 10, 2018
9:30-11:00 AM
RSVP by March 7, 2018

Open to 4-H members enrolled or interested in the poultry project.

Poultry judge, Josh Johnson will be providing an educational session of poultry selection, show preparation and what you need to know about your fowl.

Contact Information:
Grant County 4-H Office
210 E 5th Ave
Milbank, SD 57252
605-432-9221
grant.county@sdstate.edu
4-H Power Project Day

March 10, 2018
11:00 AM & 12:00 PM Sessions

RSVP by March 7, 2018

Session 1: Cork Launcher - $5.00
Expand your physics knowledge by building a cork launcher with popsicle sticks, clothes pins and rubber bands.

Session 2: Clover String Art - $5.00
Get creative with designing a string art for your home. This simple project will be a great focal point.

These projects will be completed and ready for the 2018 4-H Achievement Days.

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March 1—South Dakota 4-H Scholarship Applications due to State 4-H Office
March 3—Fruit Delivery—Dakota Country Feed and Seed
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 10—Poultry 101 workshop and Power Project Day (see flyer)
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 (tentative)
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.
June 29—Grant County Horse Show
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 23-25—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 family’s 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!
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.

Due to the not having a minimum responses for our Winter Fun Activity, it was postponed. A date has not been set at this time.

Upcoming Activities

⇒ Junior Leader Community Service Activity at Abbey of the Hills

- **Thursday, March 8 at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
  Youth will be helping with maintenance for the first part of the day and will end by completing tie blankets for the South Dakota State 4-H Community Service project. Lunch will be served at Abbey of the Hills.
  Youth can get a ride from the 4-H Office, Sara will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. In addition, there will be a brief Junior Leaders 4-H Meeting to plan upcoming activities and events.

Who’s ready for a Mystery Trip?

*Mark Your Calendars: Junior Leader Mystery Trip April 30! This is open for youth ages 12 and older. This is a free event for those participating in Junior Leaders. Those not active Junior Leader will have a fee of $10.00.*

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