



# Clover Patch

## Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

### January 2018



## Advisor Comments...

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8	4-H Archery Begins
January 11	Farm & Home Show Set-up @ 3:30
January 12-13	Farm & Home Show
January 13	Farm & Home Show LEGO Contest @ 11:30 am
January 15-16	4-H BB Gun, Air Rifle, Air Pistol Begins
January 16	Office Closed— Martin Luther King Day
January 17	4-H Association Meeting @ 6:00 pm—4-H Office.
January 22-26	Sara Out of Office

Happy New Year 4-H Families! What a great year it has been! In November, I began my fifth year with Grant County 4-H. The past five years have been heart warming. Even with triumph and tribulation, the families of Grant County are down-right amazing!

Last year, we hit a milestone that has been a goal for a couple years. Our 4-H enrollment surpassed 160 youth. This is an increase of 44 youth since I first started. A friendly reminder, as of January 1, we have only 91 youth re-enrolled. Please don't forget to register. If you need assistance, please contact the office and we'll be happy to assist you.

As we move into a new year, my programming goals have been outlined. I'm looking at exploring new avenues to expand project areas.

In addition, I'm looking forward to building relationships with the community to host more and larger activities. There will be a few changes this year. You will notice there will be no public presentation youth-in-action event at the Farm & Home Show, because we will be hosting a Youth-in-Action Day in the summer.

This has been a great year though. I'm very proud of all the youths' accomplishments!

## Farm & Home Show Information

The 70th Annual Farm & Home Show will be taking place on January 12-13 at the Milbank High School & Armory.

The Grant County 4-H Office and our 4-H families plays a pivotal part of the annual event. Throughout the two days, there is home exhibit judging, lunchstand, activities, LEGO building contest and much more.

On Thursday, January 11 we are seeking kids to help afterschool with set up. The Chamber will be providing pizza to those who help. In

addition, the time put in will also count for community service.

There are many opportunities for you to be involved. You can exhibit projects on Thursday from 4-6 PM, participate in the LEGO contest, make something and take it home.

The 4-H Leaders are sponsoring drawings for beginner, youth and adult for Ol' Mill bucks.

This event is a great time for families to do something fun together!

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# UPDATED: Farm & Home Show Schedule

The 70th Annual Farm & Home Show is a little over a week away. The 4-H Office is busy making arrangements for a successful show.

Thank you to those who stepped in to fill empty spots for the Farm

& Home Show Lunchstand. The 4-H program is a large component of this event and to make this event successful is with many helping hands. The Leader Lunchstand is a huge profit maker.

This year, to fill the voids in the

schedule, names were assigned to positions (see in red). If you are unable to fulfill the duty, it will be your responsibility to find a replacement. In addition, any youth needing community service, youth ages 16 and older can help in the lunchstand.

**BBQ Meat:** Chely Wellnitz, Julie Jarman

**Taco Meat:** Andrea Bohn, Holli Seehafer

**Unseasoned Meat:** Deb Peiker, Laurie Folk

**Pies: (Please NO custard or cream pies that need refrigeration)**

1. Paula VanHoorn
2. Sandy Christensen (2)
3. Julie Jarman (5)
4. Hilary Schwagel (2)
5. Kathy Steinlicht (2)
6. Michelle Schweer (2)
7. Tonya Schlueter (2)
8. Krecia Leddy
9. Deb Pieker (2)
10. Niki Rethke

**Bars: Please cut bars a 3x3 size, and wrap individual.**

1. Susan Karels
2. Karen Smith
3. Rochelle Reede
4. Kylee Mogen
5. Melissa Mueller
6. Karen Sousa
7. Heather Zinter
8. Lori Leddy
9. Dawn VanderWal
10. Chely Wellnitz (2)
11. Lesa Mertens
12. Renee Locke
13. Tamara Dragt
14. Laurie Folk
15. Nancy Meyer (2)
16. Niki Rethke
17. Heidi Mischel (2)
18. **Wienk Family**
19. **Pillatzki Family**
20. **Hupke Family**
21. **Wiik Family**
22. **Schlueter Family**

**Friday, January 12th**

**9:30-12 noon**

1. Renee Locke
2. Hannah Barthel
3. Larry Thompson

**12-2:30 pm**

1. Bill Steinlicht
2. Rochelle Reede
3. **Stacy Anderson**
4. **Noah Mursu**

**2:30-4:30 pm**

1. Rochelle Reede
2. Matthew Christensen
3. **Mindy Giesen**

**4-6:30pm**

1. Rochelle Reede
2. Sandy Christensen
3. Susan Karels
4. Jason Karels

**6:30-8pm**

1. Eliza Loeschke
2. Susan Sime
3. **Need to be filled**

**Saturday, January 13th**  
**9-11am**

1. Julie Jarman
2. Lori Leddy
3. Wade Leddy

**11am-1pm**

1. Kylee Mogen
2. Dena Van Lith
3. **Thue Family**
4. **Karen Smith**
5. **Tostenson Family**

**1-3pm: (clean up)**

1. Angie Bowen
2. Dan Bowen
3. **Swezey Family**
4. **Van Hoorn Family**

## Junior Leader Ice Cream and Pop Stand

Any youth ages 11 and older are able to help at the Junior Leader Ice Cream and Pop Stand. If you would like to sign up, please contact the Grant County 4-H Office!

**Friday: January 12:**

**9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

1. William Karels
2. Isaac Sousa
3. Dylan Bohn

**12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.**

1. Emily VanHoorn
2. Lizzie Smith
3. Madi May

**2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

1. Cailey Sime

2. Elyse Reede

3. **Kendra Schweer**

**4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**

1. Cassidy Schwagel
2. Casside Seezs
3. Mattison Scott

**6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

1. Tanner Schwagel
2. Noah Steinlicht
3. Matthew Christensen

**Saturday: January 13:**

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

1. Kylee Mogen
2. **Need to be filled**

**12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

1. Kylene Bowen
2. Jasmine Smith
3. Laura Eilers
4. Emily VanHoorn



## BHSS Youth Day Deadline Approaching

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.

## 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.

## Mark Your Calendars: 4-H Fruit Sales

The 4-H Association, 4-H clubs and families will be selling fruit again this year as a fundraiser. It is done on a volunteer basis. I have made contact regarding the fruit sales already. Supplies will

not be available until later in January.

If you or your club is interested in taking part, contact the 4-H office by **January 10th** to notify

participation.

The office will be sending information via email. A small quantity of hard copy order forms will be requested.

### Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

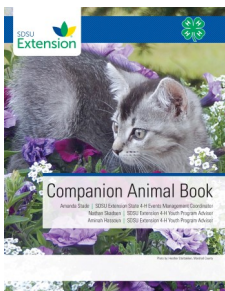
**Find information at:** SDSU Extension iGrow ([www.igrow.org](http://www.igrow.org)), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website ([www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension](http://www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension))  
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

# Volunteer e-Forum Resources Available

National Volunteer e-Forum sessions were held throughout the country in October, November and December. Thank you to those that participated locally. Due to scheduling conflicts, many could not attend the planned webinars. However, this is your opportunity to access the resources to amp your next 4-H club meeting.

## Accessing the Resources

To access the resources, visit, the [4-H Professional and Volunteer Development](#) website. Once there, you will need to sign up and then login to volunteer development and volunteer e-forum to see a list of all the resources.



## Featured Resources

### • **Cultivating an Environment for Growing True Leaders**

Creating an environment where 4-H members feel safe as they grow and develop leadership skills means having volunteers who understand the basics of positive youth development. This session featured ideas and activities to help foster life skill development by focusing on strategies for more effective club interactions.

### • **“STEM”ming into Animal Science, Growing True Leaders**

Build on the roots of 4-H as we STEM our way into agriculture and animal science for experienced and new 4-H'ers. Incorporate

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) through traditional animal sciences project areas in communities. This resource packet has ideas for planning and organizing fun, educational sessions for youth.

### **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. These resources will help youth focus on life-long learning, workforce readiness, and career exploration.

## 4-H Companion Animal Book Available

The South Dakota State 4-H Office has released a Companion Animal Book to guide 4-H members in the project area. There will be a Companion Animal Show once again at the 2018 Grant County 4-H Achievement Days.

Access the 4-H Companion Animal Book at this link: <http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4059-2017.pdf>

## Dairy Fest Picowsa 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 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](mailto:souza004@umn.edu) or Larissa Neugebauer, Dairy Fest Coordination at 605-770-8233, by email [sddairyfest@gmail.com](mailto:sddairyfest@gmail.com).



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

***“Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference”  
- Winston Churchill***



# You're Invited!

## Grant County Farm & Home Show LEGO Contest

Saturday, January 13, 2018

11:30 a.m. Check-in at Milbank High School Lunchroom  
Contest will begin at Noon • Awards will be presented at 1:30 pm

**All ages 4 and up are invited to participate!**



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*Please see the back for official contest rules and entry form.*

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Members of the South Dakota 4-H Program, have the opportunity to apply for



## **How the contest works:**

Participants must bring their own LEGO bricks and a base on which to build their entry. Contestants will be given a maximum time of 30 minutes to assemble their LEGO project. None of the LEGO bricks may be put together before the contest begins. Table space to work on will be provided. Judging will be based on creativity of the project, ability to answer questions, completing project within time allowed and participant bringing supplies needed. Participants who earned first place in last year's contest will be ineligible to win first place in the same age division again, but you will be able to win second place or People's Choice award. If you have moved up to a different age category this year, you are eligible to win any placing.

## **The age categories:**

Age 4-6—contestants use DUPLO or LEGO bricks

Age 9-10—contestants use LEGO bricks

Age 7-8—contestants use LEGO bricks

Age 11 and up—contestants use LEGO bricks

**Prizes awarded in each category: LEGO sets & Milbank Ol' Mill Bucks donated by the Grant County 4-H**

### **First Place**

Age 4-6—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Age 7-8—LEGO set and \$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Age 9-10—\$40 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Age 11 & Up—\$40 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

### **Second Place**

Age 4-6—LEGO set

Age 7-8—LEGO set

Age 9-10—\$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

Age 11 & Up—\$20 Milbank 'Ol Mill Bucks

## **Leaders Association and Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce.**

We will also have a People's Choice award for all the entries. Everyone present will be able to vote for their one favorite entry regardless of age category. Award sponsored by Learning Time Preschool, Teacher Paula Wieting.

## **CONTINUING THIS YEAR:**

Participants who are awarded first and second place, their LEGO display will be featured at the Grant County Library after the contest until January 31.

**Pre-registration is required!** Return form by **Friday, January 5th** to the Grant County Extension Office, Grant County Courthouse, 210 E. 5th Ave., Milbank, SD 57252. Call 605-432-9221 to inquire about late registration.

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**Please return this portion to the Grant County Extension Office by **Friday, January 5, 2018****

## **ENTRY FORM—FARM SHOW LEGO CONTEST—MILBANK HIGH SCHOOL LUNCHROOM**

NAME (PLEASE PRINT): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ AGE AS OF JANUARY 13, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ (Required for confirmation of registration)

# Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

**January 11**—Grant County Farm & Home Show Entries at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**January 12-13**—Grant County Farm & Home Show

**January 15**—Office Closed (Martin Luther King Day)

**January 17**—4-H Association Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Grant County 4-H Office

**January 20-28**—Sara Gone (Vacation)

**January 27** – Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day

**February 16-19**—Sara Gone

**February 19**—Office Closed (President's Day)

**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 9** – Junior Leader Community Service Activity, Abbey of the Hills

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

**April 1**—Shooting Sports Scholarship Applications due

**April 16**—State Shoot Registration Deadline

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

**June 1**—Breeding Beef, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Market Beef, Market Goat, Market Sheep, Market Swine, Poultry, Rabbit and Horse Ownership Affidavits Due to Grant County 4-H Office

**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 to Grant County 4-H Office

**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!**

## 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.*

**Next meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, January 4 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 January 3 to ensure I can get a head count on food.



## When the Days are Short, Spend Them Outside

When the days get short and the cold winds blow do you find yourself still having outdoor adventures? Or are you usually snuggled up under blankets indoors?

Time spent in nature, through either play or structured outdoor recreation, has proven benefits on a person's health and well-being—especially in relation to youth.

However, studies worldwide show that most people retreat indoors in the winter to escape the frigid temperatures and frozen ground.

If you, like many others, hide inside in the winter, you might just be missing out! With snow on the ground, animal tracks are easier to spot and identify. Without leaves on the trees, birds are easier to spot. And do not forget to go star spotting for constellations you can only see in winter.

### **FIND AN OUTDOOR EVENT NEAR YOU!**

Winter can be a difficult season to motivate yourself to get outdoors, but South Dakota's Game, Fish &

Parks Division can help.

With events from birding hikes to snowshoe adventures planned at many different State Parks throughout the winter, they make it easy to enjoy your next cold weather adventure. Check out their [events calendar](#) to find the next opportunity near you. You might just find your new favorite activity!

*-Katherine Jaeger, SDSU Extension Youth Outdoor Education Field Specialist*

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To:

**Make  
Plans...**

**For the Grant County Farm & Home Show!  
January 12—13 at the Milbank High School**