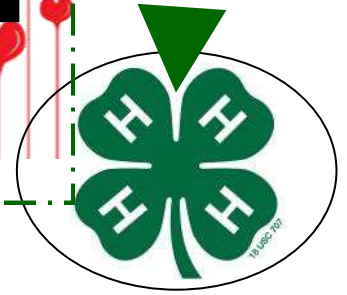




Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H
February 2015



DATES TO REMEMBER

February 2	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 5:30 PM—4H Office
February 8	4-H Jr. Leaders Meeting at 5:00 PM—4-H Office
February 13	4-H Fruit Sales due to Club Leaders
February 13-20	Office Closed—Sara Gone
February 14	4-H Cloverbuds @ 4 PM—Koch Elementary School
February 18	4-H Fruit Sales Orders from Clubs due to Office
February 24-25	Office Closed—Sara @ 4-H Advisor Training
March 2	Sara in Watertown for NE Advisor Meeting
March 7	4-H Fruit Sales Delivery at Dakota Country Feed & Seed
March 12	4-H Officer Training @ 10 AM—4-H Office
March 13	4-H Paint Day at VPD Studios @ 10 AM

Advisor Comments...

What do the popcorn founder Orville Redenbacher, singer-songwriter Jennifer Nettles and television host David Letterman all have in common? Any guesses? They all are 4-H alumni. You may never know who was part of 4-H. You join more than 7 million other 4-H club

members in the United States. There is always a 4-H program for someone. Speaking of 4-H programs, keep your eyes open for exciting programs in the upcoming Clover Patches. Thank you to all the

families that helped make the 2015 Farm & Home Show a success!

Please remember to look over the Clover Patch for any information and deadlines that pertains to you.

Don't forget to enroll if you haven't done already.

Fruit Sales Update

Most of you are well on your way to selling fruit. Just a few reminders: **Friday, February 13**, the order blanks are to be turned into your club's coordinator. A summarized order blank is then due to the extension office on **Wednesday, February 18**.

Fruit will arrive on **Saturday, March 7** at Dakota Country Feed and Seed. Each club will need to have two

representatives to help with unloading. A time will be determined.

The money may be collected from the customer at the time of ordering, or when delivery is made. Money is due to your club coordinator by **Friday, March 13**, and one check from each club due to the extension office by **Monday, March 16**

Good luck this year selling fruit! If you have any questions, please call the office.

4-H Club Officer Training—March 12th

There will be a 4-H club officer training on Thursday, March 12, starting 10 a.m. in the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

The officer training will focus on the following:

- Teach officers their specific officer responsibilities.
- Reinforce concepts for members who have been officers previously.
- Demonstrate a successful club

meeting.

- Give officers a chance to learn from each other through asking questions and discussing the characteristics of their club's meetings, activities and members.
- Allow members to get to know 4-H'ers from across the county.

RSVP is required by **Friday, March 5** to insure there is enough supplies. A lunch will be served and snacks will be available.

Announcements...

Upcoming Meetings

There will be a Grant County 4-H Leaders Meeting held Monday, February 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Office.



The Horse Council will meet on Wednesday, February 11 at 6 PM in the Grant County 4-H Office. This council meets annually to plan for horse events and horse show.

Lawn Mowing Bids

The Grant County 4-H Association is looking for lawn mowing bids.

The person selected will be in charge of mowing the Grant County Fairgrounds this summer.

Bids are due April 1st.

A form can be picked up at the Extension Office or call 605-432-9221 for more information.

Paint Day

We are lucky to have our own Art Studio in Milbank...vdpArtstudio!

Sarah and Naomi are excited to offer Grant County 4-H a special day and painting for youth to let their creative juices to flow. This is also open to parents.

Make plans for March 13 at 10 a.m. The cost is \$30 to cover your painting and snacks. **Please RSVP by February 27.**

State 4-H Leaders Conference

Put this date on your calendar for the annual 4-H Leader's Conference...Saturday, April 11 at the Davison County 4-H facilities in Mitchell.

The conference is being hosted by the counties of Brookings, Miner, McCook, Kingsbury and Lake counties. Registration fee for the conference is \$20 to cover food and supplies.

Planning is underway, more details coming.

AGR Presidential & Jackrabbit Classic

Two shows...2 rings...one day, SDSU B&B and AGR Jackrabbit Memorial show will be February 28 at 9 a.m. at Swiftel Center.

The show will be in honor of DJ Fischer, Nick Reimann, Brent Beitelspacher, Logan Rau and Lisa Johnson. Pre-entry fee is \$25 and postmark date is

February 16, late fee is \$35.

More information available at 4-H Office.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to all our 4-H families who made the Lunchstand at the Farm & Home show a success!

Thanks to the workers, and those who prepared bars, pies, BBQ, Taco, and browned meat, and macaroni salad.

Without each of you supporting the Lunchstand, it would not have been a success!

Your help was greatly appreciated!

- Delores, Brenda & Lowell

“Never stop doing your best just because someone doesn't give you credit.”

Scholarship Opportunities for 4-H Youth

It's scholarship season for high school seniors and there are many opportunities for youth to apply to help support their post-secondary goals.

Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Scholarship

The Milbank Area Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee has dedicated funds for two \$500

scholarships. The scholarships are open to South Dakota high school seniors who are planning to study agriculture at a post-secondary institute. Applications are available at Titan machinery and Schuneman Equipment in Milbank. Deadline is April 1, 2015.

Daisy/4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship

To be considered for this scholarships,

the student must have participated in 4-H shooting sports for a minimum of three years, and be either a high school senior or college freshman with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The South Dakota shooting sports program will disburse a minimum of two \$500 scholarships. For more information and application, visit <http://igrow.org/4h/south-dakota-4h/scholarship-opportunity-for-4-h-shooters/>. Deadline is April 1, 2015.

2014-2015 4-H Livestock Updates

The 2015 4-H Livestock Ownership Verification Affidavits are available on iGrow. New this year, many columns have an asterisk on them. This denotes that this is required information. If the information is missing for 4HOnline, the form will be considered incomplete. The rabbit and poultry forms will be due June 1 as well. This is a new requirement from the State 4-H Office.

Families planning on participating at the Northeast Calf Show in Watertown February 14, you will need to pick up a DNA envelope if you are planning to DNA for SD State Fair and a 4-H Green Tag. Due to the new tagging system for next year, counties have limited supply of 4-H Green Tags. Please pick up these items by February 12 at the Grant County 4-H Office.

A new Livestock Lease form will be released at a later date. Youth are able to lease market animals for 2015 4-H year. The only animals that cannot be leased will be market swine as the State Fair show is terminal.

The "Green Tagging" system will be changing, starting with the 2014-2015 4-H program year.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 4-H program year, South Dakota 4-H Youth Development will move to completely different tags. Currently our tags are four numbers with a single letter. In the future, we will use National Unified Ear-Tagging System (NUES) tags. NUES tags are federally required for animals to technically cross state lines.

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 Ownership Verification Affidavit forms, 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.

Another "change" for the 2015-2016 4-H program year will be in pre-identification for 4-H Dairy Cattle. Going forward, families 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

To stay consistent, 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 or a Green Tag.

An email was sent out January 27 to 4-H Families regarding the many Livestock updates from the State 4-H Office. In that email, there was information about the Horse Achievement Program and 4-H Rodeo Packet. Our horse safety dates will be set in February. Those interested in participating in Rodeo, packets are due to the Grant County 4-H Office by April 27th.

2015 4-H Camp

Grant County will be attending camp at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer, SD June 23-26. This year's theme is Way to the West. Youth will enjoy the Black Hills, canoeing, camp fire cooking, leather crafts, and much more. Registration fee is \$45/4-H camper, \$55/non-4-H camper. More details will be available to Club Leaders soon!

2015 TLC Camp

Teen Leadership Conference is for all youth ages 13-18. TLC will be June 1-5 in Brookings. This year's theme is Hollywood. Registration will be available be soon.

2015 Performing Arts Camp

Lights, Camera, Action...participate in this year's Performing Arts Troupe. Performing Arts Camp is open to youth ages 13-18. The camp is held in Aberdeen and this year's dates are June 8-13, tentative. More information to come.

Clover Classifieds

We are continuing with a feature that consists of 'ads' for items that are 'lost & found', 'for sale', 'wanted', etc. So, if you have anything you would like to put in the 'Classifieds' for the next month, please call or bring in to the office, by the last Monday of the month.

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)

February Power Project Day

The Madison Jr. Livestock 4-H Club will be hosting a Power Project Day on Sunday, February 16th at 5:30 p.m. at the Otter Tail Building Community Room.

Registration is required by Feb. 9.

This evening will be filled with fun crafts for youth of all ages.

Paracord Survivor

Bracelets—\$2.50

Paracord survival bracelets are worn around the world. They are a great way to carry around a fair amount of paracord with you in case of any emergency situation. It's made as a bracelet and can be unraveled. Variety of colors will be available.

Pet Bandannas—\$4 for small dog or cat size; **\$5** for large dog size; or write a letter about why your pet needs a bandanna. This is a brilliant, simple gift for your pet or animal lover. Whether wild, wild west or whimsical as the wilderness your pet will be styling in this collar bandanna. This project is for ages K and up, all supplies will be provided including sewing machines. The skills you will be learning and using are basic sewing with a machine, ironing, math, and learning how to read a pattern.

Rose Bowl Bunny Candy Dish—\$5.00

Make a bunny candy dish from a glass rose bowl completed with a Styrofoam bunny head. After completion, bowl can be filled with jelly beans.



March Power Project Day

Expand your creative abilities by attending March's Power Project Day with the Shooting Stars 4-H Club on Sunday, March 8 at 2 PM at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

There are many ways to make décor pieces from pallets. This month, you will create a wooden pallet art piece to display in your room, home or outside.

Registration for March's Power

Project Day is **February 20** to insure there is enough supplies. To register, call the office at 605-432-9221 or email grant.county@sdstate.edu.

Note: These pictures will not be the exact project, but a reference of what the project will replicate.



About Power Project Days

In 2014, the Grant County 4-H office reached out to their 4-H clubs to host a Power Project

Day for youth. In previous years, it was one day to complete few projects. Clubs come up and plan

project ideas. Participants leave with a completed project that can be entered at the Grant County Achievement Days. 4-H members are encouraged to bring a friend to have fun and learn about 4-H.

RULES & REGULATIONS

- The show is for 4-H members enrolled in the beef project in Clark, Codrington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, Roberts, and Spink counties.
- Calves must be born after January 1, 2014 and be the members' 4-H project.
- The show will be at **2:30 p.m.** on Saturday, February 14. All entries must be weighed in by **noon**. Calves may be brought to the barn **after 4:00 p.m. on Friday the 13th** and taken home following the show.
- Calves will be judged in five classes:
Class 1 Heifers - British Purebred **Class 4 Steers - British Purebred**
Class 2 Heifers - Crossbred **Class 5 Steers - Crossbred**
Class 3 Heifers - Market
- Steers will be weighed and placed into classes by number and weight. Heifers will be placed in classes according to age. Calves will be weighed and entered from **10:00 a.m. until noon** on Saturday, February 14.
- There is an entry fee of \$10.00 per animal and it must accompany your entry form on the day of the Show. There is no limit on the number of entries a member can have in the show.
- All animals must be halter-broke and able to lead and tie.
- All animals must have a health certificate from a licensed veterinarian within 30 days of the show and must be free of any contagious disease such as warts, ring worm, etc.
- Wood chip base is furnished. **No straw allowed.**
- A signed Code of Practice form must be returned for each exhibitor.**
 - Fitting is optional except any grooming material that changes the color, conformation, or appearance of the animal will not be allowed. Violators will be dropped one placing and will not be eligible for premium money. Washing facilities are available. All exhibitors must be with their animal when it is washed, fit, or groomed.
 - There will be three showmanship contests: a beginner contest (8-10 year old), a junior contest (11-13 year old) and a senior contest (14 & older). **Showmanship contests will be last.** The senior contest is first.
 - Awards: Trophies will be awarded in four classes to the grand champions. Champion showmanship winners will receive a prize donated by Coteau Hills Cattlemen. Entry money, less any show expense, will be paid back according to class placing. Cash awards of \$50.00 awarded to Champion in both British Purebred and Crossbred Steers and Heifers; \$25.00 awarded to the Reserve Champion in those four classes.
 - All decisions of the 4-H Calf Show committee, judge and veterinarian are final.

CODE OF PRACTICE

I believe that my participation in the 4-H Youth Livestock Program should demonstrate my own ability, knowledge, and skill as a feeder and fitter of livestock. I will follow South Dakota 4-H Rules regarding Animal Preparation (See your State 4-H Fair Book.)

I will not use abusive or questionable techniques in the feeding, fitting and showing of my animals. I will not resort to fraudulent, illegal, or deceptive practices when fitting them for show. I also will not allow my parents or any other adult to employ such practices to my animal.

I will read and understand the rules of all livestock shows in which I am a participant. I ask that my parents and others working with me on my project animal not break the rules or make exception on my behalf. I wish for my livestock project to be an example of how to accept what life has to offer—good and bad—and how to live with the outcome.

I realize that I am responsible for:

- The proper care and treatment of my animals,
- The production of wholesome food,
- The development of sound moral character in myself and others.

Any violation of the Code of Practice may cause the exhibitor from exhibiting at the show, and future shows, and will lose premiums.

Exhibitor: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

ENTRY BLANK —NORTHEAST CALF SHOW

Saturday, February 14, 2015

Bring completed entry form at time of check in as pre-registration is not required.

One member per Entry Blank

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

County _____

Email _____

Class # _____ Breed _____ DOB _____

Entry fee of \$10.00 per animal \$ _____ (enclosed)

Checks Payable to:

WATERTOWN WINTER FARM SHOW

**Remember to sign the
Code of Practice on the backside.**

Junior Leaders Corner

(Remember, any member age of 12 and older can be involved in Junior Leaders which participate in many fun and exciting activities and community service events throughout the year.)

- ⇒ The next Junior Leader meeting will be **February, 8 at 5:00 p.m.** We will meet at the Grant County Courthouse and decorating Valentines for the nursing and assisted living homes.
- ⇒ Junior Leader Challenge: Bring a friend to the Junior Leader meeting on February 8. Each person that brings a friend, their name will be put into a drawing for a prize. This friend can be a 4-H member or non-4-H, but can't already be involved in Junior Leaders.

**Being involved in Junior Leaders looks great on community service, scholarship applications and much more!
Get involved today!**

Calling all Cloverbuds—For youth K-2 grade



Our regular Clever Cloverbuds will meet on February 16th at 3:45-4:45 PM at Koch Elementary.

Come for a fun time!

The South Dakota 4-H Cloverbud Program is a non-formal education program. The program appeals to a

child's natural curiosity, enthusiasm for learning and high energy level. It provides opportunities for exploration and active learning in a non-competitive environment.

This year, Grant County 4-H office will be offering a wide variety of activities and experiences monthly to encourage children to explore and

think about the world around them.

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

March 16th

April 20th

May 18th

June 15th

**Note: Location change from November*

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