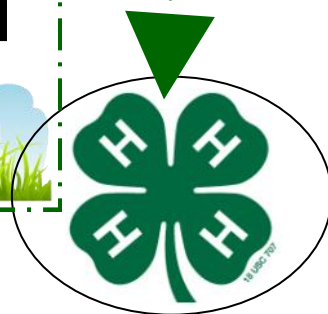




# Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H  
April 2017



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| April 6     | 4-H Promotion & Expansion Committee Meeting @ 7:00 PM—4-H Office              |
| April 11    | Consumer Decision Making Judging @ 3:30-5:00 PM — Grant County Community Room |
| April 15    | State Shoot Registration Deadline   |
| April 17    | Special Foods Workshop @ 10:00 AM — Grant County Community Room               |
| April 19    | 4-H Association Meeting @ 6:30 PM—4-H Grounds                                 |
| April 28-30 | SD State 4-H Shooting Sports March — Fort Pierre                              |
| April 29    | 4-H Rabbit Fun Show @ 9:30 AM— 4-H Grounds                                    |
| May 1       | SD 4-H Rodeo Finals Packet Due  |

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## Advisor Comments...

I'm very conscientious of keeping up with implementing positive professional development in my job. If you have stopped by my office recently, you will notice I have a Himalayan salt rock lamp glowing.

I recently read an article, "A Good Life Contains These 6 Essentials." So, what would constitute a good life?

**1. Productivity.** You won't be happy if you don't produce. The game of life is not rest. Yes, we must rest, but only long enough to gather strength to get back to productivity.

**2. Good Friends.** Friendship is probably the greatest support system in the world, so don't deny yourself the time to develop it.

**3. Your culture.** Language, music,

ceremonies, traditions. All of that is so vitally important that you must keep it alive.

**4. Spirituality.** It helps to form the foundation of the family that builds the nation. And make sure you study, practice and teach—don't be careless about the spiritual part of your nature.

**5. Don't miss anything.** Go to everything you possibly can. Live a vital life. If you live well, you will earn well. If you live well, it will show in your face.

**6. Your family and the inner circle.** Invest in them and they'll invest in you. Inspire them, and they'll inspire you. Take care of the details.

Make sure in your busy day to remember the true purpose and reasons you do what you do.

## Upcoming Dog Project Schedule

Do you have a new dog or dogs that you have wanted to train? Attend this year's dog obedience practices, starting May 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Grounds. Practices will be held every Tuesday unless of inclement weather. They will take place in the livestock building show ring or outside.

The Grant County Dog Show is planned for July 25th with a tentative start time at 4:00 p.m. Current proof of vaccination for your dog is required by second practice. Time of practices is 6:00 p.m. Practice dates for agility and rally to be determined, depends on

interest.

Class 1: Tuesday, May 16—

Informational Meeting, no dogs

Class 2: Tuesday, May 23

Class 3: Tuesday, May 30

Class 4: Tuesday, June 6

Class 5: Tuesday, June 13

Class 6: Tuesday, June 20

Class 7: Tuesday, June 27

Class 8: Thursday, July 6

Class 9: Tuesday, July 11

Class 10: Tuesday, July 18

Tuesday, July 25—County 4-H Dog Show at 4:00 p.m.

Contact Mary Bohn at 432-5625 or Susan Busk at 605-956-0906 for more information about the dog project.

## Make plans for summer activities. . .

### 2017 4-H Camp

Grant County will be attending camp at Camp Bob Marshall near Custer, SD June 17-20. This year's theme is Imagination Station. Youth will enjoy the Black Hills, canoeing, camp fire, talent show, workshops exploring your imagination, and much more. More details will be available at a later date!

### 2017 TLC Camp

Teen Leadership Conference is for all youth ages 13—18. TLC will be June 5-9 in Brookings.

Youth will receive a great balance of leadership training, personal growth and fun!

Registration will be available soon.

## Seeking 4-H Club Participation: Feed the Need-Spring Food Drive

Madison Jr. Livestock 4-H Club is setting a food drive challenge to all 4-H clubs in Grant County. The food pantry is in need of donations. In a fun, team challenge event clubs are encouraged to set out collection boxes from April 3-20th to promote and collect food donations. Posters will be available at the 4-H office and sent out electronically to attach to collection boxes.

The club that collects the MOST items will win a pizza party for their club. Tally sheets are available at the 4-H office and in an electronic

attachment. The pizza party will be given as a gift certificate to Pizza Hut. Clubs are encouraged to set out and monitor the collection boxes for the length of the food drive.

This event will help restock the shelves of the Grant County Food Pantry and will conclude on Global Youth Service Day. Let's help restock the food pantry and show what 4-H youth in Grant County can do for Global Youth Service Day!

## Community Service Opportunity

The Tri-State Horseman's Association is looking for youth interested in a public speaking opportunity.

The youth would be responsible for announcing at one of their three scheduled shows: June 3, July 4, and August 5. The show begins at 10 AM and lasts approximately for 6 hours. The Association is willing to do shifts if there are multiple youth interested in the same day.

This would qualify for community service and youth will receive a meal during their working shift.

For more information, contact Hilary Schwagel at 605-467-0241.



## SDSU Natural Resource Camp—July 10-14

The South Dakota State University Department of Natural Resource Management will host the 2017 Natural Resource Camp at the Oak Lake Field Station in Astoria, SD, on July 10-14.

Students have the opportunity to gain exposure to the world of natural resources through hands-on experiences in natural resource ecology and

management. High school students entering grades 9-12 who have a strong desire to learn more about the natural world or who have an interest in pursuing a career related to natural resources are encouraged to attend.

A wide range of unique activities will be offered at the camp. Camp attendees will have opportunities

to assist with capture and sampling of birds, fish, aquatic invertebrates and mammals. Students also have the opportunity to learn about search and rescue tracking, stream ecology, plant diversity and much more.

Please register by May 26th. Contact Leslie Vincent by email or 605.688.5602.

# Attention: 2017 4-H Animal Information & Updates

Winter farm shows are in progress and we are starting to think about this year's animal identification and weigh-ins. 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 7, in conjunction with the Hairy Horse Fun Show.

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.

## Ownership Affidavits, DNA & Registration Papers

4-H Ownership Verification Affidavits are available on iGrow. If you are 4-H members are planning on showing animals at Achievement Days and SD State Fair, these must be **FULLY**

**completed.** The Grant County 4-H program adheres to the South Dakota 4-H deadlines. To access affidavit forms, visit <https://sdsu.box.com/v/animalova>

## YPQA+ Training

Correction to March Clover Patch, youth planning to exhibit Market Swine in the 4-H division at the Grant County Achievement Day and South State Fair, must complete the YPQA+ training, not the YQCA training. Grant County will be holding their training Thursday, May 25.

## Deadlines:

June 1—Market Beef (Please notice change of date).

June 1—Breeding beef, breeding meat goat, breeding sheep, dairy cattle, dairy goat, market goat, market sheep, market swine, poultry and rabbit.

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 at the time of their initial weigh in. DNA samples must be on file or before the Ownership Affidavit 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.

Youth unable to make weigh-in March 19 will need to have their Market Beef animal identified by May 31.

## 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 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.

Market sheep and meat goat weigh in will be Wednesday, May 31 at 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Grounds.

## 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.

For 2017, a companion animal show will be held in conjunction with the 4-H Cat Show. More information will be available at a later date.

# Announcements...

## Upcoming Meetings

Grant County 4-H Association Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Grounds.

There will be a Grant County 4-H Leaders Meeting held Monday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. at the Grant County 4-H Office.

## 4-H Poultry Day Camp

SDSU Extension is hosting a Poultry Day Camp April 29 at the Brown County Fairgrounds. Session is 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Participants will learn about poultry production, biosecurity and showmanship. Youth will receive t-shirt, lunch and swag bag. This is a free event.

<http://igrow.org/events/4-h-poultry-day-camp/>

## Columbia Ewe Lamb for Youth

The Upper Midwest Columbia Sheep Producers have an application process that will allow two members from Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, and Iowa an opportunity to purchase a Columbia ewe lamb from an association member with a \$250 stipend. For the application, visit

<https://sdsu.box.com/v/grantcountysd4h>

## Consumer Decision Making Judging Opportunity

Have you been faced with a situation buying groceries, choosing between brands while considering quality, size and cost in making a purchase? Consumer Decision Making Judging will guide and assist youth in making proper choices through the judging model. Each judging opportunity will have four classes of items tailored around nutrition, clothing & textiles, entertainment & leisure, personal finance and personal care.

Judging offers life skills to 4-H members when they may be faced with their next grocery store decision.

### Upcoming CDM Judging Opportunities:

#### In-person Judging Dates

**Thursday, April 13**

3:30-5:00 PM

**Thursday, April 27**

3:30-5:00 PM

Held at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room

New this year, we are looking at different ways to reach youth to include them more in opportunities. Therefore, we have created an online component for Consumer Decision Making. There will be two online opportunities.

**April 1-15:** <http://grant4hcdm1-15.questionpro.com>

**April 16-30:** Link will be released in the 4-H Weekly Update email.

## 3 Ways to Turn Nothing into Something

You make it tangible. You make it viable. You breathe life into it and then you construct it. In order to turn nothing into something, you've got to start with some ideas and imagination. Ideas that become so powerful in your mind and in your consciousness that they seem real to you even before they become tangible. Imagination that is so strong, you can actually see it. Make those ideas tangible with three steps:

### 1. Imagine all the possibilities.

One of the reasons for seminars, sermons, lyrics from songs and

testimonials of others is to give us an idea of the possibilities, to help us imagine and see the potential.

### 2. You must believe that what you imagine is possible for you.

Others' testimonials, such as, "If I can do it, you can do it," "If I can turn it all around, you can turn it all around" or "If I can change, you can change" often become a support to our belief. And we start believing. First we imagine it's possible. Second we start to believe that what's possible is possible for us. We might also believe because of our own testimonial. Your testimonial might

say, "If I did it once, I can do it again" or "If it happened for me before, it could very well happen again." So those two things together are very powerful.

### 3. Go to work to make it real.

You go to work to make it an enterprise. You go to work to make it an association. You go to work to make it a movement.

You make it tangible. You make it viable. You breathe life into it and then you construct it. That is such a unique and powerful ability for all of us human beings. Put this to work and start the miracle process today!



# Let's Have Fun...Special Foods Workshop

Have you ever considered participating in the 4-H Special Foods Contest? Special Foods is a fun, interactive way to learn more about choosing and preparing a meal and snack. Join us this year to learn more about having fun with Special Foods!

The Special Foods workshop will be held Monday, April 17 at 11:30 AM-1:00 PM at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room. Experienced participants

will help guide you to success.

Youth are asked to bring your appetite and a possible recipe or two for the workshop. The workshop is held 2 months in advance of the contest, so you have time to practice and prepare!

This year's 4-H Special Foods Contest is Tuesday, June 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Milbank High School Economics Room.



## 4-H Alumni: Raise Your Hand

Did you know that 1 in 3 kids have the skills they need to thrive? That's why National 4-H is asking you, and the millions of 4-H alumni across the nation to Raise Your Hand and Pay It Forward to empower the next generations of True Leaders.

It's easy:

1. Raise Your Hand—complete [this](#) form to show your pride as a 4-H alum.
2. Compete for your state—raising your hand is a vote towards a \$20,000, \$10,000 or \$5,000

award for the states with the most alumni hands raised.

3. Pay it Forward—Tweet, post and share your #4HGrown experience or support and tag fellow alumni asking them to raise their hands for their state.

4-H gives kids the opportunity to learn by doing, grow from failure and develop the skills they need to handle what life throws their way. No one knows this better than you, our alumni, who have experienced our programs firsthand. We need



your help to bring the same experience and skills to youth today. Show your 4-H pride and help bring the same opportunities to kids in your community and nationwide.

## 4-H New Companion Animal Area

Expanding animal science opportunities for youth, South Dakota 4-H introduces a new companion animal project for members.

The companion animal project area is open to any pet which relies on humans for its care. Youth can exhibit turtles, beta fish, snakes, hedgehogs, hamsters—you name it.

Unique to other 4-H animal project area, pets exhibited within the new companion animal project area are judged on their health, wellbeing and environment provided to them versus specific breed standards. Members are judges on their overall knowledge of the animal and how to care for it.

Pets exhibited in the companion animal project area will not be housed on the fairgrounds. Members are free to take them home following showmanship. In some cases, youth may decide not to bring their pet with them and may instead opt to bring a poster board presentation

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

Grant County 4-H Files: <https://sdsu.box.com/v/grantcountysd4h>

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))



## 4-H Fun Youth Rabbit Show/Clinic

Saturday, April 29, 2017

Milbank, SD

Exhibit building on 4-H grounds

9:30 am registration begins

10:00 am rabbit show judging begins

- rabbit showmanship practice
- learn how to judge rabbits
- rabbit hopping practice if requested
- educational displays



\*\*\*\*\*CCB RABBIT SUPPLY will be offering a 3 stacker rabbit cage raffle for our youth at this show. Call 605-860-8916 for equipment questions and orders. \*\*\*\*\*

### Rabbit show awards

**Cost: \$1.00 per rabbit entry**

Hot dogs, bars and water available at lunch stand—Hardees & Pizza Hut close by

Silent Auction items to bid on

Rabbit tattooer will be available on site

Feel free to bring rabbits to sell suitable for 4-H

Sponsored by: Grant County 4-H Leaders &  
South Dakota Rabbit Breeders Assoc.

**Not an ARBA or SDRBA point show.**

Questions: call Jody at 605-432-5049



Jackrabbits State University  
Dairy Club President's Presentation

# Jackrabbit Dairy Camp

JUNE 8TH-10TH  
2017



South Dakota State University

*Questions? Comments?*

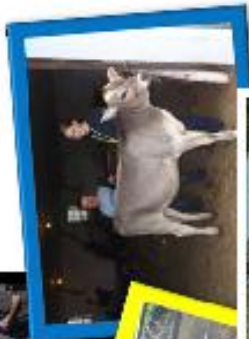
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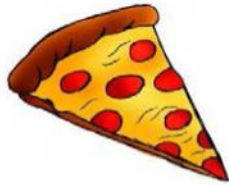
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# Grant Co. 4-H Club Challenge

## Feed the Need Food Drive



# April 3-20th



Clubs are encouraged to set out collection boxes. Participating clubs will tally items collected and submit to 4-H Office on April 20th. Items needed: spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned fruit & vegetables, creamy peanut butter, pudding mix – chocolate or vanilla, cereal, pancake mix, syrup, ketchup, laundry soap, shampoo/conditioner, dish soap.

(Tally sheets available from the 4-H Office)

**4-H Club to collect the highest number of items will be rewarded a pizza party**

Let's make a difference on  
Global Youth Service Day!





# Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

**April 6**—4-H Promotion & Expansion Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m.—4-H Office

**April 15**—State Shoot Registration Deadline

**April 17**—Special Foods Workshop at 10:00 a.m. – Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**April 28-30** —SD State 4-H Shooting Sports Match, Fort Pierre

**April 29**—4-H Rabbit Fun Show at 9:30 a.m.—4-H Grounds

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

**May 7**—4-H Hairy Horse Show & Horse Safety Training at 12:00 p.m. – Grant County 4-H Grounds

**May 25**—"Youth for the Quality Care of Animal" training for market swine at 2:00 p.m.—Grant County Courthouse Community Room

**May 29**—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, Market Beef, Breeding Meat Goat, Breeding Sheep, Dairy Cattle, Dairy Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Market Goat, Market Lamb, Market Swine & Horse Ownership Affidavits Due to Grant County 4-H Office

**June 1**—"Youth for the Quality Care of Animals" Certifications due

**June 5-9** —Teen Leadership Conference at South Dakota State University campus, Brookings, SD (tentative)

**June 5-7**—4-H Malt Wagon – Milbank City Office parking lot

**June 17-20** — 4-H Camp Bob Marshall, Custer, SD

**June 17-25** — Citizenship Washington Focus — Washington D.C.

**June 20-21** --SD Rangeland & Soil Days, Wall, SD

**June**—Leddy Livestock Judging School at 6 p.m. – Leddy Ranch, Twin Brooks (tentative)

**June 27**—Grant County 4-H Special Foods Contest at 10 a.m.—Milbank High School Home Economics Room

**June 28** — Grant County 4-H Horse (rain date June 30)

**July 1**—State Horse Show entries Due

**July 4**—Office Closed (4th of July)

**July 11** — Grant County 4-H Fashion Revue at 4:00 p.m.

**July 15**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day entries due via Fair Entry

**July 17-19**—SD State 4-H Horse Show, Huron

**July 20-23**—SD Summer Spotlight Show, Huron

**July 25** — Grant County 4-H Dog Show

**August 1** – 4-H State Fair Static & Livestock entries Due

**August 1**—Breed Registration Papers due to Grant County 4-H Office

**August 7**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Day Static Judging at 8:00 a.m.—Grant County 4-H Grounds

**August 7-9**—Grant County 4-H Achievement Days

**August 18-20**—State 4-H Rodeo, Ft. Pierre

**August 26**--State 4-H Dog Show, Mitchell

**August 30-September 4** – South Dakota State Fair, Huron

**August 31** — Fall State Shoot Registration Deadline

**September 4**—Office Closed (Labor Day)

**September 9-10** —State 4-H Fall Shoot, Mitchell, SD

**September 15**—State Livestock Skillathon and Practice Livestock Judging Classes, Brookings, SD

**September 16**—State 4-H Livestock Judging, Brookings, SD

**September 28-October 1**—AK-SAR-BEN, Omaha, NE

**October 2** – 4-H Record Books due to the 4-H Office

**October 1-7**—National 4-H Week

**October 3-7**—World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI

**October 4-7**—Western Junior Livestock Show & 4-H FCS Show, Rapid City, SD

**October 9**— Native American Day (Office Closed)

**October 26** — American Royal, Kansas City, MO (tentative)

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

**November 5**—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria (tentative)

**November 10** – Office Closed (Veterans Day)

**November 23-24** — Office Closed (Thanksgiving)

**November 24-28** — National 4-H Congress, Atlanta, GA

**December 25** — Office Closed (Christmas)

## 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

*For youth ages 12 and older*

The month of March has been a great time for 4-H Junior Leaders. During spring break, they participated in their mystery trip. They traveled to Willmar, MN to tour Nova Tech Engineering and indoor rock climb at Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center. Then they held a Community Fun Day where they had a fun time playing Bingo, Plinko and making balloon animals for those who came out.

Junior Leaders, please participate in the doodle poll to schedule our meeting April. Please share all dates and time that work for your schedule. <http://doodle.com/poll/39x96wak8924vei8>



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