

Day County 4-H Leaders Association ~ Regular Meeting

Monday, July 20, 2026, 7:00 pm

Day County Courthouse

A Meeting of the Day County 4-H Leaders Association was held Monday, July 20, 2026, at the Day County Courthouse.

- 1. Call to Order:** President Merrie Atherton called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- 2. Flag Pledges:** Leaders recited the American and 4-H flag pledges.
- 3. Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda by Brandon Zubke. Seconded by Angela Shoemaker. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 4. Roll Call:** 21 leaders attended (no Zoom option due to No Internet in the Courthouse), with 7 of 9 Clubs represented – quorum met. Staff present: Laura Kuecker and Jennifer Ringkob.
- 5. Secretary's Report** (provided by Jessica McGregor with last meeting, Monday, May 18, 2026, minutes). Motion to approve the Secretary's Report by Cindy Weyh. Seconded by Robin Dorsett. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- 6. Correspondence:**
 - a. Note of gratitude and cookies provided by the Women of Faith Circle from Journey of Faith Church.
- 7. Treasurer's Report** (provided by Amy Fischer):
 - a. Day County Leaders' Financials presented as of 7/20/2026.
 - i. Balances:
 1. Leaders' Checking Account Balance: \$11,890.24
 2. Money Market Account Balance: \$20,412.38
 - ii. Earmarked funds to deduct from total funds:
 1. Clinics: \$436.83
 2. DASH: \$478.38
 3. Women Who Give: \$462.50
 4. Kid Kare: \$406.83
 5. Bike Rodeo: \$1,701.09
 6. Education Programming: \$1,413.00
 7. T-Shirts: \$2,000.00
 8. Women's Building: \$12,000.00
 9. Awards: \$15,000.00
 - iii. 4 CD's: \$22,865.92 (renew in August 2026)
 - iv. Total Funds available: \$21,269.91
 - b. Expenditures/Bills presented for approval:
 - i. Horse show payment. Kristen Gonsoir, judge, fee of \$250 to be split between Day Co. and Marshall Co., paying \$125 each. Clark & Codrington Counties will split the mileage fee.
 - ii. Communications Workshop - Karelyn Farrand (Agtegra Grant Funds) to be paid hourly (3:00 pm - 7:00 pm) with mileage - \$222.50 total.
 - iii. Special Foods Contest - St. John's donation. There are 19 kids scheduled for the contest with 3 full shifts. CDM Judging will be at St. John's, also on Tuesday, July 21. The Jelly Workshop in April was also at St. John's.
 1. Motion by Curt Weyh to donate \$400 to St. John's flower fund - paying \$200 out of earmarked clinics & \$200 out of general fund. Seconded by Angela Shoemaker. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - iv. Youth in Action judges' payment to be paid after event, including mileage fees.
 - v. DCF Display Exhibit & Livestock judges' payment to pay judges the same amounts as last year (\$200 - livestock & \$25 - display judges), as well as a

- meal at the Food Booth.
 - vi. Other Bills presented - Prairie Stitch & Print for Day Co Fair T-shirts 198 @ \$17 each plus tax for total \$3,574.69.
 - c. Motion by Misty Hemmingson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, and to pay the bills presented. Second by Matt Baumgarn. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
 - d. Cash Boxes - food booth (\$4,000), rib supper (\$2,000). Missy Bartelt will get cash for both from the bank. Merrie Atherton will go to the bank as second signer for cash.
- 8. Shooting Sports Report:** Josh Atherton reported that they have not met. Tails & Trails 4-H Club did Community Service at Ike's to renew the outdoor archery targets. Misty Hemmingson reported that National Shoot in Nebraska had a record year for participants, with Day Co kids represented; they had fun, and some SD teams made the podium. Still looking for additional coaches to complete fall training if interested.
- 9. State Leaders' Association Report:** Amy reported that there are new t-shirt designs available for purchase, and to look for an email from the state to help with various State Fair events if able.
- 10. Junior Leaders Report:** Robin reported that the Junior Leaders will host a Flashlight Scavenger Hunt on Thursday, August 6, at 9:00 pm, during the Fair and will have a Dance for members on Saturday night, August 8. The flowers look good. The Junior Leaders will have another meeting before the fair (August 3rd at 7:30 pm) to finalize details for the scavenger hunt and dance.
- 11. Joint Committee Report:** Missy Bartelt and Brandon Zubke attended the June 8 meeting with County Commissioners and the Fair Board. All buildings will be open by August 2. Discussion over possible roof on show ring with estimates of size and potential costs. September meeting is when the roof could go into their budget. Looking into possible community grants with matching funds.
- a. Motion by Jill Gaikowski for 4-H Leaders Association to commit to \$10,000 and look into other grant opportunities to put towards a roof over the show ring. Seconded by Matt Baumgarn. All members voted in favor. Motion carried. Missy and Brandon will work with Tim Gaikowski's assistance on pursuing the LREA community grant option.
- 12. Audit Committee Report:** No meeting yet for this year.
- 13. Awards Committee Report:** Heather Gaikowski reported the 4-H Awards Mall is in the works. The committee is still working on categories. The banners have been ordered for the fair.
- 14. Livestock Committee Report:**
- a. Health Information Form - new in 2026 to avoid the cost of the official CVI.
 - i. ESSENTIAL to have form filled out before arriving at Webster Vet Clinic
 - ii. Explanation in the Thursday Thoughts
 - iii. State Fair CVI can be requested at the same time, as they are good for 30 days.
 - 1. Jennifer reiterated that the fillable *Day Co Fair Health Information Form* must be filled out prior to having animals checked at Webster Vet Clinic for the Day Co. Fair. This form is only for the Day County Fair. This form is a vet inspection, not the official health paper required for the State Fair. If going to the State Fair, you will need an electronic health paper that is destination-specific within 30 days of the show. You may have all animals on the same paper for Day Co Fair. RFID tag numbers must have the full numbers on the form. Potential for over 350 animals at the Day Co. Fair this year per registration. Vet Clinic will have wood chips available for purchase. If going to the State Fair, you will need a separate CVI for each species, and there is a \$35 fee per paper.

- b. Request for Substitute Showman
 - i. Gage Wik will be returning from German Exchange Trip the day after the pig show. Motion by Angela Shoemaker to allow his sibling to show his pig during the show. Seconded by Tim Gaikowski. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Registered Breeding Goat Update
 - i. Jennifer reported that there was an error in the State Fair Book, and an email was recently sent out correcting the error to allow Registered Does that have kidded to be shown. Discussion to allow at the County Fair and be eligible for all awards. Motion by Robin Dorsett to allow Registered Does that have kidded to be shown at the Day Co Fair and be eligible for all awards. Seconded by Cindy Weyh. All members voted in favor. Motion carried.
- d. Next Livestock Committee Meeting will be at the Fairgrounds to help set up pens for sheep and goats in West Quonset.

15. Advisor Report: Extension Educator, Jennifer Ringkob, gave her report on the following:

- a. Youth In Action events are going well. Junior Leaders, Kelsey Fischer and Lola Wells, have been mentoring younger members and encouraging them to participate in more YIA contests. Thank You to them for their help.
- b. 4-H Ambassador applications are due August 1.
- c. Deadline to register display, youth in action, and livestock exhibits for the State Fair is August 1.
- d. There are complimentary ice cream tickets for all club members at St. Pauli's during the Day Co. Fair. Leaders will pick up tickets to distribute to club members.

16. Old Business:

- a. none

17. New Business:

- a. Youth In Action - update
 - i. Special Foods - July 21
 - 1. 19 kids registered
 - ii. Communications - July 14
 - iii. Fashion Revue - July 16
 - iv. Discussion on when the best time is to hold these contests. Possibly conduct a club survey to see if another time, such as February or March, would be better, or leave it in Summer.
- b. Achievement Days Information
 - i. Entry Deadlines
 - 1. Day County Fair - July 27 at 11:59 pm. Laura will email when the entry cards are ready for pickup.
 - 2. State Fair - August 1 - Display, Youth In Action, Livestock
 - ii. Stall assignments by Livestock Committees - available by July 31
 - iii. Display exhibit forms and all static forms on the website, and links included in Day County Fair book
 - iv. Watch for information in weekly emails
 - v. Call or stop by for assistance
- c. Display Exhibit Judging
 - i. Club Displays in the 4-H Building - set up Wednesday evening - map will be posted in Exhibit Building
 - 1. Reminder: Wednesday, August 5, free taco meal in food booth for 4-H members provided by NOVA Clean Energy.

- ii. **HELP NEEDED!** We still need judge helpers on Wednesday. Please review the sign-up sheet and encourage families to sign up.
- d. Food Booth
 - i. Pie(s) and Bars donation list is in the Fair book
 - ii. Rib Tickets due to the office by **July 22**
 - iii. Please encourage families to sell tickets for this fundraiser
 - iv. **HELP NEEDED!** Many hands make light work! Please sign up to work at all our fundraising events.
 - 1. Review Sign Up Sheet - Please sign up to work the Food Booth.
- e. Record Book Proposed Due Dates
 - i. Leaders bring record books, and leaders report to the office by Tuesday, October 13.
 - ii. Special Award Applications Due October 13
 - iii. Recognition Event Sunday, November 1 - Waubay

18. Other - none

19. Next Meeting: Set for Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

20. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Angela Shoemaker. Seconded by Kristi Gaikowski. All members voted in favor. Motion carried at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica McGregor, Secretary. *(Unofficial until approved)*.