

Hamlin County 4-H Happenings

January 2025 #1

4-H MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS: IT'S A NEW 4-H YEAR!!!!

Enrollment is open for the 2024-2025 4-H Year! Families are able to enroll/re-enroll in 4-H Online for the new 4-H year. The new 4-H year began on October 1, 2024 and runs through September 30, 2025. To enroll, youth must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2025. If you have been enrolled in 4-H before, please do not create a new profile. Log in with your family's 4-H Online credentials and re-enroll for the new 4-H year.



Hamlin County 4-H Achievement Day Dates

Monday August 4 - Friday August 8

Hamlin County 4-H Horse Show

Monday June 23

Rain Date- Tuesday June 24

SD State 4-H Horse Show Dates

Huron SD July 8-10

Hamlin County Google Drive

For all updated programs, resources, and entry forms. Please find all resources on our google drive!

4-H Alumni

The South Dakota 4-H program is building the network of 4-H alumni in the state and is encouraging all 4-H Alumni to complete this brief informational survey and share with a fellow 4-H member. Alumni from the South Dakota 4-H program or from other state programs are encouraged to complete!

<https://extension.sdstate.edu/4-h-alumni>



Record Book/Annual Report

New Record Book is ready and will be in the Google Drive!



Hamlin County Record Book 2024.xlsx

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Record Book Example.xlsx

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4-H Rodeo Update

Check out resources on the SDSU Extension website.

- 4-H Rodeo Rules and Regulations - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2024-12/P-00019-v6.pdf>
- 4-H Finals Packet - <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2025-01/MC-03663.pdf> - Due May 1
- 2025 4-H Rodeo Approval Form



Shooting Sports Practice Begins!

Shooting Sports practices will start on Sunday January 19th. Archery will be from 1-3 at the Hayti Gym. Then BB Gun and 22 Pistol will be from 3-5 at the 4-H Building. Paperwork will be given out to be filled out along with tests. Payment is preferred on Sunday of \$10 for the first member of the family and \$5 for every family member after that.

Purchasing Poultry for 2025

For anyone purchasing poultry for the 2025 4-H show season, please keep the State Fair Book and the American Standard of Perfection in mind when selecting your birds. These two resources will help you easily class your poultry when it comes time to enter them in 4-H Online and FairEntry. If you have a question on whether a specific breed is eligible to be shown in the purebred Standard or Bantam chicken classes or waterfowl classes for 4-H, please contact one of the committee members for clarification preferably before purchasing or hatching birds.

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Burger Battle- February 1- Codington County Extension Complex

Youth Livestock Literacy approved event happening on February 1st at Codington County Extension Complex. It will be a fun experience! Sign up by January 17th at

<https://form.jotform.com/250056030266143>

Teams of
2 or 3

BURGER BATTLE

February 1st
Codington County Extension Complex Entrance B
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Open to the
counties of Brookings,
Brown, Clark, Codington,
Day, Deuel, Grant
Hamlin, Kingsbury,
Marshall, Roberts,
& Spink

Youth Ages
8-18
One beginner allowed
per team



Scan to register your team by January 17th



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Burger Battle Guidelines

Participants:

Challenge is open to 4-H members ages 8-18 from the following counties: Brookings, Brown, Clark, Codington, Day, Deuel, Grant, Hamlin, Kingsbury, Marshall, Roberts and Spink

Rules:

- Each team is allowed 2-3 members with only one beginner per team
- Teams will have 1 hour to cook and plate 4 burgers for judging.
- Teams will be provided with basic ingredients to prepare the burgers; teams will bring their own special ingredients to customize their burgers.
- Participants must bring their own cooking equipment and utensils. Limited stove tops are available if a stove top is needed, please communicate this to Codington County 4-H at 605-882-6300.
- Teams are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and assisting with clean up.

Judging:

Burgers will be judged based on the following: a.) Technique and Preparation b.) Appearance, Presentation and Plating c.) Taste

Registration:

Registration closes January 17th. This challenge is limited to the first ten teams of 4-H'ers who register. (This is also a YLL approved event!)

Click Here To Register: <https://form.jotform.com/250056030266143>

Schedule:

Feb. 1st, 2025

10:00 - 10:30 a.m. - Registration
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Beef Education
11:30 - 11:45 a.m. - Station Set up
11:45 - 12:45 p.m. - Cooking Begins
12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Judging, Awards and Clean Up

Location:

Codington County Extension Complex
Entrance B
Questions? Call SDSU Extension -
Codington County 4-H at 605-882-6300

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the
top 3 teams

All participants will receive a meat
thermometer.



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Scholarship Opportunity through YQCA!

YQCA is excited to launch a new scholarship program for certified youth, ranging from high school seniors to age 21, pursuing an agriculture degree or trade.

YQCA will provide a total of \$30,000 in scholarships to selected youth in 2025! Individual scholarships will be awarded in the following amounts:

- One recipient - \$10,000
- Two recipients - \$5,000
- Four recipients - \$2,500

Scholarship applications are open from January 1st-February 17th. Recipients will be announced in May. Please visit <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/scholarship-program.php> for more information on requirements and how to apply.

Please reach out to help@yqcaprogram.org with any questions.



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Oven Lovin' Challenge

Brookings County 4-H and the Special Foods Committee challenges South Dakota counties to contribute \$100 to help raise money to replace 8 stoves in the kitchen of Nordby Hall!

Donations for this project are due by February 14, 2025!

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Please Note: Changes to Meat Goat Divisions for 2025!



Registered Breeding Does

- Registered breeding does must have registration papers either fullblood or percentage. Papers must be in the 4-H members name and/or family name or have appropriate lease forms. All purebred, fullblood, and percentage will be shown together in one show.
- These does will be shown by age and must fit in one of these age groups.
 - ☐ Junior Does
 - 3 to under 6 months 6
 - to under 9 months 9
 - to under 12 months
 - ☐ Yearling Does
 - 12 to under 24 months
 - 16 to under 20 months
 - ☐ Senior Doe
 - 20 to under 24 months
 - 24 to under 36 months
 - 36 months and over
- Tattoos will be checked at check-in time. If tattoos are not legible, animals will be moved to the Commercial Division.
- Does can be trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.
Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Commercial/Haired Breeding Does

- Commercial breeding does are not required to be registered.
- Commercial breeding does will be shown with hair and trimmed to enhance their individual qualities.
Commercial breeding does will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds and maximum declared weight of 125 pounds and never have kidded before.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Commercial breeding does do not have registration papers but will be required to have USDA Official Scrapie ID.
- Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Wether Dam/Slicked Does

- A wether dam is a doe that has a wether style breeding and will be raised as a market style goat.
Does must be slick shorn with a 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- These does shall not be kidded and must be under 1 year of age.
- Wether dams will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds and maximum declared weight of 125 pounds and never kidded before.

- Animals will not need registration papers but will be required to have USDA Official Scrapie Tag ID.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Does can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Market Wethers

- Market castrated wethers will be shown in the market wether division.
DNA will be required by June 1st.
- Wethers will be shown by weight with a minimum declared weight of 45 pounds.
- Wethers must be slick shorn with a 3/8 inch of hair or less. Hair may be left on the legs up to the hocks and knees only.
- Weigh-backs: The top 3 purple ribbons in each class will be weighed back immediately after class. They must weigh within 5% of their declared weight or they will be immediately excused from the show and will not be eligible for awards.
- Wethers can be shown with collar, halter, and no rules will be enforced on bracing, but all four feet must be on the ground at all times and no excessive slapping of the animal.

Showmanship

- Showmanship will be split into two separate contests: Breeding Showmanship and Market/Wether Dam Showmanship.
- Breeding Showmanship consists of: Registered Breeding Does and Commercial/Haired Breeding Does.
- Market/Wether Dam Showmanship consists of: Market Wethers and Slicked/Wether Dam Showmanship.
- Youth may compete in one showmanship contest not both.
Youth may show their goat at their best ability if that is consisting of bracing, no bracing, showing on a collar or halter.



Hamlin County 4-H Cloverbuds



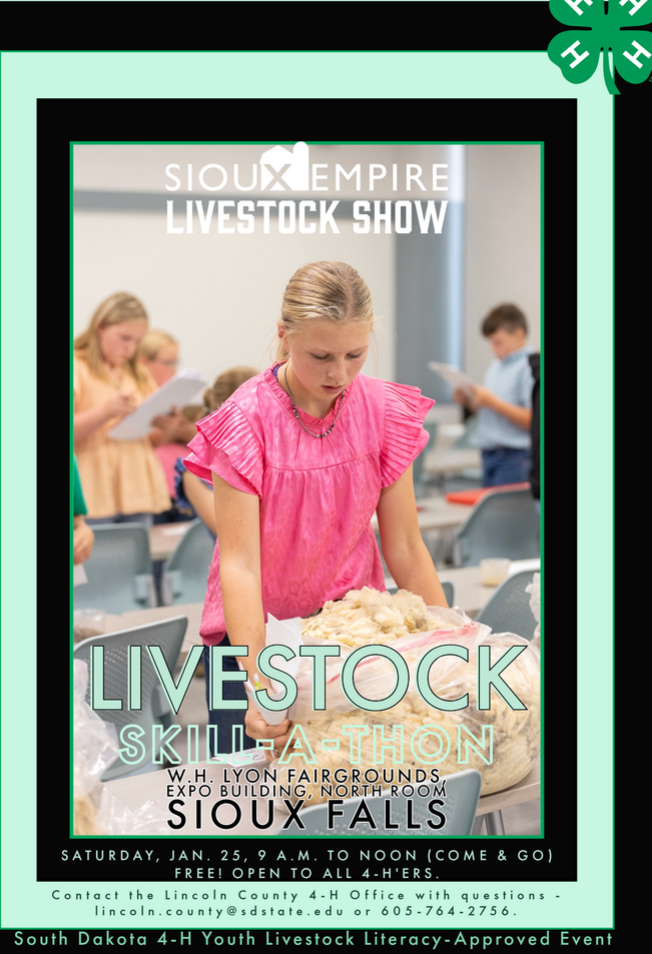

The 4-H Cloverbud Program, specifically designed for children age 5-7 (by January 1), appeals to a child's natural curiosity, enthusiasm for learning, and high energy level. Offering a wide variety of activities and experiences, in a non-competitive environment, encourages children to explore and think about the world around them. you and your children are sure to learn and grow through Cloverbuds!

Age	5-7 (BY JANUARY 1, 2025)
Where	HAMLIN COUNTY 4-H BUILDING IN HAYTI
Time	4:00-5:15
RSVP	PLEASE RSVP TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE TWO DAYS PRIOR TO PROGRAM EACH MONTH
Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MONDAY NOVEMBER 18• MONDAY DECEMBER 9• MONDAY JANUARY 27• MONDAY FEBRUARY 10• MONDAY MARCH 17• MONDAY APRIL 14



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**SIOUX EMPIRE
LIVESTOCK SHOW**

**LIVESTOCK
SKILL-A-THON**

W.H. LYON FAIRGROUNDS,
EXPO BUILDING, NORTH ROOM
SIOUX FALLS

SATURDAY, JAN. 25, 9 A.M. TO NOON (COME & GO)
FREE! OPEN TO ALL 4-H'ERS.

Contact the Lincoln County 4-H Office with questions -
lincoln.county@sdstate.edu or 605-764-2756.

South Dakota 4-H Youth Livestock Literacy-Approved Event



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Pre-registration is requested (but not required) by Jan. 16 in order to prepare materials. Pre-register to wsweeter@lincolncountysd.org.



4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest
W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, Expo Building, Sioux Falls
Sunday, Jan. 26 Check-in: 12-12:45 p.m., Start: 1 p.m.
Cost: \$10 per contestant if registered by Jan. 3; Late Entry: \$20 per contestant if
registering at check in
Individual contest only, NO teams.
Contact Lincoln County 4-H with questions at lincoln.county@sdstate.edu.
Register using the QR code above.
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Northeast 4-H Calf Show!



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Watertown Winter Farm Show

NORTHEAST 4-H CALF SHOW



SAVE the DATE
February 15, 2025

OPEN TO 4-H YOUTH IN BROOKINGS, CLARK,
CODINGTON, DAY, DEUEL, GRANT, HAMLIN, KINGSBURY,
MARSHALL, ROBERTS AND SPINK COUNTIES

Starter Flock Program

Calling all young producers! Apply now for a chance to be awarded your very own sheep through our Starter Flock Program. This is an amazing opportunity to grow, learn, and make new friends. Don't miss out—apply today!

For more information and to apply, click here:

<https://www.targheesheepus.com/registration-applications>

Scholarship opportunities for seniors:



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS
2025

Two Scholarships Available
Through The
Hamlin Conservation District

**HAMLIN
CONSERVATION
DISTRICT**

**SDACDE
EMPLOYEES
ASSOC.**

- Simple Application Process
- Currently involved in Agriculture or Conservation as a High School Student
- In Upper 50% of Graduating Class
- Must Pursue Career in Ag or Conservation Field
- Must Be Attending a South Dakota College or Vocational School

605-783-3642

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PO Box 165, Hayti, 57241



Save the Date!!

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BABYSITTING CLINIC

April 5, 2025

Codington County Extension Complex



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January 2025

Jan 17.....Jr Leaders Meeting 7pm@ 4-H Building
Jan. 19.....Hamlin County SS Practice begins
Jan.22..... SD 4-H Capitol Day - Pierre
Jan. 25..... SS Coaches Training – Rapid City
Jan. 25.....Sioux Empire Livestock Show Skill-a-Thon
Jan. 26.....Sioux Empire Livestock Judging Contest
Jan. 27..... Cloverbuds

February 2025

Feb. 1.....Burger Battle
Feb. 8..... Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day – Rapid City
Feb 10.....Cloverbuds
Feb. 15..... SS End of Match 1
Feb. 15.....NE Calf Show
Feb. 16..... SS Match 1 scores due to John by 9:30 am CST

March 2025

Mar. 12-16..... Ignite by 4-H Summit – Washington D.C.
Mar. 15..... SS End of Match 2
Mar. 15..... SS 4-H Enrollment Deadline for Spring
Mar. 16..... SS Match 2 scores due to John by 9:30 am CST



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