

# Hamlin County 4-H Happenings

November 2024

## 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.



## We now have an office cell phone! (605)881-5379

Please call this number as needed outside of office hours. You can also email if calling is not necessary. Thanks!

## Hamlin County Google Drive

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

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13LJ8Db68LnBKMSYpCaBJ4riRVKwQookt?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13LJ8Db68LnBKMSYpCaBJ4riRVKwQookt?usp=drive_link)

## 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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### Reminders for Volunteers:

For volunteers wishing to renew their service with the South Dakota 4-H youth development program for the 2024-2025 year, the following activities will need to be complete before any 4-H programming is allowed to happen. Volunteers will not be considered approved to work with youth without completing these activities:

- Re-enroll in 4-H online

New Volunteers will need to complete additional steps outlined in the Becoming a 4-H Volunteer Checklist, which can be found here: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/sites/default/files/2023-02/MC-02898-05.pdf> Volunteers will not be considered approved to work with youth without completing these activities:

- Indicate interest by completing an application:
- Interview with local 4-H Staff
- Online 4-H Orientation Training Modules
- Background check through SDSU Human Resources
- 4-H Online Enrollment

## Annual Volunteer Renewal Process

South Dakota 4-H volunteers are essential to the mission of our program. These caring adult mentors bring forth many skills and hours of dedicated service each year to help strengthen the lives of young people. If you were a volunteer in the 2023-24 4-H program year, thank you so much! South Dakota 4-H volunteers serve one-year terms, renewable indefinitely so long as both parties (i.e., typically the volunteer and lead county 4-H professional) wish to continue the relationship. The returning volunteer indicates this interest by re-enrolling in 4-HOnline after October 1st. At this point, the returning volunteer's status is "pending." In most cases, the lead local 4-H professional will quickly approve and the 4-HOnline status will then say "active." This signifies the renewal of the relationship for the 4-H year ahead.

If the lead local 4-H professional does not wish to continue the relationship or wishes to discuss role restrictions or alterations, they will communicate this to the volunteer. Each year, a few 4-H volunteers are not renewed for service.

Reminder: All returning volunteers need to indicate their interest in returning. The preferred renewal date is before December 3 but required before volunteers are allowed to do any 4-H programming or events and before September 1st. Otherwise, should they wish to return at a future time, they will have to re-start the volunteer process from scratch and pay a \$75 lapsed background check fee.

Interested in becoming a new volunteer this 4-H year? Contact Hamlin County 4-H Advisor, Abbi Steeke, at the office anytime, preferably before April 1, to learn more.

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## Hamlin County 4-H Committees

Starting in the new 4-H year, October 2024, Hamlin County 4-H will be taking on an up to date committee protocol. On these committees, a minimum of two youth and a minimum of 3 adult members with a maximum of 9 adults will serve on the committees. On this committee, representatives will help assist with planning, conducting, and recommending educational experiences for the certain committee topic. Adults do not have to be certified volunteers. A committee list of members must be approved by 4-H Advisor yearly before December 31. Removal of committee members can occur at any point by the county 4-H Advisor.

If interested, please reach out to the office and for more information, view the document attached. Committees are: livestock, horse, dog, and display exhibits with Youth in Action.



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## For Those Who Attended a Camp This Year!

There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend Camp Poinsett or Storm Mountain or the SDSU Dairy Judging Camp.

There is a \$75 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend TLC or Performing Arts or SDSU Livestock Judging Camp. Here is how the scholarship program works.



- **Step 1** – Register for the 2024 camp and pay the full camp fees.
- **Step 2** – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- **Step 3** – Tell a group about camp. For the \$50 4-H Camp scholarships, tell one group. For the \$75 TLC or Performing Arts Camp or Livestock Judging scholarship tell two groups.
- **Step 4** – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all signatures and submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt. **Applications are due by December 31, 2024.**

Go to the SD 4-H Leaders website <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com> or click here for the form: <http://www.southdakota4hleaders.com/Apps/App-CampFeeAssistance.pdf>

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# 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!

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



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## SD Angus Youth Grant Opportunity:

The South Dakota Angus Association is offering a [grant opportunity](#) for youth in our state to receive a purebred angus heifer for production and show. This is a great opportunity for any youth member looking to start their beef cattle operation, purebred angus operation, or beef show career. Whatever the case, please see the attached application for more information. Questions and application materials can be directed to the SD Angus Association (contact person on application).

## Dates to Remember:

### November 2024

Nov. 1.....CWF essay due to the office

Nov. 3.....Hamlin County 4-H Recognition Event 2:30pm

### December 2024

Dec. 7..... SS Coaches Training – Lennox

Dec. 7..... SS Coaches Training – Potter County



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### Hamlin County 4-H

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