



# 4-H NEWSLETTER

Clay County SD

December 2021

## Office Renovations

The work at the office has now been completed! Feel free to stop by sometime to check things out and see our Christmas decorations! The calendar on page 5 will tell what days we are closed during the month.

## Parade of Lights

4-H and the Fair Board are participating in the parade of lights again this year. We invite any 4-Hers to join us downtown Thursday December 2nd at 6pm and help hand out 4-H tattoos and stickers. You can also see our Lucky Trailblazers 4-H club and their horses downtown!

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## Sioux Empire Livestock Show

The 2022 Sioux Empire Livestock Show will be held January 25th—30th, 2022 on the WH Lyons Fairgrounds in Sioux Falls. The 4-H/FFA invitational calf show is Tuesday January 25th at 5pm with check-in from 1-3pm. The 4-H livestock judging contest is Sunday January 30th at 1pm with check-in from 12-12:45pm. Early entries will be accepted until January 9th for a \$10 fee. Late entries will be taken up until check-in for a \$20 fee. Click the image below for a link to the website.



## New 4-H Year

The new 4-H year (2021-2022) began October 1. Members can reenroll anytime please have your enrollments done as soon as possible to stay on the email list. Members do need to re-enroll every year. Returning members— please do not set up a new profile!

Club leaders & Volunteers— don't forget to re-enroll, too! You do not have to complete a new volunteer application but do need to pay the \$10 fee by December 1 2021. Checks payable to Clay County 4-H Leaders Association

If you have questions about enrollment/ 4-H Online contact the Extension Office we have help sheets available.

## State 4-H Project Committees

Beginning October 2021, South Dakota 4-H Project Committees were re-structured to include event and educational teams. South Dakota 4-H Youth Development Program is currently seeking individuals to serve 1 or 2 years on their project committees. Members of the event team are individuals who can be counted on to show up, assist with event planning, and logistics for any statewide event for that particular project. If requested, these members will also provide feedback and guidance regarding the project area. Ideal members for event team include: other 4-H professionals, SDSU Staff, industry supporters, non-certified volunteers.

Members of the education team serve to promote and educate. They encourage participation in the project area, assist in sparking interest among 4-H members, and connecting 4-H members with resources. These members are ideal for county judges, running project clinics, and judging workshops. Ideal members for the education team include current 4-H members in the project area, parents, certified volunteers, and industry supporters. For more information, please contact Jenae K. Hansen, SDSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Development Field Specialist. 605-626-2870 or [jenae.hansen@sdstate.edu](mailto:jenae.hansen@sdstate.edu). To sign-up for a project committee, please complete this brief questionnaire and South Dakota 4-H will contact you.

<https://2021sd4hprojectcommittee.questionpro.com/>

## Online Silent Night Auction

The Vermillion Farmers Market is hosting an online silent auction, they are looking for items to be donated for their event. They have reached out wondering if any 4-Hers have any 4-H projects that they would like to donate, the 4-Her will receive a portion of the profits. If you have any projects you're willing to part with please bring them to the Extension office by Friday December 3rd. If you have any questions please contact Amy Schweinle: (vafarmersmarket@gmail.com)

## SD 4-H Leaders Mini- Grants

So what is a Mini Grant? Each year, the South Dakota 4-H Leaders Association awards Mini-Grants across the state to county or 4-H club projects. The purpose of the 4-H Grants Program is to address youth needs at the local level. The 4-H Leaders Association recognizes that the greatest impact of 4-H occurs at the local level, usually between youth and 4-H volunteers.

Criteria for awarding funds include

- Potential for youth involvement in the planning and implementation of the project.
- Potential impact on addressing youth issues at a local level through either a traditional or nontraditional setting.
- Potential for increasing life skill outcomes for youth.
- Potential for reaching expanded youth audiences e.g. at-risk low income, single parent families, other cultures, disabled, etc.
- Potential for transitioning new youth audiences into more "traditional" or ongoing 4-H programs.

Grants funds can be used to purchase educational materials and supplies, expenses/honorariums for speakers, travel and training. **Generally, snacks for refreshments, give-away items, e.g. t-shirts, etc. and building rental are not approved expenditures. Monies can't be used for capital equipment or hardware (defined as items and material with a life expectancy of greater than five years) or building drives.**

The grant amount available per county is \$400. Counties may choose to do projects together – 2 counties can apply for \$800 for a combined project – 3 counties can apply for \$1200 for a combined project. The max amount available for a single project is \$1200.

**Mini grant applications are due December 31<sup>st</sup>.** They must be received via email or postmarked by 12/31/21. Late applications will not be considered.

<http://sd4hleaders.users.santel.net/doc/App-MiniGrant2022.pdf>



December 1st — Blair Merkwan

December 1st — Rockford Rettig

December 2nd — Riley Skatvold

December 2nd — Briana Buum

December 15th — Luke Trowbridge

December 18th — Leah Donnelly

December 24th — Max Pollman

## 2022 4-H Camp Dates

We are excited to announce the dates for 2022 4-H Camps!

- 4-H Camp Poinsett: Going Beyond\* (ages 11-13): June 1-3
- 4-H Camp Poinsett Youth Camp (ages 8-11): June 6-8 or June 8-10
- 4-H Camp Storm Mountain Youth Camp (ages 8-12): June 13-15 or June 15-17
- 4-H Teen Camp at RimRock: June 20-23

\* New in 2022: 4-h Camp Poinsett: Going Beyond is a dedicated session at Camp Poinsett for our older campers. Camper ages 11-13 will enjoy more hands-on experience geared specifically toward their age and development. This pilot session will be limited to 40 campers. For camp questions, please contact Katherine Jaeger ( [Katherine.jaeger@sdstaate.edu](mailto:Katherine.jaeger@sdstaate.edu) )

## Pick a Chick

The pick a chick program is back again this year! Clay County's pick a chick birds from last year were very competitive at the 2021 State Fair! Let the office know if you are interested in some chicks by January 7th. See the attached flyer for details.

## Vision 2025: Lives of Possibility

You may remember the listening sessions from winter 2021 asking for feedback and ideas as South Dakota 4-H strategically plans the next 4-5 years. We have collected feedback and Director Dr. Tim Tanner is ready to make a Town Hall Tour to present South Dakota 4-H's vision plan for 2022-2025. In November, 4-H families will receive a paper copy of the document in the mail. All 4-H families and supporters are invited to attend a 4-H Town Hall at a nearby location.

Each night will begin at 6:15 pm with an optional primer on the SD 4-H mission of positive youth development hosted by 4-H Volunteer Development Field Specialist Jenae Hanson. The town hall sessions hosted by Director Tim Tanner will begin at 7:00 pm. In the event of inclement weather, please use the zoom option on December 9.

<b>Town Hall Date</b>	<b>Host County</b>	<b>Host Site/Address</b>
Wed. Dec. 1	Tripp County	Tripp Co. 4-H Center - 815 W. 12th St., Winner
Thu. Dec. 2	Pennington County	Pennington County 4-H - 301 Centre St., Rapid City
Mon. Dec. 6	Spink County	4-H Building Fairgrounds - 17415 W. 3rd St., Redfield
Tue. Dec. 7	Lincoln County	Lincoln Co. Extension - 27711 Hwy 17, Lennox
Wed. Dec 8	Deuel County	Deuel Co. Extension - 47494 SD Hwy 22, Clear Lake
Thu. Dec. 9	Online via Zoom	Link to come

# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
			1	2 Dog 7pm in 4-H Center Parade of Lights 6pm	3 Clay Co. Flyers 2020-2021 Christmas Party 5-9pm 4-H Center	4 Famers Market in 4-H Center			
5 Flyers 12-5 pm in 4-H Center	6 <b>Office closed at 1pm</b>	7 Dog 7pm in 4-H Center 	8				11		
12	13	14 Meckling Live-stock 6pm in Kitchen	15	16	17	18 Farmers Market in 4-H Center			
			19 Flyer 12-5 pm in 4-H Center Jolly JJs 1pm in Kitchen Burbank Feeders 5pm in Kitchen	20 Lucky Trailblazers 6:30pm Kitchen	21	22	23 <b>Office Closed</b>	24 <b>Office Closed</b> 	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i> 
26	27 <b>Office Closed</b>	28 <b>Office Closed</b> Dog 7pm in 4-H Center	29 <b>Office Closed</b>	30 <b>Office Closed</b> Dog 7pm in 4-H Center	31 <b>Office Closed</b> 	Jan 1 			



# Pick-A-Chick

## Are you interested in showing poultry?

**Who:** Anyone in 4-H, cloverbuds included!

**What:** Birds purchased for \$5 each

**When:** January 7—Office needs to know of interest  
Mid March—Chicks need to be picked up



We will continue our Pick-a-Chick program this year! Youth ages 5-18 are able to purchase exhibition type show Bantams (smaller than many farm chickens you may be familiar with) for \$5 per chick. Chickens do best in groups; it is recommended to get a minimum of 5, even if you do not plan to show all 5. Chicks will be picked out on a first-come first serve basis; no requests for specific chick breeds.

Chicks need to be paid for at pick-up in March. Please let the office know before **January 7** if you are interested in purchasing a bird. At that time we need to know how many birds you would like so we can send in an order. If you change your mind before March, there is no charge and the birds will find other homes, but it will be very hard to receive a bird in March if you were not on the initial interest list.

At first, chicks need to be kept in basements or garages in a box with a heat lamp until they feather out. If this is a concern for anyone, let us know and we will discuss what options would be best for you to care for a bird.

\*Again for 2022: Birds purchased through this program are for 4-H use and cannot be shown in open class at the South Dakota State Fair.

Do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have any questions or concerns!



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# YQCA



## YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

- ALL\* youth showing beef, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, dairy goats, swine, poultry or rabbits in 2022. Youth must re-certify each year – for questions about your certificate expiration, contact your local 4-H office.
- Step 1: Go to <https://yqca.learn-grow.io/Account/Login>
- Step 2: Click sign in with 4HOnline icon.
- Step 3: Select SD 4-H Youth Development from the drop down menu.
- Step 4: Login using your 4HOnline account email address.\*
- Step 5: Select the youth who you wish to sign up for a training.
- Step 6: Select the course applicable based on youth's 4-H age.
- Step 7: Select the training the youth will attend.\*\*
- Step 8: Add a credit card and pay \$3 online or use the voucher code. *~each child will be a separate transaction*

\* Youth must be re-enrolled in 4HOnline.

\*\*Cloverbuds do not need YQCA training



**December 22, 2021**

**11:00 a.m.**

Clay County 4-H Center  
515 High St, Vermillion

**3:00 p.m.**

Union County Courthouse Community Room  
209 E. Main St, Elk Point

- In person training - \$3
  - (You may be able to receive a coupon code from your local office)
- 1-year certification online training available -\$12

\*\*Youth may attend any training location. To view all trainings available in the state, click "Find A Training" on the top right of the YQCA site. More are added all the time.

Questions?  
Lauren Hollenbeck  
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Clay, Union & Yankton Counties  
[Lauren.hollenbeck@sdstate.edu](mailto:Lauren.hollenbeck@sdstate.edu)





  
**YQCA**  
**YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS**

## Winter Training

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**December 23rd 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

**Yankton County 4-H Building**

901 Whiting Dr., Yankton

- Limited to 30 participants
- In person training - \$3
  - (You may be able to receive a coupon code from your local office)
- One-year certification online training available - \$12
- Additional trainings available in other counties. Don't wait until the last minute!

\*\* Youth may attend any training location. To view all trainings available in the state, click "Find A Training" on the top right of the YQCA site. More are added all the time.

**Questions?**  
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# Clay County 4-H 2020-2021 County Impact Snapshot



SOUTH DAKOTA  
STATE UNIVERSITY  
Extension

There are six main pillars in the youth development process—academic, faith/moral, social, life, workforce, and leadership. From a beyond-the-family perspective, schools are entrusted with academics and religious organizations with faith. Within the umbrella of our highly valued *positive youth development* framework, 4-H strengthens youth in the remaining four pillars. Enjoy the 2021 snapshot highlighting how Clay County 4-H is developing youth who are ready for fun, ready for life, ready to work, ready to lead!

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

In May, due to COVID precautions, the Vermillion Elementary was still not allowed to bus kids for field trips. Luckily, the fairgrounds is just down the street, and the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes were able to walk to an **Ag and Safety Day**.

180 youth rotated between stations to learn about life jackets and how to be safe around water, bicycle safety and the importance of wearing a helmet, horse safety, campfire safety, what do to around strange dogs, and livestock.



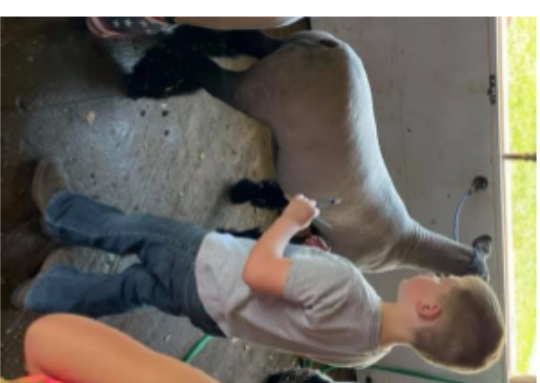
A big thank you to Game Fish and Parks; Martha Fagg, local bicycle enthusiast; Sorensen Farms; Vermillion Fire Department; Dr. Jenny Knutson and helpers; and SoDak Tams for their help in making the afternoon a success.

## LIFE SKILL DEVELOPMENT

During the Clay County Fair, 4-H hosted a **Livestock Judging Workshop** for 4-H youth. It had been many years since one was hosted in the county, and the youth interest in judging has been increasing in recent years.

At the workshop, 14 4-Her's participated in judging a class of lambs, two classes of pigs, and a class of breeding beef. In addition, beginners answered a questions class, while juniors and seniors gave oral reasons.

Livestock judging teaches skills such as critical thinking and reasoning, along with communication including how to confidently present your thoughts and opinions in a clear, concise, and organized manner.



## BY THE NUMBERS

### Clay County 4-H

#### Youth Reach

Mastery Members	9
Enrolled Members	103
Outreach Members	200
Total Membership	312
Available County Youth	2392
% of Youth Served	13%

#### Volunteer Investment

Certified Volunteers	29
Short-term Helpers	33
Total Volunteers	62
Volunteer Hours	3330
ROI of Volunteer Time	\$61,472

#### Program Benefits

- According to a recent survey from Tufts University, 4-H youth are...
- o 4x more likely to be involved in community service
  - o 5x more likely to graduate from college
  - o 2x more likely to be civically active
  - o Less likely to use drugs or alcohol

#### Contact us anytime to learn more about Clay County 4-H!

Visit: 515 High St. Vermillion  
Hours: Mon - Fri 8:00a – 5:00p  
Social: [FB] Clay County SD 4-H  
Email: [clay.county@sdsstate.edu](mailto:clay.county@sdsstate.edu)  
Call: 605-677-7111

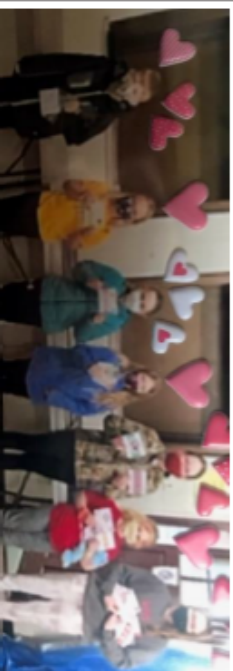
## SOCIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

This past year, the Jolly JJ's 4-H club had to get creative with ways they could reach the public and help the community.

The Welcome Table, which typically provides a free weekly community meal, switched to take out orders. The Jolly JJ's were asked to make 225 bars to be included as a dessert in the meals.

The Jolly JJ's also spread cheer to the residents of the Town Square Apartments. In December, they made 90 Christmas cards, and in February, they crafted 90 Valentines. This was much appreciated during a time when Town Square was not allowing community visitors.

Other community service events included making Playdoh for the Center for Children and Families, ringing bells for Salvation Army, donating to Heartland Humane Society, the Vermillion Food Pantry and Evan's Diaper Project, making teacher appreciation gifts, and picking up trash at Prentis Park.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Max Knutson is committed to dog training. He's been involved in the Dog project for 8 years, attends twice weekly dog practices, and competes at the county and state level. He took an agility class in 2018 and started showing his dog Nugget at AKC trials. In the last few years, Max really stepped up his leadership abilities by teaching the Agility portion to five other 4-Her's and dogs. They were confident enough to show at the county dog show, and 3 went on to state.



Max's biggest challenge came this year as he started working with his brother's dog and had to adapt his training style to suit Nip's personality. All the hard work paid off when they got 3rd place in Obedience at State.

What he loves most about agility is to watch Nugget race through the course. Training dogs has taught Max a lot of patience, which has proven to be helpful in other parts of his life whether it's playing saxophone, promoting his TIKTok channel, fishing, or hunting.





# 4-H Curriculum Corner: Microwave Magic

Prepare quick and inexpensive snacks, meals, and desserts! This project is all about food and how to prepare it using the microwave. Microwave Magic is full of exciting hands-on activities that focus on using the microwave oven to prepare everything from simple snacks to complete meals. Great for those who may be home alone from time to time, plus some recipes can also be entered into Foods & Nutrition at the Fair. It would also be a great starting point for some club or county level demonstrations!

Available:

Helper's Guide

A: Bag of Tricks

B: Micro Magicians

C: Amazing Rays

D: Presto Meals

Take one or all; photocopies  
can be made!

Each month, we will be highlighting a 4-H Curriculum that is owned by the office. Most will be available for free on a first come, first serve basis. These are a great way to learn about different project areas, earn pins, for club activities or to do on your own. If you complete 7 activities in one book, plus one finished product, it can be used as a project to be entered at the fair.



# SAVE THE DATE



## CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

HOSTED BY LINCOLN & UNION CO. 4-H

**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**BERESFORD**

**OPEN TO ANY INTERESTED 4-H MEMBER  
MORE DETAILS TO COME**

# 2022

## JANUARY 8



### DAVISON COUNTY WINTER BEEF SHOW



## Registration

Contact Davison County Extension Office @ 605-995-8620 or [caroline.hansen@sdstate.edu](mailto:caroline.hansen@sdstate.edu)

Early Registration Deadline  
January 3rd \$30/entry  
Late Registration \$50/entry

No Fit Show

South Dakota Junior Point  
Sanctioned Show

\*Show pending the facility does not change their rules and regulations on COVID-19. Check our FB page for updates.

## Schedule

8-10 a.m. Check-In

10 a.m. Davison County Youth Show

No Fit Showmanship to follow 30 minutes after Youth Show (\$5 Entry)

Open Class Show to follow

Awards for Top 5 Overall Breeding & Top 5 Overall Market + door prizes



Davison County Fairgrounds  
3200 West Havens \* Mitchell, SD





## Davison County Winter Beef Show January 8, 2022

Mitchell, South Dakota – Davison County 4-H Fairgrounds  
South Dakota Junior Point Sanctioned Show



### Rules and Regulations

#### Cattle Specifications

- Calves must be born in 2021 or fall heifers are eligible to participate but they must be born in the 2020 year. Market heifers are eligible to participate. Please indicate market or breeding heifer when registering. Cow/calf pairs do not qualify. Classes to be determined in each division after calves weighed.
- Market heifers and steers will be broken down by breed and weight.
- Breeding heifers will be broken down by breed and age.
- Registration papers/ proof of registration are required for breeding heifers or they will show commercial.
- Health papers required for all entries.

#### Entry Procedures

- Entry fee – \$30 per calf until Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>; \$50 per calf after January 3<sup>rd</sup>. No refunds unless show is cancelled due to weather. Safety concerns due to Covid-19 will be evaluated closer to show date by the show committee and Davison County. Cancellation due to Covid-19 would also result in a full refund.
- Entry fee must accompany entry form, payable to *Davison County Beef Show*.
- No entries accepted without entry fee paid.
- ALL CALVES must be checked in. Check in is available between 8:00 -10:00 am, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- No re-weighing of calves.
- Entries may arrive January 8<sup>th</sup>. Facilities will be open at 7:30 am.

#### Facility Amenities/Rules

- No washing facilities are available. Wood chips will not be available for purchase. Generators encouraged. No stalling in the barn, cattle will stay on their trailer or in designated areas.
- All bedding and livestock areas, including parking lot, must be cleaned up prior to leaving the grounds (WOOD CHIPS ONLY).

#### Show Eligibility Requirements

- All participants must be registered/enrolled 4-H, FFA or breed association members for the 2021-2022 year. 4-H online registrations must be complete before show date.
- Open Class ages limited to 8 – 21 year olds as of October 1 of the current year as stated in the South Dakota Junior Point Show Association Beef Rules.
- Entry submission for Davison County Youth show are open to Davison County 4-H members only. All other 4-H entries will be in the open class format. Davison entries can participate in *both* 4-H show and open class.
- This will be a NO Fit Show
- All decisions of show committee & Judge are final. Not responsible for accidents.
- Listen to KMIT (105.9) for cancellation information in case of bad weather. Information is also available on facebook (Davison County Winter Beef Show).
- For further information, contact Davison County Extension Service 605-995-8620, Ben Roudabush 276-692-8118, Austin Havlik 605-999-9245 or Caroline Hansen 605-380-7308.