

Codington County 4-H



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2026
OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER

New 4-H Year ~ 2026 - 2027

Enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H year will begin on **October 2** in the 4-H Online system. As of midnight on October 1, all enrollments from the previous year will automatically transition to a *not enrolled* status. All youth members and volunteers are required to re-enroll in 4-H Online for the 2026-2027 year. To re-enroll after October 1, please log on to: <https://v2.4honline.com>.

The online enrollment, along with your insurance payment, must be submitted to the Extension Office by December 31, 2026. It is important to note that youth must be enrolled in 4-H to participate in activities and meetings. Your enrollment status will remain pending until your 4-H insurance is received by the office.

Leaders are kindly reminded to submit the sheet listing all members and leaders along with the insurance payment for their club. Should you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office. If you know someone interested in joining 4-H for the first time, encourage them to visit the Extension Office to complete an enrollment form or to reach out to me at 882-6300. Cloverbuds are for ages 5-7, while 4-H is for ages 8-18.

Please note: **All enrolled shooting sports members from the 2025-2026 year must re-enroll to be eligible for the 2027 Shooting Sports season.**

4-H Recognition Event

The annual 4-H Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the Extension Complex in the North Expo. We invite you to join us in honoring our members, leaders, and supporters for their achievements throughout the 4-H year.

Members are reminded that their 4-H record books and award applications must be submitted to their leader or the office by **October 2, 2026 and due to the Office by October 7 from 4-H Leaders**. If you have any questions or require award application forms, please reach out to your leader or the Extension Office.

The 4-H Leaders Association will provide refreshments, with the Prairie Hustlers 4-H Club serving as the hosts for the afternoon. We kindly request the assistance of one or two parents from the Prairie Hustlers Club to arrive by 1:30 PM to help with preparations.

Please check your email and our Facebook page for further updates.

National 4-H Week ~ October 4 - 10, 2026

Let's celebrate 4-H!!



2026 National 4-H Week – Oct. 4 – 10: Beyond Ready. Join the Celebration!!

This year's National 4-H Week theme is Beyond Ready.

Building a ready generation in a world of change.

Be sure to snag a picture of you and your family participating in these events and submit them to the Extension Office by email: codcoext@midconetwork.com. We will then share to the Codington County 4-H Facebook page to highlight all the great things our members are doing to celebrate National 4-H Week.

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Beyond Ready

OCTOBER 4-10, 2026

Service Sunday

Do something kind for your family, neighbor or community.

'Go Green' Monday

Show your 4-H spirit, wear **GREEN!** Let's paint the county **GREEN!**

Treats Tuesday

Share a treat with someone who has supported you in 4-H.

Welcome Wednesday

Invite friends to join 4-H or re-enroll @ v2.4honline.com

Thankful Thursday

Write a thank-you note to someone who makes a difference in your life!

Flashback Friday

Share a photo from the past or the present of your 4-H experience!

A'maze'ing Saturday

Visit the **Florence FFA Corn Maze** from 11 AM-3 PM with your club or family.

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**SOUTH DAKOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY EXTENSION**

South Dakota State University, South Dakota Counties, and USDA cooperating. South Dakota State University adheres to AA/EEO guidelines in offering educational programs and services.





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Flashback Friday



120 years ago, we were ready.
Ready to get our hands dirty,
Ready to learn by doing,
Ready to push the power of youth forward.
And as our inspiration grew, so did we.
When we expanded into every corner of America,
We were ready. Ready to ask questions about the world,
To show up for our community,
To become the leaders we were always meant to be.
And when we evolved into the unstoppable force we are today,
We were ready.
Ready to open our arms to every opportunity,
Every path,
And every child
Generation after generation.
Over six million of us have been inspired by 4-H.
It's time to inspire six million more.
We were ready then. We're beyond ready now.
After all, it's always been in our DNA.
Beyond ready for school.
Beyond ready for work.
Beyond ready for life —
And everything that comes with it.



A'maze'ing Saturday

Visit the Florence FFA Corn Maze from 11 AM - 3 PM with your 4-H club or family.
515 Main Ave. Florence SD

National 4-H Week - October 4 - 10, 2026

Help celebrate National 4-H week by recording a message promoting National 4-H week and emailing your message to Watertown Radio by Friday, October 2, 2026.

Send your recording as a .mp3 if possible, to
brenda.rorvick@connmedia.com



A graphic with a green border. In the top left is a green four-leaf clover with a white 'H' on each leaf. Below it is an illustration of four diverse youth (two boys and two girls) wearing green 4-H shirts, gathered around a microphone. In the background, there's a green field, a windmill, and a barn. To the right of the youth, the text 'Record a National 4-H Week PSA' is written in large green letters. Below this, a green audio waveform is shown. At the bottom, white text reads: '4-H Youth: Email your recording by **October 2** to Watertown Radio at brenda.rorvick@connmedia.com'. At the very bottom, a green line with a clover icon on the left and right is followed by the text 'Help share the 4-H story'.

Record a National 4-H Week PSA

4-H Youth: Email your recording by **October 2** to Watertown Radio at brenda.rorvick@connmedia.com

Help share the 4-H story



A graphic with a green border. In the center is a large, stylized green ribbon with a white four-leaf clover containing a white 'H' on each leaf. To the right of the ribbon, the text 'SAVE THE DATE' is written in large, bold, green letters. Below this, the text 'Codington County 4-H Achievement Days' is written in green. At the bottom, a yellow banner with a green border contains the text 'July 26-29, 2027'. The background features a green field, a windmill, a barn, and a Ferris wheel, all in a stylized, cartoonish manner. There are also green stars and yellow and green bunting flags scattered around the central text.

SAVE THE DATE

Codington County 4-H Achievement Days

July 26-29, 2027

Codington County 4-H Recognition Event

October 26, 2026
2:00 PM

**Codington County
Extension Complex
Entrance H**



Celebrate our 4-H members!

2026 State Fair Display Exhibit Purple Ribbons

Addalyn Boydston – Photography (2), Home Environment; **Brecken Boydston** – Photography (2), Home Environment; **Kinleigh Boydston** – Hobbies & Collections, Visual Arts, Photography; **Jax Cram** – Wood Science (2); **Caleb Fischer** – Visual Arts (2), Educational Poster (Music/Dance), Outdoor Education/Recreation, Foods & Nutrition (Senior Poster), Photography; **Cassidy Fleming** – Home Environment (2); **Adrian Flisrand** – Home Environment, Computers & Technology, Electricity, Visual Arts (2); **Derek Flisrand** – Educational Poster (Sheep and Wool), Wood Science, Clothing & Textiles (Selected Outfit), Computers & Technology, Educational Poster (Citizenship), **Easton Flisrand** – Clothing & Textiles (Constructed Clothing), Visual Arts, Horticulture, Gardening, & Landscaping (2), Educational Display (Poultry & Eggs); **Miles Flisrand** – Visual Arts (6); **Deklynn Gaulrapp** – Foods & Nutrition (2), Food Preservation, Community Service, Educational Poster (Safety); **McKynlee Gaulrapp** – Food Preservation; **Kambri Granquist** – Visual Arts (2), Home Environment (2); **Landon Granquist** – Food Preservation, Visual Arts; **Logan Granquist** – Plant Science, Crops & Weeds, Food Preservation; **Amelia Harms** – Home Environment, Poultry & Eggs, Clothing & Textiles (Selected Outfit), Foods & Nutrition, Educational Poster (Fitness & Sports); **Elliot Johnson** – First Aid Advanced Kit, Food Preservation, Clothing & Textiles (Selected Outfit), Health, Child Development & Family Life; **Kolt Johnson** – Clothing & Textiles (Selected Outfit), Health, Food Preservation, Home Environment; **Gage Johnson** – Outdoor Education/Recreation, Shooting Sports; **Jaide Johnson** – Photography, Visual Arts, Home Environment; **Ellis Kahnke** – Welding Science, Range Sciences & Pasture Management; **Jemma Kahnke** – Educational Display (Range Sciences & Pasture Management, Citizenship, Home Environment); **Alaina Kellen** – Home Environment, Visual Arts; **Erica Kellen** – Home Environment; **Hannah Kleindl** – Photography (2), Clothing & Textiles (Constructed Clothing); **Jack Kreutner** – Photography, Home Environment, Food Preservation, Visual Arts, Clothing & Textiles (Selected Outfit); **Lee Kreutner** – Photography, Food Preservation, Home Environment, Clothing & Textiles (Selected Outfit); **Autumn Kunkel** – Food Preservation, Visual Arts; **Abraham Larson** – Dog, Dog Obedience & Dog Agility Curriculum; **Ruthanna Larson** – Educational Display (Horse & Pony), Educational Display (Music/Dance), Hobbies & Collections; **Aiden Mack** – Photography (2); **Kylie Mack** – Home Environment, Visual Arts, Photography; **Haven McGregor** – Visual Arts (2); **Hazel McGregor** – Visual Arts, Home Environment; **Elizabeth Meyer** – Writing & Public Speaking; **Isaac Meyer** – Visual Arts; **Matthew Meyer** – Writing & Public Speaking; **Marty Mickelson** – Photography (3); **Carl Moes** – Home Environment, Educational Poster (Poultry & Eggs); **Layne Moes** – Wood Science, Educational Poster (Automotive, Small & Tractor Engines); **Oliver Moes** – Visual Arts (2), Educational Poster (Poultry & Eggs); **Carlee Mushitz** – Photography (2); **Haylee Mushitz** – Photography; **Jayda Orthaus** – Home Environment, Wood Science, Educational Poster (2-Poultry & Eggs), Educational Display (Poultry & Eggs); **Ella Pearson** – Photography (2), Horticulture, Gardening, & Landscaping, Child Development & Family Life, Visual Arts; **Logan Pearson** – Wildlife & Fisheries, Visual Arts (2), Educational Poster (Shooting Sports), Hobbies & Collections; **Brexton Peterson** – Hobbies & Collections, Visual Arts; **Hudson Peterson** – Visual Arts, Home Environment, Educational Display (Communications); **Marissa Quale** – Clothing & Textiles (Selected Outfit), Wood Science, Visual Arts, Photography; **Nate Roe** – Electricity, Photography, Visual Arts; **Brylie Schlotterbeck** – Home Environment, Graphic Design, Educational Display (Horse & Pony), Educational Display (Entomology & Bees), Educational Display (Beef); **Bonita Urban** – Educational Poster (Hobbies & Collections); **Kanin Wasland** – Welding Science, Photography; **Gracelyn Webb** – Wood Science, Visual Arts, Photography (2); **Avery Zietz** – Home Environment, Photography, Educational Display (Foods & Nutrition), Educational Display (Home Environment).

4-H News and Forms

If you are new to 4-H you might not know that 4-H news is published in our 4-H Newsletter which we email out each month. Club reporters can email their reports to Kim at codcoext@midconetwork.com which will be put in the monthly newsletter. If you are looking for 4-H information, forms, paperwork etc. please check the following websites. This is where you will find 4-H related material, forms, newsletters, etc. Save the website to your favorites!

County Website: <http://codington.sdcounty.gov/extension-service/>

Facebook Page: [SDSU Extension - Codington County 4-H](#)

SDSU Extension: <https://extension.sdstate.edu/south-dakota-4-h>



2026 State Fair Judging Awards – Top 10

Horticulture Skill-a-thon

Miles Flisrand – 1st Place Beginner, Elliot Johnson – 10th Place Beginner,
Kolt Johnson – 1st Place Junior, Ruthanna Larson – 4th Place Junior, Marissa Quale – 8th Place Junior.

Consumer Decision Making

Logan Pearson – 1st Place Beginner, Lee Kreutner – 4th Place Beginner, Elliot Johnson – 5th Place Beginner. Ella Pearson – 1st Place Junior, Jack Kreutner – 5th Place Junior, Deklynn Gaulrapp – 8th Place Junior, Kolt Johnson – 9th Place Junior, Caleb Fischer – 6th Place Senior.

Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-a-thon

Miles Flisrand – 6th Place Beginner, Elliot Johnson – 9th Place Beginner
Kolt Johnson – 2nd Place Junior, Marissa Quale – 5th Place Junior, Deklynn Gaulrapp – 7th Place Junior, Ella Pearson – 10th Place Junior.
Caleb Fischer – 10th Place Senior.

Poultry Skill-a-thon

Jayda Orthaus – 8th Place Senior
Caleb Fischer – 10th Place Senior

Rabbit Skill-a-thon

Ruthanna Larson
5th Place Junior

Livestock Skill-a-thon

Elliot Johnson – 6th Place Beginner

Livestock Judging

Grady Wasland – 2nd Place Beginner
Gracelynn Beare – 6th Place Beginner
McQuade Beare – 1st Place Junior

Meat Judging

Kolt Johnson – 1st place Junior
Elliot Johnson – 4th Place Beginner



2026 Youth-in-Action

Fashion Revue

Easton Flisrand – 4th Place Overall Junior.
Purple ribbon winners: Miles Flisrand, Kambri Granquist, Jack Kreutner, Lee Kreutner, Ruthanna Larson and Marissa Quale.



Communications

Purple ribbon winners: Caleb Fischer, Adrian Flisrand, Derek Flisrand, Easton Flisrand, Miles Flisrand, Elliot Johnson, Kolt Johnson, Jemma Kahnke, Abraham Larson, Ruthanna Larson.

Special Foods

Purple Ribbon Winners: Caleb Fischer, Adrian Flisrand, Derek Flisrand, Easton Flisrand, Miles Flisrand, Elliot Johnson, Kolt Johnson, Jack Kreutner, Lee Kreutner, Ruthanna Larson, Marissa Quale.

2026 State 4-H Premier Exhibitor Awards

Premier Beef Exhibitor Award

Grady Wasland – 8th Place Beginner
Kanin Wasland – 5th Place Junior

Premier Poultry Exhibitor Award

Easton Flisrand 14th Place Junior

Premier Rabbit Exhibitor Award

Miles Flisrand – 9th Place Beginner
Ruthanna Larson – 4th Place Junior
Derek Flisrand – 6th Place Junior
Easton Flisrand – 9th Place Junior
Adrian Flisrand – 9th Place Senior

Premier Swine Exhibitor Award

Grady Wasland – 3rd Place Beginner
Corbin Raml – 4th Place Beginner
Kanin Wasland – 3rd Place Junior





Torchlighters 4-H Club Meeting

The Torchlighters 4-H club met on Sunday September 20 at the Watertown Regional Library. Members present include Amelia, Deklynn, and McKynlee. The 4-H pledge was led by Amelia followed by the 4-H pledge led by McKynlee. The roll call topic was what was your favorite project area this year? The secretary's report was read and approved.

Old business discussed included the achievements of the State Fair and Achievement Days. New business included the 2026 Recognition Event on October 25 at 2pm, as well as the 4-H books being due on October 2. Another thing discussed was that you can apply for 4-H awards. The 2027 Farm Show is February 10-13, 2027. Also, National 4-H Week is October 4 -10. You can do some radio speaking promoting National 4-H Week. If you want to do a recording, you will need to send your recording into the radio station by October 2.

McKynlee gave a talk on the 4 positions in shooting sports. McKynlee made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Amelia second. Next meeting will be held October 18th @ 3:30.

Respectfully submitted by McKynlee Gaulrapp

Norco 4-H Club Meeting ~ September 20

Adrian Flisrand called the meeting to order. The 4-H pledge was led by Grady Wasland and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carl Moes. Roll call was called. The Secretary and Treasure's reports were called as well.

Old Business: Thanks to everyone who helped at the Malt Wagon and ditch cleaning. Thank you to the booth committee for decorating.

New Business: 4-H Week is going to be on October 4th-10th. We are going to wear 4-H shirts and talk to younger classes. 4-H Books are due on October 2nd, you can give them to either your leaders or the office. The Recognition Banquet is on October 25th at 2:00. Our meeting will be held after. Enrollment opens October 1st for the coming year. Some future dates: the Farm Show is on February 10-13th; Achievement Days are on July 26-29th. For our Christmas party we plan to do a project and potluck.

Demonstrations:

Lane Moes- Wood Science; Jemma Khanke- Dog, Range Plants; Derek Flisrand- Safety, Food Science, Plant Science, Sheep; Ellis Khanke- Welding(x2), Range Plants; Easton Flisrand- Sewing(x2), Horticulture(x2); Grady Wasland- Home Environment, Visual Arts; Oliver Moes- Visual Arts; Carl Moes- Home Environment; Adrian Flisrand- Safety, Hobbies & Collections, Dog; Kanin Wasland- Visual Arts, Home Environment, Pig; Ella Pearson- Poultry.

The meeting was adjourned by Ellis Khanke and seconded by Grady Wasland.
After the meeting we worked on our 4-H books.

Respectfully submitted by Ella Pearson.

**HAPPY
Birthday!**



October Birthdays

Everett Dickes, Cassidy Fleming, Jason Gaulrapp, Becky Goens, Riley Hennen, Raxten Jackson, Kim Johnson, Riley Johnson, Keith Jones, Sheri Kahnke, Dakotah Kellen, Erica, Kellen, Briggs Kinnander, Hannah Kleindl, Hudson Koch, Morgan Kohl, Jarra Koustrup, Anna Krause, Jack Kreutner, Lee Kreutner, Theodore LaBerge, Jordan Lenards, Hannah Loehrer, Benny Mar, Haven McGregor, Skip Meisenheimer, Isaac Meyer, Haylee Mushitz, Kylee Mushitz, Jayda Orthaus, Raquel Peters, Seth Peters, Charly Rossow, Jerod Steinberg, and Maverick Tesch.



2026 State Livestock Awards

Beef

McQuade Beare – Champion Division 1 Crossbred
Grady Wasland – Reserve Champion Shorthorn
Purple ribbon winner – Kanin Wasland

Beef Showmanship – Purple ribbon winners: Grady Wasland, Kanin Wasland

Dairy Cattle – Purple ribbon winner: Waylon Arendsee

Dairy Goat

Jayda Orthaus – Grand Champion Unrecorded Grade
Purple ribbon winners: Adrian Flisrand, Abraham Larson, Ruthanna Larson, Jayda Orthaus, Brylie Schlotterbeck, Gracelyn Webb

Dairy Goat Showmanship

Jayda Orthaus – 5th Place Overall Senior
Purple ribbon winners: Adrian Flisrand, Abraham Larson, Ruthanna Larson, Brylie Schlotterbeck, Gracelyn Webb.

Meat Goat

Trallan Sumner – Reserve Champion Overall Market Meat Goat
Purple ribbon winners: Elijah Bach, Mya Schwinger, Jax Schwinger, Taven Sumner, Trallan Sumner

Meat Goat Showmanship

Jax Schwinger – 1st Place Overall Beginner
Mya Schwinger – 3rd Place Overall Junior
Elijah Bach – 5th Place Overall Junior

Breeding Sheep – Purple ribbon winners: Nathan Dagel, Noah Dagel

Poultry Showmanship – Purple ribbon winner: Easton Flisrand

Rabbit

Purple ribbon winners: Derek Flisrand, Easton Flisrand, Kanin Wasland

Rabbit Showmanship

Ruthanna Larson – 3rd Place Overall Junior
Purple ribbon winners: Adrian Flisrand, Abraham Larson, Kanin Wasland

Swine

McQuade Beare – 1st Place Overall Breeding Gilt, Champion and Reserve Champion Market Barrow,
Cassidy Fleming – Reserve Spotted Market Barrow
Purple Ribbon Winners: Gracelynn Beare, McQuade Bears, Cassidy Fleming, Corbin Raml, Lane Grabow, Kamryn Rossow, Grady Wasland, Kanin Wasland.

2026 State Fair Companion Animal Show

Miles Flisrand – Grand Champion Kitten/Cat Showmanship
Derek Flisrand – 4th Place Junior Kitten/Cat Showmanship
Easton Flisrand – Reserve Grand Champion Live Animal Exhibit Showmanship

2026 State Dog Show – Eastern Regional – Mitchell

Jemma Kahnke – 1st Place Beginner Novice Showmanship, Purple Ribbon – Level 1 Beginner Agility, Obedience Basic B

AJ Lindner – Purple Ribbon – Advanced Rally, Level 3 Open Agility

Cooper Lindner – Purple Ribbon Level 1 Beginner Agility

Lexi Riley – 2nd Place Senior Advanced Rally, 2nd Place Senior Open Showmanship

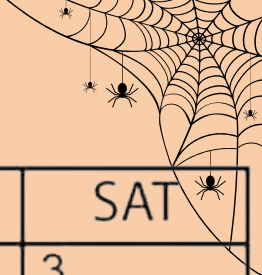
Western Regional – Rapid City

AJ Lindner – 3rd Place Senior Level 3 Open Agility, 3rd Place Senior Open Showmanship, Purple Ribbon – Advanced Rally, Novice Obedience.





2026 OCTOBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27 	28	29	30	1 2026 - 2027 4-H Year Begins	2	3 Record Books Due
4 National 4-H Week Service Sunday	5 National 4-H Week 'Go Green' Monday	6 National 4-H Week Treats Tuesday	7 National 4-H Week Welcome Wednesday	8 National 4-H Week Thankful Thursday	9 National 4-H Week Flashback Friday	10 National 4-H Week A'maze'ing Saturday
11	12 4-H Leaders Judging Awards 3:30-5:30 pm Columbus Day Office Closed	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Recognition Event 2:00 pm	26	27	28	29	30	31 TRICK OR TREAT

Peek into the Future

November 9 - Watertown Cloverbuds - Group 1
November 10 - Watertown Cloverbuds - Group 2
November 11 - Veterans Day - Office Closed
November 12 - Waverly/South Shore Cloverbuds
November 16 - Florence Cloverbuds - Group 1
November 17 - Florence Cloverbuds - Group 2
November 26 - 27 - Thanksgiving - Office Closed
November 28 - Jordan Mack Memorial Calf Show
December 7 - Florence Cloverbuds - Group 1
December 8 - Florence Cloverbuds - Group 2
December 9 - Waverly/South Shore Cloverbuds
December 14 - Watertown Cloverbuds - Group 1
December 15 - Watertown Cloverbuds - Group 2

