



4-H News & Happenings

September 2025

We are so Excited to Announce our New Educator!!

Michelle Barrett is excited to be the new 4-H Educator for Hughes and Stanley Counties.

Her 4-H journey began right here in Stanley County, and she is delighted to be back home, carrying forward the tradition that shaped her as a 4-H member.

For years, Michelle has run a photography business in the Pierre/Fort Pierre area, connecting with families, schools, and community events. That experience has fueled her passion for empowering youth to grow, lead, and thrive.

In her new role, Michelle looks forward to continuing the strong 4-H tradition and creating opportunities for young people to explore their interests and discover their full potential.

Michelle invites you to stop by the 4-H Office in the Stanley County Courthouse and visit with her there. We are still trying to establish what her set office hours are going to be but for the rest of September she will be there most afternoons until 5:00.

4-H Leaders' Meeting

The **Prairie Winds 4-H Leaders' Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, October 6th** beginning at **5:30 pm** in the Stanley County Commissioners Room, basement of the Stanley County Courthouse, Fort Pierre, SD. All 4-H leaders and parents encouraged to attend.

Wendi Roberts
4-H Secretary
Stanley/Hughes County

CALENDAR

September:

29: CWF Trip, Let 4-H Office know if Interested

October:

1: New 4-H Year Begins

5-11: National 4-H Week

6: PW 4-H Leaders Council Meeting At 5:30pm.

10: CWF County Trip Reservation Forms due to State 4-H Office.

14: PW 4-H Record Books Due by 2:00pm

14: Alta T Harrington Memorial Award Due to the 4-H Office

November:

9: 4-H Recognition Event 2:00pm

10: 2025 SD 4-H Gala Reservation form Due

22: 2025 4-H Gala 6:00 pm

4HOnline Link:

<https://v2.4honline.com>

County 4-H Website:

<http://www.stanleycounty.org/departments/4hextension/>

SDSU Extension Website:

<https://extension.sdstate.edu>



STANLEY & HUGHES COUNTY EXTENSION, FT PIERRE, SD
Learn More at the SDSU Extension Website <https://extension.sdstate.edu>



New 4-H Year Begins October 1st!

On October 1st the new 4-H year will begin. All 4-H members and registered volunteers will be moved to inactive status. That means all 4-H members and registered volunteers will need to re-enroll in 4-H to become active members for the **2025-2026** 4-H year. 4-H members must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2026. Youth may not be 19 or older on or before January 1, 2026. Clover Buds must be ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2026.

New and returning members may enroll online by going to 4HOnline at <https://v2.4honline.com> or by going to the SDSU Extension Website: <https://extension.sdstate.edu>; click on the 4-H tab scroll down until you see the Enroll Now button. 4-H leaders and 4-H registered volunteers will need to re-enroll at this time also. Please use Mozilla, FireFox or Google Chrome. **Do Not use Internet Explorer.**

4-H families that are currently members **DO NOT set up a new profile**, just go in and edit any changes and update where required. Also, be sure birthdates are correct.

If you **do not** have internet access, please contact the 4-H Office. I can either mail 4-H enrollment forms to you or you may set up a time to stop in the 4-H Office and enroll or re-enroll.

It is strongly encouraged to enroll as soon as possible **after October 1st** so members don't miss out on 4-H club meetings, activities and project deadlines.

4-H Journals/4-H Record Books

Prairie Winds 4-H member's 4-H Journals/4-H Record Books are due to the 4-H Office **no later than 2 pm on Tuesday, October 14, 2025.** An email was sent on September 9th to all Prairie Winds 4-H Families with the 4-H Record Book forms attached. The forms have also been available on the Stanley County website for awhile.

Every 4-H member is to turn in a completed 4-H Journal/4-H Record Book. Remember, your journal/record book is for the **2024-2025** year and your grade should be last year's grade, not the one you are in this fall. Just a reminder that Prairie Winds forms can be found on the Stanley County Website under 4H/Extension.

<http://www.stanleycounty.org/departments/4hextension/>

Alta T. Harrington Memorial Award

This award is given to a Prairie Wind 4-H member for outstanding participation and high achievement in the field of 4-H Home Environment and related projects. This award is open to junior and senior 4-H members. Applicants may receive it once as a junior and once as a senior. If interested in applying for this award, contact the 4-H Office. The Alta T. Harrington Award applications is due **October 14, 2025** along with the 4-H Journal/4-H Record Book.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

Citizenship Washington Focus at Ignite by 4-H is a 5-day citizenship program for 4-Hers in Washington D.C. The 2026 South Dakota 4-H CWF Delegation will travel to Washington D.C. **March 24 – 29, 2026.**

The CWF at Ignite Track remains National 4-H's cornerstone leadership experience for teens passionate about civic engagement, public policy, and advocacy as pathways to community change. Participants will strengthen their understanding of the democratic process and cultivate leadership skills rooted in civic responsibility. With this foundation, participants will discover how local action can spark impact on national and global levels.

The cost for the **2026** CWF trip is \$2,500.00 per youth delegate (transportation, lodging, and most meals). Some Leader Associations provide scholarships. Youth delegates should plan to bring approximately \$300.00 in spending money.

4-H'ers ages 15-18, as of January 1 of the trip year are eligible to attend CWF.

Contact the 4-H Educator for your County there will be more paperwork to fill out to be eligible. Usually that paperwork is turned in with the books, but since the 1st payment is due before, we will need the paperwork filled out prior to **Sept 29, 2025**

Transportation

For the **2026** CWF trip, we will be flying to and from Washington D.C.

To be eligible, you must turn in a 4-H Record Book.

4-H PLEDGE

I PLEDGE MY HEAD TO CLEARER THINKING, MY HEART TO GREATER LOYALTY, MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE, AND MY HEALTH TO BETTER LIVING, FOR MY CLUB, MY COMMUNITY, MY COUNTRY, AND MY WORLD.



South Dakota 4-H Gala Tickets On Sale

Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating the 4-H spirit! The South Dakota 4-H Gala honors the bold visionaries and bright young leaders who continue to shape our communities through innovation, resilience and service to others. Enjoy an inspiring night of connection and recognition as we shine a spotlight on the lasting legacy of 4-H and the bright future ahead.

Registration is required by November 10, 2025

Tickets now on sale by visiting <https://extension.sdstate.edu/event/south-dakota-4-h-gala>. Limited availability.



Prairie Winds 4-H Recognition Event

Prairie Winds 4-H Recognition Event will be held on **Sunday, November 9, 2025** at the Pat Duffy Community Center in Fort Pierre, SD. This event **will begin at 2:00 pm**.

This year a Dessert Bar will be held with the 4-H Leaders' Council providing the ice cream, water, and coffee. Every family is to bring a dessert to share.

Recognition Event provides the opportunity to recognize 4-H members, clubs and supporters for accomplishments made through the 4-H year.

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Office Hours:

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm

Tuesday: 8 am to 4 pm

Wednesday: 8 am to 12 Noon

Office will be open during the noon hour during Monday and Tuesdays.



4-H MISSION STATEMENT

4-H EMPOWERS YOUTH TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WORKING
AND LEARNING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CARING ADULTS