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# Codington County 4-H

## 2021 County Impact Snapshot



Of the seven adult readiness competencies, 4-H positive youth development programs build skills in four - social, life, workforce, and leadership. 4-H employees, volunteers, and peer mentors all contribute to this important work for our county. Enjoy the 2021 snapshot highlighting how Codington County 4-H develops youth who are **ready for fun, ready for life, ready to work, ready to lead!**

### SOCIAL SKILL DEVELOPMENT

The Codington County 4-H Cloverbuds were so excited to be back together for a Wild West Cloverbud Camp! Eighteen Cloverbuds ages 5-7, created their own horse to barrel race. They made crafts, were sharp shooters with water guns at ping pong balls and panned for gold. Sack races were a hit. They all had fun being together. Cloverbuds are meeting monthly afterschool in 2021-2022.



Shooting Sports in Codington County is the largest project with 80 youth participating in BB Gun, Air Pistol, Air Rifle and Archery. Thanks to the NRA Foundation and RMEF we have new equipment that the 4-H youth have improved scores & skills. Many youth have placed in the top five in state matches. The shooting sports volunteer coaches have made strides to improve the program for the youth.

### LIFE SKILL DEVELOPMENT

4-H @ Home Monthly kits allowed 4-H youth to explore the numerous 4-H project areas. A total of 476 kits have been made so far with an average of 48 per month. Since November 2020 monthly projects kits have been available for 4-H youth to sign up highlighting Visual Arts, Aerospace, Electricity, Home Environment, Horticulture and Gardening, Foods & Nutrition, Sewing and Health to name a few. 4-H youth are excited to get their kits and learn a new life skill from a caring adult.



The Learn, Grow, Eat & Go! Curriculum was taught in the third & fourth grade classroom at Waverly-South Shore School through a Wal-Mart Healthy Habits Grant. Thirty-seven students learned about eating healthy through MyPlate and how to grow healthy food. They tried a new food at each classroom visit and graded with their five senses for mindful eating. Students planted their own mini garden they could take home to transplant.

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## BY THE NUMBERS Codington County 4-H

### Youth Reach

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Mastery Members        | 4    |
| Enrolled Members       | 223  |
| Outreach Members       | 298  |
| Total Membership       | 525  |
| Available County Youth | 4568 |
| % of Youth Served      | 9%   |

### Volunteer Investment

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Certified Volunteers  | 47       |
| Short-term Helpers    | 52       |
| Total Volunteers      | 99       |
| Volunteer Hours       | 5388     |
| ROI of Volunteer Time | \$99,462 |

### Program Benefits

According to research from Tufts University, 4-H youth are ...

- 5x more likely to graduate from college
- 4x more likely to be involved in community service
- 2x more likely to be civically active
- Less likely to use drugs or alcohol

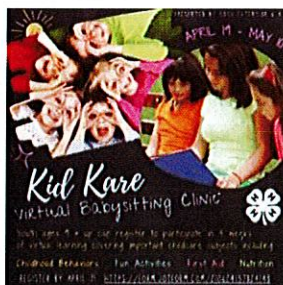
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## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Junior Achievement introduces students to the basics of financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness. The third-grade students at McKinley Elementary learned more about Our City through hands-on lessons along with the characteristics of cities and how people and businesses in cities manage their money.

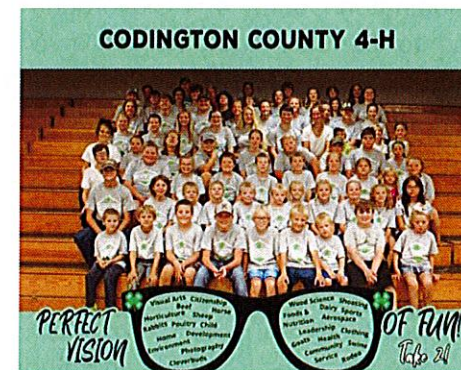
Ninety-two youth from eight counties registered for the Kid Kare Virtual Babysitting Clinic that was offered in April & May 2021. The northeast SD 4-H Youth Program Advisors collaborated with local professionals and offered Zooms or the youth could watch the recorded Zoom program. The lessons included Tips to Handle Children's Behavior, First Aid/Choking, Infant Care, Nutrition for Youngsters, Fun Activities with Children. Each youth received a bag full of babysitting goodies that they can use.



## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Codington County 4-H leaders, parents and alumni stepped up to manage the Codington County Achievement Days in the 4-H Advisors absence due to a family emergency. It was amazing to see their 4-H leadership skills come through.

Older 4-H youth helped the younger youth along with past 4-H parents returning to help with the shows and the premium sale. A big thank you to all of them for making the best better!



Allison Fischer, graduating 4-H member, placed third place in the NEW Mastery Showcase at the State Fair and will be attending the National CDM Skillathon at the Denver Stock Show in January 2022 for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> high individual at the State Fair.

*Codington County 4-H would like to thank Commissioners Brenda Hanten, Myron Johnson, Troy VanDusen, Charlie Waterman, and Lee Gabel for their continued support!*