

Lincoln County 4-H News



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HELLO NEWCOMERS!

Welcome to 4-H. We are excited to meet all of you and to help you get acquainted with the 4-H program in Lincoln County. If you have any questions please give the office a call at 764-2756.

(CWF) DELEGATES

Thank you to Lincoln County 4-H Leaders and Jr. Leaders for sponsoring 2 delegates to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus Trip for 2012. The CWF trip is a chance for 4-Hers to visit Washington D.C. and attend 4-H workshops.

We had five 4-H members apply for the CWF trip. The Awards Selection Committee reviewed the very competitive applications (which are anonymous) and selected the CWF trip delegates. The 4-H members that will be representing Lincoln County are Alyssa Bogue and Krista Smit. Congratulations!!

4-H EASTERN FARMERS COOPERATIVE SCHOLARSHIP

We would like to thank Eastern Farmers Cooperative for their sponsorship of the two \$500 scholarships. Also thank you to the eight 4-H members that applied for the 2010-2011 4-H Eastern Farmers Cooperative Scholarships.

It was a very, very close competition for those that applied for scholarships making it real challenging for the awards committee to choose the winners. The winners of the 2010-2011 scholarships are Alyssa Lothrop and Jared Twedt.

4-H ENROLLMENTS DUE

Please turn in all your enrollment forms to your Club Leader, they were due to the Extension Office by **November 23**.

4-H LEADERS MEETING

The first 2012 4-H Leaders Meeting will be held on Monday **January 23, 7:00 PM** at the Extension Office. All 4-H Leaders are requested to attend. Parents or 4-H members are welcome to give input to Leaders to take to the meeting.

RECOGNITION EVENT 2011

Recognition Event 2011 was held at the Lennox Middle School on Nov. 12.

Recipients of some awards are as follows:

4-H Alumni: Jessica Pederson, Paxton Nordman, Scott Elcock, Sandy Elcock, Jessica Nordman, Mike Whitehead.

Friends of 4-H: Farm Credit Service of America, Farmers State Bank of Canton, Lincoln County Rural Water, South Lincoln Rural Water System, Inc., Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.

4-H Family of the Year: Scott & Marcia Hyronimus Family, Randy & Jani Gibbons Family.

Meritorious Service: Ric & Julie Morren

Top Ag Award: Jessica Bogue.

Top FCS Award: Krista Smit.

10 Year Clover Awards-Marcia & Scott Hyronimus, Kit Tornberg.

15 Year Clover Awards-Kristi Sweeter.

20 Year Clover Awards-Terri Kennedy

Thank you all for your participation in the Lincoln County 4-H Program. Congratulations on your Recognition, you very much deserve it.

GIVE THANKS TO SPONSORS

If you received an award at Recognition Event, please take the time to write a thank you to your award sponsor. Thank you cards are attached to your award for your convenience.

The generosity of sponsors is the only way we are able to give you awards that you earn. We need to let sponsors know we are appreciative and are honored to receive their contributions. If you need help with sponsor addresses please call the Extension Office at 764-2756.

RECOGNITION EVENT THANKS

Thank you to all 4-Hers, leaders and parents that brought food and helped make the 2011 4-H Recognition Event a success. Special thanks to the Recognition Event committee members Rhonda Dinan, Kerri & Mike Plucker, Jan Tipton, Randy Smit, Kristi & Rob Sweeter, Andrea Huffman, and Mike Whitehead. Thank you to 4-H Club members of Teapot Troopers, Trophy Trotters, Blue Ribbon Seekers and Dakota Lassies and Rangers for your help also.

EXTENSION CHANGES

As many of you have heard the changes in SDSU Extension took affect October 21, 2011. We no longer have Extension Educators in County Offices. Field Specialists are located at Regional Centers throughout the state. They are located in:
Aberdeen (605-626-2870)
Lemmon (605-374-4711)
Mitchell (605-995-7379)
Pierre (605-773-8120)
Rapid City (605) 394-2236
Sioux Falls(605-782-3290)
Watertown (605) 882-5140
Winner (605) 842-1267

Some Field Specialist Positions have been filled and some are yet to be filled.

4-H Youth Program Advisors are being hired for county offices. Amber Lounsbury is the Lincoln County 4-H Youth Program Advisor.

The public has resources for seeking information on horticultural topics such as what varieties to grow, tree pruning, etc.

Ask-an-Expert-www.eXtension.org is available submitting questions over the internet. You will receive a response within 48hours from local and regional experts with expertise in horticulture, agriculture, family & consumer sciences and more. A photo may be attached as well.

SDSUiGrow-www.igrow.org is available with South Dakota news, events and publications related to 4-H & Youth, Livestock, Agronomy, Healthy Families, Community Development & Horticulture (Gardening).

AnswerLine-1-888-393-6336 (no gardening questions) is available for information and resources for the public with home & family questions. (Food safety, food storage, & preservation).

4-H CHRISTMAS TREE

If you have the chance to stop in the Court-house, please look at our 4-H Christmas Tree we have displayed. For the last couple of weeks we have anticipated getting it up to enjoy and promote 4-H!



4-H YOUTH PROGRAM ADVISOR

Hello and Happy Holidays! I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new SDSU 4-H Youth Program Advisor for Lincoln County. I began my duties on Nov. 21st and am looking forward to spending the quiet winter months, meeting people, learning county routines and procedures and seeing what makes 4-H great in Lincoln County. I come to you most recently from Minnehaha County where I focused primarily on afterschool and youth-at-risk programming. This experience along with my over 10 years of traditional 4-H experience will set me up well for the successes and challenges of a fast growing county. I have many fond memories of Lincoln County from my years not only as an Extension Educator but as your county agent's wife. The Lincoln County Achievement Days are always a highlight of the year seeing long-time friends and celebrating the rich tradition of 4-H. I will be focusing my efforts primarily on 4-H afterschool outreach and recruitment, volunteer development and 4-H promotion. Please feel free to contact me at amber.lounsbury@sdstate.edu with any of your questions or concerns.

4-H CLUB CHRISTMAS TREES

Hello Minnehaha & Lincoln County 4-H clubs! As a special kick-off for the new SDSU Extension regional center in Sioux Falls we are inviting 4-H clubs to display a Christmas tree in our new atrium. This year's theme is 'Agriculture in SD.' Don't forget to incorporate an ornament or sign that will identify your club. We invite you to set up your tree and decorate it during the first week of December and remove the tree the first week of January between 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. If after hours are required for your club please contact us to set up a time. Electricity can be provided if needed for a lighted tree. Lights are not required. Please contact us at 782-3290 if interested. The regional office is located at 2001 E. 8th St., Sioux Falls.

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EXTENSION OFFICE HOLIDAYS

The Lincoln County Extension Office will be closed for the following Holidays:

December 26-Christmas Day

January 2, 2012-New Year's

USE THE 4-H WEBSITE

We sometimes receive 4-H information from sources after the newsletter has been sent. To get current information use the website:

www.lincolncountysd.org

- On the top under departments click: Extension Office
- Scroll down and click: Lincoln County 4-H or 4-H Calendar
- Scroll down and choose topic and click

MAKE & TAKE IT WORKSHOP!

Leaders, parents, friends, neighbors, clubs, please volunteer to help us plan a Make & Take It workshop on Saturday March 17 from 9 AM to Noon.

- * If you have a project idea that can be displayed at Achievement Days please let us know.
- * If you have a talent in an area and you would like to teach the youth, we would love to see your talents.

Please talk to your clubs to see if they come up with project ideas and let us know the information before **January 20**.

In the past years we have had 5 projects and 4-H members can do up to 3 of them. We charge for materials only so we try to keep the costs very low.

There will be Cloverbud specific projects also.

4-H member registration sheets for Make & Take It will be in the February 4-H Newsletter.

TREASURER'S BOOKS AUDIT & SECRETARY'S BOOKS DUE

All clubs should have used the Treasurer's book to at least keep an accounting system for the 2010/2011 4-H year. All clubs **MUST** do the end-of-the-year audit as outlined on pages 15-17 to meet IRS regulations. This report was to be filed at the Extension Office by November 23.

It is a state requirement that the Extension Office have copies of your 4-H Club Secretary's Books of 2010/2011. The book was to be turned into the Extension Office by November 23. We will make a copy and return your original.

4-H MEMBERS WELCOME

Please continue to encourage and promote 4-H members to join. New members are welcome to join 4-H until May. The earlier they join the more youth will benefit from what 4-H has to offer!

2012 LINCOLN COUNTY DATES

- March 17-Make & Take it, 9-noon- Canton
- May 22-Horse Safety Training-6:30 p.m.-Canton
- May 24-Public Presentations Help Day, 3-5-Canton
- May 31-Public Presentations Event, 3-7 p.m.-Canton
- June 26-Special Foods Help Day, 1PM-Canton
- July 7-Lincoln Co. Horse Show -8:30 a.m.-Canton
- July 11-Pre-registration Day-9 a.m.-8 p.m.-Canton
- July 17-Fashion Revue-9 a.m.-Canton
- July 24-26 State Horse Show-Huron. (Arrive on 23)
- July 27-State Livestock Judging-Huron
- July 28-Lincoln County Dog Show, 8:30 AM-Canton
- * Achievement Days are July 30,31, August 1,2,3.

2012 4-H ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

- * Feb. 25-26: 4-H Dog Leader Training Retreat
- * April 1: Market Beef 4-H green tags and verification affidavits due
- * April 28-30: South Dakota State 4-H Shoot
- * June 1: Horse Safety Training Deadline, Market Sheep/Goat/Swine/Breeding Beef/Sheep/Dairy cattle green tags/verification affidavits.
- * June 4-8: State 4-H Teen Leadership Conference
- * June 24-30: Citizenship Washington Focus
- * July 1-Swine PQA Training deadline
- * July 27-State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- * July 27-29: South Dakota Summer Spotlight
- * August 18: State 4-H Dog Show
- * August 30-Sept. 3: State Fair, Huron

SHOOTING SPORTS MOVED

The shooting sports program will have a new location for shooting sports training. Training will begin in January at the Alcester auditorium for all 4-H members 8 years and older that want to participate. You may attend training on Sundays at 2PM or Thursdays at 6:30 PM. The first session is tentatively planned to begin on January 15. These time and dates may change so watch the January for final details. Please bring a guardian to sign paperwork and \$15 to cover the fee for purchasing targets for the year.

If you have questions please contact Shooting Sports Leaders:

- Bill Thorson: 605-261-5214
- Tom Kennedy: 605-957-4375
- Corey Fischer: 605-360-5023
- Kevin Jensen: 987-4296.



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