

# Lincoln County 4-H News



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## FRUIT SALES SCHEDULE

- ◇ 4-H orders due to 4-H Leaders by Tues. March 1.
- ◇ Club orders due to Extension Office noon Thurs. March 3.
- ◇ Fruit Sorting Thursday April 7, Canton -8:30AM-Noon (approximately).
- ◇ Fruit delivery to customers, Saturday April 9.

If you can help sort fruit on the 7th of April, please call the office. The more help we have, the faster we will finish. We will load out clubs as soon as possible. Clubs that don't have parents or leaders there to help sort will be loaded last.

## IRS UPDATE-FOR 4-H CLUBS

The e-Postcards are due May 15 for the past year of 2010. Each 4-H club must file. Please mail or e-mail the Extension Office a copy of your acceptance from the IRS so we have it for our records in case of an audit. If you need assistance to file contact the Extension Office. 3 clubs are finished! 10 to go.

## HORSE SAFETY TRAINING

All 4-H horse show project members are required **to attend horse safety training every year**. All new members must have a guardian present. Guardian's must attend every third year thereafter. A horse safety training session will be held at the Lincoln County Extension Office on **Tuesday May 24 at 6:30 p.m. (This will be the only horse training in Lincoln County)**. If you are not able to attend this session, feel free to attend sessions in other counties such as Saturday, March 19 at 2 PM at the SD Horse Fair in Sioux Falls located at the W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds, south arena of the Expo Building. If you attend a horse safety session be sure they have you fill out the paperwork and let us know when and where you attended. It is a 4-H state regulation that horse safety training must be completed by May 31. No exceptions.



## 4-H INSURANCE INFORMATION

The 2011 4-H insurance form for Lincoln County 4-H members is in this newsletter. If you have more than one member in your family please make a copy, download off the website, or contact the Extension Office. Each 4-H member must have a completed form. The forms need to be signed by the 4-H member's guardian or parent before returning them to the Club Leader. Club Leaders will return the completed forms to the Extension Office along with one payment check made out to the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association. The due date is Thursday, April 7.

Below is the cost.

- If the 4-H member is in non horse projects the cost is \$1.50.
- If the 4-H member is in horse project the cost is \$2.50.
- If the 4-Her is in rodeo, insurance cost is \$40 unless the family has its own insurance to cover rodeo, then they must fill out the waiver and purchase the \$2.50 horse insurance.

**All 4-H members are required to have 4-H insurance.**

Volunteer Insurance for the 4-H Club Leaders is paid by the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders' Association.

## GREEN TAGGING 2011

- ◇ ALL Market Animals are required to be green tagged & weighed in order to be shown at the state fair.
- ◇ Weigh-in date for Lincoln County Market Beef is Saturday **March 5 at Sioux Falls Regional Livestock 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**. Market Beef Green tagging must be done by **April 1**.
- ◇ Breeding Animals, Dairy Cattle, and Dairy Goats are NOT required to be green tagged.
- ◇ Market Swine and Sheep/Goat weigh-in is in May. Market Swine and Sheep/Goats Green Tagging must be done by June 1.

## COOL AND 4H/FFA LIVESTOCK

Mandated County of Origin Law (COOL) requires retailers to ensure that country of origin information is provided for meat products, including ground and whole muscle cuts of beef, lamb, pork, poultry, and goat. Packers and processors that supply these meat products to their retail customers must provide COOL information. Though 4-H'ers are not directly regulated by COOL, the first-hand knowledge of their project's country of origin requires them to provide documentation for the retail chain. Because covered commodities are required to be country of origin labeled, definitive origin information must be provided to slaughter facilities.

### What 4-H and FFA Youth Need to Do?

A simple affidavit has been developed that can work for all species of livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, goat). The document explains the steps needed to be taken as well as example documents that can be used for an audit trail. This document will be available at the Extension Office or at our website at: <http://www.lincolncountysd.org>.

### 4-H and FFA Youth who raise their own livestock

For their projects, members need to fill this affidavit out and keep it on file for a minimum of two years. In the case of an audit, the youth can provide authorities with this affidavit along with other documents listed at the bottom of page 1 of the affidavit document (health papers, sales receipts, feeding records or other similar documents).

### 4-H and FFA Youth who purchase their livestock

from others MUST have the producer fill out the affidavit, give it to the youth, and the youth should keep the affidavit on file for a minimum of two years. For example, a 4-H'er goes to buy his steer from a producer. The 4-H'ers needs the producer (seller) to fill out and sign the affidavit.

Keep these records in your file at home, you do not need to bring them to the Extension Office. For more information, or forms please contact the Extension Office at 764-2756.

## VERIFICATION FORMS

The Market Beef verification forms were handed out to the Club Leaders on Jan. 24. They are available on the web at

<http://www.lincolncountysd.org>

The forms are due to the Extension Office by April 1 for Market Beef and the rest are due by June 1st.

Copies may made and given to you for your future records upon request.

## ANIMAL OWNERSHIP

All animals in the 4-H division that will potentially be shown at a state sponsored livestock event such as the South Dakota State Fair must be in the possession of the exhibitor by the closing enrollment/ownership date. These date are:

- **April 1st** :Market Beef (heifers and steers)
- **June 1st**: Breeding Beef, Breeding Swine, Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Market Sheep, Horse, Goat, & Dairy Cattle.

2011 Change - Simmental – Market Steer- Steer must be at least 50% Simmental in blood, from either the Dam or the Sire side. Animal must be registered with the American Simmental Association. Registration papers required.

**Market Steers:** Animals entered in the class may be purebred, commercial or crossbred. Only calves born on or after January 1, 2010 are eligible.

**Market Heifers:** Animals entered in this class may be purebred, commercial or crossbred. Only calves born after January 1, 2010 are eligible.

## ANIMAL REGISTRATION PAPERS

To be eligible for all Purebred Registered Breeding Shows, Beef, Swine, Sheep, Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat, exhibitors are required to have registrations papers in their name, farm name, family name or sibling name. The exhibitors must have breed registration papers to the Extension Office by **July 1, 2011**. We will then make a copy and return your original back to you. Be mindful of the deadline so you have time to process your registration papers.

Clarification: if the "Breed Registration" paper is not in the County Extension office by July 1, 2011, that animal will be shown in the Commercial Division.

What if the paper comes in after July 1 or the papers are pending, but will get them by the State Fair? **No**. The papers will not be accepted and animals will be shown in Commercial division.

## SHEEP/GOAT SCRAPIE

All sheep and goats need to have a scrapie identification tag. These tags must also be listed on the Verification Form in their entirety.

To get tags call 1-866-USDA-TAG.



## ACHIEVEMENT DAYS 2011

Saturday, July 30

4-H Dog Show-4-H Fairgrounds-Canton-8:30 AM

Monday, August 1

Enter exhibits-6:00-9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 2

Enter static exhibits-8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Static exhibit judging 10:00 a.m.

Hog Carcass Evaluation-show ring-10:30 a.m.

Rabbit Show -1:00 p.m.

Hog Show-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 3

Cattle Show-9:00 a.m.-order: feeder calves, pairs, showmanship, breeding heifers, market heifers, market steers.

Cat Show-1:00 p.m.

4-H Barbecue-5:00 p.m.

4-H Public Fashion Revue-6:00 p.m.

4-H Talent Show-6:45 p.m.

4-H Dance-9:00 p.m.-midnight (NO KARAOKE)

Thursday, August 4

Sheep Show-9:00 a.m.

Poultry Show -12:30 p.m.

Dairy Show-1:30 p.m.

Round Robin Showmanship-4:15 p.m.

Premium Sale Dinner-5:15 p.m. (buyers only)

Premium Sale-6:00 p.m. Order- beef, dairy, swine, sheep.

All Exhibits released-at 6:30 PM-NO EXCEPTIONS

4-H Clubs Clean up

Friday, August 5-Fairgrounds clean up day-Extension Office is closed.

- ◇ August 17 & 18, 8 AM-6:30 PM both days-drop off purple ribbon exhibits (not baked goods, eggs or hort.) at Extension Office to be taken to State Fair .
- ◇ August 30 (Tuesday)-Baked goods, eggs and horticulture must be brought into the Extension Office between 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM only, to go to State Fair.
- ◇ September 1-5 State Fair in Huron
- ◇ September 7-9-pick up state fair exhibits from the Extension Office.

## TENTATIVE DATES- 2011

March 5	Market Beef Weigh in-9:30-12:30, Sioux Falls Regional Livestock
March 7	Double FCS/Hort.- judging school-Beresford 6:30 PM-Methodist Church
March 12	Make & Take It Day-Canton-9-noon
April 7	Fruit Sort Date
May 21	Market-Sheep, Swine, Goat Weigh in 9:30 -Noon, 4-H Fairgrounds-Canton
May 24	Horse Safety Training-6:30 PM-Canton
May 26	Public Presentation Help Day-Canton
June 2	Public Presentation—Canton
June 7-8	Outdoors on a Mission –Newton Hills
June 12-14	Camp Poinsett
June 20-23	Camp Bob Marshall
June 25	Horse Show-Canton
June 28	Double FCS/Hort.- judging school-(For those that did NOT attend on March 7 judging school)
June 28	Special Foods Help Day
July 7	Special Foods, Lennox
July 7	Judging School, Lennox
July 12	Fashion Revue
July 14	Pre-registration Day
July 19-21	State Horse Show
July 22	State Livestock Judging-Huron
July 30	Dog Show-Canton
August 1-5	Achievement Days
Sept. 1-5	State Fair-Huron

## PREFERENCE SHEETS

Each year we send out preference sheets for the parents and senior 4-H members (ages 14 and older) to sign up on committees and work these committees during activities and Achievement Days.

The preference sheets were sent to your 4-H Club Leaders whom will hand them out to parents. We really need your cooperation in filling out these sheets so we have everything covered. It is not fair to expect the same individuals to take on this responsibility each year. Please do your part for you family and your club and volunteer for a committee.

You do not have to judge projects. You will assist where needed such as writing down ribbon placings, attaching or handing out ribbons, organizing projects, and misc.

Please fill out and turn in your preference sheets. We need you. Your leaders will collect them from you and return them to the Extension Office by April 7. Thank you.

## STATE 4-H LEADERS MEETING

The State 4-H Leaders Meeting will be held Saturday, March 26, 2011 at the SD School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. This is a great opportunity for leaders, parents, and junior leaders to attend workshops and gain new ideas! Call the Extension Office if you would like more information.

## LINCOLN COUNTY CFEL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES



A scholarship will be awarded by the Lincoln County South Dakota CFEL to person(s) who meet the following guidelines.

This scholarship:

...will be in the amount of \$150.00, to be awarded annually. The number of scholarships awarded shall be determined by the CFEL Executive Board and the Scholarship Committee.

... shall be for use in the final year of college, or upper level course work beyond graduation.

...may be used at an accredited post secondary school of the recipient's choice in South Dakota.

...will be given to a Lincoln County South Dakota resident, or one affiliated in Lincoln County 4-H or schools.

...recipient must have a grade point average of 2.8 or greater.

Application should include a brief story including:

How the scholarship will be used, the educational emphasis pursued, and the school location.

How your leadership experiences (4-H, FCCLA, FFA, Girl/Boy Scouts, church groups, or other) have benefited you and how you have utilized this in your school and community life.

One sealed letter of recommendation from a teacher, academic advisor, employer, pastor, or any other individual, not a relative.

Application must be made by Scholarship deadline June 1, 2011. The scholarship will be awarded at Lincoln County Achievement Days and is to be used in the upcoming academic year for tuition, academic fees, or books.

The application must be submitted to the Lincoln County Extension Office, 104 N Main St Ste 30, Canton SD, 57013 by June 1, 2011.

## USE THE WEB FOR INFO

Visit the Lincoln County 4-H Website for you to get the latest information. This site has the newsletters, forms, and other useful materials for you to view or print. Check it out:

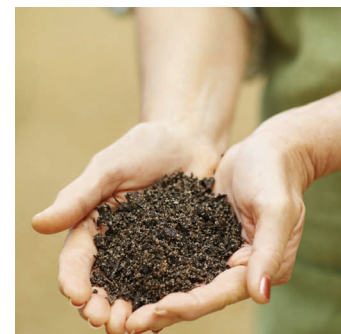
- [www.lincolncountysd.org](http://www.lincolncountysd.org)
- On the top under departments click: Extension Office
- Scroll down and click: Lincoln County 4-H
- Scroll down and choose topic and click.

## How Do We Improve Garden Soil?

By Claesa Kuhlman, Master Gardener Intern

Soil is very important for optimizing plant growth. It must allow water and oxygen to penetrate your plants roots and also provide the needed nutrients for optimum growth. There are many different ways to do improve your soil here are just a few. By tilling, plowing or spading in the fall it can benefit your soil by allowing it to freeze and thaw during the winter months, while helping to reduce compaction in our heavy soils. If you plant a cover crop in the fall and till it in evenly in the early spring you will add organic matter while also protecting it from the winter wind and water erosion.

If your soil is low on nutrients, fertilizer may need to be added. Excessive levels can burn plant roots and foliage while low soil nutrients will reduce crop growth and yields. Some nutrients are taken from the soil after harvest or are leached away from the rains. By taking a soil sample and having it tested you will know what nutrients your soil may need. You can then decide to add inorganic granular fertilizers and or compost to your soil. Compost can help to retain your nutrients longer and improve drainage and soil structure while also adding most of the micronutrients needed for your plants. Compost releases nutrients more slowly than fertilizers and will generally not supply all the nutrients required for a season's growth. Remember that healthy soil can equal healthy plants and a greater harvest this year.



## 4-H BOB MARSHALL CAMP

Lincoln County plans to take 4-H members and their friends ages 8-12 to 4-H Bob Marshall Camp tentatively on June 20, 21, 22, 23, 2011. We will be taking a van only if we have a minimum of 10 youth. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend, so bring your friend. Depending on the amount of youth attending the cost will be around \$100 including transportation. This camp is held near Custer in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

If you want to go, let us know as it is on a first come basis. Call the Extension Office at 764-2756. The deadline to sign up is **MARCH 25, 2011**.

## 2011 4-H CAMP POINSETT

4-H Camp (ages 8-12 year old) is set for Lake Poinsett located 14 miles northeast of Arlington off US Hwy 81.

This year 4-H Camp will be June 12, 13, & 14 at Lake Poinsett. Parents are responsible for all transportation. 4-H members arrive on Sunday and depart on Tuesday.

The purpose of 4-H Camp is to provide an opportunity for 4-H members and non 4-H members to make new friends, understand and appreciate nature, have fun and build leadership skills that can be used for a lifetime.

The fee is \$100 for 4-H Members and \$120 for non 4-H Members.

Watch for registration information in future newsletters.

## OUTDOORS ON A MISSION

The date has been determined for the third annual "Outdoors on a Mission." Arrive at Newton Hills on Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM, camp overnight and depart Wednesday June 8, at 2 PM. If you are between the ages of 8-12 years old this is the outdoor adventure for you! The fee is \$15 per 4-H member. The activities list and more information will be in following newsletters. Be sure to mark your calendars so you may experience this great outdoor adventure with other 4-Hers.

## SHOOTING SPORTS 4-H INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

There will **Shotgun** shooting sports instructor training May 28, 2011, in eastern South Dakota. Deadline to register is May 18. Contact Mark at the Extension Office (764-2756) for more info.

## 2011 SOUTH DAKOTA 4-H SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Youth who have at least five years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H (current high school senior or enrolled in college, technical institute, etc.) are eligible to apply for South Dakota 4-H Scholarships.

The SDSU Collegiate 4-H Scholarship is open only to active Collegiate 4-H members currently attending SDSU. This application needs to be signed by the Collegiate 4-H Advisor and then submitted to: State 4-H Office, SDSU, SAG 109, Brookings, 57007.

All other applications are being accepted now through April 1, 2011 at the local County Extension Office. The County Extension Educator will sign and forward applications to the State 4-H Office, SAG 109 Box 2207E, Brookings, SD 57007, postmarked by April 1, 2011.

A committee will review all applications and announce recipients in early May. All applicants will be notified regarding their final status after selection of recipients. All recipients must complete an acceptance form to receive the scholarship(s).

For more details regarding these scholarships call the Extension Office or go to the Lincoln County website at [www.lincolncountysd.org](http://www.lincolncountysd.org).

## 4-H HORSE AND QUIZ BOWL COUNTY CONTEST

The Lincoln County Horse Quiz Bowl and Hippology contests will be held in **May** at the Extension Office in Canton if we have enough interest. The Quiz Bowl will consist of 25-30 timed questions of which 75% will be from a pool of study questions. The other 25% will be general horse knowledge, trivia, etc.

The Hippology contest will consist of a written test (true, false and multiple choice) plus tack and horse anatomy ID.

For a set of study questions for the Quiz Bowl contact Jeff at the Extension Office. We must have a minimum of 5 members to have the quiz bowl. RSVP by **May 1st** if you are interested by calling 764-2756.

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NOR- WEGIAN YOUTH JUNE 29 – JULY 27

South Dakota has an opportunity to host some of the 25 Norwegian youth and two chaperones for four weeks this summer through the 4-H International Exchange Programs' Summer Inbound Exchange Program. For more info call 764-2756.



### Children's Gardening Mini-Grant \$125

Contact: Marilyn Rasmussen  
Associate Professor, South Dakota State University  
605-688-6191 or 688-4167 or [marilyn.rasmussen@sdstate.edu](mailto:marilyn.rasmussen@sdstate.edu)

Purpose: To support children's gardening projects, especially in after-school and out-of-school time programs.

- ◆ Partner with Cooperative Extension (SDSU) through a Master Gardener, an Extension Educator or FNP/EFNEP assistant
- ◆ Any school-age group, K-12
- ◆ May be used for purchase of seeds, seedlings or small garden equipment, such as watering cans, trowels, or containers, or similar supplies
- ◆ Incorporate hands-on learning experiences for children/youth over a period of 4 to 12 weeks
- ◆ Educational topics must include: plant science and nutrition
- ◆ Optional educational topics: physical exercise, cultural diversity, art, literacy, food safety, environmental stewardship, math (garden mapping/patterning/charting/graphing plant growth), food preparation or becoming acquainted with new foods

Application: Submit a brief statement (250-300 words) describing the goals of the gardening project, the target group of youth involved (age and number) and an estimation of how the \$125 will be spent. Ten dollars of the budget may be used to pay for the Volunteer Application fee, if needed. Please include the name of the Extension-related person who will be working with the project (Master Gardener or Cooperative Extension Educator or assistant). Include all of the necessary contact information. **Application is due April 1, 2011.** Send to the address below.

Reporting: A brief summary of what the children and youth learned as a result of the project, including name of the program and Extension partner, age of children and how the funds were used (300-350 words). Two or three photos are desirable. **Report is due August 19, 2011.** Send to the address below.

Marilyn Rasmussen  
Box 2275A, SWG 249  
South Dakota State University  
Brookings, SD 57007



These funds are available due to the generosity of the membership of the  
South Dakota Community & Family Extension Leaders

# LAMB ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Adam Wirt Family of Lennox has approached the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Association regarding the implementation of a 4-H market lamb enrichment program. The following is a summary of the program details. If you are interested please contact Jeff at the office.

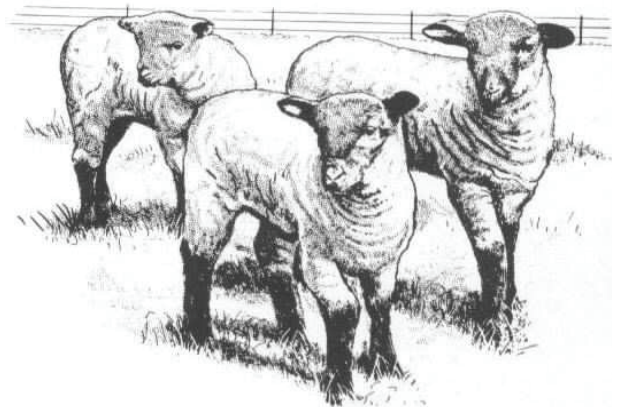
Objective: To help promote the 4-H Sheep Program by encouraging participation and new involvement.

## Plan:

1. Members who are interested in participating will sign up with their county extension office prior to May 1st.
  - a. All 4-H members in Lincoln County are eligible for the program.
  - b. Members will pay Wirt Farms market price + \$20 for lamb project.
  - c. Program will provide only 1 lamb per 4-H member.
  - e. Lambs from the program must be shown at county level unless unable due to sickness or injury.
    - i. This will be determined by a farm visit by the county livestock educator and Wirt farm representative.
2. Wirt farms will select a group of market wethers that will be used for the program.
3. A random drawing for the lambs will be held to determine how the lambs will be placed.
4. All lambs will be weighed in and 4-H tagged on the same day in conjunction with the lamb drawing. Date to be determined.
5. Members will be required to attend two events put on by Wirt farms throughout the summer to encourage education about the sheep project.
  - a. Event #1-Feeding, Showmanship, Training, Selecting your lamb project
  - b. Event #2-Clipping, Show Prep, Show Presentation
6. Wirt Family members will make one farm visit throughout the summer.
  - a. They will also be available to contact throughout the summer to answer any questions regarding health, feeding, showing, etc.
7. Members will be required to write two letters to Wirt farms throughout the summer based on the topics pre determined.
8. All members completing the set requirements at a satisfactory level will be given \$xx credit to Wirt Farms to be used at Wirt Farms, either at their annual sale or on the farm.
  - a. Additional sponsorship will be pursued through local businesses for program expansion and additional incentives.

## Timeline:

1. Establish a finalized program and approval by the Lincoln County Leaders Association.
2. Formally introduce the program to all 4-H members in Lincoln County.
  - a. As a part of this, establish a list of interested members.
3. Hold an information meeting to discuss the program in greater detail and answer any questions for the members interested.
4. Have a sign up period for members that want to participate.
  - a. This period to close on May 1st.
5. Hold the lamb weigh-in and drawing in mid-May, possibly in connection with county lamb weigh-ins.
6. Summer-Have two training events.
7. Lincoln. Co. Fair-Have a special class during the sheep show to recognize these members participating.



# Early Bird Livestock Judging School

Sponsored by Lincoln County Extension and  
Sioux Falls Regional Livestock

To be held at Sioux Falls Regional Livestock, Worthing



Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Registration 9:30 AM  
School begins at 10 AM



5-6 classes-swine, sheep, and beef  
2 sets of oral lessons juniors and seniors  
1 set of questions for beginners  
1 set of parts I.D. for beginners

This is a state contest qualifying school for 4-Hers.  
**FFA Chapters**-this will be an excellent practice session  
for your state contest, April 10- April 12.

To pre-register or if you have further questions contact  
Jeff Lounsbery at 764-2756.

**Please register by Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>!**



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**South Dakota**  
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Entertainment

March 18-20, 2011  
W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds Expo Building  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## Julie Goodnight



*Classic Skills for a  
Natural Ride*

### Youth Activities

- Judging Contest
- Hippology Contest
- Horse Safety Training
- Stick Horse Contest
- Fun For All Ages!!

### Gates Open

Friday 12:30 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am  
Sunday 8:30 am



### Special Activities

*All New Horseman's Challenge  
Cowboy Church  
Ranch Rodeo*

*Dressage & Jumping  
Driving*



## Duane Reichert

*Backstage with a  
Rodeo Clown*

### Admission

Adult (14+) \$8.00  
Youth (6-13) \$5.00  
Child (5 & Under) FREE

### Weekend Passes

Adult (14+) \$20.00  
Youth (6-13) \$12.00

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## WIN A \$1,000 SAVINGS BOND IN THE *WHENIGROWUP VIDEO CONTEST*— ENTRIES DUE APRIL 4

Here is an opportunity for 4-H youth to put video skills to practice! A \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond is the prize for capturing, on the winning video, younger siblings or cousins talking about what they want to be when they grow up. Note that the prize will be awarded on Tax Day – not April 15 but April 18 — the last day to legally file federal taxes.

This contest (<http://bondsmakeiteasy.org/contest>) is part of a nationwide effort of government and financial institutions to encourage personal responsibility in the handling of financial resources — it starts with our youth learning about the need to save money. February is South Dakota Saves Month – please join us in spreading the word about this campaign to help people become more financially capable.



### **PBS KIDS GO! WRITERS CONTEST DEADLINE IS MARCH 14.**

South Dakota Public Broadcasting (SDPB), in conjunction with the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) is again sponsoring the annual *PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest*. The *PBS KIDS GO! Writers Contest* is for youth in Kindergarten, First Grade, Second Grade or Third Grade, who want to write and illustrate their own stories. Winners are recognized during a ceremony at the SD Public Broadcasting studio on April 30. The top 12 stories are also produced into a local television program called *Dakota KidStories*. For more information about the contest and the official entry form, click [here](#). The deadline for the contest is March 14th. For more information, contact Wess Pravecek at 605-677-6418 or [wess.pravecek@state.sd.us](mailto:wess.pravecek@state.sd.us). You can also visit <http://www.sdpb.org/youngwriters/>. Send entries to: South Dakota Public Broadcasting 555 N Dakota Street PO Box 5000 Vermillion, SD 67069-5000



## TEENS INVITED TO BE SPEAKERS AT THE 2011 KIDS SPEAK

Sponsored by [South Dakota Voices for Children](#), 2011 KIDS SPEAK will feature seven students presenting to a panel of public officials and community leaders at 10:00 a.m. Central Time, on Friday, April 29 at the Best Western Ramkota in Sioux Falls. The forum: “*How can policy (including implementation, education and enforcement) help South Dakota youth avoid the lasting effects of tobacco, drugs and alcohol?*” Students chosen to speak will give a 10-minute presentation on ways to strengthen the effectiveness of policies at the community, state and/or federal level. Mileage and lodging is paid for students chosen to speak.

Complete information is posted on the [South Dakota Voices for Children](#) website (<http://www.sdvoicesforchildren.org/forum.php>) or you can request information via [email](mailto:office@sdvoicesforchildren.org) ([office@sdvoicesforchildren.org](mailto:office@sdvoicesforchildren.org)) or call 605 367-9667. **Applications** must be postmarked by Friday, March 11, or returned the same date in person or by fax (typewritten applications only) to 605 335-3836. Statewide representation and topic focus will be considered in the selection of speakers. Applicants will be notified 30 days in advance of the event.

### **YOUTH IN AGRICULTURE PROGRAM LOANS AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 1**

[Farm Credit Services \(FCS\) of America](#) provides individual student livestock loans of up to \$2,500 to local 4-H youth production projects (feeder pigs, feeder calves and feeder lambs) that will be re-paid within an annual production cycle. Other types of projects will also be considered. Youth in Agriculture funding is available until April 1, 2011. For more information, please [contact your local FCS of America office](#). (<https://www.fcsamerica.com/exwebcontact/contactsearch.aspx>)

### **2011 LASSOS & LEGENDS APRIL 28**

Lassos & Legends is a public speaking contest open to all youth ages 17 and younger. The contest begins at 5 p.m. at the Clay County 4-H building in Vermillion. Participants can compete in the beginner group, for ages 10 and younger, the junior division for speakers ages 11-14, or the senior division for competitors 14-17. Judges will award a minimum of \$300 in prizes to the top presentations in each division. The deadline to sign up is April 18. For more details call 764-2756.

# 4-H JUDGES TRAINING



**Tuesday, March 29 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.**

**Brookings County Resource Center  
826 32nd Ave, Brookings, SD**

**Break-out Training Sessions:**

*Please rank top 3 choices (1 as top choice)*

- Foods & Nutrition
- Visual Arts
- Home Environment
- Photography/Videography
- Hobbies & Collections/Posters
- Wood Science

*We will try to schedule the training so you can attend your top two break out sessions.*

**Learn the basics of  
4-H judging & how to  
judge specific project  
areas-for interested,  
new, and returning  
judges!**

**Pre-registration due - March 21**

Name:
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**Please mail registration form to: McCook County Extension Office, PO Box 130,  
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