

Lincoln County 4-H News



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FAREWELL JEFF & MARK

As many of you already know, the Extension Educator positions across the state have been eliminated. As of October 22 they will no longer be at our county offices. Some have applied for positions in one of the 8 regional centers that are located throughout the state, with the closest one located in Sioux Falls. These changes will include the loss of Jeff Lounsbery as our Extension/Livestock Educator and Mark Rowen as our Extension 4-H/Youth Development Educator.

The Lincoln County Extension Office is holding an open house for Jeff and Mark open to the public on October 20 from 1:30PM-4PM. Please stop in and wish them well on their future endeavors.



OPEN HOUSE

Oct. 20

1:30PM-4PM

Extension Office



RECOGNITION EVENT 2011

Recognition Event will be held **Saturday - November 12** at the Lennox Middle School Cafeteria at **6:30 P.M.** All 4-H Leaders, 4-H members and families are encouraged to attend.

Potluck is the meal, all 4-H clubs are encouraged to bring enough food (hot dishes, desserts, salads, breads) for their club and 2 guests. Beverages and dinnerware will be provided.

During the 4-H Recognition Event we will be recognizing:

- * Top fruit sales 4-Hers
- * CWF Delegates
- * Dog Program participants
- * Shooting Sports Program participants
- * County Project Awards recipients
- * 1,5,10 year 4-H award recipients
- * 4-H Judging Teams
- * Special Foods
- * 4-H leaders that volunteered 5, 10, 15, etc. years
- * 4-H Friend of 4-H
- * 4-H Family of the Year
- * 4-H Alumni
- * 4-H Meritorious
- * 4-H Top Ag -male & female
- * 4-H Top Family Consumer Science-male & female
- * 4-H Graduating Members
- * 4-H Eastern Farmers Cooperative Scholarship
- * 4-H Horse Show County Awards
- * 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl Awards
- * Swine Carcass Evaluation Awards
- * Club leaders, 4-H members as well as others.

There will also be the slideshow to recap the 4-H year and to honor our 4-H graduates. Bring your family, and help us celebrate the Achievements of the past 2010-2011 4-H Year!

Recognition Event committee members are Rhonda Dinan, Kerri & Mike Plucker, Jan Tipton, Randy Smit, Kristi & Rob Sweeter, Andrea Huffman, and Mike Whitehead. The Teapot Troopers, Trophy Trotters, Blue Ribbon Seekers and Dakota Lassies and Rangers 4-H Clubs will help with planning, set up and clean up.

2011-2012 4-H ENROLLMENT

The new 4-H year begins on October 1. 4-H members must be 8 years old on or before January 1, 2012. They may not be 19 or older on or before Jan. 1, 2012.

The 4-H leaders recently received the needed materials for 4-H members to enroll or re-enroll in 4-H at the Leaders meeting September 20. ALL 4-H MEMBERS MUST RE-ENROLL EVERY YEAR.

The South Dakota 4-H Member Enrollment Form/Projects are one sheet (front/back). Keep the code of conduct for your records. Please complete the enrollment form and circle the projects you are enrolling in. Feel free to make corrections as far as address changes, cell phone number, email address, and etc.

Parents please note on the lower portion of the enrollment form a parent signature is required.

A green enrollment form is available for new members to fill out and circle the projects they are enrolling in.

After completion of the forms please turn them into your club leader.

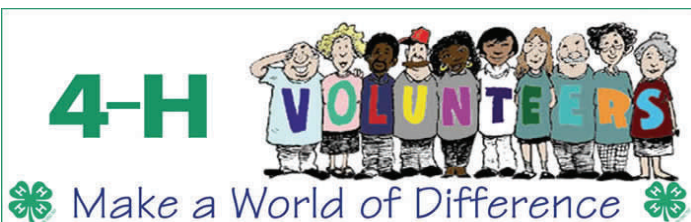
When club leaders receive the forms they will fill out the 4-H "Club" Enrollment Form, listing the 4-H leaders and addresses, their 4-H members along with the elected offices.

Club Leaders will turn in the Club Enrollment Form and 4-H members re-enrollment forms into the Extension Office as one club packet by **Nov. 23**

4-H VOLUNTEER FORM

The state 4-H office requires that all volunteers must complete a volunteer application form annually. This includes 4-H Leaders, Shooting Sports Instructors and anyone else that volunteers. These forms have been given to the club leaders at the Sept. 20 meeting.

Leaders need to turn in their volunteer forms with payment by Nov. 23. The forms need to be completely filled out including birthdate, etc. as they use this for background screening.



SECRETARY'S BOOKS PAST DUE

It is a state requirement that the Extension Office have copies of your Secretary's Books. We still need these 2010/2011 books turned in by each club. Please turn them in by November 23, 2011.

4-H TREASURER'S AUDIT DUE

Because of the IRS requirements, all clubs should be using the 4-H Treasurer's book to at least keep an accounting system, all clubs MUST do the end-of-the-year audit as outlined on pages 15-17 for 2010. This report needs to be filed at the Extension Office by November 23, 2011.

Keep in mind that all clubs will be required to report income to the IRS via e-file after Jan. 1, 2012.

JANUARY LEADERS MEETING

The next Lincoln County 4-H Leaders meeting is schedule for Monday evening January 23 at the Extension Office. The start time is 6:30 PM.

4-H JR. LEADERS MEETING

The next 4-H Jr. Leaders meeting will be held on Thursday, October 27th at 6:30 PM. We will meet at the Canton Pizza Ranch. Please RSVP to Kelley by noon on the 27th. Pizza will be served! All 4-Hers are welcome!

4-H JR. LEADERS

- * A 4-H Junior Leader member may be any 4-H member enrolled in the Lincoln County 4-H program.
- * A member who would like to hold an office must be at least 14 years of age. And must serve a 2 year term
- * Each member is required to attend 7 meetings per year and needs to participate in at least 3 Community Service activities, which will be regularly scheduled at meetings per year.
- * Jr. Leaders meet once a month.

Why join Lincoln County Jr. Leaders?

Jr. leaders meet, plan, and implement fun activities such as Wild Water West Water park, Sledding, 4-H Dance; Community Service Activities. We also need new ideas. It would be great to have 2 or more 4-H members from each club be a part of Jr. Leaders so they can bring their great ideas back to their club. If you would like to check out a Jr. Leaders meeting, contact Kelley at the Extension Office at 764-2756 or e-mail Lincoln.PA@sdstate.edu. COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS TRIP (CWF)

The Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington D.C. applications are due **no later than October 14.**

The 2012 CWF trip will be June 24 to June 30. All 4-Hers ages 15 and up-this is the opportunity for you! The group will travel by chartered bus. The CWF trip is a chance for 4-Hers to visit Washington D.C. and attend 4-H workshops.



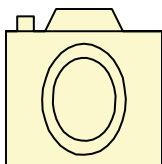
Lincoln County 4-H Leaders (\$2060) and 4-H Jr. Leaders (\$500) are sponsoring 2 delegates to attend. The Awards Selection Committee will review the applications (which are anonymous) and select the CWF trip recipients. CWF recipients only expenses will be a few meals and spending money. Please consider applying for this great opportunity! Call the Extension Office for an application at 764-2756 or go to the internet at www.lincolncountysd.org and click on extension, click on 4-H. You can also go to the web for more information at: www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org.

GRADUATES WE NEED YOUR PICTURES PLEASE

4-H Graduates we need your pictures for the 2011 Recognition Event slideshow. Please mail or e-mail (lincoln.pa@sdstate.edu) 4 or 5 pictures to Kelley ASAP.

* names still need photos

Ashley Beer	Jordan Jensen
*Rachel Gibbons	*DJ Dobson
*Jaylen Morren	*Nichole Barber
*Alyssa Lothrop	*Jared Stearns
*Drew Sweeter	*Dillon Short
Blake Beard	*Emily Fossum
*Amy VanDerWerff	*Tanner Tipton
Liz Dahl	*Katie Hayes
*Christy Carlson	Jared Twedt



Native American Day Oct. 10
the Extension Office will be closed.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IS OCTOBER 2-8. MEET THE FUTURE

4-H Members are encouraged to wear 4-H shirts on Wednesday October 5 to help promote 4-H.

**JOIN THE REVOLUTION
OF RESPONSIBILITY**

The 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."

YES, THERE IS 4-H IN LINCOLN COUNTY

As we continue operations at the Extension Office you can be assured that 4-H will continue in Lincoln County. With the support of our Lincoln County Commissioners, our communities, our 4-H Leaders, our 4-H parents and families we will be here. Kelley and Irene will remain at the Extension Office and we will be getting a 4-H/Youth Program Advisor in the near future. As you may have heard, there will be changes and challenges without the Extension Educators in the 4-H Program. We all will need to join together and be patient, understanding and ambitious together to be successful. We all want the best for our youth today and in the future.

4-H DATES 2012

The Lincoln County 4-H Leaders met on Sept. 20, below are dates for 4-H events of 2012.

- * Lincoln County Horse Show is Saturday, July 7, at 8:30 AM.
- * State Horse Show is July 24-26.
- * Lincoln County Dog Show is Saturday, July 28, at 8:30 AM.
- * Achievement Days are July 30,31, August 1,2,3.

Some other dates of interest are:

- * The Sioux Empire Fair in Sioux Falls dates are August 7-12, 2012
- * The Turner County Fair in Parker is scheduled for August 13-16, 2012.
- * The 2011 South Dakota State Fair in Huron is August 30-September 3, 2012.

IT HAS BEEN A GREAT RUN!

All things in life whether good or bad eventually come to an end. The only thing that is constant in this world is change. As most of you know I am leaving Lincoln County Extension after two decades of work here. In that time I have thoroughly enjoyed my job and most importantly the opportunity to work with 4-H youth, leaders, and parents.

As time passes, we all seem to have less of it. Work, school and everything else out there that we choose to do takes more energy, commitment and financial obligations. With all that said, I will stand face to face with any teacher, school administrator, coach, community leader or law maker and argue the point that 4-H is **STILL** the best family involved organization in the United States. There is no other youth activity in our great country that more effectively teaches leadership and communication skills coupled with the importance of responsibility and respect for one-self and others more than 4-H. All this while still involving family members, ages 2 to grandparents.

Don't get me wrong, I am not bashing other youth activities or organizations, as being involved at any level is a good thing. In the big picture however realize that the above mentioned skills learned in 4-H can be used for a lifetime. A majority of balls, bats, helmets and uniforms are usually put on the shelf after high school graduation. South Dakota has an average of 11,400 babies born every year. In ten years that equates to 114,000 youth. If twenty of them in any given ten year period become pro athletes that equals .000175 percent or 2 out of every 11,400. Enough of my soap box, I've made my point.

In the last twenty years, I think the most amazing thing I have seen is the hundreds of 8 year old, first time 4-Hers grow up. They have become doctors, teachers, lawyers, nurses, secretaries, editors, industry workers, business owners, farmers, ranchers, bankers, writers, administrative personal, clerks, firemen, policemen, veterinarians and most importantly adults that positively influence their own children as Moms and Dads.

It has been a great run as a county agent and extension educator here in Lincoln County. Thank you for letting me be a part of your organization, communities and families. Best Wishes to you all, always!

Most Sincerely,
Jeff Lounsbury

FROM MARK ROWEN

It is with mixed feelings, I write these comments. It has been a real pleasure to be associated with such a great group of people. The leaders, parents and members of the Lincoln County 4-H program can be proud of all it has accomplished. There is no doubt all the 4-H members will become outstanding leaders of the future because of the passion shown by the staff, leaders and parents. I know in my heart 4-H, here in Lincoln, is in good hands and will stay one of the best programs in the state. I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this outstanding 4-H program.

Grants Available to 4-H Clubs and FFA/ FCCLA

The South Dakota Department of Agriculture announces that grant funding is now available through the Building Our South Dakota Rural Communities grant program.

Grants are open to 4-H Clubs, FFA Chapters, and Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Chapters. These grants were developed to demonstrate the importance of rural communities and the value of organizations working together to improve rural life.

There are two types of grants available. The basic grant is used for community improvement projects and is limited to \$750 per project. The safety grant is used for projects that enhance public safety and is limited to \$200 per project.

Any 4-H club or FFA/FCCLA chapter in South Dakota can apply for the grant. Applications are **due by October 31, 2011**. Awards are announced at the end of November.

All applications must be submitted on the approved forms for Fiscal Year 2012. Grant application forms and more information are available on the department's website at <http://sdda.sd.gov/AgDevelopment/FinancePrograms/default.aspx> or by calling 605-773-5436.

Agriculture is South Dakota's No. 1 industry, generating nearly \$21 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 143,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or follow us on Facebook.

Gerhard Sweeter Memorial Beef Grant

If you are considering entering the beef project area here is an opportunity for you.

The Gerhard Sweeter Memorial Grant Program is open to all Lincoln County 4-H Members enrolled in or planning to enroll in the beef project. The purpose of the grant is to enable youth to purchase a club calf who might not otherwise have the funds available to them. The funds will be awarded to one or more 4-H members who apply. The Lincoln County 4-H Leaders Awards Committee will determine who receives the funds after reviewing the applications. The committee may select one or more grantees to receive a maximum of \$1000 (and any accumulated interest) each year. The amount awarded will be the actual cost of the calf not to exceed the grant. The money will be awarded in the fall and will be paid to the 4-H member upon receipt of the bill of sale.

Applicants must agree to show the beef at the Lincoln County Achievement Days and must repay the total amount (with no interest) by October 1, 2012. In the event of a death loss, the applicant will still be liable for repayment.

Completed applications are due by Friday, October 28 to the Extension Office.

Gerhard Sweeter Memorial Beef Grant Program Application

Name: _____

Years in the beef project: _____ Age: _____

Reason or reasons you would like to receive this grant:

I agree to adhere to the following:

Use the money to purchase a beef animal.

Submit to the 4-H Leaders Association a copy of my beef receipt.

Exhibit the beef at the Lincoln County Achievement Days.

Repay the grant in full by October 1 of the following year.

In the event of a death loss, repayment will still be made.

Signature of 4-H member _____ Date _____

As the legal guardian of _____, I hereby agree to ensure that the above listed rules are followed and oversee the proper feeding and care of the purchased animal.

Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Completed applications are due by **Friday, October 28, 2011** to the Lincoln County Extension Office, 104 North Main St, Suite 30, Canton SD 57013

THANK YOU TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS, 4-H LEADERS, PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SPONSORS FOR A GREAT 2010-2011 4-H YEAR

Beresford City Library
 Beresford Gun Club
 Canton Police Department
 Canton Chamber of Commerce
 Canton Lockers
 Sunshine Foods-Canton
 Dakota Large Animal Clinic, Harrisburg
 District 11 Dairy Farmers
 Eastern Farmers Cooperative, Canton
 Elite Business Systems, Sioux Falls
 Farm Gas Coop Assoc. of Lennox
 Farm Credit Services of America
 Farmers Elevator, Hudson
 Farmers State Bank of Canton
 Fiesta Foods-Beresford
 First Bank & Trust
 Frieberg, Nelson & Ask LLP
 Hiawatha Golf Course
 Kelly Eilers
 Hoffman Oil-Canton
 Home Federal Bank, Canton/Lennox/
 Harrisburg
 Lincoln County Commissioners:
 Dale Long
 Jason Melcher
 David Gillespie
 Jim Schmidt
 Dennis Weeldreyer
 Lincoln County Conservation District
 Lincoln County Community &
 Family Extension Leaders
 Lincoln County Farm Bureau
 Lincoln County Open Class
 Lincoln County Pork Producers
 Lincoln County Highway Department
 Lincoln Co. Rural Water
 NEIGHBOR-HOOD-PUMP SERVICE
 Newspapers:
 Sioux Valley News-Canton
 Lennox Independent
 Beresford Republic
 The Hudsonite
 AOK Sanitary Service
 Pioneer Hybrid, Greg Huffman Family
 Plucker Farms, Tea
 Prairie View Prevention Services, Inc.
 Sioux Falls Regional Livestock
 Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.
 South Lincoln Rural Water
 Souvignier RE & Auction
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 Valley Exchange Bank of Lennox & Tea
 All livestock buyers at 2011 Premium Sale
 Paxton Nordman
 Jessica Nordman

Arlon & Sandy Knock
 Arden & June Shields
 Robert Smit Family, Lennox
 Brad Klostergaard
 Brad Rops-SE Research Farm
 Bridget Twedt
 Charlie Kuehl Memorial
 Corky DeJong, Canton
 Dave & Pam Gillespie
 Don Cole, Canton
 Don Sweeter, Worthing
 Brad Peterson, DVM, Canton
 Dr. Ken Shaffer, Lennox
 Larry Lounsbery, DVM, Beresford
 Steve Tornberg, DVM, Harrisburg
 Edna Fillingsness, Beresford
 Gary Romereim, Canton
 George & Marion Knock Memorial
 Jeff & Amber Lounsbery
 James & Katie Westra
 Jeri Westra, Centerville
 Kerwin Strasser Memorial, Lennox
 Lee Stratmeyer Memorial
 Jack Wiebers Memorial
 Larry & Sharon Bruns
 Larry & Suellin Lutterman-Brookings
 Vince Beck Memorial
 Kerwin & Jeanette Ulrickson Memorial
 Lynette Hardy, Beresford
 Marlene & Ken Sweeter
 Gerhard Sweeter Memorial
 Tornberg Farms Inc.-Beresford
 Tom Eiesland-Canton
 Randy and Jani Gibbons Family, Worthing
 Justin & Renee Allen
 Ric Morren
 Roger Rehder Family, Beresford
 Terri Jo Rehder, Beresford
 Tom & Terri Kennedy Family
 Rhonda & Tim Dinan
 J & K Farms-Beresford
 Erma Fossum
 Wendy Lawrenson
 Donna Barber
 Paul Twedt
 Dave Strasser
 Gregg Koerner Family
 Carol Vander Laan
 Todd & Mary Vander Laan Family
 Norm Smeenk-Harrisburg
 Lincoln County Crop Improvement
 Kevin and Darcy Jensen of Canton
 Todd Gannon Family
 Midwest Livestock
 4-H Junior Leaders

4-H Clubs:
 Blue Ribbon Seekers
 Beaver Creek Livestock
 Clover Spirit
 Dakota Farmers
 Dakota Lassies & Rangers
 Heartland Helpers
 Helping Hands
 Lincoln Blinkers
 Lincoln County Livestock
 Little Rascals
 Teapot Troopers
 Trophy Trotters
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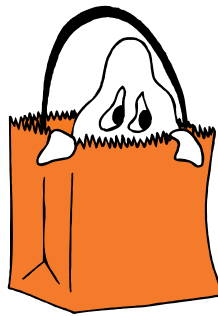
4-H Leaders:
 Jan Tipton
 Randy Smit
 Shelly Hammer
 Carol Vaca
 Andy Minihan
 Tara Stubbe
 Ross & LeAnn Lothrop
 Amy Nelson
 Rob & Kristi Sweeter
 Mary DeVany
 Dara Bezug
 Terri Kennedy
 Wendy Lawrenson
 Kris Kjose
 Kevin & Darcy Jensen
 Kaia Kloster
 Karen Kaskie
 Lola Twedt
 Scott & Marcia Hyronimus
 Lisa Bogue
 Vera & Brian Kruid
 Tammy VanBockern
 Kit Tornberg
 Laurie Koerner
 Laurel Peterson
 Andrea Huffman
 Mike Whitehead
 Rhonda Dinan
 Mike & Kerri Plucker
 Tom Kennedy
 Bill Thorson
 Corey Fischer

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 Drew Sweeter
 Joe Kennedy
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