

Lincoln County 4-H News



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2011 FAIR SEASON

As the Fair Season comes to an end, we have many reasons to be thankful.

A special thanks to all leaders, parents, committee members, judges, volunteers and 4-Hers that participated in making our Achievement Days a great success. Congratulations to all involved in 4-H for helping make it a wonderful experience for our 4-H youth of today and our leaders of tomorrow. It wouldn't be a success without you.

SPONSOR THANK YOU

Award winners during Achievement Days are encouraged to send a thank-you note to your trophy sponsor. A postcard was attached to each trophy for that purpose in mind.

Remember to send a thank-you to your premium sale buyers, their names were sent to you along with your premium check.

Anyone that received ribbons, the sponsor is listed on the ribbon, if you need addresses, please call the Extension Office.

Sponsors are vital and deserve to be thanked.

MEDALS & AWARDS

4-Hers, if you are interested in applying for medals or awards, please refer to the **4-H Pin/Medal Requirements** sheet enclosed in this newsletter. It lists the requirements for the following: year 1, year 5 & year 10 member medals, county 4-H citizenship medal, county 4-H Leadership medals, 4-H Key award, county project medals, and the member participation certificate. Due before **Sept. 20**.

KEY AWARDS

If you are at least 16 years old and at 4-H year 6 or beyond, and have previously been awarded both the County 4-H Citizenship and Leadership Medals and along with other criteria you may be eligible to apply for the Key Award. If you would like to apply, please contact the Extension Office for a special application. Applications are due to your 4-H Club Leader before September 20 who will bring it to the Extension Office on September 20 Leaders Meeting.

4-H MEMBER JOURNALS

Each club member is to turn in their completed 4-H journal to your club leader. They have to verify and sign that you met this requirement. Just filling out page 9 does not mean you completed your journal. Completed journals are required to meet award criteria. If you need a 4-H Journal, you may download it off of the internet at the following address:

<http://4h.sdstate.edu/Publications/4Hjournal.pdf> or contact the Extension Office for a copy.

4-H Journals help develop record keeping habits for the future and are a great way to preserve your memories. **THEY ARE NOT JUDGED AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.** Do NOT bring your journal to the Extension Office. Contact your 4-H Club Leader to determine collection due dates for your 4-H Journal. Leaders will bring results to the 4-H Leaders Meeting on September 20.

Journal Page #9 "I Made It" is no longer turned into the Extension Office.

COUNTY MEDAL AWARDS

It is time to apply for County Medal Awards. You may apply if you meet the following qualifications:

- Enrolled 3 years in 4-H.
- Enrolled and completed 2 years in project area. Enrollment and participating in Discovery 4-H may constitute one year in completion of a 4-H project with the approval of Volunteer 4-H Leader and/or Extension Educator for project medal.
- Give one county or two club demonstrations, illustrated talks, public speaking, or project why in project area. Participation in a county or state Special Foods event is accepted as a public presentation in the Food and Nutrition project.
- Shows project accomplishment as determined by Volunteer 4-H Leader and/or Extension Educator.
- Completes 4-H Journal.
- Does judging at some level, if judging is available in project.

If you are applying for an award, all applications must be turned into your 4-H Club Leaders before **September 20**. The Club Leaders will turn your applications into the Extension Office on September 20 at the 4-H Leaders Meeting. Do NOT send journals to the Extension Office.

4-H MEMBER

1, 5, 10 YEAR MEDALS

4-H members that have met the requirements may be eligible for 1st, 5th, and 10 year medals. Contact your 4-H Club Leader to apply.

Leaders need to turn their completed list of eligible recipients of the year award medals by **September 20** to the Extension Office.

TOP AG AND TOP FAMILY CONSUMER AWARDS

4-H members that are 15 years old or older are eligible to apply for the top Male and Female in Ag, and top Male and Female in Family Consumer Science. **BE SURE TO PICK UP AN APPLICATION.** Completed applications are due to the Extension Office by **September 20**. The Awards Committee will review the applications and determine the award winners.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 4-H MEMBERS

Member Participation Certificate

4-H members must meet 3 of the 4 requirements to be eligible for a completed 4-H year.

- ◇ ___ Gives a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, project why, and/or participates in county or state Special Foods event as a public presentation in Food and Nutrition project.
- ◇ ___ Attends at least four club meetings.
- ◇ ___ Completes 4-H Journal.
- ◇ ___ Participates in one or more of the following: Junior or Teen Leadership, a club or county event, shows project accomplishment, and/or judging at some level.

4-H SECRETARY BOOKS & TREASURER'S BOOKS

It is required that every 4-H Club turns in their completed **Secretary Book** into the Extension Office by October 1. This is a state requirement. Clubs also need to complete an audit of their **4-H Club Treasurer's Book** and turn it into the Extension Office by October 1.

4-H LEADERS MEETING

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting is on **TUESDAY, September 20** at the Extension Office. The meeting starts at 7:00 PM. If you have agenda items please call Mark or Jeff by noon on the 20th.

STATE FAIR EXHIBITS PICK UP

Please pick up your exhibits from State Fair as soon as you can September 7, 8, 9. We have limited room to store them at the Extension Office, so your cooperation is appreciated.

ATTENTION 4-H GRADS

If you will be graduating from 4-H this year, it is your turn to be in the spotlight during our 4-H slideshow.

Please collect 4 or 5 of your favorite 4-H pictures along with a recent photo of yourself, (professional portraits cannot be used in the slideshow i.e. copy right reasons) and send or e-mail them to the Extension Office by September 20. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Eastern Farmers Co-op 4-H Scholarship applications are available to Lincoln County 4-H members that are currently a senior in high school or their 1st/2nd year in college. If you or know someone that would like an application please contact the Extension Office. Completed applications are due back at the Extension Office by Tuesday, **September 20, 2011**.

RECOGNITION EVENT 2011

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

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.

NOMINATION FORM

Please fill out the 4-H Family of the Year nomination form included in this newsletter and return completed forms to the Extension Office by **September 20**. The results will be announced at the Recognition Event.

JR. LEADERS

The next Jr. Leaders meeting will be held on Monday, September 19th. We will be meeting at the Heartland County Corn Maze at 7:00 PM. We will have a short meeting right at 7:00, before we head into the maze. Don't forget to invite your family and friends! Check out the flier in this newsletter for more details. You will need to RSVP by Friday **September 16th**.

4-H WEEK OCTOBER 2-8, 2011

Join the Revolution of Responsibility National 4-H Week is October 2-8. This is an opportunity for 4-H Clubs and members to get involved to celebrate! Invite friends to club meetings, create and display 4-H Week posters throughout your community, set up displays in your school, talk to classmates about 4-H, brainstorm with your club members for other ideas. Call Kelley at 764-2756 for 4-H Week materials or try the web: www.4-hbrandnetwork.org.

ENROLL IN 4-H 2011-2012

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. Now is a great time to recruit new members.

We plan to give the 4-H leaders materials at the Leaders meeting on September 20 for new and return 4-H members to enroll. (Anyone that plans to be in 4-H must enroll every year.)



CLOVERBUDS

If your club would like to involve youth 5-7 years old, (must be this age prior to January 1, 2012) a Cloverbud Program is available in Lincoln County.

Clubs must meet requirements to implement the program into their club. One requirement is an appointed cloverbud leader in the club designated just to the cloverbud group with no more than 5 cloverbuds per cloverbud leader. Call 764-2756 if interested.



EXTENSION OFFICE HOLIDAYS

The Extension Office will be closed due to holidays on the following dates in Sept. & Oct.
Sept. 5-Labor Day Oct. 10-Native American Day

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS TRIP (CWF)

The dates for the 2011 Citizenship Washington Focus Trip (CWF) are June 24-30. Applications may be available at the Extension Office to all 4-H members 15 years and older as of January 1, 2011 after September 20.

The 4-Hers have the opportunity to visit Washington D.C. along with other 4-Hers across the nation. They attend workshops, leadership activities, visit with state Representatives and Senators, and learn the operation of government first hand. They will also tour important landmarks in the area. Recipients are asked to share their experience during Recognition Event.

The cost per delegate is \$1,280. Lincoln County 4-H Leaders and County Council in the past years sponsor 2 delegates to attend. The Leaders will vote on Sept. 20 to decide if they will again sponsor this trip. If approved, the Awards Selection Committee review the applications (which are anonymous) and select the CWF trip recipients. CWF recipients only expenses will be a few meals and spending money.

We will keep you posted if the leaders approve these trips and when applications are available.

WHY BE A VOLUNTEER?

--(Author Unknown)

It's not for the money; It's not for the fame; It's not for any personal gain. It's just for love of your fellow man, It's just to give a helping hand; It's just to give a little of one's self, That's something you can't buy with wealth; It's not for a medal worn with pride, It's for that feeling deep inside; It's that feeling that you've been a part of helping people far and near,
That makes you a volunteer!

www.lincolncountysd.org

⇒ Click on Departments; Scroll down and click on Extension Office; Scroll down and click on Lincoln County 4-H; Scroll down and you will find info pertaining to Lincoln County 4-H including the 4-H newsletter.

State 4-H website:

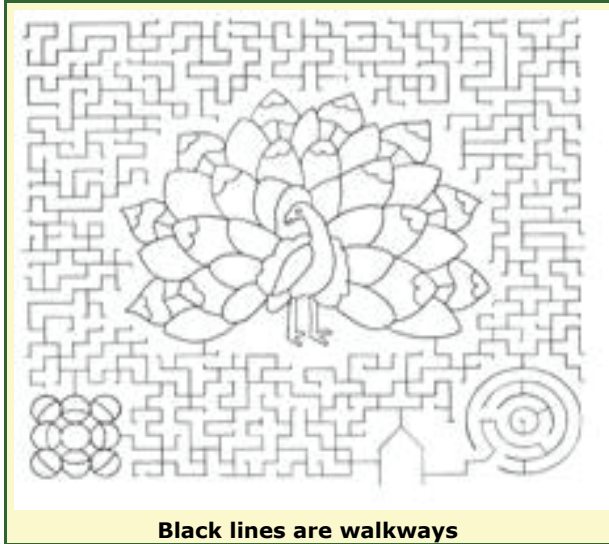
<http://www.sdstate.edu/sdces/4h/index.cfm>



**THE NEW 4-H YEAR BEGINS OCTOBER 1, 2011
START PLANNING ON WAYS TO RECRUIT 4-HERS & LEADERS!!**

Lincoln County 4-H Night at the **Heartland Country Corn Maze**

2011 Corn Maze Design



“Our life-size maze carved out of towering corn stalks is a fun and unique experience sure to please! Scattered throughout the many passageways of the maze are 10 checkpoints with questions about local history, agriculture and local geography. The checkpoints also serve as reference points on the maze map and a completed questionnaire proves you visited all 10 checkpoint sights. Whether young or old, the maze offers a fun outing with a twist of education.”

When: Monday, September 19th @ 7:00 PM

Who: Lincoln County 4-H Members & Their Family and Friends

Cost: \$5.00 per person *(You will pay with cash or check when you arrive.)*
*Please bring a flashlight!

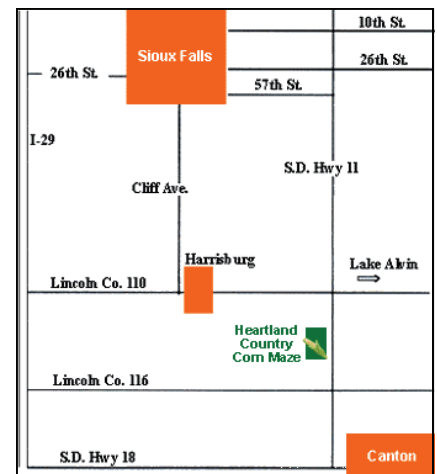
Everyone must RSVP by Sept 16th to Kelley at the Extension Office.

Call **764-2756** or
email **Lincoln.pa@sdstate.edu**

*Concession Stand and Restrooms are available on site.

GPS Address = 27455 SD Hwy 11, Harrisburg, SD 57032

Heartland Country Corn Maze is located 2-1/2 miles East of Harrisburg, SD, then 1-1/2 miles South on S.D. Hwy. 11



Thank You

A huge “Thank You” to Landon and Mason Renli, Jared, Molly, Sarah, Kim and Paula Kroeger, Kade Scott, Addison Stubbe, Jaylen and Ric Morren for the dismantling, moving and storage of all the livestock panels and posts during clean up on Thursday of Achievement Days. Your time and hard work was very much appreciated!
~Jeff Lounsbery~

Check out the new iGrow site! Look for the 4-H information! <http://igrow.org>

iGrow is the teaching platform used by SDSU Extension to assure state of the art program delivery. It allows individual users to access Extension information and resources. To assure the quality and accuracy of the information, SDSU Extension invests 20 percent of its staff time in the ongoing development of iGrow information.

The iGrow model assures that SDSU Extension will be the indispensable outreach link of South Dakota's land grant university.

This free service gives producers all the information they need to monitor current developments in agriculture, research and trade; farm-specific agricultural weather; profitability calculators; and libraries of agricultural production and management information, podcasts and forums, all in a highly secure on-line environment that works on all computers, smart phones and mobile internet devices.

The iGrow effort is a continuation of SDSU Extension's long-standing mission to help citizens convert data to knowledge. We live in an era of massive information overload. iGrow brings together in one-easy-to-use portal all of the agricultural production information that producers need to make profit-oriented decisions.



How does water influence plant growth?

By Claresa Kuhlman, Master Gardener Intern

Water is very important to plants. It is also important that the correct amount of water is available for the plant and the right time. The amount of available water or water that can be extracted from the soil through the root cells and into the plant differs with the type of soil the plant is growing in. For instance, sandy soil will hold less water than a loam or clay soil. Something often forgotten is that too much water can be just as harmful as too little water. When plants are flooded it cuts off the oxygen supply to the roots and can kill the plant. Too little water can affect the growth of the plants foliage as well as the fruit production. The period of fruit production is a critical time for the plant to have an adequate water supply to be able to sustain the fruit or flower production. Keeping watch on the weather (if it was hot, windy, dry, rainy or humid) will greatly influence how much and how often you will need to water you plants. There are many different ways to apply the water to your plants such as a garden hose, sprinkler, drip lines as well as different sources for your water like rain collection, well or city water. In general you will want to avoid overhead watering, but instead water plants at the soil. By not getting the leaves wet, you will reduce the chance of disease.

State 4-H Community Service Project Reports due September 10

4-H Clubs who have completed service projects supporting children's charities need to complete the State 4-H Community Service Report and forward it along with photos if possible to Kathy Reeves. The address is listed on the bottom of the form. You may get the form at:

<http://www.lincolncountysd.org/userfiles/file/Extension%20Office/Children's%20Charities%20Statewide%204-H%20Community%20Service%20Project%20Report%20Form%202010-2011.pdf>

4-H Pin/ Medal Requirements 2010-11

Year 1

1st Year Member-Award: P-1120

Required:

1. 4-H member attends four club meetings. Dates recorded & initialed by 4-H club secretary or leader.
2. 4-H member completes 4-H Journal. Initialed by 4-H leader.
3. At club level, 4-H member participates in a public presentation that shares something learned in a 4-H project area.

Completed 1 of the following:

- 4-H member shows accomplishment in one project area, as determined by 4-H Leader.
- 4-H member participates in judging program at the club or county level.
- 4-H member participates in a county event/activity.
- 4-H member participates in Junior Leadership.

Year 5

5th year member pin-Award: P-1140

Required:

1. 4-H member has previously complete four years of general completion requirements. Year 1__ Year 2__ Year 3__ Year 4__
2. 4-H member attends four club meetings. Dates recorded & initialed by 4-H club secretary or leader.
3. 4-H member completed 4-H Journal. Initialed by 4-H leader.
4. At club level, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking or project “why” using two or more visual aids.

Completed 1 of the following:

- 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.
- 4-H member participated in a county event.
- 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

Year 10

10th year member-Award: P-1160

Required:

1. 4-H member received 5th year pin, has completed 9 years of completion requirements. Year 6__ Year 7__ Year 8__ Year 9__
2. 4-H member attended four club meetings. Dates recorded and initialized by 4-H club secretary or leader.
3. 4-H member completed 4-H Journal. Initialed by 4-H leader.
4. At club level, 4-H member presented a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking or project “why” using two or more visual aids.

Completed 1 of the following:

- 4-H member participated in judging program at the club or county level.
- 4-H member participated in a county event.
- 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

County 4-H Citizenship Medal-Award: M-303

Required:

1. 4-H member can receive County Citizenship Medals at year four and beyond, provided that the member meets the criteria below and has approval from their 4-H leader. Being enrolled in the citizenship project is NOT a requirement for this award. 4-H members may also receive a project medal for citizenship (refer to project medal requirements).
2. 4-H member serve as an active member of a community board, event committee or task force for one year. *Include documentation from the local chair person.
3. Planned, organized, and implemented a citizenship activity for multiple 4-H club(s), and/or the county. Initialed by Extension Educator.
4. Member presented an educational public presentation on flag etiquette, the U.S. Constitution, patriotic program or an American history topic for a 4-H club. Wrote an editorial on the same topic for the local newspaper or presented a program to another youth group (club, sports team or classroom). Initialed by club leader.
5. Identified a charity or community need and worked with others to organize efforts to help meet the need. Include documentation of 4-H member efforts.
6. Studied current evens, and expressed opinions to decision makers at the local, state, or national level. *Include a copy of written communications, or initialed by parent.

County 4-H Leadership Medal-Award: P-119-GO

Required:

1. 4-H member can receive the County 4-H Leadership Medal at year four or beyond, on condition that the member meets the criteria below and has approval from their 4-H leader. Being enrolled in the leadership project is NOT a requirement for this award. 4-H members may also receive a project medal for leadership (refer to project requirements).
2. Member assisted the Extension Educator with planning, preparation and implementing a county or multi-county 4-H event. Initialed by Extension Educator. *Include description of member's participation.
3. Member is an active member in the County 4-H Junior Leadership Organization. If an organization does not exist in the county, the member planned, prepared, and made every effort to start such an organization by working with other 4-H members. Initialed by Extension Educator or Advisor.
4. Wrote or arranged for a newspaper/magazine featured article about 4-H at the local club, county, or multi-county area with a photograph and submitted it to the local newspaper in the area. The feature story could be about an individual or group of 4-H members(s) and participation in the program. *Include a copy of the article.
5. Attended and participated in a (check one) __ a county, __ area, __ field education unit, or __ state 4-H educational event and shared the knowledge received by presenting a one hour workshop to 4-H club(s) and /or county members. Initialed by Extension Educator or leader.
6. Planned and conducted officer training for a 4-H club or the county. Member may work with as many as six other 4-H members to accomplish this task. Initialed by Extension Educator.
7. Helped, with up to six other 4-H members, to plan and implement a media campaign for their community and/or county during National 4-H Week. Initialed by Extension Educator.

4-H Key Award Medal-Award: Key pin award or consider medallion 18

Required:

1. The 4-H Key Award is given to 4-H member(s) who have passed their 16th birthday, and have previously awarded both the County 4-H Citizenship and Leadership Medals (refer to requirements).
2. Attended and participated in 3 county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational events/activities and use the knowledge received to plan and conduct 3 different one-hour workshops to 4-H club(s) and/or county members. Initialed by Extension Educator.
3. Provide leadership at 3 county, area, field education unit, or state 4-H educational events/activities. *Define responsibility and how they were fulfilled. Event #1 ____ Event #2 ____ Event #3 ____
4. Member earned two project medals. *Include documentation.
5. Member participated for two years in county public presentation competition.
6. Member has held two club or county offices (elected).
7. Member wrote a letter to the editor of our local newspaper, explaining the impact the 4-H program has had on their life. *Include a copy.

• **County Project Medals**

- ____ Enrolled 3 years in 4-H.
- ____ Enrolled and completed 2 years in project area. Enrollment and participating in Discovery 4-H may constitute one year in completion of a 4-H project with the approval of Volunteer 4-H Leader and/or Extension Educator for project medal.
- ____ Gives one county or two club demonstrations, illustrated talks, public speaking, or project why in project. Participation in a county or state Special Foods event is accepted as a public presentation in the Food and Nutrition project.
- ____ Shows project accomplishment as determined by Volunteer 4-H Leader and/or Extension Educator.
- ____ Completes current year's Member's 4-H Journal.
- ____ Does judging at some level, if judging is available in project.

• **Member Participation Certificate (must meet 3 of the 4 requirements to receive signed certificate)**

- ____ Gives a demonstration, illustrated talk, public speaking, project why, and/or participates in county or state Special Foods event as a public presentation in Food and Nutrition project.
- ____ Attends at least four club meetings.
- ____ Complete current year's Member's 4-H Journal
- ____ Participates in one or more of the following: Junior or Teen Leadership, a club or county event, shows project accomplishment, and/or judging at some level.

Note: Requirements do vary for 4-H independent members, contact the Extension Office for 4-H independent requirements.

Award Application

ID No. _____

I am Applying for _____ Award.
(Refer to awards listing sheet for title & requirements)

Age _____ Years in 4-H _____ Years in Project _____

Number of years (including this year) you have applied for this award _____

1. Describe work you have done in this project from first year to present (not just exhibits and placings). Include what you have learned from this project.

How/What have you added to this project? How have you taken on more responsibility and/or handled more complicated tasks?

2. List the names and main points of demonstrations and illustrated talks (club, county, state) and how they relate to the project area (be sure to include all previous years).

3. List outside leadership activities (church, school, etc.) and accomplishments that support your application for the award in this project area.

4. List judging school participation, Project Why, Fashion Revue, Public Speaking, Special Foods, contests, quiz bowls (club, county, state) and 4-H related activities that support this award application:

5. To be completed by Leaders: I have read this application and
[] recommend [] do not recommend an award be given.

Signed _____
(Leader)



AVAILABLE COUNTY AWARDS
The Application is included in the 4-H Newsletter

Aerospace
Agriculture
Beef
Bicycle
Cats
Child Care & Development
Citizenship & Civic
Clothing & Textiles
Community Service
Computer Technology
Consumer & Family Sciences
Consumer Education
Dairy
Goats
Demonstration
Dogs
Electricity
Engines, Tractors & Field Equipment
Entomology & Bees
Family Life
Fashion Revue
Food & Nutrition
Forestry
Gardening & Horticulture

Healthy Living
Hobbies & Collections
Home Environment
Horse
Industrial Arts
Judging
Leadership
Outdoor Education & Recreation
Performing Arts
Personal Development
Photography & Video
Physical Science
Plant Science
Public Speaking
Poultry
Rabbits
Safety
Sheep
Shooting Sports
Swine
Technology & Engineering
Veterinary Science
Visual Arts
Wildlife & Fisheries
Wood Science

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