News from Katherine

Greetings all,

Now that the days are getting shorter it’s time to start looking forward to next year and all the exciting programs across South Dakota. One I am incredibly excited about is the South Dakota Envirothon. On April 2nd and 3rd, teams of high school students will come together and compete to solve issues regarding the environment and natural resources. If you’d like more information, email me or check out [https://sdenvirothon.org/](https://sdenvirothon.org/). I’d love to coach a Lincoln County team!

Kelley will be leading the next Junior Leaders meeting on Saturday, November 19th from 11 am-1pm in the Lincoln County Courthouse. I highly encourage you all to attend and learn how being a Junior Leader can impact your club and your community. For more information, contact the office and be on the lookout for a flyer in this newsletter.

In 4-H Spirit,

Katherine

ANNUAL Leaders Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Lincoln County 4-H Leaders is Monday, November 28, 7PM at the Extension Office. Officials will be elected at this time.

2016 4-H Leaders Association Officers

- President - Kristi Sweeter
- Vice President- Bridget Twedt
- Secretary- Lola Twedt
- Past Treasurer- 
- Treasurer - Marty Hyronimus
- Assistant Treasurer- Wendy Sweeter
- 3 Year Director- Scott Hyronimus
- 2 Year Director- Kathi Sweeter

Fun at the Corn Maze

Pictured below are some of the Lincoln County 4-H members that enjoyed the Corn Maze October 3, during National 4-H Week. What a positive way to begin the new 4-H year!

If your club or family would like to share 4-H events or experiences in the newsletter, please send them to the office by the 20th of each month.
**4-H Re-enrollment**

All 4-H members that were in 4-H previously need to go to this link [https://sd.4honline.com](https://sd.4honline.com) and re-enroll each year. There are links to help sheets on the 4-H Online web page to guide you through re-enrollment. Do NOT set up a new profile, just go in and edit any changes and update where required.

If you do not have internet access, please contact the Extension Office. We can either set up a time to stop in the Extension Office and re-enroll or mail you re-enrollment forms. Please have re-enrollments completed by **November 23** (before Thanksgiving).

**4-H Enrollment**

Completely new members enrolling for the first time ever in 4-H may enroll online by going to 4-H Online at [https://sd.4honline.com](https://sd.4honline.com). There are links to help sheets on the 4-H Online web page to guide you through the enrollment process. If you need help, contact the Extension Office.

If you do not have internet access, contact the Extension Office and we can either mail enrollment forms to you or you set up a time to stop in the office and enroll.

Brand new members are accepted up to May. It is strongly encouraged to enroll as soon as possible so they don’t miss out on 4-H club meetings, activities and project deadlines. 4-H members must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2017. Cloverbuds must be ages 5-7 as of January 1, 2017 and belong to a club that has cloverbud 4-H Leaders.

**4-H Calendar 2016-2017**

- November
  - 14- Club Secretary Books/Treasurer Audits due
  - 23-re-enrollment deadline
  - 28-annual 4-H Leaders Meeting
  - November 28-December 2-clubs decorate their Christmas trees at the courthouse
  - December 1-Gerhart Sweeter Memorial Beef Loan application deadline
  - July 8-County Horse Show
  - July 31-Aug. 3, 4-H Achievement Days-Canton 4-H Grounds

**4-H Re-enrollment**

All returning registered volunteers (Leaders) will need to do the following:

- Go to 4-HOnline and
  - Re-enroll on 4-H Online
  - Must have completed 1-6 video training (old)
  - Complete the new civil rights training (NEW)
  - Complete a Civil Rights Form

- All volunteers (not just new volunteers) need to complete the volunteer work agreement annually and send it into the office along with the $10 fee made out to “Lincoln County 4-H Leaders” [http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4039-2015.pdf](http://igrow.org/up/resources/01-4039-2015.pdf)

NEW volunteers please contact the Extension Office if you would like to become a registered volunteer.

**Video Training Steps:**

Go to [https://sd.4honline.com](https://sd.4honline.com) 4-HOnline. Log into your account, click edit by your name, towards the top of the page click on the “trainings” tab. Click “sign up for training”, click on # of training module, and watch the entire module, be patient, the videos are very slow. Be sure to complete the whole module or it won’t register as completed. Do this for each video (1-6) you need to watch.

**4-H Club Books Due**

It is required every year that 4-H Clubs turn in their 2015/2016 completed Secretary Book and completed pages 12-16 of their Club Treasurer’s Book into the Extension Office by November 14. Books are available online: [http://lincolncountysd.org/Page.cfm/Departments/147/4-H-Leaders](http://lincolncountysd.org/Page.cfm/Departments/147/4-H-Leaders)

Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the link to the book.
**HOPPERS CORNER**
Rabbits, rabbits and more rabbits. That's what we started to see a few years ago when the rabbit exhibit numbers started to steadily climb. Whether you have just a rabbit or two, or you have your own breeding program; rabbits are a popular livestock exhibit for many 4-Hers in Lincoln County. Each year we have new families that try out the rabbit area. If you are interested in getting into the rabbit area, now is the time to start planning. If you have a breed in mind, great! If not, go on the internet and search for breeds of rabbits. Your 4-Her will tend to be more vested if they help get to pick out what breed to show. Many breeders plan winter and spring litters for the sole purpose of supplying 4-H youth, so making those contacts before you or the rabbit is ready is a good idea. If you need help finding a trustworthy breeder please let me know and I will try to get you in touch with someone. Should you have any rabbit questions please forward them to me. If I don't know the answer I will find someone who does. Until next month, Kristi Sweeter - Rabbit Chairman

**4-H TRAINING ONLINE**
Four training dates were set to invite leaders, volunteers, and parents to learn opportunities about 4-H. The first training was held on Oct. 18. Other training dates are January 17, April 18, and in July held at the SDSU Extension Regional Centers. For more information contact the Extension Office.

**Lincoln 4-H WEBSITE**

www.lincolncountysd.org
⇒ click on 4-H/Extension in the quick links to the right;
⇒ click on any of the 4-H Links to find info pertaining to Lincoln County 4-H including the 4-H newsletters.

**Lincoln 4-H Facebook**
https://www.facebook.com/SDSU-Extension-Lincoln-County-4-H-29184638831/timeline/

**To Enroll or Re-enroll**
https://sd.4honline.com
(do not use www. for this web address, it will not work!)

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**Beef 4-H project Loan**
4-H members entering the beef project area here is a great opportunity.

The Gerhard Sweeter Memorial Loan Program is open to all Lincoln County 4-H Members enrolled in or planning to enroll in the beef project. The purpose of the loan 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 loan. The money will be awarded 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, 2017. In the event of a death loss, the applicant will still be liable for repayment. In the event that payment is not received by the due date, cost recovery steps will be taken.

Completed applications are due by Thursday, **December 1, 2016** to the Extension Office. The application link is available at http://www.lincolncountysd.org/userfiles/file/Extension%20Office/Gerhard%20Beef%20Loan.pdf

**Dakota Club Calf Sale**
- Saturday-November 19, 2016 Sale @ 5:00 PM
- SDSU Animal Science Complex, Brookings, SD
Calf pictures: www.clubcalves.com/dakotaclubcalfsale.htm
For info contact Rick Geppert 605-697-7892
Sale day phone: 605-695-4223.

**Feeder Calf Shows**
⇒ Nov. 12 Tripp County, Winner, SD
⇒ Nov. 25-Miner County, Howard SD
⇒ Nov.26-Jordan Mack Memorial Show– Feeder Calf Show-Watertown
⇒ Dec. 29-Brookings County, Brookings
⇒ Jan. 27/28-Sioux Empire Farm Show-Sioux Falls W.H. Lyon Fairgrounds
**Recognition Event 2016**

2016 4-H Recognition Event took place at the Harrisburg South Middle School on October 29. It was a great finish of 2015-2016 4-H year. Congratulations.

Recipients of some awards are as follows:

4-H Alumni Awards: Marty Hyronimus and Mary Devany.

Friend of 4-H: Todd Gannon, Prinsco, and Southeast Farmers Coop.

4-H Family of the Year: Mike Whitehead family.

Jason and Daneeen Gannon family.

Meritorious Service: Julaine & David Stratmeyer, and Laurel Shaffer.

CHS Eastern Farmers Scholarships: Matthew Bogue, and Dylan Hyronimus.


Special Foods “Pork” Award: Kennedy Schwartz, Alex Ruud, and Alicia Ruud.


Five Year Silver Clover 4-H Leader Award: Lori Ahrendt, Laurel Shaffer, and Katie Sweeter.

Fifteen Year Pearl Clover 4-H Leader Award: Scott and Marcia Hyronimus.

Twenty Year Diamond Clover 4-H Leader Award: Kristi Sweeter.


Swine Carcass Evaluation Awards:


Champion Swine Carcass award–Tie: Karin Sweeter and Patrick Minihan.

High Point Judging Awards:

Livestock- Beg.-Karin Sweeter, Jr.-Laura Bogue, Sr.-Molly Kroeger.

State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest:


Horticulture Skill-a-thon: Senior –Nicole Nelson.


5 Year– Johnathan Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Kate Stahl.

10 Year–MaryEllen Kennedy, Molly Kroeger.


Gold Achievement Award: Molly Myers.

Top Club Award: Dakota Lassies & Rangers.

**2015-2016 4-H Graduates**

All the best to our 4-H graduate members: Alyssa Becker, Jennifer Huber, Kylie Koerner, Molly Kroeger, MaryEllen Kennedy, Dylan Hyronimus, Breanna Kruid, Grant Sweeter, Aidan Thorson, Allie Lofteness, Isaiah Smidt, and Caleb Swanson.

**Thank Your Sponsors**

Recognition Event award recipients please write a thank you to your award sponsor. Thank you cards are attached to your award for your convenience.

**Please Cash your Checks**

If you received checks for 4-H awards and premiums, please cash your checks ASAP!

**Thanks for Recognition Event**

Thank you to everyone that brought food and helped make the 2016 4-H Recognition Event successful. Special thanks to the Little Rascals 4-H Club for hosting the event.
Leaders 4 Life
Youth Leadership Program

Attention Lincoln County Junior Leaders!

Our next get-together will be on Saturday, November 19th, from 11 am until 1 pm.

During this time, we will be doing an officer training as well as voting in new officers. Also, we will be starting a program from Texas A&M Extension called Leaders 4 Life. This will be a fun way to learn about leadership and how to apply these skills to real life.

Lunch will be served, so you must RSVP by November 18th. Just email Kelley at lincoln.pa@sdstate.edu

Every Lincoln County 4-H member is invited to be a part of Jr Leaders!

Bring a friend! Games will be played and prizes will be awarded!!