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January 2011

2011 NAAE Convention Report

Ross Hudson – SDAAE President Elect

Once again, the NAAE Conference was an outstanding professional development, networking, and recreational opportunity. This year it was held in Las Vegas, which didn't lack for entertainment or after hours activities.

The breakout sessions and workshops are presented by ag teachers, for ag teachers and are very beneficial. Our own Dr. Amy Smith presented a workshop on "Tools for Top Notch Teachers" and Malisa Niles presented a workshop on agriscience. Very simple and economical labs and activities were also presented at the Ideas Unlimited reception, of which our own Josh Christiansen was a part of. General sessions kept members informed of changes happening to NAAE and FFA. Amy Smith and Malisa Niles received \$250 stipends from SDAAE to attend the conference. NAAE Conference will be held in St. Louis, MO next year. I encourage you to attend if you've never done so.



Back Row: Ross Hudson, David Koupal, Josh Christiansen, Donna Kinsella, Darold Hehn

Front Row: Adam Franken, Malisa Niles, Bobbi Jo Donovan, Tara Bietelspacher, Greg Curlin (Pres. Elect)

Not Pictured: Terry Rieckman, Duane Cunningham, and Dr. Amy Smith

Region III

Minot, North Dakota June 21 – 23, 2011

Holiday Inn Hotel (Riverside)

2200 Burdick Expressway East

Minot, ND 58701

(701) 852-2504

Block Name: NDAAE Region III

Room Rate: \$63.50

*Make Plans
to Attend
Today*

Planning Ahead: 2013 Region III—Yankton, SD

June 18-20, 2013. Mark your calendars. Currently plans are being put together to have the event in Yankton, SD. Possible tours are Gavins Pt Dam, Missouri River Scenic Waterway, Fish Hatchery, National Field Archery Association Headquarters, and local industries. If you have any suggestions for events or tours, or want to help, contact Ross Hudson.

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A Busy Start to 2011

2011 is Here already—It's hard to believe. There is so much going on in the world of Agriculture Education and I've been working hard to keep up on all the details. I hope this newsletter gives you all the information you need to know to glide on to the end of the school year.

A few things to mention.

1. The South Dakota TeamAgEd is planning it's inaugural meeting on February 9th in Brookings. This is an exciting venture for Ag Education and we hope this group of stakeholders will be able to guide and support us in these trying and transitional times in education.

2. Planning is well under way for summer conference. We are excited to use your survey suggestions from last years conference to make this year another great year. Thanks for all the suggestion for

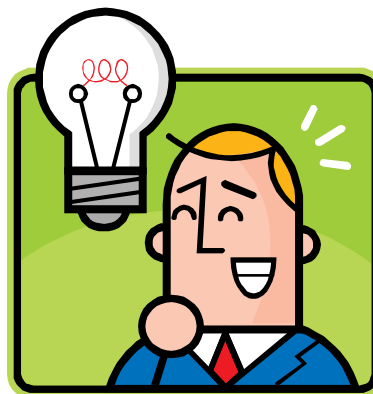
breakout sessions and tours. You really make our board's job a lot easier

3. Spring meeting will have a full agenda again, please make sure you attend as we will have lots to cover in a short amount of time. Again we will be watching presentations and voting for Ideas Unlimited. The winner will advance to Region III conference in Minot, ND in June. Also bring your nominations for Honorary Membership. We can vote for up to two people. This award is an honor and I know we have lots of deserving people in South Dakota.

4. I will be attending National Policy Seminar in Washington DC March 7-9. I really wanted to opportunity to represent South Dakota on the National Level and was not able to attend the NAAE conference in December. I am really excited to get an up close view of education policy at work. Michelle Nelson will be attending the Ag Ed Summit in Orlando in March. She will be getting updates from National FFA and Team AgEd.

Enjoy the newsletter—Have a great spring.

Don't Forget!!
IDEAS UNLIMITED
HONORARY MEMBER
(nominations on page 4,
others welcome)
STATE CONVENTION
Spring Meeting



Executive Treasurer

Floyd Lehman, along with his wife Sylvia have held the reigns of the SDVATA/SDAAE Executive Treasurer for the last 14 years. This year they are passing the task off to Michelle Nelson, the ag instructor at Brookings High School.

The transition is nearly complete and the Floyd has offered to be of assistance getting ready for this years conference. Michelle is now fully in charge of the Executive Treasurer position so any questions regarding finances should be directed at her.

THANKS TO FLOYD AND SYLVIA FOR ALL YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR ORGANIZATION.



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What is the Message? By Kent Frerichs



Governor Dugaard offered his budget proposal, with 10% across the board cuts, to the South Dakota Legislature. This 10% cut to education would amount to about \$60 million dollars. This would be on top of the fact that South Dakota Law requires an annual increase to K-12 State Aid of 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is less. That should have been an increase last year of 1.3% and this year 1.2%. This should have been an increase of about \$15 million dollars. These combined cuts of 12.5% to education would set funding back at least six years. South Dakota has ranked 50th among the 50 states for the level of state money appropriated to State Aid for Education. South Dakota also is ranked #1 in the nation for low wages for teachers, #1 in the nation for the rate of juvenile incarceration, #1 in the nation for working mothers, and #1 in the nation for the amount of student debt for post secondary education.

Certainly every segment of government may have some areas where savings can and should be made. However, a reckless slash-

ing of our state's constitutional obligation to adequately fund education is not justified. If these drastic cuts are implemented, what message does South Dakota send? Does South Dakota feel that funding education is just another expense? Or should it be thought of as an investment in a positive future? What message is being sent to our students, parents, educators, business and industry? What will the impact be on "Elective Courses" such as Agricultural Education? How will post secondary technical colleges and four year colleges be affected? How can South Dakota's economic development be positive in the future if the budget is going to be balanced on the backs of our students and education?

What is the message that should be delivered to the Dugaard administration and the Legislature? First I believe the message should be that education should not be cut. Secondly, I believe that the message should be that the budget should be brought into balance over a period of at least three years. Third, I believe that the message should be that the state

should use their reserves for the purpose that they were established. The Governor has said that you cannot spend money you do not have. This is true. However, the state does have the money. The reserves are taxpayers' dollars. The state has more than \$700 million dollars in reserves. More than \$100 million of that is readily available for the benefit of our state's future. It makes no sense for the state to hoard away taxpayer's dollars and then ask local governments to raise property taxes to make up for the state's drastic cuts. The reserves were first established to provide a cushion for times when revenues came in short of projections.

Please contact the Governor and your Legislators with your message of support for education!

Contact Governor Dugaard and Lieutenant Governor Michels:

Office of the Governor
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

Phone Number: 605/773-3212

Contact your Legislators:

<http://legis.state.sd.us/sessions/2010/MemberMenu.aspx>

NAAE Communities of Practice by Michelle Nelson

www.naae.org/communities

Things to check out:

Worksheets for several ag-related Modern Marvels episodes have been shared – just search for “Modern Marvels” on the Communities of Practice homepage.

Missed the 2010 NAAE convention? Workshop materials have been posted.

The screenshot shows the NAAE Communities of Practice website. At the top, there's a search bar with the word "Search" next to it. Below the search bar, the website header includes the NAAE logo and the text "National Association of Agricultural Educators". The main content area is titled "NAAE Communities of Practice" and features a list of recent content, including posts about Christmas cookie experiments, a snowy start to the semester, FFA Week activities, and a deadline for new grants for FFA Chapters. On the left sidebar, there's a section titled "New to Communities of Practice?" with links to a Quick Start Guide and Help and FAQs. Below this, there's a list of communities, including "Workshop Materials from the 2010 NAAE Convention", "Ag. Education Advocacy", "Ag. Communications/Leadership", "Ag. Economics", and "Ag Literacy". A red arrow points to the "Workshop Materials from the 2010 NAAE Convention" link. Another red arrow points to the search bar.

2010
Workshop
Materials

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These are the district nominations submitted at the 2010 Summer Conference. **Please take the time if you are nominated to fill out the award applications.**

If you nominated someone please fill out applications for them. We don't do a good enough job of showing the great things we are doing!! If you did not get nominated and would like to apply, feel free to do so!

These nominations are quite an honor, take advantage of them!

The application information can be found at:

www.naae.org or www.acteonline.org

Due to Lori Christensen May 1st

District Award Nominees

NAAE AWARDS

NAAE Outstanding Young Member

Jason Frerichs – District I

Kelly O'Donnell – District II

Michelle Nelson – District II&VII

Sarah VanderViel – District III

Sarah Lambert – District IV&VI

NAAE Outstanding Ag Ed Teacher

Award

Jim Chilson – District I

Jim Wilson – District III

Lori Tonak – District IV

Mike Brink – District V

Blaine Carey – District VI

Tom Wolff – District VII

NAAE Outstanding Middle/

Secondary Ag Ed Program Award

Jerry Janisch – District I

Todd Marks – District III

Mark Ketelhut – District VI

Mark Roelfsema – District VII

NAAE Outstanding Postsecondary/

Adult Ag Ed Program Award

MTI – District III& IV & VII

LATI – District VI

NAAE Teacher Mentor Award

Greg Janisch – District I

Lon Meoller – District III

Bill Lehman – District IV

Craig Shryock – District VI

Josh Christiansen – District VII

NAAE Lifetime Achievement Award

Jim Chilson – District I

Myron Sonne – District III & IV & VI & VII

NAAE Outstanding Service Citation

Tom Fergen – District IV

Lon Moeller – District VI

Floyd Lehman – District VII

NAAE Outstanding Cooperation

Award

Prairie Ag Partners – District II

Cenex/Harvest States – Dist.III

Hendrix Veterinarian Service – Dist IV

SD NRCS Soil Scientists, c/o Lance

Howe – District VI

Pfizer Animal Health – District VII

NAAE "Teacher Turn the Key"

Award

Jason Frerichs – District I

Char Weber – District II

Michelle Nelson – District II

Stacie Turnbull – District III

Bridget Twedt – District IV

Etta Knuth – District V & VI & VII

Jamie Brown – District V

SDAAE Honorary Member

Award

Laura Wilson – District III

Myron Sonne – District V

Lance Howe – District VI

Senator Russ Olsen – District VII

ACTE AWARDS

ACTE Carl Perkins Humanitarian Award

Craig Dybedal – District IV

Tiffany Sanderson – District VI

Jason Frerichs – District VII

ACTE Arch of Fame

Myron Sonne – District VI

Darold Hehn – District VII

ACTE Award of Merit

Rausch Herefords – District IV

SD FFA Foundation – District VI

Pfizer Animal Health – District VII

ACTE Outstanding Service

Award

Myron Sonne – District VI

Lon Moeller – District VII

ACTE Outstanding Teacher in

Community Service

Jim Wilson – District III

Terry Rieckman – District IV

Bill Lehman – District VI

Ed Mueller – District VII

ACTE Teacher of the Year Award

Todd Marks – District III

Mark Ketelhut – District VI

Mark Roelfsema – District VII

ACTE Outstanding Career &

Technical Educator

Dr. Amy Smith – District III

Mark Ketelhut – District VI

Lon Meoller – District VII

ACTE Outstanding New Career

& Technical Teacher

Bridget Twedt – District III

Sarah Lambert – District VI

Tara Beitelspacher – District VII

SDACTE Friend of CTE

Orin Sorenson – District III

K Bar J Leather – District VI

SDACTE Image Award

Brad Bies – District VI

News from Department Of Education

Program Improvement Process Document

Thanks to all for getting the PIP turned in. I have been able to read through all of them and I saw some great goals. I apologize that I have not been able to provide feedback to everyone yet. The PIPs have been a great start for me to start learning about your programs. I too have also made goals for myself and one of those goals is visit with all AFNR teachers at their schools over the next 3 years, which is an average of 25 schools per year. I really look forward to visiting with all of you and to get to know you and your school's program. I also encourage you to let me know if there is anything that I can do to help you in reaching your goals.

Annual Program Approval Application - Due March 1st

Please submit your application electronically to me at nora.kohlenberg@state.sd.us. When you email me your application to me, please cc your administrators to the email. You may fax or mail the original applications, but I still need the application submitted electronically. The application form can be found at the following website: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/perkins.asp>, scroll down to Application Forms By Clusters.

Syllabi- Due March 1st

Syllabi for each of the classes that you will be teaching in 2011-12 are also due by **March 1st**. Example syllabi can be

found for each CTE class on the SD AFNR Wiki at: <http://afnr.wikispaces.com/>. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything that I can help you with.

Dates that are Coming Up:

March 1, 2011: Annual Program Approval Application and Course Syllabi are due
April 20, 2011: Data Collection Workshop Webinar*
April 21, 2011: Data Collection Workshop in Sioux Falls, 9:00-11:00*
April 21, 2011: Data Collection Workshop in Mitchell, 1:00-3:00*
April 27, 2011: Data Collection Workshop in Watertown, 9:00-11:00*
April 28, 2011: Data Collection Workshop in Pierre, 1:00-3:00*
April 29, 2011: Data Collection Workshop in Rapid City, 9:00-11:00*
May 31, 2011: Data Collection Deadline (online)
July 31, 2011: CTE 101*
July 31 - August 3, 2011: CTE Summer Conference, Pierre
*Register for the workshop at http://escweb.net/sd_esa/

Nora Kohlenberg—ANFR Specialist OCCTE Dept. Of Education

Family News



Babies:

Sept. 21 Faith Rosemarie—Marie Jaacks

Nov. 7 Finn Arthur—Dave Ollila

Dec. 5 Joseph Bernard—Lori Christensen

**Prayers Needed:
Bill Lehman is undergoing treatment for Cancer**

Baby Boy Smith (Amy and Clint) will be undergoing heart surgery immediately after birth.

Due February 27.

www.caringbridge.org/visit/

If you have a brag to share, email lori.christensen@mitchelltech.edu

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Fall 2010 Student Teachers – What Next?

Michael Bos, originally from Steen, Minnesota, recently completed his student teaching experience in Agriculture Education at Garretson High School in Garretson, South Dakota. While there, he taught grades 9th – 12th. The 9th grade class was taught as a traditional agriculture class. Grades 10-12 were taught as independent study type courses including Biotechnology, Welding, Ag Processing, Entrepreneurship, Natural Resources, Small Engines, and Landscape Design. Michael also supervised FFA activities and events, and assisted with students' SAE projects. Two highlights of students teaching for Michael were coaching a state-qualifying creed speaker and assisting Mr. Mueller, his cooperating teacher with a state Parliamentary Procedure team. Michael finished his Agricultural Education degree in December 2010 and plans to pursue career opportunities related to education or agriculture.

Ryan Clay, originally from Beresford, South Dakota, recently completed his student teacher experience in Agricultural Education at Harrisburg High School in Harrisburg, South Dakota. While there, he taught such courses as Animal Science, Horticulture, Natural Resources, and Agricultural Mechanics. He also supervised FFA activities and events, assisted with students' Career Development Events, and visited students' SAE projects. Two highlights of Ryan's students teaching experience include helping the Agriculture Communications team and the Marketing Plan team improve their skills in leadership and speaking, and working with students on projects in the shop. This spring, Ryan will substitute teach in the Sioux Falls area and pursue secondary agriculture positions in the Midwest.

Dani Herring, originally from Newell, South Dakota recently completed her student teaching experience in Agricultural Education at Wolsey-Wessington High School in Wolsey, South Dakota. While there she taught 5 classes, Crops/Soil Science, Animal Science, Small Gas Engines, Intro to Ag, Food and Natural Resources and MS Ag. In addition to teaching she volunteered as a volleyball coach and basketball book keeper. A couple of the highlights from student teaching were coaching a CDE team that qualified for the finals in the area of Senior Parliamentary Procedure and being able to help with the volleyball team. After graduation in December Dani will start full-time in Wall, South Dakota as their agriculture education teacher.

Clayton Hensley, originally from the great state of Nebraska, calls the town of Elgin home. Clayton recently completed his student teaching experience at Bon Homme High School in Tyndall SD. While in Tyndall, he taught 5 classes including, Ag Engineering, Welding, Ag Business, Ag Science, and Small Engines. He enjoyed his time there working with students and other teachers. He also helped with football, which was also a rewarding experience as well. Clayton graduated in December with a degree with Ag Education. After graduation, Clayton returned to Nebraska to work with CVA Co-op as their Recruiting Specialist. His primary duties will include developing an internship program and focusing on their "I believe in Ag" campaign, working with FFA chapters in the trade district.

Amanda Hoover, a native of Tiffin, Ohio, recently completed student teaching at Lincoln HI High School in Ivanhoe, Minnesota. She spent most of her time teaching Agriscience and Environmental Science classes, and assisting with two shop classes. Amanda enjoyed supervising a few FFA trips as well as trying out different strategies and projects with each class. Amanda plans to finish her coursework at South Dakota State University this spring and graduate in May; she will be pursuing teaching jobs in the Midwest.

Morgan Kontz, originally from Mooresville, Indiana, completed her student teaching experience in Agricultural Education at Tri Valley High School in Colton, South Dakota. While there she taught courses such as Farm Business Management, Animal Science, and Exploratory Ag to 7th graders. A few highlights for Morgan's student teaching experience were teaching Middle School students, being involved with the job interview CDE, developing curriculum, and being offered a long term subbing position with Tri Valley. Morgan has finished her education at South Dakota State University and currently farms in Colman, South Dakota with her husband, where she plans to pursue teaching positions in the area.

Nick Milbrandt, originally from Elmore, Minnesota, recently completed his student teaching experience in Agriculture Education at Canby High School in Canby, Minnesota. While there, He taught classes ranging from 8th Grade Exploring Ag to Advanced Mechanics, supervised FFA activities and events, and assisted with students' SAE projects. Two highlights of student teaching for Nick were expanding his knowledge about Ag mechanics and being mentored by his cooperating teacher. This spring Nick will finish his Agricultural Education degree program at SDSU. Upon graduation in May, he plans to pursue secondary agriculture positions in the Midwest.

Noelle Rist, originally from Hartford, South Dakota, recently completed her student teaching experience in Agricultural Education at Marshall High School in Marshall, Minnesota. While there, she taught courses ranging from Animal Science to Fish and Wildlife and Small Engines, supervised FFA activities and events, and assisted with students' SAE projects. Two major highlights of student teaching for Noelle were coaching a Soils Evaluation team, and working with the Chapter members to organize a Donkey Basketball Fund-raiser for a local charity. This spring, Noelle will finish her Agricultural Education degree program at SDSU and begin employment as the Agricultural Instructor/FFA Advisor in Hoven, SD.

Amanda Stadel, originally from Jackson, MN, recently completed her student teaching experience in Agriculture Education at Alcester - Hudson High School in Alcester, South Dakota. While there, she taught courses ranging from 7th Grade Exploratory Ag to Ag Mechanics, supervised FFA activities and events, and assisted with student's SAE projects. Two highlights of student teaching for Amanda were coaching a state-qualifying CDE individual in the area of Creed Speaking and being mentored by her cooperating teaching. This spring, Amanda will finish her Agriculture Education degree program at SDSU. Upon graduation in May, she plans to pursue secondary agriculture positions in the Midwest.

Ashley Stegeman is currently completing her final semester at South Dakota State University. She will graduate in May of 2011 with a Bachelors of Science in Agricultural Education. A strong advocate for agriculture, Ashley enjoys sharing her passion for agriculture with students. She is originally from Northwest Iowa and is quickly learning the different rules and regulations for FFA and Agricultural Education in South Dakota. Her strongest areas of interest are Natural Resources, Wildlife and Fisheries, and Animal Science, along with others. She is very excited to pursue the Agricultural Education tradition and continue to expand students' involvement in and knowledge of agriculture.

Clark native, **Matt Tollefson**, recently wrapped up his student teaching experience in Agricultural Education at Lake Preston High School in Lake Preston, South Dakota. While there, he taught courses ranging from Leadership to Natural Resources, supervised FFA activities and events, and assisted with Diver football. Highlights from his semester in Lake Preston include coaching the 3rd place South Dakota Ag Issues team, earning District II Sweepstakes award as a chapter, and being mentored by his cooperating teacher. Starting December 13th, Matt began work at the Boys & Girls Club of Brookings working as the Teen Director where he will be in charge of over 100 youth providing instruction regarding leadership, finance, and positive choices on a daily basis.

Ben Wise, originally from Lytton, Iowa recently completed his student teaching experience at Jackson County Central High School in Jackson, MN. His cooperating teacher was Jeff Voss. At Jackson, Ben was able to experience being part of a two teacher program, and learned a great deal from both Mr. Voss and Mrs. Bidne. A major thing Ben took away from the experience was time management, learning what it was like to balance five different classes and other obligations. Ben most enjoyed being part of the community and getting to know the students. Ben graduated on December 11th and has accepted a position in Beatrice, Nebraska teaching in the agriculture department at Southeast Community College.

Supervision of Student Teachers

FCSE 743 & AGED 743



Course Description

The course is designed to prepare cooperating teachers within Career & Technical Education, specifically, agricultural education and family and consumer sciences. Supervision of student teachers is an essential component of teacher preparation, and as such, the roles of student teacher, cooperating teacher, university supervisor, and state department of education will be analyzed. Mentoring strategies, evaluation and feedback models and collaborative teaching approaches will also be discussed. An opportunity will be provided to address potential areas of concern regarding teacher preparation.

Who Should Attend?

Secondary Agriculture or Family & Consumer Sciences Teachers: If you have had a student teacher, and would like a refresher on how to improve the experience... OR, if you've never had a student teacher, but would be interested in hosting one... **THIS COURSE IS FOR YOU!**

Generally, student teachers are placed with teachers with 3+ years of experience.

Delivery Method

The course will be a mixed-method delivery to accommodate current teachers and reduce the need for extra travel & lodging. The course will meet in Brookings, on the SDSU campus, on June 1st & 2nd, then utilize online/distance learning resources throughout the summer. A concluding face-to-face class will be held at SDACTE conference in Pierre (date & times TBD).

of credits: 2 credits

Cost: To be determined

Instructor(s) of Record:

Dr. Deb DeBates & Dr. Amy Smith

Contact Information: Dr. Deb DeBates

605-688-4666

Deb.DeBates@sdstate.edu

Please contact Dr. DeBates to indicate plans to attend by April 10th.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A MAS- TERS DEGREE?



An informal poll taken in summer/fall 2010 among South Dakota agricultural educators indicated substantial interest regarding graduate course work in Ag Ed. However, as you know, SDSU does not offer a Masters degree in Agricultural Education, and based on faculty workload and budget constraints, most likely such a degree will not be offered in the near future. To meet the needs of teachers in our state though, we have been working to explore online options for those interested. As a result, we have exciting news to share!

Oklahoma State University is pleased to offer out-of-state agriculture teachers an opportunity to pursue either a Masters of Science (*thesis*) or a Masters of Agriculture (*non-thesis*) in Agricultural Education. See details below, and contact Kathleen Kelsey, for more information.

Application Information:

Teachers may apply at any time, for a \$40 fee, at <http://gradcollege.okstate.edu/default.htm>. The deadline is rolling; applications are reviewed once per month.

Cost per credit:

\$311/credit hour (Currently, all out-of-state fees are waived – which makes this a great deal!)

What about classes I've already taken?

Up to 9 hours of graduate course work from an accredited university may be transferred in and applied to the degree. (This means, you could still take a course or two through SDSU and apply it to your Masters.)

How soon could I start?

Teachers who apply and are accepted could begin coursework as early as Summer 2010.

For more information, visit: <http://aged.okstate.edu/distance.html>

Or contact:

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Note from Dr. Amy Smith: As a graduate of Oklahoma State University's Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Leadership, I am especially excited to announce this opportunity. I am confident in the quality of the courses being offered by OSU faculty through these degree programs. Additionally, I believe that teachers who pursue this option will gain valuable knowledge immediately relevant to the profession, ultimately strengthening agricultural education in South Dakota.

State Convention Updates

As the South Dakota FFA is getting geared up for the upcoming State FFA Convention, April 10-12, 2011, we also hope you are making your preparations to come celebrate with us as we expect members will discover their "Infinite Potential" through their CDEs, Proficiencies, Star Awards, and State Degrees!

- A new face among the Ag teachers this year, Mr. Bishop, has taken on the task of starting up the Selby Area FFA Chapter. We look forward to this brand new FFA chapter receiving their Charter.
- We are anticipating the possibility of our new Governor, Dennis Daugaard to share a few inspiring words with us.
- Workshops will be put on by World Champion Bull Fighter Jerry Norton, Mirinda Bye, and our National Central Region Vice President,

Wyatt DeJong.

- AgEd Workshop for those interested in going into Agriculture Education.
- Informational workshop about Postsecondary Agricultural Students (PAS).
The Farm Safety Quiz Bowl will be held again this year.
- Our State Officers will be giving their retiring addresses, starting with Maria Rausch, State President at the First Session, Sunday, April 10th. Hannah Johnson, State Sentinel and Brittany Gassman, State Vice President will give their addresses during the Third Session, Monday, April 11th. Danielle Busselman, State Reporter, Spencer Chase, State Treasurer, and Kiley Kaufman, State Secretary will give their retiring comments at the Fourth and final Session,



FFA DATES—Spring 2011

CDE's

February
23—Bowdle

March
2—Howard
4—Redfield
8—DeSmet
14—Tri Valley
19—Groton
21—Flandreau
23—Sturgis
25—Miller
30—Lennox

April
1—Little I
6—Phillip / Wall

**State Convention
April 10-12, 2011**



Other

January
28—State Degrees and Star Greenhand Due
29—Exec Meeting

February
11—Scholarships Due
11—WLC Scholarship Due
12—Corduroy Classic
15—Proficiency Judging

16—National Chapter Due
19-26—FFA Week

March
11—State Officer Apps Due



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