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FOR THE SOUTH DAKOTA AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTOR

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## SDAAE CONFERENCE PLANNING

The officers are busy planning conference. Registration information will be on the way soon and you should have recently received a letter from SDACTE regarding the new fundraising and tours planned this year. Please take a look at the information or check out the SDACTE website for more information at

<http://www.lakeareatech.edu/sdacte/>.

There are many new things happening this year including a revival of the ag division social on Sunday evening and a Teacher Toolkit. We also hope to be able to introduce you to a new Ag Mechanics textbook that we are looking at using for our CDE reference. See the brief Schedule of events and more information on hotel rooms and the teacher toolkit on the following pages and hope to see you in July!



### Dates of Interest:

- Region 3 Stipend Apps Due
- June 2-12 CASE at SDSU
- June 16-18—Region III in Middleton, WI
- July 1—SDACTE Award Applications due
- July 27-30—SDAAE/SDACTE Conference, Mitchell, SD
- November 18-22 NAAE in Nashville, TN

## Teacher Openings / Changes

### Still Open

Hoven  
Bowdle  
Alcester  
Menno  
Harding County

### Changes or Filled

NE Technical High School/Watertown – filled  
Faulkton – filled (Noelle Rist)  
Parkston – filled (Jacob Englin)  
Winner – filled (Wyatt DeJong)  
Chester – filled (Brady Duxbury)  
Wilmot—filled (Jerry Wegleitner -Waubay closing)  
Parker—filled (Kelly Dunkelberger)  
Gettysburg—filled (Brad Cihak—starting in January)  
Rapid City—filled (Lisa Steinken)  
Deubrook—Filled (Tylee Norman)  
Harrisburg 2nd Position—Filled (Tara Fastert)

### Inside this issue:

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### Family News

**Engaged**—Cayla Christiansen (Platte), Brady Duxbury (Wilmot), Kelly O'Donnell (Arlington), Josh Christiansen (Flandreau), Noelle Rist (Hoven)

**New Baby**—Laurie Johnson (LATI), Baby Boy Kolt

**Expecting Moms**—Chas Fleshner (Menno), Christina Ebeling (Beresford)



## Upcoming FFA Dates

June 2-12—CASE Animal Science at SDSU

June 10 & 20—Leadership Camp Registration Due

June 30-July 2—East River Camp

July 15-18—West River Camp

August 18—State Fair Work Day

August 19-21—DakotaFest

Aug 28-Sept 1—State Fair

Sept 2—Rosters Due

Sept 5—National Bus registration due

Rooms at SDAAE  
Conference

Comfort Inn & Suites-  
605-990-2400

Hampton Inn-  
605-995-1575

### Graduate Credits:

Register ASAP if you intend to participate. The classes will be cancelled if there isn't enough enrollees!

### Instructional Packets—Please Reserve by June 1st

Email Dr. Smalley at [scott.smalley@sdstate.edu](mailto:scott.smalley@sdstate.edu)

The instructional packets will include resources that will easily be able to infuse into your classroom. Materials will include resources from classroom instructions to materials that can be used for preparing your CDE teams. The cost for an instructional packet is \$50 and the orders must be placed by June 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure enough time to order necessary materials. Packets will be available for pick up at summer conference.

### Region 3 Conference—

Middleton, WI ~ June 16-18

If you would like to attend or are planning to attend, contact any officers for information on sharing hotels, rides, etc.

Hope to see you all there !!

<http://www.waae.com/events/>

### Regional 3 Stipends Available

Please check out our website:

<http://sdaae.weebly.com/awards.html>

Due June 1st to  
Lori Christensen

## The Ag Educator

### Jason Karels

#### Teacher Spotlight

Lake Area Technical Institute—Ag Production / Precision Ag Instructor

#### Experience:

2.5 years at 2 schools in North Dakota, Jan 1996-1998  
13 years at Deuel School in Clear Lake, 1998-2011  
Currently, 3rd year at Lake Area Technical Institute  
2011-current

#### Some of his Focus Points:

Farm Management  
Machinery Management -- Economics, Planters, and combines are my focus  
Basic Electrical Wiring  
Precision Ag-- Equipment installation, etc., but I specialize in software and data management

#### Family:

My wife Susan is the Middle and High School Band Director for Milbank School. I have two kids: Will is 9 and Hope is 7. They are quite active in 4H, piano, the local swim team, plays, and many other projects. When I am not working or chasing my kids around, I manage (or, rather, it manages me) a small farm.

#### Advice for Young Teachers:

Discipline: It is always better to be tough and back off rather than try to be a friend and need to tighten things up in the classroom.

Sometimes it is better to beg forgiveness than ask permission.

Try not to compare yourself to other programs too much. Set some goals for yourself and work to improve each year. Stay curious.

Some of the days are long, but the years go by quick.



## Conference Schedule

*This is a brief outline of SDAAE Conference.*

#### Sunday:

11AM Foundation Budget Meeting  
12PM Foundation Meeting  
4PM Newcomers Meeting  
4:30PM CDE Meeting  
5:30PM Opening SDAAE Session  
7:00PM District Meetings  
7:30PM Ag Social

#### Monday:

9AM SDACTE Keynote  
Morning Round Table Sessions  
12:30PM Lunch Buffett  
Afternoon Tours and In-Depth Sessions  
5:30PM SDACTE Social and Banquet

#### Tuesday:

All Day Trade Show  
Morning SDAAE Meetings  
12PM SDACTE Business Mtg / Luncheon  
Afternoon Breakout Sessions  
5:30PM SDAAE Social and Banquet

#### Wednesday:

Morning SDAAE Meeting  
Advisory Committee Class

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STIPENDS AWARDED!

**\$250 was awarded to:**

**Andrew Boersma**

**Tracy Chase**

**Kelly Dunkelberger**

**Bridget Twedt**

**Bobbie Jo Donovan**

**Lynn Brace**



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District I - Jerry Janisch, Milbank  
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District IV—Chas Fleshner, Menno

District V—Donna Kinsella, Rapid City  
District VI—Noelle Rist, Hoven  
District VII—Mark Roelfsma, Baltic