



"THE AG EDUCATOR" MAY 2010

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May 2010

SUMMER CONFERENCE

August 1-4, 2010

Pierre Ramkota

Tentative Schedule:

Sunday: Foundation, CDE Committee, Newcomer Mtgs, Opening SDAAE Mtg., District Mtg., PIC-NIC!

Monday: FFA and Perkins Updates, SDANFR Post Secondary Roundtable, ANFR Partners, Wine Tasting

Tuesday: Standards Implementation, Breakout Sessions, SDAAE Awards Banquet

Wednesday: Tour, SDAAE Closing Session

Tour: Morris Enterprisess—Rock Carving Business

Breakouts: Block schedule lesson planning, Integration, Capstone, Science in ANFR, Marketing your program,

REGION III CONFERENCE



June 22-24

MN Ag TOURS

Wednesday Afternoon

Michael Foods—Egg Layer Facility and Food Processing Plant
Grain Millers—International Grain Marketing

Conference Cost - \$75

Lodging:

Best Western Hotel

1111 Range Street
North Mankato, MN 56003
507-625-9333

\$73.99 plus 9.5% tax - non poolside
\$93.99 plus 9.5% tax - poolside

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FFA OFFICE UPDATES!!

FFA Summer Deadlines

May 22 – National Convention housing request and CDE certification

June 1 – Names with \$50 deposit received for members to secure seat on National Convention bus and lock in rodeo or concert ticket

June 15 – The following national convention applications Due to Brookings office: Proficiency, National Chapter, Band/Chorus/talent, CDE speaking judges, agri-entrepreneurship, agriscience Fair and ag sci teacher recognition

June 15 – last day to withdraw members from summer leadership retreats for a refund

August 1 – Public Speaking National Convention manuscript postmarked to National Office

Leadership Retreats

July 6-9 - WR FFA Leadership Retreat, Camp Bob Marshall, Custer

July 14-16 - ER 1 FFA Leadership Retreat, NeSoDak, Waubay

July 20-22 - ER 2 FFA Leadership Retreat, Swan Lake, Viborg

Other Summer FFA events

July 18 – FFA Twins Game, Minneapolis, MN – First pitch member needed

August 16 – State Fair set up for FFA Ag Learning Center (formerly known as FFA animal nursery/ag mechanics buildings)

August 18 – FFA/PAS Serve ice cream at Dakotafest in the Soybean tent

September 2-6 – SD State Fair,

January 2010 Teacher Spotlight— Tara Beitelspacher; Bowdle

Family :Husband Mark – farms / ranches with his parents at Beitelspacher Ranch; Bryce 6 – finishing up his first year of Kindergarten; Brady 4 – will start pre-school next year

Life outside of School / FFA : I co-publish 2 weekly newspapers with my sister Jada – The Bowdle PRIDE and the NW Blade in Eureka.

Also, I own the Prairie Outpost. It's a small store that carries gift items, fresh plants and some of my student's items they made in our shop classes.

I love to take pictures for school, the newspapers and for personal use – usually over 3,000 per year. I am a bit obsessed! A few times a year, I try to scrapbook them – however, this doesn't happen as often as I'd like.

Courses Taught:

7-12 Ag Classes: Ag Metal Fabrication; Ag Communications; Ag Structures; Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Leadership and Personal Development; Ag Mechanics; Ag Marketing and Sales; and 7th Grade Earth Science.

Number in FFA: 25

Specialty Contests and recent honors:

2009 District VI Leadership Sweepstakes Chapter Winner (23 of 25 members attended State Leadership), Superior National Chapter Award, I've had 2 State Agri-Science Fair Winners – one who competed at the National Fair in 2009 and one who will compete in 2010.

Other FFA Activities:

We created an Agri-Science Fair and Ag Fair last year. We had over 25 student science projects, 20 Ag vendors and served a free beef meal to over 250 atten-

dees.

We hold a Land and Range School, a fall Leadership CDE Invitational and Spring CDE each year. Over 500 students from the across the area visit us each year.

My students created a P.A.L.S. program this past year. The grade school students and staff really enjoyed this project.

Every year our chapter visits over 300 3rd graders from across the area with our Food For America program.

We have a very supportive FFA Booster Club. They even gave us a pancake breakfast send off to State Leadership – they are the best!



Notes from the President

Wow, how fast has this school year gone!?! We breezed through fall activities; land judging, national convention, leadership CDEs. The winter was long, but think of all the events that the Ag Education departments and FFA programs attend, compete in, and grow from! Our Awards banquets are finished and now we are looking towards summer.

The SDAAE had quite a year as well! Here is a list of the changes that we've seen:

- Movement to new name change of SDAAE
- Several members were honored at the national conference; most notably, Dave Vanderwal was the recipient of the Region III Outstanding Teacher of the Year and was awarded a Toyota Tundra to drive for 2 years.
- 'The Ag Educator' Newsletter, 3 times a year.
- Teach Ag (TAG) Day
- PS I, PS II, and PS III students at SDSU participated in the first annual Ag Teachers' Forum. These students had the opportunity to ask

questions about student teaching and becoming an Ag teacher.

- Ideas Unlimited presentations and Honorary Member nominations made at Spring Meeting.
- This year's officers set a goal to get more members involved in activities throughout the year.

Bobbie Jo Donovan took a place on the Future Conference Taskforce for SDACTE.

Kelly O'Donnell stepped up to plan the wine tasting at conference.

Several members are helping serve the pork at the picnic on Sunday evening of conference.

I look forward to being able to vote from a plethora of individuals vying for position as SDAAE Secretary 2010-11.

Working with Dr. Amy Smith, a Team-AgEd committee is being

developed to help lead the way in Agriculture Education in South Dakota. Some potential members of the team have been contacted and an initial meeting is being planned. The SDAAE website (<http://sdffa.k12.sd.us/>) needs a major renovation this summer to make it more attractive, user friendly, and maintainable. South Dakota is not officially at 100% membership, but we need to be! More individuals need to spread the word about SDAAE membership and recruit the few teachers who are not members of the professional organization.

2009-2010 has been a strong year for the South Dakota Association of Agricultural Educators. Many of our team's goals have been accomplished. As Ag Teachers, we know that there is always more to do. In order to continue to advance our organization, we ALL need to step up, take on leadership opportunities, and promote our professional organization. See you at summer conference!



Get your donations collected for door prizes at summer conference.
Auction Items: Remember shop projects make nice auction items

Do you want to run for an SDAAE Office?? Now's the time to ask questions.
Contact Josh, Lori or Ross or any past officer.

Ag Ed Family News:

Etta "Knuth" is now the ag teacher in Lemmon (formerly Etta Balo)

Bobbi Jo Donovan, Charlene Weber, Marie Jaacks, Lori Christensen, and Ross Hudson and wife Miranda will be adding little ones to the family in the near future.

Jamie Brown and her husband Justin just welcomed their little girl, Kajsa Jo, May 11th!

Sara Stratmeyer will be getting married June 5th in Aberdeen!!



Retiring:

Myron Sonne—Mitchell Tech, Ag Technology

Larry Hostler—Mitchell Tech, Ag Technology

Ron Nelson—Marion

Movin and Shakin in the Ag Ed Community:

- Dave Koupal will be replacing Myron Sonne (retiring) at Mitchell Tech in the Ag Technology Program
- Lori Christensen will be going to Mitchell Tech starting a new position in Farm Business Management.
- Henry Kraai (moving in from Iowa) will be replacing Lori Christensen as ag teacher in Madison.
- Austin Bishop (new grad) will be starting a program in Selby.
- Jayden Kettwig (new grad) will be replacing Ron Nelson (retiring) as ag teacher in Marion.
- Jody Gittings will be taking the position at Platte Geddes.
- Christina Learn (Bridgewater Emery) will be moving to Beresford.
- Jerry Wegleitner (Roslyn—Closing) is moving to Waubay.
- Josh VandeWalle (PT Agronomist—PT ag teacher) will be filling the open position in Winner.
- Evan Papousek (new grad) will be taking over for Mr. Koupal in Wagner.
- Jack Von Eye (former Western Dakota Tech) will be the new teacher in New Underwood.
- Still Open: Bridgewater -Emery, Hoven, Bison, and Larry Hostler's position at MTL.



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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT HAPPENINGS

May 28th: *Idea Sharing Day* in Brookings at the High School Ag Room
June 1-4 *Geospatial Technology for Educators*—EROS Data Center - Tom Wolff
June 8th: *Standards Implementation Workshop* in Sioux Falls.
June 9th: *Standards Implementation Workshop* in Rapid City.
June 11th: *NDSU Food Science Workshop* in Fargo.
June 13-17 *National Farm Management Conference*—Fargo, ND—Calvin Pietz and Lori Christensen
June 15th: *National Park Service's Missouri National Recreational River Workshop* in Yankton.
June 21-24 *Food Safety*—SDSU Brookings
June 22-24 *Region III NAAE Conference*—Mankato
June 28th - 29th: *Ag Structures Workshop* in Clark.
June 30th: *Governor's Ag Development Summit* in Sioux Falls. See
July 7th - 9th: *Teacher Academy (focus on Environmental Toxicology)* in conjunction with the Custer Leadership Retreat.
July 10th *Agronomy School* students / teacher—at SDSU Research Farm in Beresford
July 13th - 16th: *Teacher Academy (focus Food Processing)* in conjunction with the Waubay Leadership Retreat.
July 18-30 *Project Lead the Way, Civil Engineering and Architecture*—at University of Iowa—Russ Swanson
July 20th - 22nd: *Teacher Academy (focus GPS/GIS/Cartography)* in conjunction with the Viborg Leadership Retreat.
July 21st: *Assignments due to Tiffany* for anyone taking the Standards Implementation workshops for grad credit.
August 1st - 4th: *SDACTE/SDAAE Conference* in Pierre.

Agricultural Structures Summer Course

Course Description

This course, hands-on in nature, will provide an opportunity for students to gain knowledge and skills in the area of agricultural structures/construction. Students will actively participate in the building of a shed(s) throughout the duration of the course. This experience will provide a practical opportunity for the development of basic building skills, and increased proficiency with hand and power tools. Students will work collaboratively to design plans for the project – including a materials list and budget information – which will allow them to utilize the project in their own schools/communities.

Who Should Attend?

Secondary Agriculture Teachers

Post-secondary students in Agriculture or Agricultural Education

Delivery Method

Students will have approximately 10-15 hours of class/lab time (at Clark High School), supported by 3-5 hours committed to the development of curricular materials related to the workshop

When: June 27-28, 2010

Where: Clark High School Campus

of credits: 1 credit

Cost: Undergraduate and graduate -- \$40.00

Instructor(s) of Record: Dr. Amy Smith/Dr. Lon Moeller

Course Facilitator: Mr. Greg Janisch, Clark Ag Ed Instructor

**Students should come prepared to work, wearing work clothes, safety glasses. In addition, each student should bring a good tape measure to use.*

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Register by June 15th



Sonne / Hostler Retirement Aggie Reunion Nets \$10,000 Scholarship Money

The “All Aggie” reunion at Mitchell Technical Institute May 6th brought over 450 alumni and supporters of the Agricultural Technology program to MTI. The reunion and celebration was to honor Larry Hostler and Myron Sonne who are retiring from teaching in the program and to raise funds for the Bryan Larson Scholarship.

Brats and banana splits were served and an auction of various donated items and department memorabilia was held with graduates Dean Duxbury, Steve Larson and Lanning Edwards serving as auctioneers. The auction was active and interesting with a group of 20 toy tractors

and their barn being purchased and given back for a second sale by Glen Lowrie of F & L Crop Services. The total for the tractors came to \$310. Sonne’s famous bull cane was rung up at \$360, a signed Chad Greenway football ended at \$250, and two SD Brand books totaled \$370. First Dakota National Bank put the fund over \$10,000 with a special donation following the auction.

Pictured below is Will Haugen, First Dakota National Bank, Mitchell branch, presenting a check to Myron Sonne to put the Bryan Larson Scholarship fund over the \$10,000 mark.



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SDSU Agricultural Education Update—Dr. Amy Smith

Greetings from the campus of SDSU! As the semester winds down, Dr. Moeller and I are busy tying up loose ends from this year – and already planning for summer and fall activities and classes. Without a doubt, it's been a fast year...but a good one as well.

Last fall, we had a total of eight student teachers. Currently, about half of them have obtained employment in the field of Agricultural Education. Three others are currently seeking employment in Ag Ed, and one has entered Agri-Business. As we look to Fall 2010, we have a total of 12 student teachers. The table below identifies where these students have been placed – and who will be serving as their cooperating teacher. Please welcome our recent graduates and student teachers into the profession; many will be attending summer conference in Pierre.

Student	Placement Site	Cooperating Teacher
Michael Bos	Garrettsen	Mr. Ed Mueller
Ryan Clay	Harrisburg	Mr. Todd Marks
Clayton Hensley	Bon Homme	Mr. Ross Hudson
Dani Herring	Wolsey-Wessington	Mr. Blaine Carey
Amanda Hoover	Lincoln Hi (Ivanhoe, MN)	Mr. John Scheuers
Morgan Kontz	Tri-Valley	Mrs. Sarah VanderVliet
Nick Milbrandt	Canby (MN)	Mr. Duane Lichy
Noelle Rist	Marshall (MN)	Mr. Paul Lanoue
Ashley Roelfs	Arlington	Ms. Kelly O'Donnell
Mandy Stade	Alcester-Hudson	Mrs. Stacie Turnbull
Matt Tollefson	Lake Preston	Mr. Clint Smith
Ben Wise	Jackson (MN)	Mr. Jeff Voss

Excitedly, we are also looking forward to a large group of freshmen and transfer students joining our program in the fall. In fact, currently, we have received notice that 21 students have been admitted thus far! This is certainly a good-sized group, so we will definitely be looking to you all to assist with field placements as they progress through their degree program.

Hopefully this summer will allow you some time for family and fun, amidst the FFA camps, workshops and conferences. We're looking forward to seeing each of you at some of those events. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact us should there be anything we can assist with. Many of you do a lot for our program, whether that be through sending us top-notch students, serving as guest speakers/panelists, or mentoring students, or hosting student teachers. Your efforts are appreciated!! Thanks for all you do.



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