

## President's Message

*Ross Hudson, SDAAE President 2011-2012*

We are all thinking it, where is the school year going? Football seasons are half way done, National Convention is less than a month away, hunting seasons are here, soon the leaves will be gone and the flakes flying. It goes by faster each year. Those not familiar with agricultural education don't understand the time and sacrifices given up by you to have a successful program. Yet, we are often the teachers that make the closest connections with students, and are sometimes the reason they come to school. Despite this fact, our programs are the first to go. Be vigilant in selling your program and telling your story every day. Be proactive in gathering support for your program in your communities. Make the important partnerships now, instead of later. I want to thank you for the time and sacrifices given to the profession and your students. I also challenge you to spend more time with those closest to you, and lean on them for support when you need it. These people are often left home to take care of raising the family and chores of the farm, when the duties of the job take us away. Tell them thanks when you see them next. I hope your school year is off to a fantastic start! Enjoy your fall and let's hope for a safe and bountiful harvest!



### Dates of Interest:

- NOV. 15-19, 2011  
NAAE CONFERENCE, ST. LOUIS MO
- APRIL 16, 2012  
STATE CONVENTION BUSINESS MTG.
- MAY 1, 2012  
NAAE STATE AWARDS DEADLINE
- JUNE 19-21, 2012  
NAAE REGION III, ANKENY, IA
- JULY 30-AUGUST 2, 2012  
SDAAE CONFERENCE, PIERRE

Fall is here and that means that the National  
ACTE/NAAE Convention is just around the  
corner.

November 15-19

**"Smart Members. Smart Choice."**



• Keynote speakers for the general sessions include authors Eric Chester and Sir Ken Robinson and opening session speaker, Raymond J. McNulty, President of the International Center for leadership in Education.

- NAAE is offering over 100 workshops covering a wide range of topics including Ag. Mechanics, Food Science, Leadership, Animal Science, CDE Development, Horticulture, Agriscience and many more.
- Jazz and Blues music and fantastic food will encourage convention attendees to see the local sites.
- Contact any officer to inquire about transportation to St. Louis.

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# 2011 SDAAE Award Winners

Hall of Fame ~~Myron Sonne

Teacher of Teacher  
Linda Peterson

Outstanding Teacher  
Jim Wilson

Outstanding Young Member  
Kelly O'Donnell

Lifetime Achievement  
Myron Sonne

Teacher Turn the Key  
Etta Knuth

Outstanding Service  
Calvin Pietz

Honorary Members  
Roger Carlson  
Laura Wilson

Retirements  
Lon Moeller  
Cal Pietz  
Richard Hetland  
Kent Frerichs  
Floyd Lehman

**Scholarship Auction  
\$1047.50—Thanks to All  
who Bought and Donated!**

## REGION 3 NAAE VP

Terry Rieckman has submitted his paperwork to run for Region 3 NAAE VP.

Please wish him luck and encourage your friends in our Region to vote for him!

A representative from South Dakota at the National Level would Be Awesome!

**GOOD LUCK TERRY!!!**

### Responsibilities of the Region 3 VP are:

- Representing our 6 state region on the NAAE Board of Directors for 3 years
- Attending NAAE and National Policy Seminar Each Year
- Attend all 6 state conferences in the Region in 3 years
  - Direct regional meetings at Region Conference and NAAE

**Voting will happen at NAAE in November**

## Effective Teaching Survey

Recently, you should have received an invitation (and a few reminders) to complete a survey about effective teaching. Though the survey link has come from Dr. Becki Lawver (a former NE ag educator & NAAE Region III member), the study is one that I am collaborating on. Please, if you have not already – complete the survey. If you've already deleted the emails but are willing to complete it – email me and I'll get you a duplicate link. **Folks, I KNOW this is a busy time of year, and you probably receive several surveys throughout each year, but in effort to meet the needs of our pre-service teachers and enhance South Dakota agricultural education, research like this is important.** Thanks for your time and assistance!

Dr. Amy Smith—SDSU Ag Education

## The Ag Educator

### We Back the Blue—SD FFA Foundation Director Gerri Eide

That's what the SD FFA Foundation is all about. We support awards, events, activities, and scholarships for agriculture programs and FFA members. If you are not familiar with us, please check out our website, at <http://sdffaoundation.org>

**Help us find past FFA members!** The SD FFA Foundation wants to reconnect with past members who believe in the future of agriculture... we know there are LOTS out there. It's more than just looking for financial supporters - it's finding people who will openly share with others what FFA has done for them. This is so critical right now with what is going on in education budget cuts in our state. We need to share the message that we believe in the future of agriculture, just like the creed says. **Please** share names, addresses and/or email addresses of past members with: [Gerri@sdffaoundation.org](mailto:Gerri@sdffaoundation.org). If each chapter sent us 8 contacts, it'd greatly boost our database! We want to send them the SD FFA New Era magazine and invite them to reconnect again by judging, coaching, mentoring, or financing local and state FFA activities.

- We have 2 Star Partners on board – RDO Equipment and Farm Credit Services of America. A portion of each Star Partner sponsorship goes to each of the 6 of the SD team Ag-Ed organizations – SD FFA, SD FFA Alumni, SD FFA Foundation, SDAAE, SD PAS, and SDSU AgEd Teacher Education programs.
- We will again be asking chapters to be part of the FFA Foundation and contributing – letters will come out in October.
- We are searching for good action shots of students in OD – doing community service, being patriotic, and interacting with sponsors (local sponsors are fine). Please email to Gerri.
- We encourage all ag teachers to subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter if they are not already – at [sdffaoundation.org](http://sdffaoundation.org) – then at the bottom of the page “subscribe”. Also, please share the subscribe link and information about the e-newsletter to all local alumni
- Any chapter working with the tractor restoration through Brandt Holding Company – please contact Gerri to inform her what has happened since conference. We want to keep them engaged in working with chapters.
- Looking to develop some type of recognition for those nominated from the Here by the Owl campaign. We have had 6 contributors and several more that sent memories. Possibly at State Leadership.  
If you have any ideas for Foundation fundraising, please let me know!

## Family News

### New Additions:

Scott Hemmer, Colman Egan  
Baby Girl Quinn Louise born August 31

### Expecting:

Sarah Lambert, Faulkton – October Baby  
Becky Harstad, Wilmot – December Baby  
Chas Fleshner, Menno – February Baby  
Karen Roudabush Bridgewater-Emery – April Baby

### Getting Hitched:

Jodie Dunbar (Newell) will become Mrs. Jodie Severson this weekend

### Prayers Needed:

Roger Carlson—Bone marrow transplant postponed due to poor health. Prayers for recovery so he can get the transplant done.

Bill Lehman

From Darold Hehn

“The recent PET Scan was negative meaning I am now Cancer free. The next step is radiation which may mean three 15 minute treatments each week for a yet to be determined number of weeks. Radiation is used to assure the Cancer does not return.

Since the chemo treatment is now complete I expect to start slowly getting my health back. Thank you for all who have thought, prayed and communicated with and for me during this time.”

### Other News:

Dave Ollila accepted a job with SD Extension Service and will be leaving Newell.

Clint & Amy Smith are still looking for full-time nursing care for Treynor. If anyone knows of someone within a reasonable distance from Lake Preston who may be interested, contact Clint or Amy by email or at home, 605-620-4107.



## SD FFA Association Updates—Michelle Nelson

**Chapter Visits:** Start with Flandreau on September 19th and should be done by December.

### Leadership CDE Dates

Jackrabbit Invite: Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

District 1: Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

District 2: Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

District 3: Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

District 4: Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

District 5: Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

District 6: Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

District 7: Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>



### Perkins Annual Performance Report Due December 1st

Teachers who completed the Program Improvement Process Instrument last year will need to complete an Annual Performance Report this year. The following link will take you to the Department of Education website under Perkins Act: <http://doe.sd.gov/octe/perkins.asp>. Please select "2011-2012 Performance Report" link on the right hand side under documents.

For all new teachers or teachers who are teaching in a school where you did not teach in the previous year, you will need to complete a Program Improvement Process (PIP) Instrument. This document is a good tool to help you learn about the AFNR and CTE program(s) in your school by working through the assessment portion. Once you have completed the assessment, you can use it to help create your goals for your AFNR program. The PIP process is a three-year cycle, but since we are starting the second year, the goals that you create will be two-year goals.

If you have any questions, please call Nora Kohlenberg at 773-4747, or send an email at [nora.kohlenberg@state.sd.us](mailto:nora.kohlenberg@state.sd.us).

### SDACTE Update—Terry Rieckman SDACTE President

As we have begun our classes and everything is back in full steam ahead your ACTE Board of Directors is busy with plans for making your organization the best we can for you. This year at Summer Conference we added a few new wrinkles to the game with awards for years of service. We know we did not get everyone exactly right and if yours was incorrect please let us know so we can update records. Some of the issues come from years of consecutive membership or years brought in from another state not being recorded. If your was incorrect please email me so I can get it corrected and changed on the master sheet.

Secondly this year will mark the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of SDACTE and we are looking for suggestions on how to promote and celebrate this during conference this summer. We will also be looking for some of the teachers that have been around a day or two to help by volunteering to be on this steering committee starting soon. Again just let me know. Also I hope to see many of you at ACTE and NAAE National Conference in St. Louis. Good luck and have a great year.





# The Ag Educator

## SDSU Agricultural Education Program Update

Once again, things are in full swing for Agricultural Education on the SDSU campus. This fall, initial reports indicated that we have a total of 49 returning students and 24 freshmen entering the program. Of course, there is always the inevitable shuffling and major-changing that occurs, but so far, we've gained more than we've lost. Things are looking very bright for the future of Ag Ed at SDSU. We have tremendous students enrolled in the program – and I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work with them!

A back-to-school social was held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Ag Heritage Museum for Agricultural Education students and program supporters. Approximately 55 students and a number of guests (faculty, administrators, and state FFA officers) attended the event. Those in attendance explored the museum, mingled with others in Agricultural Education, and enjoyed refreshments. We hope to have one event of this nature each semester to allow for student interaction and personal/professional development. A Collegiate FFA/Ag Ed Club meeting followed the social. Nearly 85 members attended the meeting! Members are busy preparing for Jackrabbit Invite (among other things) and hope to see you and your students there...October 31, 2011 at the St. Thomas More Church.

Currently, we have 13 students completing their Professional Semester I field placement in conjunction with CTE 405/295. Thanks those of you who have agreed to host these students. Two Ag Ed students are completing Professional Semester II requirements, with more students planning to do so this spring.

There are six student teachers in Agricultural Education this fall, who recently began their official teaching experience on September 19<sup>th</sup> after three weeks of final teacher preparation (aka "boot camp") on campus. Student teacher placements include:

Student Teacher	Placement Site	Cooperating Teacher
Sara Berg	Harrisburg	Todd Marks
Meghan Lentsch	Lake Preston	Clint Smith
Brett Monson	Flandreau	Josh Christiansen
Alicia Reif	Tri-Valley	Sarah VanDerVliet
Mark Sandager	Canton	Russ Swanson
Matt Tripp	Jackson, MN	Jeff Voss

Please help welcome these folks into the profession as they student teach, and encourage them to consider teaching in South Dakota.

In other news, we are currently in the process of revising the Ag Ed program curriculum, to meet new BOR requirements (reducing the number of credit hours for degree completion to 120 from 128) and bring the requirements more in line with other regional Agricultural Education programs. I look forward to sharing these changes with you in the coming months.

Many of you may also be wondering about the status of hiring another Agricultural Education faculty member to replace the vacancy left by Dr. Moeller's retirement. Unfortunately, there are no immediate plans (of funds available) to hire a replacement at this

time. The Teaching, Learning, and Leadership Department will be completing some position searches this year though at this time, we're uncertain as to the nature of those positions. We will continue to move the Ag Ed program forward by utilizing Mrs. Ellen Thompson as an adjunct in the interim.



# STIPENDS

**Available Because of our  
Annual Banquet Auction!  
\$250 available for NAAE in November!  
Applications were emailed out!**



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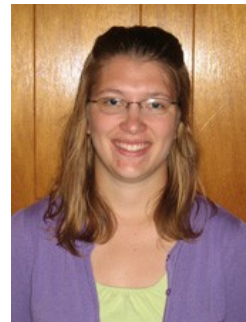
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