

Kadoka Area Students participate in All-State Chorus & Orchestra Concert



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Shown Left to Right: Felicity Keegan, Tyrel Mansfield, Rebecca Shuck and Ryan Shuck.

SDSU Extension Hosts Youth AI Day Camp at Cottonwood Field Station



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20 4-H youth involved in the beef project area traveled to the SDSU Cottonwood Field Station, to participate in the SDSU Extension Youth AI Day Camp held November 6, 2021. Back row L to R: Maisy Slovek, Sawyer Smith, Eagan Fitzgerald, Cord Capp, River Solon, Molly Harty, Autumn Skow, Ashley Schriever, Faith Frink, Fayth Frink; Front row L to R: Kaydence Eisenbraun, Layne Martin, Rhyden Frink, Bridger Erikson, Cody Jones, Abbie Culver, Everett Urbaniak, Tara Schofield, Jaydon Martin, Owen Harty.

The Kougar Column

Kadoka Area Students

We give thanks for all the wonderful things our students do each day. Most of all, we thank those that take the time to get their child to school each day diligently. One of the most underappreciated facts about PK-12 education is that the chief factor in receiving an education is access. Access is triggered by effort outside of the school, coming from parents and guardians who care. Without the daily effort of these individuals to get their kids to school, no learning can take place. With Thanksgiving Day quickly approaching, as well as the Thanksgiving break, we give thanks to all the parents and guardians who create access for the young ones around them.

Without your unsung effort, no amount of time from any individual in our school district can change the course of a student's life. Further, our society is built on millions of unspoken heroes who make student growth possible. A study from 2018 showed that the community would spend an extra \$400,000 on additional law enforcement alone for each school dropout. Therefore, it isn't I who give thanks for the effort of our parents and guardians, but every taxpayer who can pay a few more bills because of the lack of

tax commitment shown to come from education by a community.

In the past month, we were fortunate to host the SoDak 16 Class A state volleyball qualifiers in Kadoka. Teams from Parkston, Winner, Hill City, and Rapid City were able to travel to our humble community and vie for a chance to compete at the state tournament at the Monument. This event, and this opportunity, was made possible by a commitment from those we give thanks for today in this column. Other administrations have thanked me for our work in the SoDak 16, but we made their kids' lives memorable. Everyone in our community reading this gave their time, money, effort, and resources to make our new athletic facility possible. We recognize those who made that possible are the same, or descendants of, those that we benefit from in attendance each day. To all, thank you, as I hope you have gathered in this column today, everyone's action in this school may seem small at the time. However, even a mustard seed on your part can grow to change everything in the system. Thank you!

In support of the Kougars,
Mr. Robert Lukens
MS/HS Principal

Twenty 4-H youth involved in the beef project area traveled to the Cottonwood Field Station, to participate in the SDSU Extension Youth AI Day Camp held November 6, 2021.

During the day camp, SDSU Extension Cow/Calf Field Specialists Olivia Amundson, Kiernan Brant, and Adele Harty along with 4-H Advisors Audra Scheel and Kaycee Jones guided youth through the process of artificial insemination (AI) in beef cattle.

"Understanding how the female and male beef reproductive tracts work is critical to a successful A.I. program," said Audra Scheel, SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor - Sanborn, Aurora & Jerauld/Buffalo Counties. Attendee Autumn Skow shared "I learned the different stages of follicular development and the hormones that happen."

Once they learned the basics, youth received hands-on practice in pulling, thawing and loading

semen. Adele Harty and Audra Scheel led this station. "This is a critical part of A.I., you can have the best technician in the world inside the cow, but if the semen isn't handled correctly outside the cow, your conception rates will show it," Harty explained to youth during the demonstration.

Youth were also able to work with real, female beef cow reproductive tracts, led by Kiernan Brant, SDSU Cow/Calf Field Specialists. Hands on experience with ultrasound, vaccinations and palpation along with learning about the importance of nutrition and using body condition score to determine the cow's nutritional needs completed the breakout sessions.

"At camp, we provided youth with knowledge and hands-on techniques of A.I., but then followed that up with how to AI a real cow. This allows youth to see how successful A.I. is in a real-life scenario. It really brings the day

full circle for the kids," said Olivia Amundson.

More about South Dakota 4-H SDSU Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program is a partnership of federal (USDA), state (Land Grant University), and county resources through youth outreach activities of SDSU Extension. Youth learn and experience leadership, workforce development, life and social connection through a network of professional staff and volunteers

reaching more than 9,000 enrolled members with yearly programming efforts to an additional 35,000 youth participants.

To learn more, contact your local SDSU Extension 4-H Youth Program Advisor. A complete listing can be found at extension.sd-state.edu

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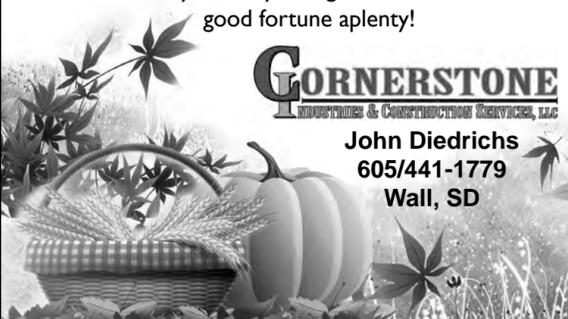
HAPPY Thanksgiving
...from our family to yours...

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we'd like to share our gratitude for all this community has done to help support us.

With heartfelt wishes for a happy Thanksgiving, we wish you and yours good health and good fortune aplenty!



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41st Annual Bull & Female Sale

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

12:00 p.m. (MT) at Philip (SD) Livestock

15 coming 2-Year-Old Angus Bulls

FEATURED SIRES: Vermillion Countdown, LT Pursuit 5135, and Hart Payweight 5019

200 Super Fancy Commercial Females
100 HOME RAISED/BOUGHT FROM BULL CUSTOMERS

F1 Angus x Hereford Bred Heifers; AI bred to LT Landmark 5052 (Lindskov-Thiel Ranch), Charolais calving ease specialist - due March 1st

20 HOME RAISED RED ANGUS BRED HEIFERS
Bred to Marks Man 6629; Proven Genex calving ease bull - due March 1st

50 F1 HEREFORD X ANGUS COMING 3-YEAR-OLD COWS
Originated off Carmichael Ranch; Bred to LT Ledger 0700

#1 Marbling bull at Lindskov-Thiel Ranch in 2020 - due March 10th

50 SUPER FANCY RED ANGUS COMING 3-YEAR-OLD COWS
Bred to LT Ledger sons - due March 25th

25 YOUNG RED ANGUS COWS
Bred Charolais - due March and April






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