Graduate Defense Seminar
Speaker: Jordan Hieber, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student

Topic: Temperament Evaluation in Beef Cattle: Understanding Evaluator Bias with Subjective Measurements of Docility Score, Temperament Score, and Qualitative Behavior Assessment

Date/Time: Friday, May 20; 9:00 a.m.
Location: Hultz Hall 104

Jordan Hieber is originally from Ubly, Minnesota. She graduated from NDSU in May 2014 with a B.S. degree in animal science. She is working on an M.S. under the direction of Dr. Lauren Hanna studying animal breeding and genetics while focusing on temperament evaluation in cattle, specifically evaluator bias and subjective measurements.

Large Passenger Van Training
Anyone who will need to drive a 12- or 15-passenger van during their time at NDSU is encouraged to take the required training as soon as possible. Following is information from Facilities Management about the training and the schedule.

Training for large passenger (LP) vans includes a web-based instructional program and a behind-the-wheel driving component. Both sessions must be completed to obtain certification. (The behind-the-wheel component may be waived with a CDL license). The web-based portion, to be completed prior to behind-the-wheel, takes approximately 20 minutes and will be given in the training room at Thorson Maintenance Center. Behind-the-wheel testing will be done on a course set up at the Fargo Dome parking lot; this portion will take approximately 15 minutes. All LP drivers must have completed both components of training prior to vehicle release. Behind-the-wheel training is available from 8 a.m. to noon on the following dates: May 5, 2016; June 2, 2016; August 4, 2016; September 8, 2016; and October 6, 2016.

Call Motor Pool at 701-231-9619 to schedule individualized training.
One-Day North Dakota Livestock Judging Camps – Justin Crosswhite

A series of one-day livestock judging camps for youth ages 8 to 18 will be held in June. The camps will focus on evaluation of three meat animal species (swine, sheep, and cattle), as well as the proper technique and terminology of oral reasons for each of the three species. Camps will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost is $50 per camper and includes snacks and lunch. Dates for the camps are as follows:

June 3   Novice level   NDSU campus, Fargo
June 4   Advanced level NDSU campus, Fargo
June 13  Advanced level Dickinson State University campus, Dickinson
June 14  Novice level   Dickinson State University campus, Dickinson

Pre-registration is required and can be completed at https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc/news-events/livestock-judging-camps. A liability form will be sent to each registrant’s email and must be returned to P.O. Box 6050, NDSU Dept. 7630, Fargo, ND 58108. For more information, contact Justin Crosswhite, camp coordinator and instructor, at 701-231-7296 or justin.crosswhite@ndsu.edu.

Bison Dairy Club members Kelly Schouviller (L) and Morgan Drietz (R) attended the Minnesota Dairy Princess Promotion and Leadership Event the weekend of May 13. Kelly was named a Princess Kay of the Milky Way finalist.

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