Animal Sciences News

Week of March 4, 2012

Animal Sciences Graduate Seminar – Joel Caton, Coordinator
Speaker: Nathan Hayes, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student
Topic: Influence of Stress and Slaughter Technique on Beef Quality: Preliminary Results
Date/Time: Friday, March 9, 2012; 3:00 p.m.
Location: Hultz Hall 104

Nate Hayes grew up in Big Lake, Minnesota, on a family farm. He is currently a second year Master’s student studying under the direction of Dr. Rob Maddock. Nate is also the coach of the NDSU Meats Judging Team.

Healing With Horses: One Woman’s Journey to Iraq and Back – Kay Mitzner and Susie Bjorklund, Freedom Farm Therapeutic Riding Center
The seminar “Healing with Horses: One Woman’s Journey to Iraq and Back” will be held Friday, March 9, from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. in the Prairie Rose room of the Memorial Union. The seminar is co-sponsored by the Animal Sciences’ Equine Science program and the department of Women and Gender Studies.

Kay Mitzner is an Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran. She will share her story and how through participating in the Healing With Horses program at Freedom Farm in Waverly, Minnesota, she has experienced the healing power of the horse in her ongoing journey toward recovery.

Daylight Savings Time
Sunday, March 11
Spring ahead!
**Defensive Drive Courses Offered** – Tammy Aronson, Safety Office
Two Defensive Driving Courses have been scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, March 15, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, EML Room 183
- Wednesday, March 28, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Memorial Union Prairie Room

Fleet Services required those who operate fleet vehicles at least once a month to take the course every four years. Also, anyone who has been involved in a motor vehicle accident with a State Fleet vehicle or who has received a traffic citation while operating a State Fleet vehicle in the past 12 months to attend the course within the calendar year of the accident or citation.

If you are not sure when you last took the training or to register, contact Tammy Aronson at tammy.aronson@ndsu.edu or 231-5637.

**Department Meeting with IT Vice President**
Our department has been selected by Dean Grafton to meet with IT Interim Vice President Wallman. The meeting has been scheduled for March 8, from 9 to 10 am in Hultz 104. The purpose of the meeting is outlined below.

“In an effort to determine how we can best meet the IT needs of our campus, and with the Provost’s support, Interim Vice President for Information Technology Marc Wallman would like to meet with academic departments in each college and discuss:

- What IT services do you currently use and like?
- What IT services are currently offered that do not fully meet your needs?
- What should the IT Division be doing, that we are not doing?
- Anything else the faculty/staff might want to discuss.”

This meeting is intended for both faculty and staff. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend if possible.
Hunt Seat Team Members Compete at Regionals – Erika Berg

Two members of the NDSU Hunt Seat Equestrian Team qualified to compete in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association’s Zone 7, Region 3 horse show on February 25 held at Stonegate Farms in Stillwater, Minnesota. The competition was hosted by the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Kaylin Scarberry, a sophomore from Fargo, qualified to compete in the Novice over fences division and Sarah Bridge, a sophomore from Plymouth, Minnesota, qualified to compete in both Novice over fences and Novice flat. Scarberry finished third among tough competition in the Novice over fences class. Bridge earned the title of Reserve Regional champion for both Novice over fences and flat, advancing her to the Zones competition to be held April 1 at Black Dog Farms in Marion, Indiana.

NDSU to Co-Host Equine-Assisted Therapies Conference – NDSU News, NDSU University Relations

North Dakota State University’s Equine Science Program is co-hosting the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl) Region 6 conference in Fargo on March 9 through 11.

Riding on Angels’ Wings (ROAW) of Felton, Minnesota, and Serenity Therapeutic Equine Program of Minot also are co-hosts. The conference will be held at the Doublewood Inn in Fargo, along with the barn track at the NDSU Equine Center.

“The fields of equine-assisted activities and therapies are growing rapidly,” says Erika Berg, an assistant professor in NDSU’s Animal Sciences Department and co-organizer of the event. “This conference provides an excellent, cost-effective opportunity to network, share knowledge, and disseminate information on this exciting discipline.”

NDSU offers minor and certificate programs in therapeutic horsemanship through a partnership with Minnesota State University Moorhead, ROAW, and PATH Intl.

The conference is open to anyone with an interest in equine-assisted therapies; and participants may register on-site. Discounted registration is available for students. For the online link to this event or for more information, contact Berg at erika.berg@ndsu.edu.