



# Animal Sciences News

Week of August 4, 2013

## **Equine Science Partners to Offer Equine Experiential Experience – Erika Berg**

On July 30, for the third year in a row, the NDSU Equine Science program partnered with High Note Coaching and the NDSU Department of Mechanical Engineering to offer equine experiential team building and leadership training to students enrolled in the Pre-Engineering Education Collaborative (PEEC; [http://www.ndsu.edu/peec\\_ptips/](http://www.ndsu.edu/peec_ptips/)). The collaborative, now in the fourth of a five-year program funded by a \$4.8 million National Science Foundation Grant, connects NDSU with four North Dakota tribal colleges to prepare and support Native American students who want to pursue an engineering career. The ultimate goal is to improve the diversity and education of engineering graduates in the state and to expand the resource on reservations.

This year, nine students and one tribal college instructor participated in the equine guided training as part of the 12-day summer session at NDSU. Equine-guided experiential learning is based on the premise that human interactions with horses are essentially pure from the horse's perspective. Horses survive by reading the body language of other animals and, consequently, offer a very literal mirror of human intention and emotion.



After participating in specially designed exercises with the horses, participants process their actions and those of their team. Differences in leadership style, as well as concepts of leadership, team building, and communication, are addressed through post-exercise discussions. Because the insights reaped from expertly guided sessions come out of experiential learning, the retention and impact of those experiences are greatly enhanced.

Special thanks to our horse handlers: Ligia Prezoto, Animal Science doctoral student; Theresa Jeske, Meat Science Research Technician; Kaylin Scarberry, Equine and Animal Science undergraduate student; and Brianne Zaeske, 2013 Equine Science graduate.

For more information on equine experiential learning opportunities at NDSU, contact Erika Berg at [erika.berg@ndsu.edu](mailto:erika.berg@ndsu.edu).



### **Stokka On Satellite Radio**

Dr. Gerald Stokka, ANSC associate professor, will be a regular contributor to the satellite radio program “Vet’s on Call” which airs each Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. CT on Channel 80, Rural Radio (<http://www.siriusxm.com/pdf/ex/Rural-Radio-Grid-Blank-23.pdf>).

He will be discussing issues related to livestock stewardship and veterinary medicine and answering questions from listeners.

### **Large Passenger Van Training – Facilities Management Web site**

<http://www.ndsu.edu/facilities/facilitiesoperations/motorpool/largepassengertraining/>

State Fleet Services policy requires training before anyone can rent 12- and 15-passenger vans. Training for these vans includes a web-based instructional program and a behind-the-wheel driving component. Both sessions must be completed to obtain certification. (Behind the wheel component may be waived with CDL licensing). 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 8:00 a.m. to noon on the following dates: August 14, September 11, and October 10, 2013. Call Motor Pool at 231-9619 to schedule individualized training.

**All new graduate students and faculty are strongly encouraged to complete this training this fall as additional training dates are not offered during the winter. The large vans are frequently used for class field trips and special events. Please turn in your completion card to Holly.**

New work address for Leslie Lekatz  
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**New Extension Publications – Let’s Communicate, Agriculture Communication  
Newsletter, August 2013, No. 211**

- AS 1151 Revised – Systems for Backgrounding Beef Cattle by Greg Lardy
- AS 1253 Revised – Quality Forage: Corn Silage Management by J.W. Schroeder
- AS 1254 Revised – Quality Forage: Silage Fermentation and Preservation by J.W. Schroeder
- AS 1255 Revised – Quality Forage: Storage, Sampling and Measuring by J.W. Schroeder

These and other Extension publications are available on the NDSU Extension Service web site at <http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/publications/livestock>.



**Meat Lab on TV**

Meat Lab manager Austen Germolus and Meat Lab research technician Theresa Jeske were featured on Valley News Live on Friday, August 2. John Trierweiler interviewed Austen and Theresa about "Unique Summer Grilling Ideas."

The complete video is available on the Animal Sciences Facebook page.

