Graduate Students Receive Wilson G. Pond Awards
Alison Crane and Jena Bjertness have each been named as recipients of the American Society of Animal Science’s Wilson G. Pond Travel Award. The award carries a $2,500 stipend to be used for expenses for travel to an international meeting or training in an international venue. The purpose of the award is to aid in the professional development and success of young animal scientists in an international venue.

Alison will be attending the British Society of Animal Science International Cow Fertility Conference in Westport, Ireland. After that, she will be going to Gorey, Ireland, where she will be attending the Golden Shears World Championships for shearing and wool handling.

Jena will be traveling with Joel Caton to Harrogate, United Kingdom, for the Perinatal Medicine Conference which will primarily focus on human medicine. Jena and Dr. Caton will be presenting data from NDSU at the conference. They will also meet with research collaborators at the University of Nottingham in Sutton Bonington.

Vet Tech Club Elects Officers –
Britley Calkins (photo from Britley Calkins)
The Vet Tech Club elected new officers at its April 15 meeting. They are (front row) Allison Thelen, CSO Representative/Student Activities; Britley Calkins, Secretary; Margaret Fyffe, Human Food Treasurer; Chelsea Volk, Vice President; (back row) Christina Dulik, President; and Jennifer Thomas, Pet Food Treasurer.

The advisor for the club is Kari Ceroll.
**Animal Sciences Guest Speaker** – Britley Calkins

Speaker: Karen Shenoy, DVM, Professional Consulting Veterinarian Team Leader
         Hill’s Pet Nutrition

Topic: Nutrition for Small Animals
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 30; 12:00-12:50 p.m.
Location: Hultz 104

Lunch will be provided to all who RSVP with Char Kuss at 231-7712 by 5:00 p.m. on April 25.

Topic: Professional Development and the Interview Process
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 30; 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Location: Robinson 106

Dinner will be provided to all who RSVP with Char Kuss at 231-7712 by 5:00 p.m. on April 25.

Dr. Karen Shenoy is a professional consulting veterinarian team leader for Hill’s Pet Nutrition. She has worked for Hill’s for more than six years and has served in previous roles as a veterinary affairs manager and practice development veterinarian. Dr. Shenoy has a passion for teaching and an interest in clinical nutrition. She also has been involved with wildlife hospitals, and served a four-year term on the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association board of directors. Dr. Shenoy has also worked as an adjunct instructor in a veterinary technology program and as an associate at a small animal/exotics practice.

**Animal Sciences Student Receives NPSAS Scholarship** – The Germinator,
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Melany Fagre is the recipient of the Northern Plains Sustainable Agriculture Society scholarship. The NPSAS “promotes sustainable food systems through education, research and advocacy.” The scholarship was established to help support the training of the next generation of sustainable/organic farmers and ranchers. The award is for $1,000.

Melany is a senior at NDSU studying animal science with an emphasis in animal agribusiness. She raises grass-fed cattle utilizing rotational grazing practices near Georgetown, MN.

*Melanie and Daphne*
*(photo from Melany Fagre)*
Southeast Meat Judging Contest Results – Rob Maddock, Coach

The NDSU Meats Judging Team competed in the Southeast Meats Judging Contest in Lexington, KY, and Columbus, OH, April 11-12. Thirteen teams comprised of 62 individuals competed in the event.

NDSU Team A was comprised of Caleen Crider, Ashley Giedd, Lloyd Lesmeister, and Hannah Schroden. Team A placed 4th Overall, 1st in Specifications, 1st in Pork, and 2nd in Reasons. Individual placings were:

- Ashley – 1st Overall, 3rd in Specifications, 1st in Grading, 3rd in Pork, and 4th in Reasons
- Caleen – 12th Overall, 9th in Specifications, 5th in Lamb, 8th in Pork, 6th in Placings
- Hannah – 13th Overall, 10th in Specifications, 8th in Grading, 2nd in Pork, 6th in Reasons

Team B was comprised of Erin Anderson, Paige Craigmile, Brett Gallagher, and Joe Grotsun. That team placed 8th Overall, 7th in Specifications, 4th in Grading, and 9th in Placings.

- Paige – 19th Overall

Photo (L to R): Rob Maddock, Caleen Crider, Erin Anderson, Ashley Giedd, Hannah Schroden, Paige Craigmile, Joe Grotsun, Lloyd Lesmeister, Brett Gallagher
Animal Sciences Professional Development Retreat

Animal Sciences faculty and staff, please SAVE THE DATE for the day-long professional development retreat scheduled for MONDAY, MAY 19, at the NDSU Alumni Center.

Snacks in the morning and afternoon, as well as soft drinks and lunch will be provided.

Additional details will be forthcoming.

Come out and get inspired with your coworkers. It will be a fun-filled day for everyone!

Funding is provided by the Advance FORWARD Award the department received in 2012.

Recent Publication
Influence of dry-rolled corn processing and increasing dried corn distillers grains plus solubles inclusion for finishing cattle on growth performance and feeding behavior.
K.C. Swanson, A. Islas, Z.E. Carlson, R.S. Goulart, T.C. Gilbery, and M.L. Bauer
http://www.journalofanimalscience.org/cgi/content/abstract/jas.2013-7547v1

National Sheep Improvement Program
Webinars – Reid Redden with Ellen Crawford, Agriculture Communication
The NDSU Extension Service is organizing a webinar series on the National Sheep Improvement Program, a quantitative genetic selection tool designed to help sheep and goat producers make good breeding decisions. Each webinar starts at 8:00 p.m. and lasts an hour. The dates are May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, and June 5. Each webinar covers a different topic and features a guest speaker. For more information or to preregister for one or more of the webinars, contact Reid Redden at 231-5997 or reid.redden@ndsu.edu or by visiting http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/newsreleases/.

Paddy Drop Raffle – Saddle and Sirloin Club
Saddle and Sirloin Club is once again holding the Paddy Drop raffle. One lucky raffle ticket winner will receive $1,000! In addition, this year the club has selected South Dakota Ranch Relief as the charity of choice to receive $1,000. Tickets are $4 each or 3 for $10. Tickets can be purchased from any S/S member or at the booth in the Memorial Union from April 14-17. The paddy will drop on April 25, 2014, in Shepperd Arena. (The winner need not be present to win.)
Kiddie Days!

Kiddie Days was held April 7-11 in Shepperd Arena. Youngsters from area preschools and daycares enjoyed learning about farm animals (sheep, goats, horses, chickens, cattle), what they do on the farm, and the products that come from them.

Over 1,000 children came for a 20-minute presentation led by members of Saddle and Sirloin Club. This year, each animal had a placard introducing them by name and telling something about them.

Kiddie Days is a free, public service event organized and manned by members of S/S Club and held each year in April.