



# Animal Sciences News

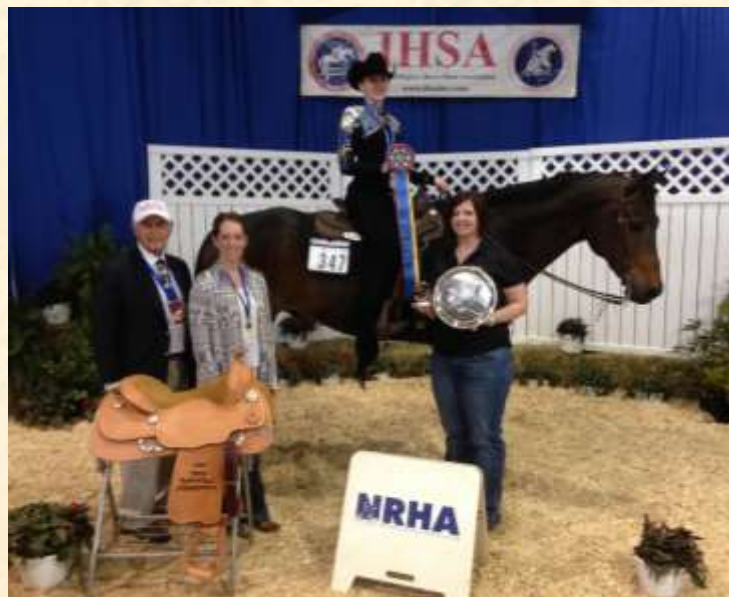
Week of May 4, 2014

## **Western Equestrian Team Member Brings Home National Champion Honors – Tara Swanson, Coach**

Janna Rice, a junior from Maddock, ND, and Hailey Aagard, a junior from Wadena, MN, competed at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) National Championships held in Harrisburg, PA, May 1-4. Both women, members of the NDSU Western Equestrian Team, had exceptional performances, resulting in Aagard being named the 2014 IHSA National Champion in Beginner Horsemanship and Rice earning the title of 2014 IHSA Reserve National Champion in Advanced Horsemanship.

“As a coach I couldn’t be more proud of Janna and Hailey. They have been working hard all year in preparation for the opportunity to compete at nationals. Each of them rode with poise, confidence, determination, and skill which resulted in a very positive outcome,” said Coach Swanson.

Rice and Aagard advanced to the national competition by placing in the top four riders at semi-final competition hosted by West Texas A&M in Canyon, TX, March 29-30. Two other NDSU riders also competed in semi-final competition – Ashley Lindell, a senior from Soloway, MN, and Cami Slaubaugh, a junior from Wolford, ND. Lindell finished with an honorable mention in reining and a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in open horsemanship. Slaubaugh also finished 7<sup>th</sup> in intermediate horsemanship.



The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association, which is the collegiate organization NDSU competes in, is currently comprised of just over 400 teams with more than 8,300 total riders across the United States and Canada. The organization offers eight levels of hunter seat riding and six levels of western riding.

*(Photo by Tara Swanson – IHSA founder Bob Cacchione, Janna Rice, Tara Swanson, Hailey Aagard seated on horse)*

## **Tilton Receives Award**

Dr. Jim Tilton, emeritus professor in Animal Sciences, was presented with the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from Gamma Sigma Delta, the honor society of agriculture, at its Annual Induction Ceremony on April 29, 2014. In his nomination letter, Animal Sciences department head Greg Lardy said of Dr. Tilton:

“His career was marked by consistent efforts to improve teaching and learning opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom, as well as a highly productive research career. In his role as an emeritus faculty member, his continued interaction with former students and the North Dakota swine industry through his volunteer work with the National Pork Board shows his deep commitment to serving the greater needs of the livestock industry, the university, and agriculture.”

Dr. Tilton served as a faculty member in the department for 37 years.



*(Photo by Julie Nash: Jim Tilton and Greg Lardy)*

## **Two Nominated for Gunkelman Award**

Jim Kirsch and Austen Germolus were nominated for the 2014 Mary McCannel Gunkelman Award. The Gunkelman Recognition Award was established in January 1987 by John L. Gunkelman in memory of his wife who was a 1942 graduate of the College of Home Economics. The purpose of the award is to recognize those on campus who make working and living at NDSU more enjoyable. The award recognition ceremony was held on Wednesday, May 7, in the McGovern Alumni Center.



*Jim Kirsch*



*Austen Germolus*

## **Kaminski Joins Genex Dairy Genetics Staff – excerpted from news release by Jenny Hanson, Genex, May 2, 2014**

Genex Cooperative, Inc., announces the hiring of Sami Kaminski as the dairy data program specialist. Kaminski, originally from Weyerhaeuser, WI, holds a master's degree in animal science from NDSU with graduate research in the field of reproductive physiology. At Genex, she will collect and analyze phenotypic dairy cattle data from QUANTUM™, a cattle progeny testing program, and GENESIS, the cooperative dairy herd. Kaminski will be located at Genex Headquarters in Shawano, WI. Genex is a subsidiary of Cooperative Resources International (CRI), a member-owned holding cooperative.



## **In Memorium – Craig Kubik – Stevenson Funeral Home, Dickinson, ND**

[http://www.stevensonfuneralhome.com/Mobile/obit\\_details.asp?ID=3133](http://www.stevensonfuneralhome.com/Mobile/obit_details.asp?ID=3133)

Craig Kubik, 65, BS/MS, animal science, of Dickinson passed away on April 25, 2014. Mr. Kubik was born in 1948 in Dunn County in North Dakota. He was an active member of Theta Chi fraternity and served in Army ROTC while at NDSU. He served in the army until 1970. In 1972, he began working with Jim Roers at the construction firm in Fargo that would eventually become the Roers family of construction, design, development, property management, and real estate companies. Craig served as a general contractor and ultimately as superintendent for safety and training for Roers

Construction in Fargo. In 2000, Craig assisted Roers in the development of the Herdina Academy for Construction Trades in Moorhead which gives high school students the chance to explore the many careers offered in the construction industry. He also worked with his cousin LaDonna at Kubik Angus Ranch and HK Quarter Horse until his death. Memorial gatherings were held in Dickinson and at the NDSU Alumni Center. The family asks that memorials be sent to the NDSU Theta Chi Scholarship Fund.

**Summer Interns Include Animal Sciences Students – excerpted from email from Lynette Flage, NDSU Extension NE District Director**

I am pleased to announce our five NDSU Extension county summer interns for 2014. Mackenzie Bade, Angie Johnson, Courtney Miller, Blaine Novak and Melinda Tikanye will be joining this organization and have the opportunity to experience summer programming in NDSU Extension at the county level.

**Angie Johnson** will be working in Steele County this summer and will start her internship on June 16. Angie plans to graduate in the fall of 2014 from NDSU with a degree in animal science and a minor in Extension education. She has been a Traill County 4-H member for 13 years and held many offices locally. Angie also serves as a 4-H volunteer and dairy judging coach in Traill County. Her family farm is near Galesburg, ND, where she takes an active role.

**Blaine Novak** will begin his internship on May 27 in Walsh County. He is from Lankin, ND, and is majoring in animal science with a minor in Extension education. Blaine has been a 4-H member for more than 10 years and currently serves as a North Dakota 4-H Ambassador. While in college, he has participated in the NDSU Western Equestrian Team, the Saddle and Sirloin Club, and been involved in multiple community service projects through his fraternity.

Just in time for Mother's Day - it's a Boy!



**Graham Thomas Williams**

Born May 2, 2014  
8 pounds, 14 ounces

Parents are Ben and Corineah Williams  
Graham and mom are doing well.

Ben was the livestock judging coach at NDSU. He left in the fall of 2011 to join the faculty at Hutchinson Community College in Hutchinson, Kansas.



*(Photo from Ben Williams)*

## **Recent Publications**

Impact of maternal physical activity during gestation on porcine fetal, neonatal, and adolescent ovarian development.

Kaminski, S.L., A.T. Grazul-Bilska, E.K. Harris, E.P. Berg, and K.A. Vonnahme.  
Domestic Animal Endocrinology, 48:56-61, 2014.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0739724014000071>

Effects of maternal nutrition restriction followed by realimentation during midgestation on uterine blood flow in beef cows.

Camacho, L.E., C.O. Lemley, L.D. Prezotto, M.L. Bauer, H.C. Freetley, K.C. Swanson, and K.A. Vonnahme. Theriogenology 81 (2014) 1248-1256. In Press.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0093691X14001022>

# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Extension Service!

May 8 is the centennial celebration of the Smith-Lever Act which established the Extension Service. The following faculty in our department hold Extension appointments – Justin Crosswhite, Youth Livestock Specialist; Carl Dahlen, Beef Cattle Specialist; Carrie Hammer, Equine Specialist; Greg Lardy, Department Head; Rob Maddock, Meats Specialist; David Newman, Swine Specialist; Reid Redden, Sheep Specialist; J.W. Schroeder, Dairy Specialist; Gerald Stokka, Livestock Stewardship Specialist. The following staff hold Extension appointments – Holly Erdmann, Megan Kortie.

