Graduate Seminar will not be held this week due to Little International.

The streamers are up, the animals are arriving. It is time for...

89th Little International

Friday, February 13
8:00 a.m. FFA and 4-H Livestock Judging Contest – Shepperd Arena
8:00 a.m. Hippology Contest – North Dakota Horse Park
8:30 a.m. FFA Agriculture Sales Contest – Fargodome
9:00 a.m. FFA and 4-H Agronomy Contest – Memorial Union
9:30 a.m. FFA Small Animal Care Contest – Memorial Union
2:00 p.m. Contest Awards Ceremony – Shepperd Arena
5:00 p.m. Agriculturalist of the Year/Hall of Fame Social – Holiday Inn
6:00 p.m. Agriculturalist of the Year/Hall of Fame Banquet – Holiday Inn

Saturday, February 14
8:00 a.m. Morning Show, Showmanship Preliminaries – Shepperd Arena
9:00 a.m. Agriculture Engineering Show – Agricultural & Biosystems Engineering
12:30 p.m. Alumni Luncheon – Loftsgard Atrium
5:30 p.m. Night Show, Showmanship Finals – Shepperd Arena
10:00 p.m. Dance in the Chips with The Roosters – Shepperd Arena

Plan to join us for any or all of these events!

“We Stand for the Brand”
**Friday Afternoon Club** – Kendall Swanson and Larry Reynolds, Coordinators

Friday Afternoon Club will be held on Friday, February 13, at 3:30 p.m. in Hultz 104. Dr. Soumi Bairagi will be discussing “Diapause – The Escape of the Embryo.” She will provide an overview of this topic. There are papers attached separately to the newsletter with further information on the topic.

Let Larry or Kendall know if you would like to lead the discussion for a FAC and you will be put on the schedule.

**Little International Public Speaking Contest Winners** –

Kara Scherbenske (1st)
Gizele Fonseca Da Silva (3rd)
Aryel Smith (2nd)

Photo from S/S Facebook page

**Miranda Meehan Hired** – Greg Lardy, Department Head

Miranda Meehan has accepted the position of Environmental Stewardship Specialist in the Animal Sciences Department. Miranda will begin her position on March 16, 2015. This position will collaborate with the livestock industry and be a liaison to state agencies and NDSU faculty to identify and prioritize innovative Extension programming and research in the area of environmental stewardship. Miranda’s background and training in natural resource management, interactions between livestock and riparian areas, and grazing management make her highly qualified to develop these programs and serve the needs of North Dakota’s livestock producers.

**Etiquette Dinner** – College of Agriculture Facebook page

The Ag Ambassadors and Engineering Ambassadors are hosting an NDSU Etiquette Dinner on Thursday, February 19, starting at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Plains Ballroom of the Memorial Union. This will be a fun and unintimidating atmosphere to learn proper dinner etiquette which is important in job/career situations, interviews, internships, etc. The meal will consist of bourbon glazed pork chops and all the trimmings. Cost for the dinner is $5. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Patti Sebesta at 231-8524 or patti.sebesta@ndsu.edu.

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Dairy Cow College, a collaborative educational effort of the NDSU Extension Service and Midwest Dairy Association was held February 2-5 in Linton, Dickinson, New Salem, and Valley City. Topics included managing rumensin levels for optimal response, root causes and risk factors for milk fat depression, navigating the dry and fresh periods to achieve a successful transition, consequences of negative energy balance and immune suppression, and the Veterinary Feed Directive effect on your dairy expense.

Presenters for the programs were J.W. Schroeder, NDSU Extension dairy specialist, and David Carlson, dairy technical consultant with Elanco Animal Health. Eighty-eight people attended the day-long events. Shirley Meyer from Senator Heidi Heitkamp’s office attended the Cow College in Dickinson.

Recent Publication
Schroeder, J.W.
Choosing alternative feedstuffs in a fickle marketplace.

NDSU is closed on
Monday, February 16