Graduate Seminar – David Newman, Coordinator
Speaker: Mellissa Crosswhite, NDSU ANSC Graduate Student
Topic: Beyond Statistics: Benchmarking, Data Management, and Using the Information
Date/Time: Tuesday, November 24; 10:00 a.m.
Location: Hultz 104

Mellissa was born and raised in Sarasota, FL. She attended the University of Florida where she received her B.S. degree in animal science. Mellissa moved to North Dakota in 2012. She received her M.S. in 2014 and is now working on a Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. Carl Dahlen.

Friday Afternoon Club – Larry Reynolds and Kendall Swanson, Coordinators
Facilitator: Larry Reynolds
Topic: The Laws of Medicine
Date/Time: Friday, November 20; 3:00 p.m.
Location: Hultz 104

There is no Friday Afternoon Club next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sun is Research Scientist – Greg Lardy
Please join me in congratulating Xin (Rex) Sun who was recently hired into a benefitted position working as a research scientist for Dr. David Newman. Rex will be working on David’s National Pork Board grant investigating the use of imaging to predict pork quality.

Dr. Sun received his Ph.D. in agriculture engineering and was most recently a lecturer at Nanjing Agricultural University.
Zimprich Named Agriculturalist of the Year –
NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club
NDSU Swine Unit Manager Ron Zimprich has been named Agriculturalist of the Year by the Saddle and Sirloin Club.

“The Agriculturalist of the Year exemplifies service to the agricultural industry, community, and to the next generation of farmers and ranchers. During the past five decades, Ron Zimprich’s dedication to agriculture has been recognized by many, but matched by few.” – Nomination Biography

Ron served as a Saddle and Sirloin Club advisor from 1985-2009. He has been the manager of the Swine Unit for 44 years. He has been a member of the North Dakota Pork Producers for 45 years and served on the North Dakota Pork Producer’s Council for approximately 20 years. He was voted their Employee of the Year in 2004. He served as president and secretary of the North Dakota Regional Pork Producers.

Some of his recognitions include honorary degrees from the Minnesota, North Dakota, and Kindred FFA chapters; Friend of 4-H Cass County; and recipient of the College of Agriculture Professional Staff Award of Excellence.

“Ron has dedicated his life’s work to North Dakota, their people, and to NDSU and the students. I know of no one more deserving of this recognition and honor as 2016 Agriculturalist of the Year than Ron Zimprich.” – Dr. Bert Moore

Ron will be honored at the 90th Hall of Fame Banquet during Little International in February.

Smoked Turkey Pickup – Cora Huss
If you ordered a smoked turkey from Saddle and Sirloin Club, you can pick it up inside the east door of Shepperd Arena as follows:

Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (11/23/15-11/25/15) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Saddle and Sirloin Club appreciates your support of their fundraiser which will support travel for club members attending the National Block and Bridle Leadership Conference.

Please note: There are no extra turkeys for sale during pickup times this year.
ANSC 457/657 Seminars – Lauren Hanna

Students in ANSC 457/657, Genetic Improvement of Livestock, will give their course seminar as indicated below. These seminars are open to the public.

- Monday, November 23 – Jordan Hieber – Sheep Genetic Evaluations: Where it Started to Where it is Today
- Wednesday, November 27 – Haipeng Yu – The Review of Genetic Evaluation and Selection in the Application of Genetic Improvement for Swine
- Monday, November 30 – Mikayla Miller – Dairy Selection: Past, Present, and Future

All seminars are in Morrill Hall 105 from 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Meats Judging Team Results – Tyler Frick, Coach (photo by Tyler Frick)

The 2015 NDSU Meat Judging team competed in their last contest of the year November 15 at the International Meat Judging Contest in Dakota City, NE. Team placings were:

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(L to R) Jaden Carlson, Hanna Nordby, Tyson Chicken, Cora Huss, Brittany Olson

Jaden Carlson was 26th overall, 16th in beef judging, 12th in lamb judging, tied for 1st in specifications, 16th in total placing, and 26th in reasons.

Hannah Nordby was 14th in total placing, and was the winner of the Rachel Hamilton Spirit Award.

Cora Huss was 27th in placing.

Brittany Olson tied for 1st in specifications.

There were a total of 17 teams consisting of 66 individuals, and 46 alternates.
Hunt Seat Team Success – Mattia Gunkelman, Coach
Below are photos from the team’s last show of the semester which was held in Stillwater, MN, November 14-15. Annise Montplaisir (left) was High Point Rider on Saturday and Kayla Young (right) was High Point Rider on Sunday. The team was High Point Team on Sunday.
Rodeo Club Hosts Ed Wright – Tate Eck, Coach
The NDSU Rodeo Club hosted Ed Wright, a nationally known, very well respected barrel racing clinician November 13-15 at the Equine Center. Lots of new knowledge was gained by all who participated in the clinic. Coach Eck was able to refresh his knowledge in order to be of greater help to the barrel riders in the Rodeo Club in the future. Tate and his wife Shannon, NDSU Equine Center manager, have been to more than ten of Wright’s Barrel Clinics over the last 14 years.

Pictured are (L to R) Tate Eck, Taylor Zimprich, Haley Johnson, Ed Wright, Nikki Naas, Katelynd Whitehead, and Ashley Bateman.

Animal Sciences Student Receives Award at NDSU EXPLORE – NDSU College of Agriculture Facebook page
Nearly 100 undergraduates at NDSU shared their research and scholarly activity during the second annual NDSU EXPLORE held November 3 in the Memorial Union. Whether mapping in the sciences, engineering, business, arts or humanities, students showcased their creative projects.

McKenzi Shelton, an animal sciences major in the biotechnology option, received third place in the afternoon session for her oral presentation, “Expression of receptor for nitric oxide (NO), soluble guanylyl cyclase (sGC) in ovine ovarian follicles: Effects of diet and arginine.” McKenzi’s mentor for the project was Dr. Anna Grazul-Bilska.

Collegiate Cattlewomen Selling Cookies
Collegiate Cattlewomen is selling sugar cookies in a jar. They are $15 each, and would make a GREAT Christmas present. And the best part? They come with a cow-shaped cookie cutter! To order, contact any organization member or message the group at https://www.facebook.com/pages/NDSU-Collegiate-Cattlewomen/165565033463321 by November 30.

Officers are Paige Craigmile, Leah Hawkins, Jaden Carlson, Megan Ternquist, and Celena Hultz.