Fall Semester has Ended

Another fall semester has drawn to a close and spring semester is well under way. As usual, much has happened and much is coming up soon.

Little International is scheduled for Feb. 12 and 13. This year's theme is “Decades of Dedication.” How appropriate that this year we honor Ron Zimprich as Agriculturalist of the Year. Zimprich, who retired in early January, was the department’s swine herdsman for more than 44 years! The complete schedule and additional information on Zimprich and this year’s royalty is included in the newsletter. We hope you can join us. It promises to be a great time.

Long-time Extension dairy specialist J.W. Schroeder retired Dec. 31. His dedication to the department and the dairy industry long will be remembered and appreciated. Schroeder will continue on a part-time, temporary basis to complete several projects during the next several months.

With great sadness, we bid farewell to our colleague Chung Park, who passed away recently following a battle with cancer. Park’s contributions to the department and his students were many. He will be missed.

As always, we love hearing from our alumni as to what they have been doing lately. If you are willing to share that information with us, please go to www.ag.ndsu.edu/ansc/alumni/alumni-update and fill out the form.

Sincerely,

Greg Lardy
Department Head
Poultry Career Networking Event

By Loren Baranko, Animal Sciences Lecturer

On Sept. 21, the Midwest Poultry Consortium, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association, and Chicken and Egg Association of Minnesota, along with Greg Lardy and Loren Baranko from the Animal Sciences Department, sponsored a Poultry Career Networking Event consisting of a question-and-answer session with panelists Mahmoud Masa'deh from Purina; Andrew Moser from Gold’n Plump (GNP); Evan VanBeusekom from Jennie-O Turkey Store; Myah Walker from Sparboe Farms; and Logan Hulst, an NDSU student who interned at GNP.

The panelists discussed their involvement in the poultry industry and the many career and internship opportunities for students. NDSU participates in the Midwest Poultry Consortium Center of Excellence (COE), in which students can earn 18 credits in two six-week summer sessions at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. These credits will transfer back to NDSU toward an Animal Science degree. Students in the COE program also have the opportunity to be placed in a summer internship with one of the participating companies.

Moos, Ewes & More

Moos, Ewes & More was a fabulous success again this year, with a record 1,653 attendance (817 children and 836 adults). A big thank you goes to the Moos, Ewes & More committee, which consisted of Erika Berg and Stacey Ostby (co-chairs), Skip Anderson, Lisa Christenson, Shannon Eck, Josie Hayden, Kim Koch, J.W. Schroeder, Kim Vonnahme and Sarah Wagner, and the many volunteers who helped make the event memorable.
The NDSU Quadrathlon competition was held Nov. 30-Dec. 2. The competition consisted of a quiz bowl, lab practical, written test and presentations. Team 8 was the overall winner, Team 2 took home second-place honors and Team 1 came in third. The winning team will travel to Des Moines, Iowa, in March to participate in the Midwest Section Quadrathlon competition.

The team members were (Team 6 did not compete):
- Team 1 – Taylor Fox, Marissa Evans, Shelby Hanson, Taylor Holloway
- Team 2 – Jacob Shreffler, Nathan Gresseth, Logan Hulst, Daniel Lengowski
- Team 3 – Abby Ganyo, Alex McIntee, Sarah McNaughton, Stephanie Schaunaman
- Team 4 – Claire Endres, Brock Saewert, Angela Leier, Nicollette Bitz
- Team 5 – Haylee Beehler, Tessa Keller, Kirsten Walinski, Adam Fellbaum
- Team 7 – Chance Moran, James Grommes, Morgan Effertz, Claire Anderson, Elizabeth Blessum
- Team 8 – Bayleigh Antonsen, Anna Peterson, Cora Huss, Daven Dockter

The NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club attended the 96th Block and Bridle Convention, hosted by Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Panhandle State University, in Tulsa, on Oct. 15-17. NDSU received first place in the scrapbook competition, second place in the chapter activities award, second place in the website competition and fourth for its chapter yearbook.

While at the convention, students toured Oklahoma farms and ranches and agriculture-related businesses. They attended seminars on interviewing for a job, genomics, agricultural economic issues with farms and ranches, the avian bird flu, swine-powered fuel for vehicles, animal welfare and sustainability.

Representing NDSU at the convention were (front, left to right) Haylee Beehler, Cheyenne Dockter, Bailey Dockter, Cassidy Ziesch, Elli Lemm; (back, left to right) Klay Oland, Phil Wanner, Megan Gross, Luke Ressler and advisor Jim Kirsch.
90th Little International

The 90th Little International will be Feb. 12 and 13, 2016. The theme for this year’s event is “Decades of Dedication.”

The Little I Royal Court this year consists of queen Elli Lemm, and princesses Bailey Dockter and Cassidy Ziesch. The members of the royal court were chosen based on a competition in which each provided her perspectives and insights on the theme for this year. They will represent the club prior to and during Little I in February.

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.” – quote taken from Zimprich nomination biography

Zimprich served as a Saddle and Sirloin Club adviser from 1985 to 2009. He has been the manager of the Swine Unit for 44 years. He also has been a member of the North Dakota Pork Producers for 45 years and served on the North Dakota Pork Producers Council for approximately 20 years. He was voted the organization’s 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 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.” – Bert Moore

Zimprich will be honored at the 90th Hall of Fame banquet on Friday, Feb. 12.

90th Little International Schedule of Events

Wednesday, Feb. 3
8 p.m. Public speaking contest

Friday, Feb. 12
8 a.m. 4-H/FFA livestock judging contest and 4-H/FFA hippology contest
8:30 a.m. FFA agricultural sales contest
9 a.m. 4-H/FFA crops judging contest
9:30 a.m. FFA small-animal care contest
2 p.m. 4-H/FFA contest awards
5 p.m. Hall of Fame social
6 p.m. Hall of Fame banquet

Saturday, Feb. 13
8 a.m. Showmanship preliminary competition
8 a.m. Photo competition display
9 a.m. Ag engineering show
12:30 p.m. Alumni luncheon
5:30 p.m. Showmanship finals
11 p.m. Dance in Chips with 2M Productions
Student Product Show Held

By Spencer Wirt, Assistant Meat Lab Manager

Fundamentals of Meat Processing, ANSC 344, held a student product show on Dec. 8 in Shepperd Arena.

For their final project, each of the students in the class was given the task of creating a 7-pound batch of sausage to present to judges Austen Germolus, Justin Crosswhite, William Ogdahl, Loren Baranko, Bayleigh Antonson and Tessa Keller.

The 35-student class was split into three groups. Students in Group 1 created a smoked bratwurst, Group 2 a summer sausage and Group 3 a snack stick.

The winners in each group were (pictured left to right): Group 2 – Isaac Holman, Group 1 – Matt Dinse, Group 3 – Tim Rasmussen. The winners of the three groups then were judged against each other, and the “Overall Masterpiece” winner was Rasmussen. Plaques for the winners were made by Ogdahl and Spencer Wirt.

Rodeo Club Hosted Ed Wright

The NDSU Rodeo Club hosted Ed Wright, a nationally known, very well-respected barrel racing clinician Nov. 13-15 at the Equine Center. All who participated in the clinic gained lots of new knowledge.

Rodeo Club coach Tate Eck was able to refresh his knowledge 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 10 of Wright’s barrel racing clinics during the last 14 years.

Stockings and Blankets for Shelters

By Kayla Woltz, Vet Tech Club Secretary

The Veterinary Technology program works closely with four animal rescue organizations. Each year, the Veterinary Technology Club hangs stockings in Robinson Hall for people to donate animal toys, treats and food; money or gift cards; or anything else the shelters may need. A GoFundMe page to make donations also was available.

The club also held a white elephant and potluck meeting on Dec. 3. Students made tie blankets for the shelter animals in the Vet Tech program’s care.
Animal Sciences in the News

The **NDSU Meat Lab** was featured in the Friday, Dec. 4, Farmers Forum in an article titled “Meat Lab is a ‘hidden secret of NDSU’” (www.inforum.com/news/3895820-meat-lab-hidden-secret-ndsu).

**Erika Berg** was interviewed by Megan Ternquist of KFGO radio as part of a series called Agri-Biz. Berg discussed the Moos, Ewes & More event. The interview is available at http://kfgo.com/podcasts/ag-news-leader/1720/agri-biz-moos-ewes-and-more-moos/.

**NDSU Beef Unit** manager **Billy Ogdahl** was also interviewed by Ternquist earlier this summer. Part 2 of the interview is available at http://kfgo.com/podcasts/ag-news-leader/1720/agri-biz-the-happening-with-beef-at-ndsu/.


The **BBQ Boot Camp** was featured on the NDSU News banner on Oct. 5 (www.ndsu.edu/news/banner_stories/bbqbootcamp/).

**Veterinary Technology** program co-director **Stacey Ostby** was interviewed by Megan Ternquist on the Agri-Biz Show of KFGO radio regarding the Veterinary Technology program during Veterinary Technician Week (Oct. 12-16). In the interview, they discussed the various positions and tasks the students are trained for in the program. 2015 is only the second year that the governor has signed a declaration for Veterinary Technician Week. The full interview is available at http://kfgo.com/podcasts/ag-news-leader/.

**Eric Berg** was interviewed by Chris Berg on a KVLY Valley News Live Point of View segment titled “Bacon and Cancer: What You Should Know” on Oct. 27. This is in response to the recent World Health Organization statement that processed meats, including bacon and sausage, are linked to cancer. To see the interview, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=bK0kSy8uQlY&feature=youtu.be&list=PL8wBnMveyAnYrC7bfFPrilYdktlWFbG0.

**Team Summaries**

**Meat Judging Team** - **Tyler Frick, Coach**

The NDSU Meat Judging Team finished third overall at the Southeastern contest, ninth at the Eastern, 11th at the American Royal, 10th at the Cargill High Plains and 12th at the International.

The team also received many other awards, including first in placings at the High Plains competition; second in specifications, pork judging and reasons at the Southeastern; third in pork judging at the Eastern; sixth in placings at the American Royal; and seventh in placings at the International.

The team consisted of students Jaden Carlson, Pipestone, Minn.; Brittany Olson, Farmington, Minn.; Hannah Nordby, Amidon, N.D.; and Leah Hawkins from Owatonna, Minn. in the spring semester and also included Cora Huss from Lakeville, Minn., in fall semester. The team was coached by Tyler Frick, Arnolds Park, Iowa. All of the results from all contests can be found at www.judgingcard.com.

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**Hunt Seat Equestrian Team**
- Mattia Gunkelman, Coach

The NDSU Hunt Seat Equestrian Team had a very successful semester. The team traveled to four shows throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin, earning multiple team awards.

The team’s first two shows were in River Falls, Wis. The group started the season off strong at the first show, earning top honors of high-point team Saturday and Sunday.

During the next trip to River Falls, the team earned reserve high-point team on Sunday, as well as receiving many rider awards. Morgan Samuelson was the high-point rider on Saturday. Annise Montplaisir was the high-point rider on Sunday. Rebecca Prasch took the title of reserve high-point rider the same day.

The team then traveled to Stillwater, Minn., where the riders earned high-point team on Sunday, as well as receiving many rider awards. Morgan Samuelson was the high-point rider on Saturday. Montplaisir was high-point rider on Saturday and Kayla Young was reserve high-point rider on Sunday.

The last show of the semester was in Crookston, Minn., where NDSU helped the Crookston team by co-hosting the show. NDSU again had a successful show, taking home a high-point team ribbon both days. Samuelson was reserve high-point rider Saturday and Sunday.

The hunt seat team is excited to continue its season next semester. The riders will travel to Crookston in February for a regular-season show and the regional competition. Many of the NDSU riders already are qualified for the regional show.

**Western Equestrian Team**
- Tara Swanson, Coach

The fall season for the 2015-2016 NDSU Western Equestrian Team entailed four weekends of showing, for a total of eight fall competitions.

The season began on Oct. 10-11 at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. At this show, NDSU was named reserve high-point team on Saturday.

The next show was hosted by the University of Minnesota-Crookston on Oct. 24-25. NDSU earned reserve champion team in Sunday’s competition.

The third competition weekend was a home show hosted at the NDSU Equine Center on Nov. 7-8. NDSU had a strong showing at home, earning reserve high-point team Saturday and Sunday. In addition, NDSU rider Brett Turkelvile, a junior psychology major from Harris, Minn., was named high-point rider on Sunday.

The fall season concluded at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Dec. 5-6. The team again earned reserve high-point team on Saturday and Sunday of the competition.

The team consists of 25 undergraduate members. This year’s team is fairly young, with 15 of the 25 athletes being first-year team members. Eleven majors are represented on the team, and members originate from four states: North Dakota, Minnesota, New York and California.

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**Dairy Judging Team** – Todd Molden, Coach

The 2015, NDSU Dairy Judging Team had a great year of competition. The teams competed in five contests.

Team members included Marissa Leier of Hague, N.D.; Carlie Krueger of Caledonia, Minn.; Bailey Dockter of Medina, N.D.; David Leier of Napoleon, N.D.; MarJenna McWilliam of Winger, Minn.; Jeff Neil of Pine Island, Minn.; Alex Fellbaum of Swanville, Minn.; and Cheyenne Dockter of Medina, N.D. Coaches included Todd Molden and graduate student Mary Rodenhuis.

In January, Marissa Leier, Krueger, Bailey Dockter and David Leier traveled to the Southwest Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Fort Worth, Texas, where Krueger placed 18th overall.

In September, Marissa Leier, Krueger, McWilliam and Neil competed in the All-American Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, Pa.

At the Accelerated Genetics Judging Contest in Viroqua, Wis., Fellbaum placed fifth in milking shorthorns.

A few weeks later, Marissa Leier, Krueger, McWilliam and Neil went to the Lely National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held in Madison, Wis., in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo. As a team, they tied for first in milking shorthorns and second in Jerseys. In addition, Marissa Leier placed fourth in Jerseys.


**50th Bison Stampede Rodeo**

- Tate Eck, Coach

The NDSU Rodeo Club hosted the 50th Bison Stampede Rodeo at the NDSU Equine Center on Oct. 23-24.

Ever since the rodeo switched venues to the Equine Center, it always has had standing-room-only attendance, and this year wasn’t any different.

The crowd was able to watch NDSU rodeo contestants compete against other rodeo competitors from 14 schools in a six-state region.

Results were:

- Kasey Dressler - second place in saddle bronc riding
- Josh DiPippo - fourth place in bareback bronc riding
- Keesha Geiger - sixth place in barrel racing

**Livestock Judging Team Recap**

- Justin Crosswhite, Coach

The 2015 NDSU livestock judging team wrapped up another great year in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The 2015 team included Ashley Giedd, Washburn, N.D.; Quinn Steffan, Belfield, N.D.; and Daven Dockter, Medina, N.D.

The team started the fall at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minn. The team was the high team in the hog college contest. The team competed at the AKSARBEN Livestock Show, where it finished in the top 10.

The team then traveled to the American Royal contest.

The year came to a bittersweet end at the NAILE, where Giedd finished in the top 10 in sheep. Giedd and Steffan will graduate in the spring of 2016 Animal Sciences degrees, and Dockter will graduate with an Animal Science degree in the winter of 2016.

Lexie Siomka and Laura Bachmeier dressed as strips of bacon for Halloween won the Bookstore costume contest on Halloween. Photo from NDSU Bookstore
Carl Dahlen was recognized at the fall Extension conference for five year of service and Carrie Hammer was recognized for 10 years of service with the Extension Service.

Greg Lardy was the invited speaker at the Leu Distinguished Lectureship for the Center for Grassland Studies at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in early November. He also gave presentations at the Husker Nutrition Conference and Cornhusker Beef Council. The topic of his presentations was “Trends driving change in the cow calf industry.”

The following outstanding employees were nominated by the Department of Animal Sciences for the 2015 NDSU Agriculture and Extension Faculty/Staff Awards program, which was held Dec. 10 in the Great Room of the Memorial Union:

- Steven “Skip” Anderson – Charles and Linda Moses Staff Award
- Carl Dahlen – AGSCO Excellence in Extension Award
- Justin Gilbertson – Rick and Jody Burgum Staff Award
- Char Kuss – Donald and Jo Anderson Staff Award
- David Newman – Larson/Yaggie Excellence in Research Award
- Stacey Ostby – Earl and Dorothy Foster Excellence in Teaching Award
- Tara Swanson – William J. and Angelyn A. Austin Excellence in Advising Award
- Kimberly Vonnahme – Eugene R. Dahl Excellence in Research Award

Congratulations to Carl Dahlen (front, second from right) and the team of Extension agents who were presented with a Program Excellence Award at the NDSU Extension fall conference. The team is working on the sustainability of beef cattle breeding systems project.

J.W. Schroeder retired Dec. 31, 2015. Schroeder and four others were recognized at the Extension fall conference for their combined 200 years of work for the NDSU Extension Service. Pictured, they were: Gerald Sturm, Extension southwest district director (B.S., Animal Sciences); Willie Huot, Extension agent, agriculture and natural resources, Grand Forks County; J.W. Schroeder, Extension dairy specialist; John Krinler, Extension agent, agriculture and natural resources, Cass County; and Kris Ringwall, Dickinson Research Extension Center director.

J.W.’s experience with the Extension Service includes:

- 2013-2015 - animal systems coordinator, NDSU Extension/Animal Sciences
- 1991-1992 - assistant to the director, NDSU Extension Service
- 1981-1991 - Extension agent, Bottineau County
- 1978-1980 - Extension agent, Ward County
- 1976-1976 - Extension agent, Oliver County
- 1975-1976 - assistant Extension agent, Pembina County
In Memoriam: Enoch Thorsgard

Enoch Thorsgard, 98, of Northwood, N.D., long-time supporter of the department, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 16. Thorsgard was a cattle rancher and former state legislator who was named as the Saddle and Sirloin Club’s 79th Little International Agriculturalist of the Year.

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- **Lauren Hanna** recently served on the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture’s peer review panel for the fiscal year 2015 NIFA Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowships Program. The Fellowships Program is intended to promote advances in U.S. food, agriculture and forestry. Supporting the many components of agriculture under the constraints of a growing population, pressure on natural resources, and the challenges of climate variability and change requires research, education, extension and integrated programs that increase agricultural and natural resource sustainability. The peer review panel was responsible for reviewing and evaluating the proposals submitted for the fiscal year 2015 program.

- **Dean’s List Honorees and Summer Session Graduates**
  Kaylee Bliss, Equine Science major, was named to the Dean’s List for the summer session. The following people graduated this summer:
  - **Veterinary Technology**
    Sara Archambault, Hayley Cloutier, Stephanie Meyer, Amanda Nelson, Kelcey Olson, Rachel Schlieman, Mara Smith, Paige Swenson, Chelsea Volk, Crystal Wilson
  - **Equine Science**
    Lacey Carlson, Stephanie Weir
  - **Animal Sciences**
    Jacob Aanden, Melissa Evans, Chase Haskell, Casie Bass (Ph.D.), Kwang Bog Cho (M.S.), Mattia Gunkelman (M.S.)

- **Xin (Rex) Sun** was hired in early November as a research scientist for David Newman. Sun will be working on Newman’s National Pork Board grant investigating the use of imaging to predict pork quality. Sun received his Ph.D. in agriculture engineering and was most recently a lecturer at Nanjing Agricultural University.

- **McKenzi Shelton**, an Animal Sciences major in the animal biomedical science option, received third place in the afternoon session of the NDSU EXPLORE competition for her oral presentation “Expression of receptor for nitric oxide (NO), soluble guanylyl cyclase (sGC) in ovine ovarian follicles: Effects of diet and arginine.” Nearly 100 undergraduates at NDSU shared their research and scholarly activity during the second annual NDSU EXPLORE, held Nov. 3 in the Memorial Union. Shelton’s mentor for the project was Anna Grazul-Bilska.

- **Lisa Christenson** has been accepted in the first two-year cohort of the National Science Foundation-funded Gateways-ND STEM education project team. The program will include 10 days of active learning-based workshops, the formation of supportive faculty learning communities and a robust research program to document the nature of the teaching, as well as student learning gains, as a result of the team’s work together.

- The following Animal Sciences researchers have been featured on the NDSU Agricultural Experiment Station’s Research Profile website: Anna Grazul-Bilska, Kim Vonnahme, Vern Anderson, Chris Schauer, Eric Berg and Kendall Swanson. The website was created in 2013 to highlight the great research taking place on the NDSU campus and at the Research Extension Centers throughout North Dakota. Because most research information gets published in journals where not many people get to see all of their good work, not to mention that these articles aren’t easy for the public to read and understand, the profiles are meant to give a “layman’s terms” overview of one topic on which each researcher is working. The profile also includes a link to a more in-depth version if the reader wants more information. The profiles are available at www.ag.ndsu.edu/research/research-highlights-and-profiles.
Brian Amundson, Animal Sciences alum, was featured in the December 2015 issue of the Angus Journal in an article titled “Factory with a Heart.” Amundson and his wife, Jennifer, own and manage Bar V Ranch and Amundson Land & Cattle near Jamestown, N.D. They have 600 commercial Angus pairs and a 1,500-head feedlot, and graze 800 to 1,000 yearlings and breeding heifers in the summer. The complete article is available at www.angusjournal.com/aj_article.html?cid=12547.

Congratulations to Tokach Angus Ranch of Saint Anthony, N.D., on being named the Certified Angus Beef (CAB) Seedstock Commitment to Excellence Award winner. Tokach Angus Ranch is operated by Richard (B.S. Animal Sciences, ’79) and Kathy Tokach and Brad and Nita Tokach (B.S., Veterinary Technology, ’92). The award was given at the recent CAB annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. This short YouTube video will tell you a little bit more about their operation: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnZ1thsnig8.

Mary Berg, B.S., Animal Science, ’10, was named the North Dakota chapter of the Association for Communication Excellence and NDSU Agriculture Communication Department’s 2015 communicator of the year at the NDSU Extension and Research Extension Center conference in Bismarck, N.D., on Wednesday, Oct. 14. The Communicator of the Year Award recognizes an individual who displays exceptional expertise and professionalism in delivering educational programs and information to the public through several types of media. Berg has been the livestock environmental management specialist at the Carrington Research Extension Center since 2012.

Jessica (Peterson) Boor, B.S., Veterinary Technology, ’11, works at Missouri Valley Veterinary Clinic/Pinehurst Veterinary Hospital in Bismarck, N.D. She has had the opportunity to do blood transfusions, help care for chest tubes, assist in surgery, do animal dentistry and provide client education, among other duties.

Keith Bjorke, B.S., Animal Husbandry, ’61, completed service to the NDSU Development Foundation in October. He served as interim CEO for 10 months.

Shari (Ludvigson) Bohlander, B.S., Animal Science, ’81, started in August 2015 as the quality improvement specialist at Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul, Minn. Previous positions she has held include quality analyst at Fairview Health Services, program specialist and quality coordinator at Allina Health and barn manager at Aqrab Arabians. Bohlander and her husband, Howie, live in East Bethel, Minn. They have two grown children who live in the Twin Cities area.

Robert James (Jim) Cook, B.S., Agriculture, with a double major in Animal Husbandry and Agronomy, ’58; M.S., plant pathology, ’61, lives in Bothell, Wash. After getting his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology at the University of California in 1964 and as a postdoctoral fellow in Australia, he spent 40 years in research and teaching in plant pathology at Washington State University. He retired in 2005. He was elected to membership in the U.S. National Academy of Sciences in 1993 and shared the 2011 Wolf Prize in Agriculture with Harris Lewin, an animal scientist at the University of Illinois. In 1999, NDSU awarded him an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

He said, “Buck Buchanan was my undergraduate adviser, followed by Jack Carter, when I decided to also do a major in Agronomy. I was then the first to get a graduate degree (M.S.) in the newly formed Department of Plant Pathology in 1961. Having a career in plant science has not diminished my pride in having a major in Animal Sciences from the then-NDAC. I was on both the junior and senior livestock judging teams led by Meryl Light. In my senior year, I was emcee for both the Little International Livestock Show and the Hall of Fame banquet.”

Cook grew up on a farm five miles east of Sabin, Minn., and attended high school in Glyndon.

Desiree Johnson, B.S., Veterinary Technology, ’13, worked at Valley Veterinary Hospital until becoming a licensed veterinary technician. She works at the Red River Emergency Animal Clinic in Fargo.

Gerald Sturm, B.S., Animal and Range Science, ’75, M.S., ’87, southwest district director for the NDSU Extension Service, was one of a group of five Extension employees whose combined years of service equals 200 years. For additional information, see the story about J.W. Schroeder.

Duane H. Heinrich, B.S., Animal Science, ’70, is a retired farmer/rancher near Forbes, N.D.

Matt Laubach, M.S., Animal Science, ’08, is a dairy account manager for Dupont Pioneer. He and his wife, Katie Elvehjem, B.S. Animal Science and Spanish, ’07, are the proud parents of Finley Elvehjem Laubach, who was born Sept. 17, 2015. The Laubach family lives in Elkton, S.D.

Leah Nicholas, B.S., Veterinary Technology, ’11, has worked at the Red River Animal Emergency Clinic in Fargo for 1½ years. She said, “I absolutely love seeing the very sick or injured animal walk out of the clinic after treatment.”

Mark VOLL, B.S., ’85, Animal and Range Sciences, was named the Rancher of the Year during the MonDak Area Stockgrowers Associations annual banquet held at the Elks Lodge in Sydney, Montana, on Nov. 19, 2015.

Deanna Wiese, B.S., Animal Science, ’03, was named to the Prairie Business Magazine 40 Under 40. Wiese works at Clearwater Communications in Bismarck, N.D. She worked her way up from communications specialist to vice president of the company, partner, and in January 2014, CEO. Clearwater Communications is an association management and public relations firm that works with volunteer boards of trade associations and nonprofit organizations to develop strategic goals.

Rachel Wald, B.S., Veterinary Technology, ’09, began her career on Nov. 1 as the Extension agent/agriculture and natural resources for McHenry County. While at NDSU, she was involved in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association hunt team, Saddle and Sirloin Club and Equine Club. Since graduation, she has worked as a veterinary technician in Rugby, N.D., and more recently at the Edgeley/Ellendale (N.D.) Veterinary Service. As a youth, she participated in 4-H and FFA.

Teresa (Baumann) Dvorak, M.S., Animal Science, ’03, and her husband, Weston, M.S., Animal Science, ’02, were featured in a video from Common Ground North Dakota. The video is available on the Animal Sciences’ Facebook page (www.facebook.com/NdsuAnimalSciencesDepartment).