Another Semester has Drawn to a Close

It is hard to believe how fast the time can go! In this issue of our alumni newsletter, you will find information about a variety of happenings in the department during the past several months.

Our programs continue to grow and student interest for the fall is strong. This is driven, in part, by a strong job market and opportunities within agriculture in this region. If you know of potential students in your home area we should reach out to, please contact our office and provide their contact information. Our department is preparing students for these careers through innovative and creative curriculums built on solid foundational experiences and the opportunity to gain experience through clubs, organizations, teams and internships.

This fall, we will host our third annual scholarship fundraising event. You can find more information about this in the newsletter. The event will be held in Fargo in conjunction with the NDSU-UND football game. Be sure to save Sept. 19, 2015, on your calendars.

As I talk to alumni across the region, I hear about the culture of the department that existed when they were students. I hear about how faculty took a personal interest in them as an individual, how faculty were involved in advising student organizations, and how faculty were involved in helping students find opportunities in the job market, graduate school or other professional endeavors.

Each semester, I conduct exit interviews with our graduating students. I use this opportunity to learn more about what we are doing well in the department and to learn where we can improve. It is refreshing to hear the comments from students about the high-quality teaching, advising and job placement efforts of our faculty. The culture of focusing on a high-quality education, inside and outside of the classroom, still exists in our department. It exists because of the efforts of the faculty and staff you will read about in this newsletter.

Enjoy your summer, and I hope to see you on Sept. 19!

Sincerely,

Greg Lardy
Department Head
Green and Gold Gala

You and your family are invited to cheer on the NDSU Bison football team during a watch party at the Fargo Air Museum on Sept. 19. A banquet and live and silent auctions will be held following the game. The auctions will raise money for the NDSU Animal Sciences Scholarship Endowment.

Noon–5:00 p.m. Appetizers and cash bar (gouda meatballs, chicken drummies, homemade chili by Side Street Grille & Pub)
2:30–5:00 p.m. NDSU vs. UND football watch party (chips/dip, tortilla chips/salsa, pretzels)
5:00–7:00 p.m. Social hours
7:00–8:30 p.m. Banquet (prime rib, rosemary potatoes, vegetable, salad, dinner roll, dessert by NDSU Animal Sciences Carnivore Catering)
8:30–9:30 p.m. Live and silent auctions
9:30–11:00 p.m. After-party

The cost is $25 for the watch party and $35 for the banquet. To register or for more information, visit www.ndsualumni.com or call Lisa Dubbels at (701) 231-7657.

Do you want to see the game in person? Register by June 30 for a chance to win two seats with Paul Berg, professor emeritus of animal science.

Will you be there?

In Memoriam:
Gordon McLean


Horsemen’s Association Events

The I Wish I Had a Horse Camp was held April 18. The camp was a hands-on experience for kids who always have wanted to own their own horse. Following demonstrations by members of the Horsemen’s Association, kids practiced grooming, saddling, bridling and riding horses in English and Western riding styles. A beginner camp was held in the morning and an intermediate camp was held in the afternoon. Twenty kids attended each of the camps.

On Sunday, April 19, the Fuzzy Wuzzy Horse Show was held. The event was an open horse show for people who enjoy getting out and riding their horses. The show included 42 classes for junior, intermediate and open age groups. More than 100 horse/rider pairs participated in the show. At the end of the day, high-point and reserve high-point awards were given for pleasure and games in each age group. Carrie Hammer, Tara Swanson, Mattia Gunkelman and Erika Berg participated in organizing and overseeing the events.

Avenues to Scientific Discovery

Twelve Animal Sciences Department graduate and undergraduate students volunteered to prepare and work at the department booth at the first annual Avenues to Scientific Discovery held April 9 at the NDSU Memorial Union.

The event was hosted by graduate students from several NDSU departments. The purpose of the event was to meet and talk with local high school students about careers and research in scientific fields.

Our students demonstrated meat grading and selection, talked about proper nutrition in ruminants, and discussed the differences between sow and pre-pubertal gilt reproductive tracts. The group spoke with more than 200 students throughout the day.
Digital Radiography System Installed in Veterinary Technology Program

During spring break (March 16-20), the Veterinary Technology program was thrilled to have a new digital radiography system installed.

The conversion to digital radiography was funded via an award from the NDSU Development Foundation Impact Grant. Sarah Wagner and Lisa Christenson wrote the grant request.

Digital radiography will enhance student learning and safety, provide additional skills and knowledge to program graduates, and allow Veterinary Technology Program students to learn using the same type of cutting-edge technology they will be exposed to in private practice.

Digital radiography provides images with a high level of detail and allows for on-screen manipulation of images after processing. Digital radiography offers almost immediate feedback to students on their radiographic technique and positioning.

Like us on Facebook

For those of you who enjoy getting your news electronically, the following entities, all affiliated with the Department of Animal Sciences, have Facebook pages. Facebook is a great way to keep up with happenings in the department as they occur.

- Department of Animal Sciences – www.facebook.com/NdsuAnimalSciencesDepartment
- Equine Science – www.facebook.com/NDSUEquineScience
- Veterinary Technology – www.facebook.com/NDSUVetTech
- Collegiate Cattlewomen – www.facebook.com/pages/NDSU-Collegiate-Cattlewomen/165565033463321
- Sheep Extension – www.facebook.com/NDSUSheepSpecialist
- BBQ Boot Camp – www.facebook.com/BBQBootcamp

www.Facebook.com/NDSUVetTech
“We Stand for the Brand” was the theme of the 89th Little International held Feb. 13-14 on the NDSU campus.

On Feb. 12, the Department of Animal Sciences, Judging Club and Saddle and Sirloin Club hosted the livestock judging contest. The champion senior 4-H team was from Dickey County. The high individual in that division was Addison Magill, also from Dickey County. The champion junior 4-H team was from Ransom County, and the high individual was Kendra Myers from Ransom County. The champion team in the FFA division was from Lisbon, and the high individual was Haley Koenig from Carrington.

In the hippology contests, the top three teams in the junior division were Mountrail County 1 (Abby Sigvaldsen, Logan Lapica, Jossi Meyer, Calli Hennessy), Barnes County 1 (Jessica Undem, Presley Curtis, Harlie Storhoff, Zannika Wobbema) and Morton County (Katelyn Eisenbeis, Samantha Johnson, Peyton Goldade). The top three teams in the senior division were Sargent County (Emma Howey, Amber Johnson, Anna Johnson), Grand Forks County 1 (Alanna Ivers, Elisabeth Anderson, Emily Joerger, Isaac Joerger) and Morton County (Morgan Henke, Brenna Hoger, Brooke Heidrich, Ashley Goldade).

The top five individuals in the senior division were Anna Johnson (Sargent County), Alanna Ivers (Grand Forks County 1), Morgan Henke (Morton County), Mickaella Langer (Barnes County) and Rebecca Dahl (Clay County, Minn.). The junior division only competes as a team; therefore, no individual placings are reported.

Winners of the public speaking contest were Kara Scherbenske, Lehr, N.D., first place; Aryel Smith, Hector, Minn., second place; and Gizele Fonseca Da Silva, Rio Grande, Brazil, third place.

As in the past, the two days of Little I were chock-full of events, including:

- Friday – FFA and 4-H livestock judging, agronomy, FFA agriculture sales, small-animal care and hippology contests
- Saturday – morning show and showmanship preliminaries, agriculture engineering show, night show and showmanship finals, and the traditional dance in the chips

Here is the list of winners:

- Overall champion showman - Ben Lodoen, Westhope, N.D.
- Reserve champion showman - Samantha Lies, Douglas, N.D.
- Beef overall champion - Lodoen
- Beef reserve champion - Tony Marthaler, Hastings, Minn.
- Beef hardest worker - Jesse Klebe, Willow City, N.D.
- Dairy showmanship hardest worker - Alex Fellbaum, Swanville, Minn.
- Sheep overall champion - Isaiah Bauck, New York Mills, Minn.
- Sheep reserve champion - Alix Pearson, Hettinger, N.D.
- Sheep novice and hardest worker - Macius Schroeder, Renville, Minn.
- Swine overall champion - Lies
- Swine reserve champion - Quinn Steffan, Belfield, N.D.
- Swine novice - Elli Lemm, Hillsboro, N.D.
- Swine hardest worker - Casey Krieger, Kerkhoven, Mn.

The manager for the 89th Little International was Maria Hager, an Agricultural Economics major/Equine Science minor from Kenmare, N.D. The assistant manager was Phil Wanner, an Agricultural Education major/Crop and Weed Science and Animal Science minor from Wishek, N.D.

The president of Saddle and Sirloin Club for 2014-2015 is Justin Bartholomay, an Animal Science major from Sheldon, N.D. Club advisers are Kendall Swanson, Eric Berg, Jim Kirsch and Steven “Skip” Anderson.

Little I queen was Kristi Tonnessen, an Agricultural Education major from Towner, N.D. Courtney Rudolph, an Elementary Education/Human Development major from Fredonia, N.D., and Dani Bushkohl, an Elementary Education/Human Development major from Wyndmere, N.D., were the princesses.

Ray M. Bartholomay was honored as agriculturalist of the year at the Hall of Fame social and banquet on Friday night as a man who truly stood for his brand, day in and day out, and acted as a catalyst in motivating others to stand for agriculture and uphold its character.

Note: Sadly, Bartholomay passed away on April 28, 2015, at the age of 83. His obituary is available at www.inforum.com/obituaries/3734387-ray-m-bartholomay.
Paddy Drop
The Saddle and Sirloin Club held its 11th annual Paddy Drop fundraiser. For $4 per ticket or $10 for three tickets, participants were able to pick a 1½- by 1½-foot square from a grid of the floor of Shepperd Arena. The winner of the $1,000 prize was the person who picked the square where the cow dropped her “paddy.”

Proceeds from the Paddy Drop were designated to help cover medical costs for Kade Hansen, son of Jory and Missy Hanson, who was born in February 2015 with a tumor in his abdomen.

The winner of the Paddy Drop, held April 17, was Jodi Richardson (square E50).

Heifer Raffle
The NDSU Judging Club (adviser is Justin Crosswhite) held the Luck of the Draw heifer raffle. GAL Miss Kala, a polled shorthorn donated by Galbreath Farms, was raffled for $20/ticket or $100/six tickets. The winner of the heifer this year was Jim Arthaud of Medora. Proceeds from the Heifer Raffle support the Judging Club.

State 4-H Horse Contests
Youth from across North Dakota participated in the state 4-H horse judging contest held on the NDSU campus and at the NDSU Equine Center on March 28-29. Students/teams from Morton, Grand Forks, Barnes, Stutsman, Ransom, Golden Valley, Stark-Billings, Benson, Barnes, Kidder, Sargent, Ward, Oliver, Mountrail and Grand Forks counties participated in events in the junior or senior division.

Events included hippology, horse judging, demonstrations, public speaking and quiz bowl. Tara Swanson, Carrie Hammer, Erika Berg, Tate Eck, Shannon Eck, Matt Crouse and Kyle McLean all were involved in the event.

Pride of the Prairie Show Pig Sale
Students in ANSC 380, Livestock Sales and Marketing, put on the first Pride of the Prairie Show pig sale on Saturday, May 2, at Shepperd Arena. Pigs were consigned by 4Star Livestock, Galbreath Farms and the NDSU Swine Unit. Nearly 100 people attended the show. Fourteen buyers from three states purchased 27 pigs. The average price per pig was $299.70. The high seller was lot 9, a purebred Chester White barrow, which sold for $475.

Photos of the event are available at https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pride-of-the-Prairie-Show-Pig-Sale/1556808897908373. Instructor of the class was Steven “Skip” Anderson.

Spring Judging Contest
The Judging Club held the spring judging contest on May 1 at Shepperd Arena. The livestock, dairy and meats judging contest was open to any NDSU student who had not competed in one of the three areas at the college level. Twenty students participated.

First-place winners in each category received $75, second place received $50, and third place received $25. The winners (first, second, third place, respectively) were:
- Livestock judging – Megan Gross, Bailey Hawbacker, Klay Oland
- Dairy judging – Garret Becker, Leah Hawkins, Daven Dockter
- Meats judging – Daven Dockter, Megan Gross, Megan Ternquist

Collegiate Cattlewomen Host Events
The NDSU Collegiate Cattlewomen hosted a Love and Cupcakes event on Friday, Feb. 27, at the Baymont Inn & Suites in Fargo. Those who attended had the opportunity to paint their version of a cow, enjoy cupcakes and listen to graduate student Ben Howard give an overview of beef production in the U.S. and the proposed U.S. Department of Agriculture’s dietary recommendations.

The Collegiate Cattlewomen also were sponsors of the “Beef It Up Fun Run” held Saturday, April 18, in conjunction with NDSU Ag Week. The adviser of Collegiate Cattlewomen is Kasey Maddock Carlin.
Team Year-end Wrap-ups

Meats Judging Team - Tyler Frick, Coach
The 2015 meats judging team members were Brittany Olson from Farmington, Minn.; Hannah Nordby from Amidon, N.D.; Jaden Carlson from Pipestone, Minn.; Leah Hawkins from Owatonna, Minn.; and Riley Francis from Fordville, N.D.

The team started off the season by competing at the National Western Stock Show in Denver in January and the Iowa State University Invitational Meat Evaluation in Ames in February. At the show in Iowa, the team placed sixth overall and fifth in pork judging. Nordby placed fourth in pork judging and tied for first in placings.

On April 9-10, the team competed in the Southeastern Contest held at Ohio State University and the University of Kentucky. Fourteen teams participated in this competition.

The team received many honors, including third overall, second in specifications, second in pork judging, second in total reasons, third in beef judging, third in overall beef, third in total placings, fourth in lamb judging and fifth in beef grading.

The team also took home many individual honors: Carlson, eighth overall, third in pork judging, third in reasons, fifth in specifications, sixth in lamb judging, and ninth in total placings; Hawkins, 10th overall, fourth in reasons, fifth in beef grading, sixth in overall beef and ninth in specifications; Nordby, 11th overall, 10th in lamb judging and 11th in reasons; Olson, fourth in pork judging; and Francis, fourth in lamb judging and seventh in total placings.

The team is finished for the semester; however, the team plans to compete in at least three contests next fall.

Western Team – Tara Swanson, Coach
The 2014-2015 show season for the Western equestrian team consisted of nine regular-season shows hosted throughout the region in North Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The team earned five high-point team and two reserve high-point team awards at these shows.

The team was named overall high-point team for the region and earned the right to compete at semifinals competition in Sunbury, Ohio, March 21-22. The team finished overall in fourth place at semifinals. Individuals representing the team at semifinals and placings were:

- Team reining: Janna Rice, senior from Maddock, N.D., third place
- Team open horsemanship: Nicole Anderson, freshman from Fergus Falls, Minn., fourth place
- Team advanced horsemanship: Hannah Bucheger, junior from Andover, Minn., eighth place
- Team novice horsemanship: Blaine Novak, senior from Fordville, N.D., third place
- Team intermediate horsemanship: Courtney Bolstad, junior from Fergus Falls, second place
- Team beginner horsemanship: Allee Lee, sophomore from Lino Lakes, Minn., seventh place

Four team members also qualified to compete in individual classes at semifinals by finishing as the champion or reserve champion at the regional competition held at NDSU in February. Individual riders and their placings were:

- Open horsemanship: Rice, eighth place
- Reining: Anderson, seventh place
- Intermediate horsemanship: Angie Norwig, sophomore from Hampton, Minn., honorable mention
- Beginner horsemanship: Brogan Novak, freshman from Fordville, honorable mention

NDSU riders earned a total of six high-point and reserve high-point rider titles. Anderson was named the Zone 7, Region 3 American Quarter Horse Association high-point rider for the year. This earned her the opportunity to compete at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association National Horse Show held in West Springfield, Mass., on April 30-May 3. She finished as an honorable mention in a tough class of 25 riders.
Hunt Seat Team – Mattia Gunkelman, Coach
The NDSU hunt seat equestrian team had a very successful year as it competed against teams throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The team spent many hours at the barn this season and it showed because it earned three reserve high-point team awards and two high-point team awards. Individually, the team members represented NDSU well by taking home many top placings, with numerous high-point and reserve high-point rider titles throughout the season.

Alexandra DeFoe, Mikayla Miller, Rachel Bryne, Samantha Stoel, Annise Montplaisir, Lauren Ciernia, Kayla Young and Rebecca Prasch faced difficult competition at the regional show in Crookston, Minn. Bryne, Montplaisir, Young and Prasch all moved on to compete in the Zone Competition in Madison, Wis.

Overall, the hunt seat team had a strong year and is looking forward to next season.

NDSU Rodeo Club
The NDSU traveling rodeo team that is supported by the Rodeo Club has completed another year of rodeos in the Great Plains Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA).

Each region is allowed to host a maximum of 10 rodeos in an academic school year. The Great Plains Region consists of North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, so the team traveled many miles to compete at the 10 rodeos.

The main goal of every competitor in the NIRA is to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyo. This year, the competition will be June 14-20.

To qualify for the CNFR, a competitor must finish in the top three in his or her respective event(s). By the end of the year, the team had done a lot of celebrating, suffered a lot of heartache, and learned a lot about how and where a rodeo competitor can improve for the next year.

This year, the Rodeo Club is proud to announce that Shannah Plehal will represent NDSU at the CNFR. Plehal, a junior majoring in Agricultural Economics, finished in second place in breakaway roping.

For his great work with the NDSU Rodeo Team, coach Tate Eck is the recipient of the Coach of the Year Award for this region. The award is voted on by all of the event directors, each member school’s men’s and women’s captains, and all of the coaches. The NIRA has 11 regions nationwide. When all of the regional winners attend the College National Finals Rodeo in June, the student and faculty directors will vote on an overall coach of the year.

Animal Sciences in the News
Eric Berg’s research on the influence of growth-promoting steroidal implants on the onset of puberty in young girls was featured in the 2014 Annual Highlights magazine for the NDSU Agricultural Experiment Station and NDSU Extension Service. Carl Dahlen’s research evaluating the sustainability of two breeding systems on beef operations throughout North Dakota was also featured. The magazine is available at www.ndsu.edu/vpag/annual_highlights.

“Cowboy” Tate Eck was featured in the May/June 2015 issue of AAA Living. The article is available at https://www.facebook.com/NdsuAnimalSciencesDepartment (posted May 4, 2015).


Kim Vonnahme’s research in developmental programming was featured in the January issue of Bovine Veterinarian. The research looks at the effects of dietary restrictions at different stages of gestation. To read the full article, click on www.bovinevetonline.com/news/animal-health/achieving-genetic-potential.
Rob Maddock has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the American Meat Science Association. The AMSA fosters community and professional development among individuals who create and apply science to provide safe and high-quality meat efficiently. High-quality meat is defined as red meat (beef, pork and lamb), poultry, fish/seafood and meat from other managed species.

David Newman was honored with the George Washington Award at the inaugural NDSU Ag Week banquet on April 17. The award is given to a faculty member who “puts agriculture first and foremost, not only on our campus, but on a global scale.”

Dale Redmer was selected as the recipient of the Dale Hogoboom Endowed Professorship Award for 2015-17 based on his record of achievement in teaching, research and service. The award carries a salary stipend and a stipend for expenditures related to the recipient’s academic endeavors.

Kim Vonnahme, Carrie Hammer and Lisa Christenson received grant awards at the 18th annual Celebration of Faculty Excellence held May 6 at NDSU. Vonnahme received the Carl A. and Jean Y White Memorial Ag Research Endowment. Hammer and Christenson each received a Board of Trustee Endowment.

The Beef Cattle Research Center, designed by JLG Architects, was the winner of the American Institute of Architects’ North Dakota Jurors’ Choice Award in architecture.

The Sheep Unit received its fifth Gold Star Award from the NDSU Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). Chung Park’s lab received a Gold Star Award from NDSU IACUC for “keeping the Rodent Room at ANPC in good order and following IACUC protocols.”

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Victoria Kennedy, Animal Science graduate student, placed second in the M.S. oral presentation competition at the Midwest meetings of the American Society of Animal Science in March. Co-authors of the paper were Marc Bauer, Kim Vonnahme and Kendall Swanson.

Skip Anderson was one of 29 people from across campus nominated for the Mary McCannel Gunkelman Award. The annual award recognizes one NDSU student or employee who has made the most significant and unselfish contribution to creating a happy environment for NDSU students.

Erika Berg was awarded the Diversity Impact Award at the sixth annual NDSU Green and Golden Globe Diversity Awards on April 30. The award was created in 2007 to recognize individuals, groups or units that have demonstrated a significant contribution to advancing diversity as related to the Diversity Council Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity and Community. Berg was selected based on her tireless work to use therapeutic horsemanship as a way to impact the lives of many youth and adults in the community positively through her work with Riding on Angels Wings. She also is a volunteer with the Jeremiah Program, a local program focused on assisting single mothers in completing a college degree. Additionally, she collaborates with Home on the Range, a residential child-care facility, in developing an equine-assisted intervention program for children with behavioral issues.

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Department Accolades and Awards continued from page 8.

- Eric Berg was selected as one of only 70 speakers who gave oral testimony regarding the Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee at the National Institutes of Health headquarters in Bethesda, Md., on March 24. The guidelines and their five-year annual recommendations are the single most powerful set of nutrition recommendations in the country. They are the basis of the famous Food Pyramid (now My Plate); the School Lunch Program; federal feeding programs for the elderly, women and infant children; and nutrition education at every level.

- The following staff members were recognized for years of service to NDSU at the 27th annual Employee Recognition Social on April 6: Skip Anderson - five years; Kurt Johnsen - 10 years; Shane Paasch - 20 years, Kim Koch and Laurie Geyer - 25 years, Terry Skunberg, Wanda Keller and Trent Gilbery - 30 years; and Marsha Kapphahn - 35 years.

2015 Animal Sciences Scholarship Awards Ceremony

The 2015 Awards Ceremony to publicly acknowledge the classroom and laboratory achievements of our scholarship and award recipients and recognize the American Society of Animal Science Outstanding Students was held Tuesday, May 12, in the Prairie Rose Room of the Memorial Union. Sixty-five scholarships totaling $40,450 were awarded to our students.

The following undergraduate students received scholarships: Jessica Adamek, Kelsey Amborn, Danielle Anderson, Erin Anderson, Stefanie Andreen, Bayleigh Antonsen, Hanna Bakke, Ashley Bateman, Mariah Brooks, Jaden Carlson, Lauren Ciernia, Alexis Craig, Caleen Crider, Bailey Dockter, Christina Dulik, Amanda Eickhoff, Tracy Ellig, Miranda Ellingson, Marissa Evans, Tanner Fischer, Lexi Fursteanau, Ashley Giedd, Megan Gross, Kayla Haglund, Kal Handside, Shelby Hanson, Andrianna Hayes, Darian Hiemer, Haley Johnson, Jacklynn Jordan, Kathleen Kranda, David Leier, Marissa Leier, Mikayla Miller, Siv Palmer, Anna Peterson, Sadie Ptacek, Madelaine Rehn, Becka Sadlemyer, Nicole Schindler, Sydni Schmidt, Rachel Schroeder, Kristina Shirk, Maggie Smith, Samantha Stoel, Morgan Trester, Emily Trzpuc, Dana Weatherford, Alyssa Wehri and Kayla Woltz.

The following students were recognized as American Society of Animal Science Outstanding Students:

- Sophomores – Jessi Lagein, Kal Handside, Will Bollum, Tanner Fischer, Kathleen Kranda and Jessi Lagein
- Juniors – Marissa Leier, Andrianna Hayes, Lauren Ciernia, Nathaniel Greseth and Dana Weatherford
- Seniors – Anna Peterson, Justin Bartholomay, Ashley Giedd, Jill Hallin, Mikayla Miller, Janna Rice, Tescha Siewert and Cambria Slaubaugh

In addition, the following graduate students received scholarships: Mellissa Crosswhite, Faithe Doscher, Jordan Hieber and Haipeng Yu.

Kiddie Days

Kiddie Days, an activity of the Saddle and Sirloin Club, was held April 20-24 in Shepperd Arena. Kiddie Days is the educational petting zoo geared toward teaching day care, preschool and kindergarten children about agriculture. Kids had the opportunity to see and touch the animals, and ask questions about them and the products they provide.
Alumni Updates

Loren Baranko, B.S., '13, Animal Science, M.S., '14, Animal Sciences/Meat Science, began a position as lecturer in the NDSU Department of Animal Sciences in May. She will be teaching a number of undergraduate courses each semester. She also will advise students and publish a twice weekly newsletter on jobs, internships, scholarships and advising issues for students and alumni.

Weston Dvorak, B.S., 2000, M.S. '03, Animal Science, and Teresa Dvorak, M.S., '03, are featured in a series of articles in the Farm & Ranch Guide (www.farmandranchguide.com). They own and manage a commercial cow-calf herd and operate a specialty heifer replacement feedlot in Dunn County. They have four daughters: Audrey and Tessa, 6; Landry, 4; and Layna, 2.

Matthew Erickson, B.S., '98, Animal and Range Sciences, and Patricia Erickson, B.S., '99, Veterinary Technology, of Fertile, Minn., were among the 10 finalists for the National Outstanding Young Farmers Award presented at the 59th annual National Outstanding Farmers Awards Congress held Feb. 12-15 in Cherry Hill, N.J. The Ericksons are partners in Matthew Erickson's family farm, which encompasses 2,730 acres and produces corn, soybeans, wheat, hay and cattle.

Rodger Johnson, B.S., '65, Animal Science, received the Henry L. Boley Academic Achievement Award at the Alumni Awards Celebration on Wednesday, May 6. The award honors NDSU alumni who have excelled in the area of academics through teaching, research or administration. Johnson is a world-renowned expert in swine genetics who has impacted the swine industry through his efforts to improve production and the quality of pork. He is a professor emeritus of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He published more than 125 peer-reviewed research papers during his outstanding career. Johnson was named the Irv and Wanda Omtvedt Professor of Animal Science at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2003. His other awards include the Rockefeller Prentice Award in Animal Breeding and Genetics (1988), the American Society of Animal Science Morrison Award (2013), the Darrell Nelson for Excellence in Graduate Advising from UN-L, Master of the Swine Industry from the National Hog Farmer and Outstanding Graduate Alumnus from Oklahoma State University. PHOTO

Greg Lardy, Animal Sciences Department head, began a three-year, part-time appointment as associate vice president for agricultural affairs at NDSU beginning March 1, 2015. Initially, he will focus on interacting with the many stakeholder groups in the state and assisting in State Board of Agricultural Research and Education and legislative activities.

Greg Lardy, B.S., '91, Animal and Range Science, gave an invited presentation titled "Trends to watch in cattle nutrition" as part of the Harlan Ritchie Symposium at the Midwest meeting of the American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) in March.

Miranda (Vlamink) Meehan, B.S., '05, M.S., '08, Animal and Range Sciences, and Ph.D., '12, Natural Resource Management, is the NDSU Extension livestock stewardship specialist in the Department of Animal Sciences at NDSU. She will develop Extension programs and conduct research related to environmental stewardship for the state's livestock producers.

Megan Minten, B.S., '08, Animal Science, has accepted the Griggs County Extension agent/agriculture and natural resources position. She began her new role on May 1, 2015. Minten also has an M.S. in physiology of reproduction from Texas A&M University. She has been the histology and bioassay laboratory coordinator in the Animal Sciences Department at NDSU since November 2014.


Jena (Bjertness) Peine, B.S., '12, Animal Science, M.S., '15, is the quality management chemist for Cargill in Wahpeton, N.D. She began her duties there in early January 2015.

Ligia Prezotto, Ph.D., '14, Animal Science, gave an invited ASAS Young Scholar presentation titled "Effects of maternal nutrition during gestation in ruminant maternal, fetal and offspring viscera; energy use and offspring hypothalamic neuropeptide content" at the Midwest meeting of ASAS in March. Prezotto is an assistant professor at Montana State University's Northern Agricultural Research Center in Havre.

Obituaries

Tom Stromberg, B.S., '76, Animal Science, passed away at his home in Minot, N.D., on April 23. His career in the agriculture and cattle industry spanned several years and took him to many states across the U.S. and Canada. His complete obituary is available at http://bismarcktribune.com/news/obituaries/tom-stromberg/article_2ba7b1b8-6849-54b3-b680-f9df4257ee49.html#.VUzMtyQeq0.

Phil Steichen, B.S., '11, M.S., '13, Animal Science, and Quynn Larson, B.S., '11, M.S. '13, Animal Science, were married on March 21, 2015, in Manhattan, Kan. She is in her second year of veterinary school and he is working in the Animal Science Department at Kansas State University as a teaching associate.

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