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## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 5—Bull Sale, SDSU Cow/Calf Unit

April 15—SD FFA, Arena

May 3—SDSU 2013 Registered Hampshire Sale, Arena

May 25-26—Fitting Clinic, Arena

July 19-20—Judging team reunion

April 12—MN FFA, Arena

April 23—Scholarship banquet, Swiftel Center

May 4—Graduation, Frost Arena

July 8-12—National ASAS meetings, Indianapolis

September 14—Beef Bowl

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

10—CAROL KLEINJAN

14—JULIE WALKER

20—KEITH UNDERWOOD

27—KEN OLSON

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

26—BECKY BOTT

31—ZACH SCHWECKE

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

1—ANNA TAYLOR

10—DAN GEE

21—DOUG MCFARLAND

23—JASON JOHNSON

27—MICHAEL GONDA

28—DON KARLSTAD

### CONGRATULATIONS!

-To Graduate Student **Paige Redding** who completed her M.S. degree in March in ruminant nutrition under the direction of **Drs. Jeff Held** and **Cody Wright**.

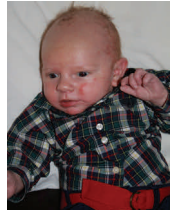
-To Graduate Student **Heidi Franzky** who completed her M.S. degree in March in ruminant nutrition under the direction of **Dr. Robbi Pritchard**.

-To former graduate students **Tim and Carissa Nath** on the birth of Jaxton Mark 3/13/13. He weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21" long and joins sister Madison and brother Caden.



They reside near Russell, MN and are both meat scientists.

-To **Dr. George and Brandi Perry** on the birth of George Allen III born February 28. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 21.25" long.



-To **Dr. Amanda (Weaver) and Britton Blair** on the birth of Jack Taylor February 10. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz and was 19" long.



-Congratulations to **Dr. George Perry** on his promotion to Professor.

-Congratulations to **Dr. Amanda Blair** on her promotion to Associate Professor and also on achieving tenure. Both faculty member's achievements are pending Board of Regents approval.

-Congratulations to **Dr. Rebecca Bott** on receiving the Award for Excellence in Building Inclusive Community at the SDSU Celebration of Faculty Excellence February 11. She has led students and colleagues in development of an innovative equitarian initiative on the Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge Indian reservations to optimize reservation horse health. The program works in a culturally respectful, and collaborative manner to deliver educational programs to tribal youth and horse owners.

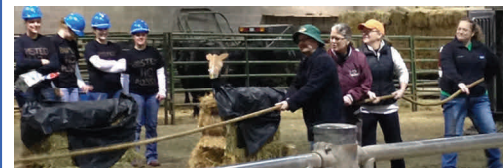


**Dr. Joe Cassady** has been selected as the new Animal Science Department Head at South Dakota State University, pending approval of the South Dakota Board of Regents. His appointment is effective June 22, 2013. Dr. Cassady currently serves as Executive Director of the Beef Improvement Federation and on the Animal Science faculty at North Carolina State University. He received his PhD from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and is a native of Iowa.



Upcoming SDSU bull and sheep sales: For additional information on the **Bull Sale** to be held April 5, click on <http://www.sdstate.edu/ars/species/beef/bull-sale.cfm>. For the **Hampshire Sheep Sale** to be held May 3, click on <http://www.sdstate.edu/ars/species/sheep/index.cfm>

The 2nd annual **Ag Olympics** was held in the Arena on February 25. Teams were challenged to compete in events such as egg toss, hay stacking and tug-of-war. The **Live-stock Judging Team** won the competition which raised \$160 for the Boys and Girls Club in Brookings. Two boxes of canned food was collected for the



Food Pantry. (Photos compliments of **Kara Marley**).

**Dr. Cody Wright** was the winner (or would he be considered the loser??) of the "kiss-the-pig" contest sponsored as a charity fundraiser by the SDSU Swine Club in March.



**Dr. Rick Wahlstrom** celebrated his 90th birthday in mid-February. He is shown here with **LaRayne** at his birthday celebration in the Wahlstrom Room.

Graduate student **Xuwen Sheng** will marry Blaine Wieneke on Saturday, the eighteenth of May, 2013 at 2:00 pm at Faith Reformed Church, 1330 Main Ave. S., Brookings, SD. They request the honor of your presence. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by April 18 to Xuwen at [Xuwen.sheng@sdstate.edu](mailto:Xuwen.sheng@sdstate.edu)



The 2013 **SDSU Academic Quadrathlon** competed at the Animal Science Midwest meetings in Des Moines in March. There were 16 teams in the competition and SDSU finished a very respectable 6th overall. They were in the top half of the teams in all of the individual events: 7th in the lab practical, tied for 8th in the oral presentation, 7th in the written exam, and 6th in the quiz bowl. Congratulations, team members!

The annual **Pork Classic** BBQ was held February 16 at SDSU's Frost Arena. Delicious pork sandwiches were served and 20 pork bundles, averaging \$269, were auctioned prior to the men's basketball game. The pork was donated by Morrell's, Sioux Falls.

Presentors at the Midwest meetings in Des Moines include the following graduate students: **Olivia Swanson's** oral presentation "Estrogen receptor 1 and 2 mRNA expression and protein localization in the porcine endometrium during the estrous cycle and early pregnancy" and poster presentations in the meat science area by **Anna Taylor, Dustin Mohrhauser** and **Lacie Hoffman**. **Dustin's** poster received 2nd place in the PhD division. Undergraduate **Lauren Kill's** oral presentation was entitled, "Serum bovine pregnancy associated glycoproteins and progesterone in beef heifers that experienced later embryonic/fetal mortality". **Dr. Michael Gonda** chaired a breeding and genetics section.

**Dr. Ken Olson** participated in beefSD's Extension program for beginning ranchers meetings in Washington, DC and Tampa, FL (NCBA) in early February. The photo (with **Dr. Olson** center front) was taken in the USDA Whitten Building in Washington.



Cow/Calf Unit Manager **Kevin Vander Wal** inspecting cattle on the front cover of the booklet advertising the 25th anniversary sale held March 22 at the Wulf farm near Morris, MN.



Quote for the day:

"Creativity needs solitude. Learning requires interaction."

### **Congratulations to our spring/summer 2013 candidates for graduations!**

David Becker  
Ethan Blom  
Jacob Boom  
Daniel Borchardt  
August Bortz, Jr.  
Lisa Carlson  
Lindsey Cnockaert  
Kasy Coughlin  
Michael DeBough  
Andrea Diehn  
Amy Dietsch  
LaDawn Dykstra  
Scott Eben  
Taylor Geppert  
Tyler Hanson  
Stephanie Herman  
Alex Hohertz  
Anna Howard  
Shawn Jensen  
Eric Jolitz  
Robert Juenemann  
Alex Jung  
Casey Kaltenbach  
Lauren Kill  
Alex Klaustermeier  
KayCee Kollmar-Condon  
Alaina Kringen  
Brandi Lambert  
Seth Lamers  
Stephanie Lubben  
Shelby Lunden  
Heather Malakowsky  
Kalen Manthei  
Heidi Marxen  
Alexandra Meyer  
Trent Nelson  
Jared Odens  
Trish Ollerich  
Colby Olson  
Cameron Pewe  
Paul Prunty  
Holly Ramberg  
Grant Raml  
Kenzie Rathbun  
Jerylin Reed  
Alyssa Ritten  
Karly Ruppert  
Tara Salentiny  
Sarah Sample  
Abbie Schuring  
Jacalyn Seas  
Amy Shaffer  
Danielle Tews  
Lucas Thomsen  
Joshua Twedt  
Jesse VanderPlaats  
Amos Wipf  
Jay Wolff

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Chandler, MN  
Montrose, SD  
Cylinder, IA  
Gregory, SD  
Beresford, SD  
Summit, SD  
DeSmet, SD  
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Arlington, SD  
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Minnetonka, MN  
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Menville, IA  
Holland, MN  
Clements, MN  
Mina, SD  
Miller, SD  
Morris, MN  
Mankato, MN  
Millboro, SD  
Madison, SD  
Frankfort, SD  
Browns Valley, MN  
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Toronto, SD  
Hartland, MN  
Sanborn, MN  
Milbank, SD  
Sioux Falls, SD  
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Wagner, SD  
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Fairview, SD  
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