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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 25—AS Scholarship Banquet, Swiftel May 3—SDSU Hampshire Sheep Sale, Arena
 May 5—SDSU Graduation, Frost Arena May 5—Feeder Pig Derby, Arena
 July 3-8—Suffolk Junior National, Arena

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

10—CAROL KLEINJAN
 14—JULIE WALKER
 23—LYSSA SEEFELDT
 27—KEN OLSON

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

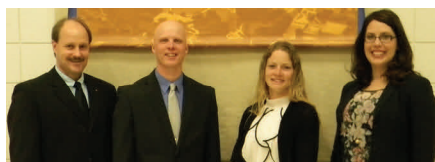
24—MATT JOHNSON
 26—REBECCA BOTT

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

01—ANNA TAYLOR
 10—DAN GEE
 21—DOUG MCFARLAND
 23—JASON JOHNSON
 27—MICHAEL GONDA
 28—DON KARLSTAD

CONGRATULATIONS!

-To **Drs. Stacy Scramlin and Cody Wright** who were recognized on Saturday evening at the Little "I" as two of the three finalists for the Ag. Bio "Teacher of the Year". Congratulations to **Dr. Wright**, who was named the Ag. Bio "Teacher of the Year"!
 -To **Dr. Ken Olson** for being granted tenure.
 -To **Dr. Roger Gates** on his promotion to full Professor.
 -To **Dr. Dan Gee** on Governor Dugaard's proclamation of March 24 as **Dr. Dan Gee Day**, presented to him at SDARL's Class VI graduation in Chamberlain.
 -To **Dr. George Perry** for winning the Outstanding Young Researcher award at the Midwest Section of the American Society of Animal Science meeting in Des Moines, IA in March. He is the first SDSU faculty member to win this award at the Midwest meeting.
 -To **Angela Gebhart** and **Lauren Kill** who won awards in the undergraduate competitions at the Midwest meeting. **Angela** won 3rd place in the UG student oral competition and **Lauren** placed 2nd in the UG poster competition.
 -To **Dr. Amanda Weaver Blair** for winning the F.O. Butler Award for Teaching Excellence at the Celebration of Faculty Excellence held February 21 at SDSU.
 -To **Dr. Sandy Smart**, on recognition for his paper, "Effects of Herbicides and Grazing on Floristic Quality of Native Tallgrass Pastures in Eastern SD and Southwestern MN", which was selected as the winner of the 2011 Charles E. Bessey award for best natural sciences article published in *Great Plains Research* in 2011.
 -To **Dr. Rebecca Bott**, who received the outstanding Extension Specialist award at the Gamma Sigma Delta banquet April 10.
 -To **Dr. Sandy Smart**, who was recognized as the outstanding teacher at the Gamma Sigma Delta banquet.
 -To **Drs. Rebecca Bott and Sandy Smart, Dustin Mohrhauser, Lyssa Seefeldt and Anna Taylor**, who were inducted into the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta April 10.



-To **Carol Kleinjan**, for receiving the SDSU Woman of Distinction Award in the Career Service category at the Women of Distinction Awards Tea March 13.



-To undergraduate **Angela Gebhart**, who received the Women of Distinction award in the student category.

Dr. Rebecca Bott, graduate student **Xuwen Sheng** and undergraduate **Britney Kaufman** were also nominated.



SDSU **Meat Science** personnel, Hy-Vee staff, and numerous Cattle-men groups grilled hamburgers March 31st in Sioux City, Iowa at the Tyson Events Center for an estimated 12,000 people. The event was hosted by Sioux City in support of Beef Products Incorporated, who has received vast media attention for their Lean Finely Textured Beef product. The volunteers cooked hamburgers with Lean Finely Textured Beef to allow consumers the opportunity to eat the product and make their own decision about it. The event was an overwhelming success and truly displayed the community's support of Beef Products Incorporated.



Extension Beef Feedlot Specialist **Dr. Ben Holland** was honored at a farewell reception on March 15. He has accepted a position in the Technical Services Division of Merck Animal Health.



Former Extension Beef Feedlot Specialist **Dr. Brad Johnson** posed recently with the SDSU Wool Judging Team in Lubbock, TX. The Wool Team was enroute to the Houston Livestock Show.



Hailey Becking, high school student from Florence, SD was the recipient of the outstanding Animal Science award at the Eastern South Dakota Science Fair held on the SDSU campus March 23.



Janna Kincheloe began employment February 22 at WRAC as Research/Extension Associate in the position vacated when Mindy Hubert became a Field Specialist. Although the position is located in the NRM Dept. supervised by **Dr. Pat Johnson**, she will play a vital role in research/Extension programming in Animal Science originating from WRAC. She previously was a county Agricultural Agent in Montana for eight years. One of her goals is to complete a PhD in AS with **Dr. Ken Olson** as her advisor.



Early in the morning of March 2, a fire broke out in the **Cow/Calf Unit** on the SDSU campus. The central portion of the building was destroyed, as was most of the equipment (tractor, truck, etc.); however, a student employee with assistance from a student in a neighboring residence hall, were able to rescue the cows and their calves from the burning building.

Manager **Kevin VanderWal** has expressed his appreciation for assistance provided as a result of the fire: "I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to everyone who helped in any way during and after the fire at the Cow/Calf Unit. Many of you offered help or equipment and many more with just kind words and encouragement. I'd like to start naming names, but that would surely leave someone out. I was amazed by the patience and understanding from the vast majority of the Little I exhibitors. Facilities and electrical power were far from ideal, but together we made it go. Thanks to all!"



CONGRATULATIONS - AS GRADUATES

These AS students will graduate in May, 2012:

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| Isaac Anderson | Belgrade, MN |
| Laura Blair | Columbus, NE |
| August Bortz | Gregory, SD |
| Bryan Boyle | Correctionville, IA |
| Heather Browning | Hendricks, Mn |
| Wesley Burkhart | Oto, IA |
| Colton Buus | Lennox, SD |
| Christopher Crider | Arrowsmith, IL |
| Benjamin Daniels | Eldon, IA |
| Kevin Deinert | Mt. Vernon, SD |
| Jordyn DeMers | Winner, SD |
| Anthony Dick | Lafayette, MN |
| Karisa Donahue | Howard, SD |
| Chelsey Drysdale | Wabasha, MN |
| Joshua Embree | Rapid City, SD |
| Emily Eulberg | Dell Rapids, SD |
| Brandon Feller | LeMars, IA |
| Courtney Fodness | Hardwick, MN |
| Justin Garrelts | Estherville, IA |
| Kaycee Gebhart | Gillette, WY |
| Brennan Granstra | Sheldon, IA |
| Tyler Grussing | Chamberlain, SD |
| Andrew Hall | Wagner, SD |
| Justin Hanson | Canton, MN |
| Katie Helminick | St. Cloud, MN |
| David Herbold | Lawton, IA |
| Katrina Hespe | Belle Fourche, SD |
| Danielle Jilek | New Prague, MN |
| Katie Johnson | Baltic, SD |
| Amanda Kampmann | Ward, SD |
| Britney Kaufman | Oldham, SD |
| Derek Krosschell | Chandler, MN |
| Brett LeBrun | Lafayette, MN |
| Marlena Lee | Rapid City, SD |
| Jamie Lewis | Rapid City, SD |
| Clint Luhr | Wakefield, NE |
| Ben Martinez-Manigold | Albert Lea, MN |
| Kole Mastel | Ortonville, MN |
| Alexis Meyer | Raymond, MN |
| Gregory Miller | Summit, SD |
| Joel Olson | Worthington, MN |
| Ashley Peterson | Pipestone, MN |
| Jared Rohrs | Granville, IA |
| Danielle Schubert | Brainerd, MN |
| Jamie Sheldon | Baldwin, ND |
| Ethan Spronk | Edgerton, MN |
| Whitney Sprunk | Wheatland, ND |
| Cody Stahl | Bridgewater, SD |
| Stephanie Steffes | Plevna, MT |
| Samantha Uttecht | Woonsocket, SD |
| Aaron VanBeek | Inwood, IA |
| Katie Wollenburg | Waseca, MN |
| Tracy Jennings, Ph.D. | Quanah, TX |

BBQ boot camps, presented by SDSU Animal Science Extension and funded by the SD Beef Industry Council and SD Pork Producers Council, are scheduled for May 7 in Brookings, June 28 or 29 in Pierre, July 17 in Sioux Falls, August 15 in Aberdeen and August 19 in Rapid City. Cost is \$20 for singles/\$30 for couples and includes a meat thermometer, booklet and food. An educational program on meat cookery, food safety, BBQ and smoking, meat selection and nutrition will be presented. To register, contact **Dr. Keith Underwood** at 605-688-5439 or keith.underwood@sdstate.edu.

Nearly 90 producers attended the education event at the SDSU Sheep Unit on March 22. These photos were taken prior to the afternoon program; overflow parking just east of the main barn and our audience. An informal producer survey conducted at the event indicated this group of producers represented approximately 9,000 stock ewes!

