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PUBLICATIONS

Recent departmental publications include the following:

“Economic impacts of racehorse ownership, breeding, and training on New Mexico’s economy,” Jay Lillywhite and **Mark Wise**. NMSU Agricultural Experiment Station Research Report 765.

TRAVELS

Clint Löest attended the Plains Nutrition Council meeting in San Antonio, Texas on April 9-11.

Andrés Cibils attended the 2009 meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Diego on April 13-16. On April 20-24, he was in Washington, D.C. to meet with the USDA Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment, USDA and USDI agency chiefs program managers about the IX International Rangeland Congress to be held in Argentina in 2011.

COLLEGE AWARDS DAY

The 2009 Awards Day was held April 24 at the University Golf Course Club House. Receiving honors were **Kirk McDaniel**, recipient of the Distinguished Research Award and **Neil Burcham**, recipient of the

Distinguished Service Award. Kirk was recognized for his efforts with the rangeland ecology project, the locoweed project, and the salt cedar initiative, while Neil was honored for his 40 years of service to NMSU and the livestock industry.

Receiving Years of Service Awards were:

Five Years – **Andrés Cibils**

Ten Years – **Red Baker and Clay Mathis**

Fifteen Years – **Kathy Bustos**

Twenty Years – **Lisa Blan** (Clayton Livestock Research Center)

Thirty Years – **Kirk McDaniel, Rob McNeely**

USDA Service – **Chris Allison** (35 years)

HORSE AND BULL SALE

The annual Horse and Bull Sale was held April 25. Nineteen horses were sold for a total of \$28,950 with an average price of \$1,524. Thirty-three bulls, 4 Angus heifers and 7 Brangus heifers brought in \$66,450 with average price for a bull at \$1,747. Heifers averaged \$800.

STUDENT NEWS

The Ranch Horse Collegiate Team competed at the National Championship Collegiate Ranch

Horse Competition in Lubbock, Texas on April 25-27, finishing as the Reserve National Champions. Denny Burnett won the “Non-pro Reining”; Zach Ozborn was 4th high individual in non-pro; Kely Horton won the “limited non-pro trail”; and Kayce McDaniel won “novice reining and was 3rd high point individual. Other team members were Katy Dunn and Jacinda Hinkson. Joby Priest is coach of the team.

The Academic Quadrathlon team, coached by Sergio Soto-Navarro, participated in the Western Section ASAS Quadrathlon in Cedar City, Utah on April 17 and 18. The team finished 3rd overall out of six teams. They earned 2nd in oral presentation and the quiz bowl and were 4th on practicum and written. Students representing NMSU were Lori Richardson, Andrea Stapp, Brock Graham, and Denny Burnett.

Animal and Range Sciences students selected as ACES Amabassadors for 2009-2010 are Katherine Cox, Sarah Lopez, and DeeAnn Shafer.

The following students have been accepted to Veterinary School beginning this fall:

Washington State University

Allison Waythomas Otis
Heath Tjaden

Kansas State University

Cole Wenzel
Nick Kennedy
Thomas Gonzales

Ross University

Ben Blandon

University College of Dublin
Veterinary School in Ireland

Megan Daughtee Lee

The Pre-Vet Club elected the following officers for 2009-2010:

Jessica Parada – President
Jourdan Washburn – Vice-President

Karen Roop – Secretary
Courtney Smith – Treasurer
Erin Crumbley, Amanda

Chisholm – Historians
Christopher Gomez, Tirza Fielder, Sylvia Torres – ACES Representatives

The American Society of Animal Science Scholarship Awards will be presented to the following students on May 5:

Seniors

Christina Bean
Megan Coleson
Laura Dawdy
Logan Potts
Lori Richardson
Heath Tjaden

Juniors

Lindsey Green
Katilyn Hanson
Kelsey Kalbacher
Melissa Mozer
Nina Vail

Sophomores

Jovani Armendariz
Kathleen Behm
Victor Gutierrez
Katelin Marchetti
Melissa Rigdon
Elizabeth Wirick

Allison Otis and Heath Tjaden, both animal science majors, will receive the Dean's Award of Excellence at the Sam Steel Ceremony on May 8. The "Outstanding Student in Agriculture" award goes to Sara Peterson Marta, a double major in AXED and Animal Science.

The following students will be graduating this spring:

Animal Science

Heath Tjaden, Laura Dawdy, Sara Marta, Allison Otis, Valerie Detrick, Kayla Good, Kari Galloway, Kelly Horton, Adrienne Brooke Coe, Cherish Warner, Brittany Herrera, Colleen Richardson, Rachel Lueras, Cody Terpening, Ashley Dietz, Sharon Dotson, Julian Marta, Kali Benson, Justin Hagel, Eric Frantz, Janet Peterman, Jeremy Casados, Scott

Jones, Bryan Hightower, Lindsey Beal

Range Science

Kenton Martin, Shawna Allen, Brad Cooper, Rachael Davis, Chase Elkins, Tania Rose Sanchez

Graduate Students

Pablo Luna (Ph.D.)

ETC.

Fleeces from the Corona Range Livestock Research Center won Champion Territory Fleece at the National Western Wool Show in January. CRLRC also received a 1st in Ram Fleece and 2nd in 64's combing ewe fleece. In the Farm Flock Division, the West Sheep Unit earned a 2nd and 5th place finish.

Sympathy is expressed to Milt and Dora Thomas on the death of her mother, Eva Vasquez-Gutierrez, in Victoria, Texas on April 15.

Congratulations to Joby and Sabrina Priest on the birth of their third son, Cash, on April 25, 2009.

Kellie Jurado, a junior biology and psychology major, was been awarded a "Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship" for undergraduate students pursuing a career in mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. Kellie is currently working with Dennis Hallford in his Endocrinology Lab investigating serum hormone responses in a treatment for prepubertal breeding in Rambouillet ewe lambs.

