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PUBLICATIONS
Recent departmental publications include:


“Management of rangelands and cattle in drought-prone areas of the Southwest,” Manny Encinias and Sam Smallidge, AES Guide B-816.


TRAVELS
Shanna Ivey and Sergio Soto-Navarro attended the Consortium for Cattle Feeding and Environmental Sciences research priority meeting in Bushland, Texas on December 9-10.

Attending the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco on December 13-17 was Sam Fernald.

Derek Bailey will be in Amman, Jordan on January 3-12 to help develop a monitoring plan for biodiversity at the Wadi Batum study and development site.

STUDENT TEAMS
The Wool Judging Team will participate at the National Western Wool Judging Contest in Denver on January 11-17. Team members are Shannon Norris, T. J. Wood, Catrina Wolfe, Megan Nysrom, Dalli Chavez, Tamarah Glick, and Sara Rush with Patricia Black as the team coach.

NEW FACULTY
Dr. Gaylene Fasenko, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Nutritional Sciences at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, has accepted the Companion Animal position and will begin at NMSU on April 1. Dr. Fasenko received her B.S. (animal science) and M.S. (animal reproduction) at the University of Alberta and her Ph.D. at North Carolina State University in Avian Physiology. She was responsible for developing an animal companion curriculum at the University of Alberta.

Offers have been made for the reproductive physiology and
ruminant nutrition positions and hopefully final negotiations will be forthcoming very soon.

**FALL GRADUATES**
Sixteen students completed their requirements for the degree in animal and range sciences this fall. These included Philip Anderson, Westly Clayton, Megan Coleson, Amy Gonzales, Trevor Gray, Scooter Haynes, Bethany King, Catherine Mauer, Erica Montoya, David Owen, Joshua Parrish, Jessica Patterson, Jason Runyan, Solana Schiller, Lindsey Zemanek (all animal science) and Benjamin Otero (range science).

Those students finishing their graduate degrees were Ely Camacho (MS, animal science), Ciara Cusack (MS, range science), Alison Iroz (MS, animal science), Dustin Yates (PhD, animal science), and Kendal Young (PhD, range science).

Megan Coleson was named the “Outstanding Student in Animal and Range Sciences” by the college while Lindsey Zemanek received the “Dean’s Award of Excellence.” Megan and Lindsey, along with Trevor Gray, also earned the departmental “Graduate of Distinction” medallion.

**ETC.**
In the fund-raising raffle drawing of two pork halves by the Livestock Judging team, the winners were Jan Terpening of Carlsbad, and Dr. Laurie Abbott of the Range Science faculty.

Congratulations to Dr. Joe Armstrong, former equine professor, on his induction into the 4-H Hall of Fame.

The Range Club is currently selling **Caps** and **Raffle Tickets for a Custom Saddle**.

**CAPS:** Caps come in two colors: maroon and khaki for $12.00 each.

**SADDLE RAFFLE:** Tickets for the Custom Saddle are selling for:
- $10 for 1 ticket
- $40 for 5 tickets
- $80 for 10 tickets

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