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PUBLICATIONS

A recent departmental publication is as follows:

“Housing and working facilities for dairy goats,” Robert Hagevoort, Molly Smith, and Francisco Rivera, CES Guide D-703.

TRAVELS

Ryan Ashley, Clint Løest, and Eric Scholljegerdes attended the National Science Foundation grant workshop in Albuquerque on March 16-17.

Andrés Cibils, Jerry Holechek and Chris Allison will attend the International Rangeland Congress in Argentina on April 2-8.

THOMAS TO CSU

Milton Thomas has accepted the John E. Rouse Endowed Chair of Beef Cattle Genetics in the Department of Animal Science at Colorado State University. He will assume his new duties in January 2012. Milt joined the department in 1997 and currently holds the Gerald Thomas Chair in Food Production and Natural Resources. He also plans to complete a McMaster’s Fellowship with CSIRO in Australia in June and July of 2011.

STUDENT TEAMS

The Ranch Horse Team competed at Stephen F. Austin University on March 5, finishing second overall. Katie Dunn was High Point Individual in Non Pro, Sara Marta was 5th high individual in Limited Non Pro, and Katy Rosencrans was 3rd overall in Novice. At the Laramie County Community College show in Cheyenne, the team won 1st place. Katy Rosencrans was Overall Novice High Point Rider, Katie Dunn placed 3rd All Around in Non Pro, Charles Roybal was 10th High Individual in Novice, Jacinda Hinkson finished 8th High Individual in Limited Non Pro while Sara Marta was 10th High Individual in Limited Non Pro. Other team members were Kaycee McDaniel and Sean Reagan. Team coach is Joby Priest.

The Wool Judging Team competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Houston, Texas on March 15, 2011. Competing against 11 teams, the team finished 8th overall. In grading the team placed 6th and was 8th in placing and reasons. Individual placings included Consuelo Gurule (6th in grading), Ryan Best (10th in grading, 8th in placings and reasons). Other team members
were Haley Montes and Chelsea Melton.

The Livestock Judging Team, coached by Gwen Powers, also competed at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on March 15. Team members are J. T. Van Huss, Lane Gallaher, Chance Jacobs, Justin Maestas, and Cheyenne Pena. John Campbell serves as advisor for both groups.

The NMSU Academic Quadrathlon was held February 25-26 with three teams participating. The DMV’s team, comprised of Staci Stanbrough, Jared Sharp, Kati Hansen and Joshua Kloeppel finished first and will represent NMSU at the Western Region, American Society of Animal Science competition on June 20-21 in Miles City, Montana. Second place was awarded to Cowlicks (Michael Marricle, Katie Behm, Katie Dunn, and Monty Lane), while third place went to Industrialists (Leah Schmitz, DeLane Luce, Justin Montoya, and Sam Teske). Sergio Soto serves as advisor.

Members of the Pre-Vet Club will travel to Fort Collins, Colorado on April 1-3 to tour the College of Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University. Those scheduled to make the trip are Katelin Marchetti, Brandon Cororan, Hillary Fuentes, Corina Portillo, Vanessa Chavez, Sierra Salopek, Diane Apodaca, Maria Villa, Aurora Torres, Cora Hollman, Courtney Smith, Ronaldo Lorenzo, Symone Kelsey, Kristina Hughes, Sean Moreno, Grady Gray, Roxanne Benally, and Chris Gomez. Serving as Pre-Vet Club advisors are Dennis Hallford and Gaylene Fasenko.

aces awards day

At the annual College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Awards Day to be held on April 15, two individuals from the department will be recognized with honors. Dennis Hallford will receive the “Distinguished Service Award” in recognition of his 35 years of service given “over and above normal routine duties” to fellow workers, colleagues, students, ACES agency clientele and constituents, NMSU, the community and the general public. He joins Rex Pieper in the distinction of having received all three major College awards (Teaching, Research, and Service).

Shad Cox, manager of the Corona Range and Livestock Research Center, is the recipient of the first “Professional Staff – Off Campus” Award. This award recognizes “excellence in job skills and performance of those skills, on-the-job initiative contributing to the effectiveness of a unit, contributions to an effective work atmosphere for fellow employees and constituents as well as good working
relationships between units in the college, university and community.”

**ETC.**

Sympathy is expressed to **Frank and Johnette Browne-Silva** and family on the death of Frank’s mother in New York on March 7.

Congratulations to **Kasey DeAtley** who has been named as recipient of the *Jack L. Ruttle Scholarship*, and to **Laura Jacobson Goodman and Travis Mulliniks** for receipt of the *Joe D. Wallace Scholarship*.

Congratulations to **Reid McDaniel and Becky Varga** on their marriage on March 26 in Bosque Farms, NM. Reid is a PhD candidate working with Clint Löest.