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TAMU Wool Judging Team wins second at National Western

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M University Wool Judging Team finished second overall at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo. on Jan. 15, 2010. The team missed the grand prize by only two points behind first place Colorado State University.

Aggie team member Jake Reed from Copperas Cove finished third high individual while Katie Muehlstein of Kerrville, Kim Hardin of Seattle, Wash., and Stephanie Mazurkiewicz of Bryan also placed in the top ten. Reed also was the high individual on the grading rail. Callie Whitworth from Junction won the placings portion of the contest.

Other team members were Kyle Phillips of Vidor, Josh Behrens of Voca, Zac Goodwin of Alvarado, Claire Luensmann of La Vernia, Laura Stapper of Ozona, Katy Knox of La Porte and Steele Ingham of Sonora.

The team is coached by Will Dickison and Dr. Shawn Ramsey. Student coaches are Mike Helle, Carl Whitworth, Emily Earwood and Greta Munson.

The wool judging team competes again in February at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

TAMU Livestock Judging Team Competition Results

National Western Stock Show

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team placed fourth at the National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo. on Jan. 15, 2010.

Texas Tech University, Oklahoma State University and Kansas State University finished first, second and third, respectively.

Aggie team members are Cassidy Hayes of Port Lavaca, Joe Rathmann of Bastrop, Dustin Valusek of Rosharon, Lance Bearb of Church Point, La., and Kevin Gleason of Waxahachie.

The team scored second overall in beef and reasons, and third in swine. Individually, Bearb finished second high overall with first place finishes in reasons and beef.

Other team members are Kenton Kirkpatrick, Bryan; Rebecca Hamilton, Woodbine, Md.; Sidney Wilkinson, Trinidad, Colo.; Kasey Lettunich, Stephenville; Kaitlyn Grimshaw, Pleasonton; Corey Taylor, Humble; Casey Henly, St. Augustine; Brian Weaver, Center Point; Paul Wunderlich, Brenham; Caleb Wendt, Needville; Chance Muehlstein, Kerrville; and Webb Fields, Mt. Pleasant.

Team holds winter workout

The Livestock Judging Team conducted its first-ever winter workout in December.

The team spent six days traveling throughout Texas and Oklahoma training and practicing for spring competitions.

Jake Franke, team coordinator, said the team worked extremely hard and progressed tremendously throughout the trip.

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The team is coached by Jake Franke, team coordinator, and assistant coaches Carl Muntean, Cody Sloan and Jake Thorne.

The team competes next at the Fort Worth Stock Show on Feb. 5.

Exposure Female Sale Contest

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team won the 2009 Exposure Female Sale Contest in Stillwater, Okla., on Dec. 18, 2009.

First place Aggie team members were Lance Bearb, Dustin Valusek, Cassidy Hayes, Joe Rathmann and Kevin Gleason. Texas Tech University and Kansas State University came in second and third, respectively.

Webb Fields scored first high individual and was followed by Dustin Valusek, second high individual.

Kenney named All-American for Horse Judging

Nicole Kenney, a senior in the Department of Animal Science, has been named Academic All-American for Horse Judging by the National Horse Judging Team Coaches Association.

Kenney is a past member of the horse judging team and finished reserve high individual at last year's Arabian National Contest in Oklahoma City. She is also an Aggie REP, a member of the undergraduate research program and a past member of the wool judging team.

To be considered for this award, recipients must have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and have placed in the top 10 individually at a major horse judging contest.



Horsemen's Association attends national convention

Dr. Brett Scott, Extension horse specialist, and 17 student members of the Texas A&M University Horsemen's Association attended the American Collegiate Horsemen's Association National Convention held Jan. 13-17, 2010 in Ft. Collins, Colo.

Activities included a visit to the National Western Stock Show, the Budweiser Clydesdale Training Facility, the Irish Rose Tinker Training Facility and the Big Thunder Draft Horse Show. The conference also included presentations from notable equine professionals along with a question and answer session that enabled the attendees to have an opportunity to interact with professionals in the equine industry.

Jessica Scamardo, animal science student, served as the 2009 national president and was instrumental in planning and conducting the event. TAMU Horsemen's members Sarah Ayala, Alexis Duhan and Hilary David were elected as national treasurer, communications director and national representative, respectively.

TAMU Horsemen's Association was one of the founding schools for ACHA, and four of the seven presidents for the organization have been from A&M. Scott has served as the national advisor for the ACHA since it was developed.

Visit <http://aggiehorsemen.tamu.edu/> to learn more about the organization.

Ellen Jordan: Outstanding Dairy Industry Educator/Researcher



Dr. Ellen Jordan, professor and Extension dairy specialist in the Department of Animal Science stationed in Dallas, will receive the 2010 Outstanding Dairy Industry Educator/Researcher Award on Feb. 9 at World Ag Expo in Tulane, Calif.

Jordan is receiving this award for her years of dedication and service to dairy producers throughout the Southwest and beyond, according to *Western Dairy Business* magazine.

The magazine also stated: *Jordan has worked with industry and producer groups to resolve issues in Texas on environmental regulation concerns as they pertain to regulation interpretation and compliance. She has been active in researching water quality issues across the state of Texas.*

Jordan coordinates research-based educational programs for dairy producers, and helps producers plan, execute and evaluate production and management systems.

She received her bachelor's degree from Iowa State University with a double major in animal science and agricultural journalism. She received her master's and doctorate in animal science from Oregon State University.

Visit <http://westerndairybusiness.cadmus.com/index.aspx?issue=issue05> to view the complete article in *Western Dairy Business*.



SAN ANTONIO – The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association held its second annual NCBA Convention Cattle Judging Contest in San Antonio Jan. 28.

225 participants ranging in all ages from adult and collegiate to high school and junior judged 10 classes of beef cattle during the convention.

The contest adds a new perspective to the NCBA Convention by allowing guests and members to put their knowledge to the test while maintaining a fun, competitive atmosphere.

Dr. Jason Cleere, associate professor and Extension beef cattle specialist; Dr. Chris Skaggs, professor and associate dean; Jake Franke, lecturer and livestock judging team coordinator; and Paul Maulsby, beef center man-



ager, from the TAMU Department of Animal Science hosted the contest with the help from TAMU students and former alumni. Kevin Chilek, AgriLife 4-H, tabulated the contest.

Sigler presents research at meetings

Dr. Dennis Sigler, professor and Extension horse specialist, was invited to present at the Horse Breeder’s and Owner’s Conference in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada Jan. 15-17. Sigler’s talk was entitled, “Conditioning the Equine Athlete Following Lay-Off.”

Sigler also presented a talk on “Equine Gastric Ulcer Research” at the Back to the Basics 2020 Seminar at Tarleton State University on Jan. 21. Dr. Gary Potter, animal science professor emeritus, also spoke on “Feeding and Conditioning Strategies to Reduce Injuries in Equine Athletes.”

Deadline extended for Hesby stories

Personal stories for a book remembering Howard Hesby called “Our Hero, Howard Hesby” have filtered in from all around the world. More than 500 people have become fans of the “Howard Hesby - Tell Your Story Page” on Facebook. Due to the popularity, the deadline for submitting stories has been extended to March 15, 2010. If you have a favorite memory about Dr. Hesby, send it in 2,000 words or less to Chris Boleman at cboleman@ag.tamu.edu. All stories will be packaged into one book for all to read, relive and remember a great man.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association open enrollment

The active enrollment period for the Animal Science Graduate Student Association is here. Membership is open to all graduate students within the department. Dues are \$10 per semester. Why join? ASGSA offers assistance with professional development while building lasting friendships and collaboration with peers. ASGSA not only organizes social events for its members, but also promotes networking and communication among all department graduate students, faculty and staff. Join ASGSA at the club's next general meeting Feb. 10 at 5:15 p.m. in the Kleberg Faculty Lounge. Also on the schedule: March 10 - general meeting - 5:15 p.m. - Kleberg Faculty Lounge; April 9 - Coffee Break - 8:30 to 10:30 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge.

TSCRA events scheduled for March

The TSCRA Convention, Trade Show and School for Successful Ranching will be March 19-21, 2010 at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Students will receive a discount to the School for Successful Ranching. More details are available at <http://www.texascattleraisers.org/convention/>.

Recent publications

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Upcoming events

Mare/Foal Workshop (February 24, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Horse Management 101 (February 25, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Equine Metabolic Disease, Neonatal Health and Disaster Management Conference (February 26, 2010) - For more information, please contact Dr. Brett Scott <bdscott@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-1562.

Livestock Judging Clinic (March 27, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion) - For more information, please contact Jake Franke <jfranke@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616 or visit <http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/youth/judging-clinic-10.pdf>.

Spirit of Aggieland Inaugural Sale (April 18, 2010 - 1 p.m. - TAMU Beef Center) - For more information, please contact Paul Maulsby at 979-862-4736 or at <beefcenter@tamu.edu>.

56th annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (Aug. 2-4, 2010 - College Station)- For more information, please contact the Beef Cattle Extension office <extansc@ag.tamu.edu> at 979-845-6931 or visit <http://beef.tamu.edu>.



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