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Livestock Judging Team brings home first, second places

EL DORADO & WICHITA, KANSAS – The Texas A&M University Livestock Judging Team brought home two top team awards and several high individual awards after weekend competition in Kansas Sept. 24 and 25, 2010.

The team won first place in the Flint Hills Classic held in El Dorado, Kan., on Sept. 24. Kansas State University, Texas Tech University and Oklahoma State University finished out the top four places, respectively.

Finishing within the top high individuals were Lance Bearb of Churchpoint, La., third high; Cassidy Hayes of Port Lavaca, eighth high; and Corey Taylor of Humble, ninth high.

On Saturday, Sept. 25, the team competed in the Mid America Classic in Wichita. The team won second high behind Oklahoma State University, and Hayes finished 10th high individual. Kansas State University, University of Minnesota and Texas Tech University rounded out the top five, respectively.

Team members also include Joe Rathmann of Bastrop; Webb Fields of Mt. Pleasant; Kevin Gleason of Waxahachie; Kaitlyn Grimshaw of Pleasanton; Rebecca Hamilton of Woodbine, Md.; Casey Henly of St. Augustine; Kenton Kirkpatrick of Bryan; Kasey Lettunich of Stephenville; Chance Muehlstein of Kerrville; Dustin Valusek of Rosharon; Brian Weaver of Center Point; Caleb Wendt of Needville; Sydney Wilkinson of Trinidad, Colo.; and Paul Wunderlich of Brenham.

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

Scientists gather for memorial lecture, retreat

BRYAN, TEXAS – The 16th annual Dr. Raymond O. Berry Memorial Lecture in Reproductive Immunology and the 4th annual Interdisciplinary Faculty of Reproductive Biology Retreat were held Sept. 24, 2010 at The Veranda in Bryan, Texas.

Dr. Marcel Amstalden, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Science, organized the retreat which featured lectures by Dr. Thomas E. Spencer, Department of Animal Science, titled “Uterine Development and Differentiation: Insights into the Neonate,” and Dr. Katrin Hinrichs, Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology, titled “Translation of research to clinical practice in equine assisted reproduction.” Lectures were followed by oral presentations by graduate students, Sam Stephen and Dr. Shelby Hayden from the College of Veterinary

Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and Xilong Li from the Department of Animal Science. The program also included poster presentations by graduate students and postdoctoral fellows in the Department of Animal Science and College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Dr. Fuller W. Bazer, regents fellow, distinguished professor and O.D. Butler Chair in Animal Science, organized the Raymond O. Berry Memorial Lecture and introduced Dr. Joseph McLemore and Dorothy McLemore, daughter of Dr. Berry. The contributions of Dr. Berry to the field of Reproductive Immunology were presented by Dr. Duane C. Kraemer, Department of Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology, who was a student of Dr. Berry.

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Department of Animal Science equine science program featured in video

The Department of Animal Science equine science section will be featured in an upcoming video as part of GEAR Up, a program that works to encourage high school students to attend college. The video will be used in the Bryan Independent School District and also will appear on Bryan/College Station television station KBTX. The video also will feature other Texas A&M programs.

Right: Dr. Dennis Sigler, professor and Extension horse specialist, and students in the ANSC 421 - Stock Horse Advanced Training course are filmed at Freeman Arena. Sigler guest lectured on fundamentals of horse behavior modification as it relates to the training of the stock horse. The course is taught by Dr. Clay Cavinder.



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The Raymond O. Berry Memorial Lecture was presented by Donald J. Dudley, M.D., Professor and Vice Chair for Research, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He spoke on "The Relevance of Reproductive Immunology."

The day was capped off by a prime rib dinner provided by the Department of Animal Science Meats Judging Team. More than 60 participants attended the events and included individuals from the Texas A&M University - College Station, Prairie View A&M University, and Texas AgriLife Research. The events of the day were supported by funds from the Departments of Animal Science, Veterinary Integrative Biosciences and Veterinary Physiology and Pharmacology, as well as an endowment in the Texas A&M Foundation.

Cockerham to participate in Great Urban Race in effort to raise money for St. Jude's

Mandi Cockerham, IT associate in the Department of Animal Science, will be participating in the Great Urban Race on October 2, 2010 in the Dallas/Fort Worth area in hopes to raise money for St. Jude's Research Hospital. The Great Urban Race is a foot race where teams of two solve 12 clues, have a wild city adventure and complete fun challenges while discovering the city. St. Jude's Research Hospital works to find cures and save the lives of children fighting cancer and other deadly diseases. St. Jude's is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatments that are not covered by insurance. No child is denied treatment because of a family's inability to pay.

If you'd like to make a donation and support Cockerham's effort to raise money, please visit www.stjudeheroes.org, click on "Donate to a Hero," and search for participant Mandi Cockerham.

Upcoming events

TAMU Beef Cattle Association Meeting (Sept. 28, 2010 - Beef Center - 7 p.m.) - Undergraduate and graduate students are invited to join the TAMU Beef Cattle Association. For more information contact Paul Maulsby at <beefcenter@tamu.edu>.

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (Sept. 29, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - noon) - Dr. Gary Snowder, associate director for the Institute for Countermeasures Against Agricultural Bioterrorism, will present, "Overview of the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense." For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Coffee Break (Oct. 1, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.) - Animal Science faculty, staff and graduate students are invited. For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

Upcoming events continued

Saddle & Sirloin Fall BBQ (Oct. 5, 2010 - TAMU Beef Center - 6 p.m.) - For more information, contact Colton Atkins at <coltonatkins07@tamu.edu>.

Animal Science Graduate Student Association Meeting (Oct. 13, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - 5:15 p.m.) - For more information, contact Lauren Hulsman at <lhulsman@tamu.edu>.

Department of Animal Science Seminar Series (Oct. 13, 2010 - Kleberg Faculty Lounge - noon) - Dr. Travis Whitney, assistant professor located at the Texas AgriLife Research & Extension Center at San Angelo, will present "The Use of Innovative Feeds to Enhance Small Ruminant Production Efficiency and Reduce Feed Costs." For more information, contact Dr. Tryon Wickersham at <tryon@tamu.edu>.

Horse Judging Team Coaches and Youth Clinic (Nov. 12, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion - 9:30 to 4 p.m.) - For more information contact Dr. Dennis Sigler or Dr. Clay Cavinder at (979) 845-7731 or visit http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/workshops/horse_judging_coaches_clinic.htm.

2010 Aggiefest Livestock Judging Contest (Nov. 13, 2010 - Pearce Pavilion) - For more information contact Jake Franke at <jfranke@tamu.edu> or go to http://animalscience.tamu.edu/images/pdf/10_aggiefest_ad.pdf.

2010 Aggiefest Horse Judging Workshop (Nov 13, 2010 - Freeman Arena) - For more information contact Teri Antilley at <tjantilley@ag.tamu.edu> or go to http://animalscience.tamu.edu/academics/equine/workshops/aggiefest_horsejudging.htm.



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