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Sixth Annual Animal Science Day Highlights Halloween Festivities

The sixth annual Animal Science Day on Thursday, October 31 capped off a week of Halloween festivities throughout the department that included costume and door decorating contests, along with a day of spooky treats brought in by faculty and staff members.

Animal Science Day welcomed hundreds of attendees from the university and surrounding community. The event, coordinated by the Department of Animal Science students, faculty and staff, was held in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center and featured an entire evening of animal science and Halloween-related fun.

Activities included costume contests for both humans and dogs, a corn maze presented by the graduate students, trick-or-treating, games, and much more. Highlighting the end of the night was the pre-vet club's "Pie a Professor" event, which featured Lauren Thomas getting pied in the face by one of the club members.

Great for children and families, Animal Science Day is a perfect way for the department to educate and celebrate animal science with the community.}





Ranch Horse Team Participates in Two Shows, Hosts Clinic and Seminar

The University of Arkansas ranch horse team participated in two shows throughout late October and early November, one of which was hosted in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center and consisted of a clinic and seminar.

On Saturday, October 19, the team held their clinic and seminar in which head coach Jordan Shore covered various topics, including how to warm up your horse and gain control of its mind before walking into the show pen; how to deal with show-sour horses; how to maximize your horse's performance in the show pen; and what specifics the judges are typically looking for in reining and ranch riding. Each of the attendees then had the opportunity to conduct a ranch riding pattern that was recorded and reviewed in a classroom to go along with some further discussions on drills and schooling to help their horse's performances.

The next day, the team held an American Stock Horse Association (ASHA) ranch horse show that consisted of ranch pleasure and trail, reining, and working cow horse. The event also featured a jackpot ranch riding class that paid back 90%. Powell Feed and others in the community donated prizes such as muck forks, shavings, supplements, Yeti cups, and Purina gift buckets.

On November 3, the team traveled to Missouri State University for the ASHA Regional Championship show, and returned home with multiple forms of individual awards. Full placings and results are listed below:

Novice Division

Erin Falkenstien – 1st cow work, 1st reining, 3rd ranch pleasure, 4th ranch trail; Reserve

Novice Division Champion

Limited Non-Pro Division

Kaley Collins – 3rd cow work, 2nd reining, 1st ranch pleasure, 3rd ranch trail; 3rd place overall Limited Non-Pro Division

Brady Barnard – 2nd cow work, 1st reining, 2nd ranch pleasure, 2nd ranch trail;
Champion in Limited Non-Pro Division

Non-Pro Division

Madison Powell – 2nd cow work, 3rd reining, 1st ranch pleasure, 4th ranch trail;
Champion in Non-Pro Division }



Pictured from left to right: Chris Shore, Madison Powell, Brady Barnard, Erin Falkenstien, Kaley Collins, and head coach Jordan Shore

Charles Looney Receives President's Award from the American Embryo Transfer Association

The American Embryo Transfer Association (AETA) presented Charles Looney with the President's Award during the annual meeting in Colorado Springs on October 25.

The award recognizes Dr. Looney's continued service to the AETA and was one of the highlights of the 2019 AETA-CETA/ACTE Joint Annual Convention. This event featured sessions that consisted of pre-conference seminars, invited presentations, workshops, and student/technician sessions, as well as a

traditional poster session.

The purpose of the American Embryo Transfer Association is to unite those organizations and individuals in the United States engaged in the embryo transfer industry into an affiliated federation operating under self-imposed standards of performance and conduct.}



Animal Science Hosts Young Cattlemen Leadership Class in Fayetteville

The Department of Animal Science recently hosted the fourth session of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Young Cattlemen's Leadership Class (YCLC) October 28-30 in Fayetteville.

Participants gained an understanding of the processes their beef product undergoes from the harvest to the plate. In understanding those processes, they will be better educated to tell the industry story at the meat case or an online blog as necessary. The program focused on beef cuts and the processes necessary to provide retail meat case products. Members of the class participated in a mock auction to purchase steers, then processed their steer, and consumed some of the end product during a sensory and tenderness demonstration.

Thanks to Janeal Yancey and Tim Johnson (Manager, UA Division of Agriculture Red Meat Abattoir) for coordinating this event; and John Marcy (Poultry Science), Bryan Kutz and Kenny Simon for speaking to the group. This program was funded by the Arkansas Beef Council.}



Department of Animal Science Group Travels to

China;

U of A Hosts Focus on Forages Field Day Event

- A group from the Department of Animal Science recently traveled to Beijing for the Fifth International Animal Intestinal Ecology and Health in China summit forum. Jiangchao Zhao presented at the event to over 1,000 attendees, and was accompanied on the trip by Michael Looper, Yan Huang and TC Tsai. During their visit, the group was also able to make a stop at the Great Wall of China for some photos.



- On October 18, faculty and staff within the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture presented research related to pasture and forage production at the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center and Milo J. Shult Agricultural Research and Extension Center. The Focus on Forages Field Day event, coordinated by Johnny Gunsaulis of UA Extension-Benton County, also featured field tours and a free lunch for all attendees. The list of Animal Science presenters included: John Jennings, Ken Coffey, and Kenny Simon.}

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