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Department Celebrates Career of Pete Hornsby

In December, the department celebrated the 42-year career of Pete Hornsby. He joined the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture-Monticello campus in October 1977.

Pete managed the cow herd and U of A Bull Test Station. In July 1986, Pete moved to the U of A Division of Agriculture, Department of Animal Science where he managed the beef cattle unit at Savoy. Pete is past-president of the Ozark Cattlemen's Association and Washington County Farm Bureau; he still is an active member of both of these groups.

In retirement, Pete plans to spend more time with his wife Jeannie, their grandsons and his cattle! The department THANKS Pete for his service to the Division of Agriculture and Animal Science, and wishes him the very best in retirement!.



Pete Hornsby enjoyed some fun and refreshments amidst colleagues, family and friends

Livestock Judging Team Finishes Second in Arizona Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest

The University of Arkansas livestock judging team finished second overall at the Arizona National Collegiate Livestock Judging Contest held on Dec. 31 in Phoenix.

Individuals judged and placed 12 classes, containing four animals per class of cattle, swine, sheep and meat goats. Contestants then verbally explained their placings to officials, who scored competitors as individuals and on a team basis.

Poultry science majors, Mesa Kutz and Carson Hopkins, finished third and 13th overall, respectively, with Hopkins also ranking fifth in the cattle category. Jeffrey Marely, a student in agricultural education, communications and technology, was 14th, while animal science majors, Alexa Wandrey (17th) and Alex Theodore (19th), also placed within the top-20. Additionally, Wandrey was second in the reasons category and fifth in sheep/goats. As a team, the U of A won the cattle category; finished second in sheep and oral reasons; and fourth in swine.

Next up for the livestock judging team is a trip to Denver, CO to compete in the National Western Livestock Show and Rodeo Intercollegiate Judging Contest held on Jan. 16-17.}



Team members: Carson Hopkins, Alex Theodore, Jacob Marley, Jessika Calhoon, Mesa Kutz, Alexa Wandrey, Dixie Miller, Jeffrey Marley

Animal Science, Washington County Extension Services Host Livestock Judging Boot Camp

The University of Arkansas Department of Animal Science teamed up with the Washington County Extension Service to host a livestock judging boot camp for local 4-H and FFA kids in the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center on Friday, Jan. 3.

Over 60 kids from five counties attended, and were able to judge eight classes of sheep, goats and cattle. The group also worked on breeding evaluation, analyzing performance data, market evaluation and oral reasons.}



Attendees gather at the rail inside the arena to check out some of the goats they judged.

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