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County-Stratton, Eustis-Farnam, Hayes Center, Maywood, McCook, Medicine Valley (Curtis), Southern Valley (Oxford), Southwest (Bartley), and Wauneta-Palisade.

March 2 – FFA members, 4-H members and other high school students who show market cattle receive their training and certification in Beef Quality Assurance, in cooperation with Nebraska Extension.

March 2 – Five students represent NCTA at the 2016 Governor's Agriculture Conference for Youth in Kearney. One student serves in a panel discussion.

March 2-3 – NCTA hosts an information and outreach display at the Governor's Ag Conference.

March 7 – 2016 Discovery Day at NCTA is a great opportunity for incoming freshmen, transfer students and others to visit campus. High school students, families, guidance counselors are invited to visit with faculty, see the dormitories, classrooms and explore academic majors. To register, see <http://ncta.unl.edu/campus-culture>.

Our high school interactions include dual credit coursework providing college credit for students taking specific classes. Also, we have signed Memorandum of Agreements to provide workforce development with several high schools, targeting programs in production agriculture, agricultural mechanics and agricultural chemical application.

Two fulltime college recruiters are on the road, traveling to high schools for presentations, college fairs and meetings with prospective students. I appreciate the excellent outreach by Bailey Michaels and Megan Zawacki in helping to inform the public about NCTA and enroll outstanding agriculture students!

NCTA students in livestock judging, ranch horse team, rodeo team, shooting sports, agribusiness, stock dog club, and crops judging are all great ambassadors as are other clubs such as NCTA Student Senate, Women in Ag, Collegiate Cattlemen, Collegiate Farm Bureau, and Collegiate 4-H and FFA.

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Cafeteria menu

Monday March 7

- Breakfast: Buscuits & Gravy
- Noon: Shredded Pork Sandwich
- Evening: BLT Sandwiches

Tuesday March 8

- Breakfast: Omelets
- Noon: Fried Chicken
- Evening: Reuben Sandwich

Wednesday March 9

- Breakfast: Breakfast Casserole
- Noon: Meat Fajita
- Evening: Chicken Strips

Thursday March 10

- Breakfast: Assorted Breakfast Sandwiches
- Noon: Cubed Steak
- Evening: Pizza

Friday March 11

- Breakfast: Pancakes
- Noon: "Taco Bar"
- Evening: no evening meal offered

Monday March 14

- Breakfast: Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich
- Noon: Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Evening: Swiss Mushroom Burgers

Tuesday March 15

- Breakfast: Assorted Tornadoes
- Noon: Tater Tot Casserole
- Evening: Crispy Chicken Sandwich

Wednesday March 16

- Breakfast: Biscuits & Gravy
- Noon: Philly Steak Sandwich
- Evening: Spaghetti Bake

Thursday March 17

- Breakfast: French Toast
- Noon: Pork Fritters
- Evening: Runza Sandwich

Friday March 18

- Breakfast: Pancakes
- Noon: Stromboli
- Evening: no evening meal offered

March 21 - 25: Closed for Spring Break



Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

AGGIE UP!



NCTA Values High School and Youth Partners

By Dean Dr. Ron Rosati



NCTA students are excellent ambassadors of the college, according to Dean Dr. Rosati. That includes students in clubs such as Women in Ag (pictured above), Collegiate Cattlemen, Collegiate Farm Bureau, and Collegiate 4-H and FFA, as well as in teams such as livestock judging, ranch horse team, rodeo team, shooting sports, agribusiness,

High schools around Nebraska (and surrounding states) are strong partners with the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in academic, leadership and outreach programs.

Each week, our students, faculty and staff have multiple conversations and opportunities to interact with high school students, their families, FFA chapters, 4-H clubs and teachers.

It is fitting that our institution which began as a regional high school in 1913 dedicated to production agriculture and training young farm and ranch youth continues that fine tradition today. Educating young people through career education is our strength.

Last week we are hosted a number of

events for high school students, both on and off campus. These activities included:

Feb. 29 – The Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair brought students from area high schools to NCTA to compete in academic contests. Thanks to NCTA chemistry instructor Dan Widick for coordinating this annual event in Curtis.

March 1 – NCTA hosted the final spring Career Development contest for about 300 FFA students from 13 area FFA chapters. The chapters and their advisors represented Arapahoe/Holbrook, Bertrand/Loomis (BerMiss), Cambridge, Chase County (Imperial), Dundy

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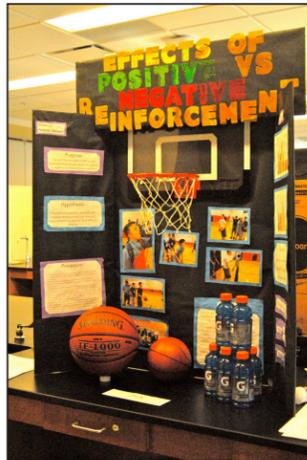
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2016 Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair

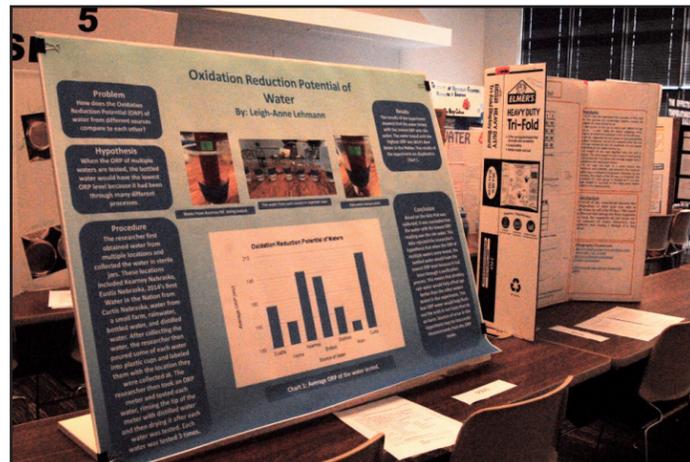
By Kylie Cadwallader



On Monday, February, 29, NCTA hosted the Central Nebraska Science and Engineering Fair. About 110 students from seven different schools participated. I had the opportunity to judge a couple categories in the senior division. The day started around 9:00. The students set their display boards up in three of the classrooms in the Education Center. Judges then had 30 minutes to do a quick overview of the boards in the divisions that they would be judging. Around 10:30, the students were allowed back in to give a short presentation about their board and their experiment to the judge. After lunch, students selected for the final round presented again and the top experiment was chosen. The overall winner will have the opportunity to compete at the International Science Fair this May in Phoenix, Arizona.



The students did very well and there were many creative experiments from "Which Fletching on an Arrow Makes it go the Fastest" to "Which Types of Personalities Use Social Media the Most". The projects were split into divisions of Animal Science, Behavioral and Social Science, Biochemistry, Biomedical and Health Science, Cellular and Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, Chemical and Physical Energy, Energy Mechanics, Materials Science, Microbiology, Physics and Astronomy, Plant Science, and Systems Software.



Things I Think

By Kevin Martin

1. This weather...wow
2. Flaming hot Cheetos burn like a torch when you light them. What else do I eat that does that?
3. Do not have the salad bar and follow it with the triple bacon cheeseburger at Ruby Tuesdays. Gasorama
4. There are a ton of PTK (honor society) eligible students. There are also about as many that need to pack their bags.
5. It hailed and a deer hit me. Premium goes up \$600. Horse crap.
6. Sarah's meatloaf in the cafeteria is awesome.
7. I woke up, had a hangover, and didn't do anything the night before. Not sure what that means.
8. This presidential thing is funny as hell. That is until we have to elect one of them.
9. Pedro for president.
10. If Lumpy (my black dog) is laying in the road, please don't assume she will move. She's into laying down right where she feels like it and taking a nap. She's badass.

Low-Stress Cattle Handling Clinic at NCTA

By Mary Crawford

Dogs and beef cattle can work well together in pens or on open range, particularly when the handler emphasizes low-stress techniques in sorting or herding the cattle.

A workshop to educate cattle producers and stock dog owners about Low-Stress Cattle Handling will be Wednesday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the indoor arena of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis.

Juan Reyes of Wheatland, Wyo., has been invited to demonstrate how to use livestock dogs in a low-stress manner, as part of the public offerings from two student organizations and a regional stock club.

The NCTA Collegiate Cattlemen, the Outback Stock Dog Association, and the NCTA Stock Dog Club are sponsoring the workshop with Reyes and Dr. Kip Lukasiewicz, a veterinarian of St. Paul, Neb., with Production Animal Consultants.

The NCTA Stock Dog Club officially formed last fall as part of the animal obedience and agility courses of the NCTA Veterinary Technology division's student programs, said Judy Bowmaster-Cole, club advisor and NCTA vet tech assistant professor. The student group also works closely with the Outback Stock Dog Association of southwestern Nebraska.

NCTA and Outback host monthly stock dog clinics and trials including a clinic on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at NCTA. The clinic is open to the public.

Safe and low-stress handling of cattle in working corrals, sorting pens, alleyways and enclosed settings has received more attention in recent years. While some ranchers and cattle owners work cattle on horseback, or on foot, without using a dog, others find the stock dog a reliable assistant.

"Sometimes a well-trained stock dog can take the place of another person or two, and give a 1-person operation a great deal of help," says Jo Bek, NCTA animal science professor, producer and certified vet technician. "Training and resources are important to animal and human safety."

In addition to the training by Juan Reyes who works horseback with his dog, Dr. Lukasiewicz will demonstrate the use of a "Bud Box" and how to handle those same cattle as a stockman who is on foot in the pen with them. The handling box and method is named after cattle handling expert Bud Williams.

Reyes is recognized nationally for his work with working dogs and low-stress cattle handling. He has given demonstrations at San Antonio, Texas at the National Cattlemen Beef Association convention and to the NILE (Northern Inter-

national Livestock Expo) in Billings, Mont. He and his wife are involved in a family operation consisting of 23 center pivot systems, a 7,000-head feed yard, 1,100 head of cattle and a seed stock operation that sells 300 head of bulls each year.

Dr. Lukasiewicz is a practicing veterinarian at Production Animal Consultation (PAC), where he emphasizes feed yard consulting focused on production animal medicine and cattle facility design and animal welfare methods. PAC methods and business is known nationally and abroad for its work, Bek said.

"Our students are very enthused for this great opportunity to learn from some of the best in the cattle business," Bek added. "A workshop like this is a strong collaboration for several academic areas and skill sets of our students."

The March 30th workshop is free to the public with a freewill supper being offered at 6 p.m. at the Everett Stencel Livestock Teaching Center on campus. Proceeds will go to the sponsoring organizations. No RSVP is needed. Additional information is available from NCTA at 1-800-3-CURTIS, Judy Bowmaster-Cole at jbowmaster1@unl.edu, or Jo Bek at tbek1@unl.edu.



Low-stress cattle handling using a stock dog by Juan Reyes of Wheatland, Wyoming



NCTA Stock Dog Club students work on agility and obedience in training dogs.

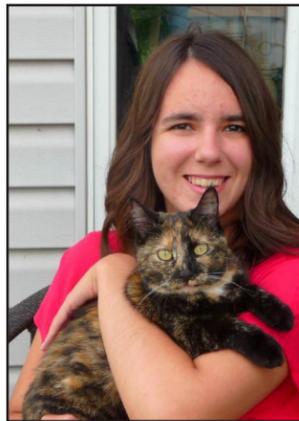
Strode, Hoer Named NCTA Aggies of the Month

By Mary Crawford

Two students from eastern Nebraska garnered honors at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture in Curtis during February as "Aggies of the Month."

Adrienne Strode of Lincoln and Shane Hoer of Blair were recognized by faculty and staff for their contributions to academic and student life at the agricultural college, said NCTA Dean Ron Rosati.

"Adrienne and Shane exemplify the character and dedication of our students here at NCTA," Rosati noted.



Strode, who attended Waverly High School, is a first-year veterinary technology student studying to be a certified veterinary technician. She likes working with cats and a variety of small animals. One of her duties in the Facilities Management course is daily care of animals, birds and exotics in the Veterinary Technology complex. "Addie has a real desire to help

animals. Her family and she have donated a wonderful turtle habitat, two turtles and water filtering system to our veterinary technology animal facility," said Judy Bowmaster-Cole, veterinary technology assistant professor. "She monitors the habitat to be sure everything is functioning correctly for the good health of our turtles."

In addition to her academics, Strode is a member of NCTA's Student Technicians of Veterinary Medicine Association.

As a second-year student in Agriculture Production Systems, Shane Hoer's emphasis is agriculture education, leadership and communications. He is president of NCTA Student Senate and Collegiate 4-H and FFA Club, and competes on the senior livestock judging team. He also is a student worker in the Assistant Dean's Office and is a Resident Assistant in NCTA's residence hall.



Hoer was active in FFA in high school and hopes to continue his college career in leadership and agricultural literacy. "Shane is a great student for NCTA. He is always looking for ways to make our campus a better place to go to college and to live," said Jennifer McConville, Assistant Dean.

Ruth's Retirement Party



NCTA Students Learn Value of Ag Cooperatives

By Mary Crawford

The impact agricultural cooperatives have on rural economic development was highlighted for young agriculturalists recently at the College Conference on Cooperatives at Minneapolis.

Four students represented the University of Nebraska – Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture at Curtis. Maggie Brunmeier of Bayard, Neb., Nate Montanez of Grand Island, Neb., Alyssa Novak of Aurora, Neb. and Trevor Schipporeit of Merna, Neb. and NCTA Assistant Professor Jeremy Sievers were delegates to the conference organized by National Farmers Union.



Alyssa Novak, Nate Montanez, Assistant Professor Jeremy Sievers, Trevor Schipporeit, and Maggie Brunmeier.

The students participated in tours at Cenex Harvest States (CHS) headquarters, the REI Sports Sales Coop, housing and food coops, and the Mill City Flour Museum. They also heard speakers from cooperatively-owned grocery stores, agricultural coops, rural electric coops, credit unions, and new coops.

"The NCTA students have attended several of the annual conferences," Sievers said.

"It's a good opportunity for our students to see and learn about the wide range of Cooperatives that are out there, and opportunities to work in them," said NCTA's Sievers. "It allows them to see that it's just not the Co-op down the street or the electrical Co-op they belong to but places like REI and

grocery stores can be run in the cooperative structure as well."

NCTA's Agribusiness Management Systems (AMS) division is one of four majors for the open-enrollment, two-year institution. NCTA has a statewide mission as part of the University of Nebraska system and is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Nebraska Farmers Union received grant support from foundations of CHS and NFU Union to help send the Nebraska students and professor on the Cooperatives trip.

CALENDAR

March

- 4-6 Dean Gorsuch Bulldogging Clinic, LTC
- 4 First 8-Week Final Exams
- 7 Intramural Basketball
- 7 NCTA Discovery Day
- 7 Registration Begins for Summer Session
- 8 Master Gardener Webinars
- 8 Frontier Co 4-H Volunteer Workshop
- 10 Intramural Basketball
- 10 Student Senate Dance
- 10-11 Sonya Walz Barrel Racing Clinic
- 10-11 Panamanian Delegation Visit NCTA
- 11-13 2016 Punchy in Pink Spring Round Up
- 12 Stock Dog Clinics & Trials
- 14-17 Dodgeball Tournament
- 17 Business Club St. Patricks Day Dance
- 18-27 Spring Break
- 27 Residence Halls Open
- 28-29 HLC Accreditation Team Visit
- 29 NE Farm Bureau President, Steve Nelson

Common Sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

NCTA Rodeo Team Hosted PRCA Steer Wrestler

By Mary Crawford

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Rodeo Team hosted two-time world champion steer wrestler Dean Gorsuch of Gering, Neb., for a Bulldogging Clinic March 4-6 in Curtis.

NCTA Aggie Rodeo Coach Bridger Chytka said Gorsuch demonstrated basics for rodeo athletes from chute preparation and horseback technique to wrestling style in the rodeo sport also known as bulldogging.



Gorsuch won World Champion Bulldogging titles in 2006 and 2010. He continues to compete in Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association events around the U.S. and in Canada.

"We have a few bulldoggers on our rodeo team who are interested in learning more, or starting to compete at a higher level in the collegiate ranks," says Chytka. "And, our team looked forward to providing the clinic at the indoor arena here at NCTA. It was open to anyone to come and watch."

The Aggie team members assisted Chytka, who is an NCTA animal science professor, in organizing the clinic, setting up facilities, supplying livestock handling and arena support.

Students of any age were able to apply for the three-day clinic. Spectators were invited to watch for free.

The Aggie team season opener in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (Great Plains Region) is April 8-9 at South Dakota State University in Brookings.

The 2016 schedule includes:

- April 8-9, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD
- April 15-15, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Ne
- April 22-23, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD
- April 29-30, Hastings College, Hastings, Ne
- May 5-6, Dickinson State, Dickinson, ND

Aggies Speak Out

Since being here, what is one thing that you would like to see change at NCTA?



Jayde Hessler
Gibbon, Neb.
Animal Science

"Campus-wise I would change the parking lots and roads. People here at NCTA don't know how to park so bigger parking lots would be nice. And there are So. Many. Potholes. I would also like to see more activities on campus. We have dances and intramurals but that's almost it. It would be nice to have different groups to bring in speakers, different clubs to host activities, bonfires, stuff school-wide we can all do."



Shane Hoer
Blair, Neb.
Ag Education

"I would like to see more student involvement in student activities."

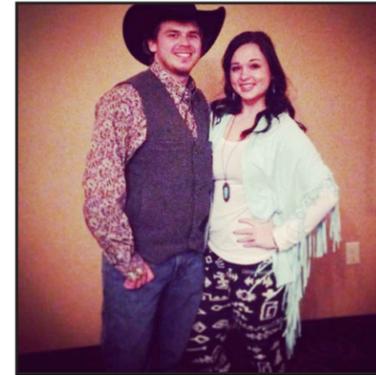


Sydney Boden
Ord, Neb.
Vet Tech

"A thing that I would like to see change is to have open arena so that people who are in a horse related club could have a chance to come and ride in an indoor facility."

Aggies Speak Out

Since being here, what is one thing that you would like to see change at NCTA?



Dalle Rutledge
Meriden, Wyo.
Livestock Management

"If I'm being honest, I think there should be more leeway for people who are working a lot while going to school. I know it's not an excuse, and people are going to say you can work all of your life, but school is now, but I believe that some people don't have that option."



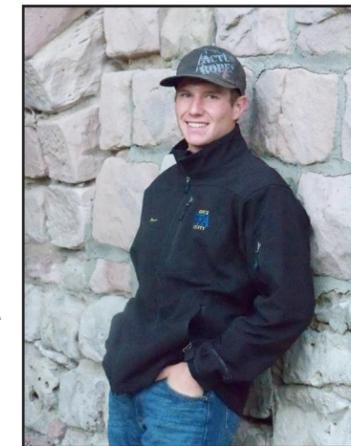
Florence Quick
Sutherland, Neb.
Vet Tech

"I'd like to see them put walk way lights up around the vet tech building because when you leave when it's dark you can't see worth a crap."



Amelia Petska
Blue Hill, Neb.
Agronomy

"This is my second year of college. One thing I would like to change about NCTA is how much like high school it is. I know there are some students that act like they are still in high school so most of the instructors and staff see that we need to still be treated like high schoolers."



Trevor Ginkens
Harrison, Neb.
Ag Education

"Scholarship availability for incoming team members so we can get better recruits for all the teams, especially the rodeo team."



David Johnson
O'Neill, Neb.
Diversified Ag Management

"Well I'd like to see more of the hands-on aspect. Especially on the livestock side of things. Also a wider selection of classes that can be taken as Gen Eds."



Nate Letcher
Hay Springs, Neb.
Beef Production

"One thing I would like to change is the way team scholarships are dealt. A lot of them are presented before coming to college but you can't really get a scholarship or get a better one for competing really well on a team after already being enrolled in classes like most colleges can do from semester to semester."