

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/DATES

- **Dec. 6-8, 2005** - Range Beef Cow Symposium, Rushmore Plaza - Rapid City.
- **Dec. 7-9, 2005** – Sheep Shearing School
- **Dec. 9, 2005** – Farewell Party for Simone Holt and Tyler Melroe, 1:30-3:00 SAS 111.
- **Dec. 15, 2005** – **ARS Family Christmas Potluck**, 6:00 p.m., Swiftel Center.
- **Jan. 7, 2006** - Lamb Bonanza.
- **Feb. 11, 2006** - Pork Classic.
- **Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2006** - Little International.

Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas potluck for current and retired ARS employees and their families on December 15 (Thursday) at 6:00 pm at the Brookings County Extension Office in the Swiftel Center. Meat and drinks will be provided; please bring a dish to pass.

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 3	Ameer Pahn
Dec. 9	Cody Moret
Dec. 17	Brandi Perry
Dec. 21	Cody Wright
Dec. 22	Jane Pesall
Dec. 24	Rozanne McGrath

## ALUMNI NEWS

**Dr. Roger Hunsley** of Omaha, NE (B.S. 1959) was honored to have his portrait hung in the prestigious gallery of the Saddle and Sirloin Club at the Kentucky State Fair Exposition Center in Louisville, KY on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Kelly Bruns spearheaded the committee that nominated Dr. Hunsley for this award.

## CONGRATULATIONS

### Meat Judging Team is Reserve National Champion

The SDSU Meat Judging Team competed at the **International Intercollegiate Meat Judging Contest** in Dakota City, NE on November 13<sup>th</sup>. **The team finished the contest as Reserve National Champions**, SDSU's highest finish at the International since winning the contest in 1984. The team was 1<sup>st</sup> in Beef Judging, 1<sup>st</sup> in Total Beef, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Reasons, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Specifications, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Beef Grading, 4<sup>th</sup> in Placings and 5<sup>th</sup> in Lamb Judging. Individually, **Justin Freuchte** was 1<sup>st</sup> in Reasons, 1<sup>st</sup> in Beef Judging and was 4<sup>th</sup> high individual overall. **Dustin Mohrhauser** was 5<sup>th</sup> high individual overall. **Megan Bishop** was 5<sup>th</sup> in pork judging.

In further awards presented that night, **Dustin Mohrhauser** was one of four contestants selected to the 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-American Meat Judging Team in recognition of his success in meat judging and in academics. Additionally, **Corey Minor** was presented with the Rachel Hamilton Memorial Team Spirit Award, an award voted on by the students for one member of each team to receive. The 2005 SDSU Meat Judging team members were **Megan Bishop**, Rio, WI; **Justin Freuchte**, Pipestone, MN; **Ben Hollingshead**, Ogden, IA; **Corey Minor**, Brookings, SD; **Dustin Mohrhauser**, Hartford, SD; and **Shaun Quissell**, Sherman, SD. The team was coached by **Jonathan Spronk** and **Carissa Hand**.

**Kevin VanderWal**, manager at the Cow/Calf Research and Teaching Unit was honored as the November Career Service Employee of the Month at a departmental party on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Kevin is pictured with his wife, Kari, and sons, Dallis, Collin, and Lane.



**Jonathan Spronk** successfully defended his M.S. thesis entitled, "Using serum chemistry profiles to predict beef tenderness for the purpose of on-line instrument grading" on November 17, 2005. Jonathan and his wife, Kari, will be moving to Michigan where he will be studying for the ministry at Calvin Theological Seminary in Grand Rapids.