Animal Science E-Newsletter

Department Welcomes New Animal Science Arena Manager

We are excited to welcome our newest staff member, Chelsea Campbell! She is taking recently retired Danny Belcher's place as the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Arena Manager. We are so happy to welcome Campbell to the Department of Animal Science family!

Chelsea Campbell

• What is your job title & role in the Department?

Program Technician. I'm the Supervisor of the Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center.

•What did you do before working at the U of A?

I was an agricultural science teacher in Granbury, TX, and I loved every single minute of it.

• What is your educational background?

Bachelors in Ag. Business/Economics from New Mexico State; Masters in Ag. Education from Texas Tech University.

• Tell us something about yourself!

I love to be on the back of horse, and I enjoy cooking. I miss Texas and my family, but NWA is starting to feel like home.

• What do you like to do with your free time?

Anything fun or relaxing. I love to read, watch movies, be outdoors, ride, walk around Hobby Lobby or Home Goods, cook, or whatever.

• Do you have a favorite food?

ALL, all food is my favorite food. I'll always eat a good ribeye cooked medium rare, mashed potatoes, salad and red velvet cake.

• If you could live anywhere, where would you live?

I would be a ski bum anywhere there's snow.

• What is your favorite time of year and holiday?

Winter! Christmas! Big sweaters, snow, and hot chocolate!

• Are there any TV shows, books, or bands you're currently enjoying?

I love all music, from Wade Bowen, to the Lumineers, to Heart. My favorite book is Redeeming Love by Francine Rivers. I typically watch Food Network or HGTV, but it's nearly time for Hallmark Christmas movies.

• Do you have a quote or motto you'd like to leave us with?

"God is good all the time! All the time God is good!" ❦

Moms on the Farm Tour Teaches About Local Farms

On Oct. 25, the fall 2016 Moms on the Farm Tour will equip attendees with a better understanding of how farmers provide consumers with the food they feed their families with as they tour local farms in the Northwest Arkansas area.

"We want people to feel more informed about the food they feed their families," said Janeal Yancey, one of the organizers of the event. "We want to introduce consumers to farmers."

The tour will depart from the UA Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Arena on Garland Avenue in Fayetteville at 8:30 a.m. The tour will visit Hart Dairy, Willow Springs Cattle Ranch, and a poultry farm. After visiting the farms, attendees will return to Pauline Whitaker for lunch and cooking demonstrations by the Arkansas Cattlewomen.

The first Moms on the Farm Tour was organized in 2012 by faculty and staff of the Division of Agriculture and University of Arkansas Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences with the intention of providing the moms who attended the tour with deeper insight into the agricultural processes that bring food to them and their families. The tour has evolved over time though, according to Yancey, who is also a staff member in the Department of Animal Science.

"We call ourselves 'Moms on the Farm,' but anyone who wants to learn more about how their food is produced is welcome to join us," said Yancey.

Participants from past tours have gained a better understanding of production agriculture and of the farmers behind the production. One such past participant is Kate Shoulders, a faculty member of the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology.

"I already supported farmers in a general way, but to hear that they didn't all come into farming easily or via their own families was really interesting," said Shoulders. "It helped me feel more connected to Arkansas farmers since I was new to the area."

Individuals who want more information or who want to attend the Moms on the Farm Tour should contact Janeal Yancey by October 24th at jws09@uark.edu or at 870-688-4247. The tour is free, but space is limited, so register soon! ❦

Departmental Highlights

Dr. Zhao

• Dr. Jiangchao Zhao's recent publication regarding "Gut microbiota signatures of longevity" in *Current Biology* has picked up a significant amount of traction. Published on September 26th, he has already been contacted by several media outlets. Dr. Zhao was also invited to the Oklahoma Center for Respiratory & Infectious Diseases's 2016 Fall Seminar Series. He gave a lecture entitled "The Lung Microbiomes in Cystic Fibrosis are Correlated with Clinical Outcomes."

Dr. Koltes

• Dr. James Koltes's July publication regarding "High-performance epistasis detection in quantitative trait GWAS" in the *International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications* has caught attention for using the Edison supercomputer at the Department of Energy's National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center to increase the speed of the epiSNP bioinformatics program for more efficient research methods. ❦

Animal Science Day Schedule of Events

Join us for Animal Science Day! Activities will be taking place from 5:30-9 p.m.

Main events will be taking place in the Arena, including:

- 5:30- Ranch horse demonstration
- 6:15- Dog agility demonstration
- 7:00- Costume contest (dogs)
- 7:20- Costume contest (12 & younger)
- 7:40- Costume contest (13 & older)
- 8:00- Livestock Judging competition & livestock judging class

Various activities will also be taking place throughout the evening, including:

- Trick or treating
- Custom s'mores-roasting station
- Haunted houses for adults and children
- Bobbing for apples
- Corn hole
- Photo booths
- Painted piglet petting zoo ❦

ANIMAL SCIENCE DAY

Free Admission

HAUNTED HOUSE
GAMES
DOG AGILITY DEMO
TRICK OR TREATING
COSTUME CONTESTS FOR ALL AGES AND DOGS
HORSE CATTLE AND SHEEP DEMOS

Friday, October 28th from 5:30 to 9:00
Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center
For more information, visit animal-science.uark.edu