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Ron Zimprich as Agriculturist of the Year

Mr. Ron Zimprich was selected by the North Dakota State University Saddle and Sirloin Club as the Agriculturist of the Year for the 90th Little International. Since 1924, deserving individuals that live a dedicated life to the agriculture industry in the state of North Dakota have been selected for this prestigious honor.

Ron was born and raised on a diversified farm near Cooperstown, North Dakota. They raised a variety of crops along with dairy cattle, beef cattle, and swine. Ron graduated from Cooperstown High School in 1965. Soon after, he enrolled in classes at North Dakota State University majoring in Animal Science. He graduated from NDSU in the spring of 1969 and worked on a graduate degree for two years before accepting the position as Swine Barn Manager at the NDSU Swine Unit in June of 1971. In June of 1972, he married his wife Cheryl. They went on to have two sons and one daughter: Brian, Kari, and Craig.

For over four decades Ron has dedicated his life to the hog industry. He has been very active in the lives of youth who want to know more about the swine industry whether it was being the superintendent for the swine show at the Red River Valley Fair or the leader of the Prosper Livestock Club for 10 years. Ron has sold many hogs to interested kids that have been used as 4-H and FFA projects. Through Ron's work, he has sold and delivered market and breeding hogs to multiple livestock judging contests around the state and acted as an official judge for the past 40 years. Besides managing the NDSU Swine Unit, he has been a member of the North Dakota Pork Producers for 45 years and served 20 of those years on the North Dakota Pork Producers Council. On the council, he has served as both president and secretary.

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Banquet Ceremony

Ron Zimprich will be honored at the annual Agriculturist of the Year banquet on, February 12th, 2016.

The banquet will take place at **The Avalon West Event Center**, 2525 9th Ave S. Fargo, ND 58103.

Social will begin at 5:00pm and seated at 6:00pm for supper and program.

Tickets:

For tickets to our banquet please contact Luke Ressler either by phone or email.

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The Saddle and Sirloin Club has had very close ties to Ron. He was an advisor for 24 years and helped guide the club in the right direction. Ron helped start the Saddle and Sirloin Pig and Lamb sale and has been the award sponsor for the Little International Swine Novice Showman since 1997.

The Agriculturist of The Year exemplifies service to the agricultural industry, community, and to the next generation of agriculture enthusiasts. During the past five decades, Ron Zimprich's dedication to agriculture has been recognized by many, but matched by few. Ron's passion for agriculture, community, and youth make him a deserving honoree for the 90th Little International Agriculturist of The Year.

The View From the Front Row

Providing an update on the activities and accomplishments of the NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club is always enjoyable for us as club advisors.

The kickoff to the new school year started off right on September 16 with another full house for the Welcome Back Picnic. New and returning club members were all very enthusiastic about hitting the road running.



Phillip Wanner, 90th Little International manager, represented the club and was elected NDSU's 2015 Homecoming King in October. Ag Olympics, also held in October, featured tasting and judging of eleven delicious chili entries, followed by an evening of fun activities for all.

Nine club members attended the 96th National Block and Bridle convention October 15-17 in Tulsa, OK. NDSU placed first in the scrapbook competition, second in both the website and chapter activities report competitions, and fourth in the published yearbook competition. Congratulations to all who had a hand in this success!

The November smoked turkey sale fundraiser was a huge success. When "the smoke had cleared," over 750 turkeys had been sold and processed for pickup in time for Thanksgiving.

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NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club will celebrate the **90th anniversary of Little International** on February 12 and 13, 2016. The management of Little “I” would like to invite all Saddle and Sirloin alumni back to NDSU to celebrate this important milestone with us.

Albert Einstein said, “Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” What values have you gained by your membership in Saddle and Sirloin Club or participation in Little International, either during your college career or as an alumni? With that in mind, the club chose the theme for this year’s Little “I” – Decades of Dedication. Please plan to join us at the Avalon West for the banquet on Friday, February 12, 2016, honoring Ron Zimprich, who was chosen as the Agriculturalist of the Year for embodying this theme. Tickets can be reserved by calling the Animal Science Department at 701-231-7641. *If you plan to attend any of the Little International activities, please drop us a note so that we may acknowledge your presence.*

As Little International begins its ninth decade of tradition at NDSU – a tradition that grows ever stronger – we would like to thank each and every one of you for your support and contributions to the club’s accomplishments. We hope to see you in February at the 90th Little International in Shepperd Arena – **in the front row!**

Steven (Skip) Anderson
Eric Berg
Jim Kirsch
Kendall Swanson

90th Little International Schedule of Events

Friday, February 12th

8:00am	FFA/4H Contests
5:00pm	Social Event Avalon West Center
6:00pm	Hall of Fame Banquet
12:00am	Chips Close
12:01am	Sound Check

Saturday, February 13th

8:00am	Morning Show
9:00am	Agricultural Engineering Show
12:30pm	Alumni Luncheon
5:30pm	Night Show
10:30pm	Dance in the Chips

Wise Words from the Little I Manager



Hello, Saddle & Sirloin alumni. I hope all has been well with you in the last year. My name is Phillip Wanner, and I am the manager of the 90th Little International here at North Dakota State University.

As I'm sure you all are wondering, Little "I" is coming along great! At the time this article was written, we had just finished all of our voting for the year. The details are set, and now we have the exciting couple of months leading up to the show! This year, Little "I" falls on February 12th - 13th. The Hall of Fame Banquet will be on February 12th at the Avalon in West Fargo, with a social starting at 5:00 p.m. and the banquet starting at 6:00 p.m. The 13th, show day, sees the Morning Show underway at 8:00 a.m, and the Night Show starting at 5:30 p.m. Doors for the night show will open at 4:00 p.m. with a \$5 entry fee. The club is very proud of the work we have done leading up to this point, and we can't wait to put on a show for the ages. After all, we are celebrating 90 years!

After soliciting Little "I" a bit (I do feel as though that is my job), I would just like to say a few words about the Saddle & Sirloin Club as a whole. As many of you know, S/S enhances the college experience tenfold. The club has given me experiences and connections that I didn't think would exist at the college level. However, I now go play dodgeball in Shepperd Arena with my friends, enjoy doing philanthropic activities together, go to conferences, perform activities, and undertake the impossible task of putting on Little International year in and year out. The people and friends I've made in this club definitely put life into perspective: No matter where you go in life, you can find like-minded people who enjoy coming together, being part of something bigger than themselves, and having fun all at the same time. That is a rarity to find in today's world, and Saddle & Sirloin, in a very dominating fashion, gives you just that. My fondest memories of my college experience will stem from this club, and I know others besides me feel the same way.

Besides affecting me personally, S/S does a fantastic job with agricultural outreach. Between our events such as Kiddie Days and Living Ag Classroom, to some of those philanthropic events I stated above, we try and do our best in promoting agriculture in a positive way, and we try to boost the public's image of the industry we all love and are involved in. I feel like the mission to educate the public, especially youth, on agricultural issues is prevalent in today's world, and every year we try to exemplify that with various activities within the club; I believe that coming from the collegiate level to the general public is huge. It let's others see that young, agricultural advocates do exist, and we will stand proud behind what we live by.

State of the Union Address

Seasons greetings on behalf of the NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club! My name is Bailey Dockter and I am serving as the 2015-2016 Saddle and Sirloin Club President. As the new year approaches, anticipation is building for the 90th Littler International! Planning has been underway for months already; animals have been assigned to the showmen, the Agriculturist of the Year has been selected, and the royalty have been chosen. You can feel the excitement in the air every Wednesday night in Shepperd Arena.



As I reflect on the past couple months, I am thoroughly impressed with the dedication that the 350+ members have shown thus far. Their initiative and drive makes my position enjoyable and the club successful in all that we do. From Kiddie Days to philanthropy events, and all the fun club activities we do, this dedication is evident. As the 90th Little International approaches, these traits will be obvious. This year's theme, Decades of Dedication, is a perfect representation of the hard work and continuance of the Little International Show.

The semester may have just started, however there will be plenty to look forward to in the next couple of weeks. If you aren't busy February 12th-13th, I highly encourage you to attend the banquet or the show to celebrate the member's accomplishments, honor Mr. Zimprich, and to promote the future of agriculture. See you in February!

Bailey Dockter
President

The Queens of Little I

Each year, three ladies are selected to represent Saddle and Sirloin as the Little International Royalty. Elli Lemm, the 90th Little International Queen is from Hillsboro North Dakota and is the daughter of Randy and Julie Lemm. She is a junior majoring in Agriculture Economics with minors in Animal Science and Agriculture Communications. This years 90th Little International Princesses are Bailey Dockter and Cassidy Ziesch. Dockter is the daughter of Dwight and Christina Dockter of Medina ND. She is a senior majoring in Animal Science with minors in Agribusiness and Agriculture Communications. Ziesch is the daughter of Robin and Michelle Ziesch of Pettibone, ND. She is a senior majoring in Agriculture Education.



(Pictured L-R: Princess Bailey Dockter, Queen Elli Lemm, and Princess Cassidy Ziesch)

Dairy Judging

The 2015 NDSU Dairy Judging Team had a great year of competition. The teams competed in five contests this year. Team members included Marissa Leier of Hague, ND, Carlie Krueger of Caledonia, MN, Bailey Dockter of Medina, ND, David Leier of Napoleon, ND, MarJenna McWilliam of Winger, MN, Jeff Neil of Pine Island, MN, Alex Fellbaum of Swanville, MN, and Cheyenne Dockter of Medina, ND. Coaches included Todd Molden and graduate student Mary Rodenhuis.

Starting off the year in January, Marissa, Carlie, Bailey, and David traveled to the South-west Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Fort Worth, Texas where Carlie placed 18th overall. After the new school year started, Marissa, Carlie, MarJenna, and Jeff went East to the All-American Dairy Judging Contest in Harrisburg, PA. For the next trip, MarJenna, Cheyenne, Alex, and Jeff went to Viroqua, WI for the Accelerated Genetics Judging Contest. While there, Alex placed 5th in Milking Shorthorns. A few short weeks later, Marissa, Carlie, MarJenna and Jeff headed to the Lely National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held in Madison, WI in conjunction with the World Dairy Expo. As a team, they tied for 1st in Milking Shorthorns and placed 2nd in Jerseys. In addition, Marissa placed 4th in Jerseys. After a short break, MarJenna, Cheyenne, Alex, and Jeff made the trek to the Louisville, KY for the North American International Livestock Exposition Dairy Judging Contest. The team represented well placing 9th with Jeff placing 4th in Ayrshires and 16th overall individually. In addition the team placed 2nd in Brown Swiss, 6th in Guernsey, and 8th in Holsteins.

The team progressed tremendously throughout the year. Each contest was filled with great competition and excellent dairy cattle, and the team members are thankful for the opportunity to travel the American countryside and make many new friends and memories.



Meats Judging Team

Team members: Jaden Carlson, Pipestone, MN; Brittany Olson, Farmington, MN; Hannah Nordby, Amidon, ND; in the Spring, Leah Hawkins from Owatonna, MN; and in the Fall, Cora Huss from Lakeville, MN Coached by Tyler Frick From Arnolds Park, IA.

Results

On April 9th and 10th The NDSU meat judging team competed in the 2015 Southeastern contest, which was held by the Ohio State University and the University of Kentucky. Fourteen teams participated in this competition. The team received many honors including 3rd overall, 2nd in specifications, 5th in beef grading, 3rd in beef judging, 4th in lamb judging, 3rd in overall beef, 2nd in pork judging, 3rd in total placings, and 2nd in total reasons. The team also took home many individual accomplishments: Jaden Carlson: 8th overall, 5th in specifications, 6th in lamb judging, 3rd in pork judging, 9th in total placing, and 3rd in reasons; Leah Hawkins: 10th overall, 9th in specifications, 5th in beef grading, 6th in overall beef, and 4th in reasons; Hannah Nordby: 11th overall, 10th in lamb judging and 11th in reasons; Brittany Olson: 4th in pork judging.

On October 3rd, at the AMSA Eastern National Contest, the team was 9th out of 16 teams, 6th in lamb and veal judging, 3rd in pork, and 8th in total placing. Jaden Carlson was 13th overall, 7th in beef grading, 1st in lamb and veal judging, and 5th in pork judging. Cora Huss was 13th in pork judging. Brittany Olson was 8th in lamb and veal judging, and 3rd in total placings.

On October 18th, the North Dakota State University Meat Judging team traveled to Omaha, Nebraska for the American Royal meat judging contest, and was 11th overall out of 14 teams, 6th in total placings, Jaden Carlson was 6th in beef judging, and 7th in total placings, Cora Huss was 7th in lamb judging, and 11th in total placings.

On November 1st, the North Dakota State University meat Judging team traveled to Frio, Texas for the Cargill high plains meat judging contest, where the team was 10th overall, 7th in beef judging, 5th in pork judging, and 1st in total placings, Jaden Carlson was 19th in beef grading, 13th in overall beef, 19th in pork judging, 20th in specifications, 17th in total placings, 15th overall, Brittany Olson was 17th in beef judging, 10th in total placings, 27th in pork judging and Hannah Nordby was 15th in total placings, 22nd in overall beef, Cora Huss was 28th in pork judging, and 21st in total placings.

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On November 15th, The 2015 NDSU Meat Judging team competed in their last contest of the year at the international in Dakota City, Nebraska. The team was 12th overall, 9th in beef judging, 11th in lamb judging, 11th in overall beef, 10th in specifications, 7th in placing, and 11th in reasons. Jaden Carlson was 26th overall, 16th in beef judging, 12th in lamb judging, tied for 1st in specifications, but received 24th, 16th in total placing, and 26th in reasons. Hannah Nordby was 14th in total placing, and the winner of the Rachel Hamilton spirit award winner. Brittany Olson was also tied for 1st in specifications, but received 28th, and Cora Huss was 27th in placing. There were a total of 17 teams consisting of 66 individuals, and 46 alternates.

Description

Meat judging is a great opportunity for undergraduate students to not only travel around the country and see other universities meat labs, but also to network with industry professionals, and also with students and professors from other universities. Judging also increases certain skills that are transferrable to many different areas of interest, including written communication, time management, decision making skills, and may also help improve your resume.



Livestock Judging Team

The 2015 North Dakota State University livestock judging team wrapped up another great year in November at the North American International Livestock Exposition. The 2015 team included Ashley Giedd, Washburn, ND, Quinn Steffan, Belfield, ND, and Daven Dockter, Medina, ND. The team started the fall at the National Barrow Show in Austin, MN. The team was the high team in the hog college contest. The team competed at the AKSARBEN livestock show, where they finished in the top ten. The team then traveled to the American Royal. The year came to a bitter sweet end at the NAILE, where Ashley Giedd finished in the top ten in Sheep. Ashley and Quinn will graduate in the spring of 2016 with a degree in Animal Sciences, and Daven will graduate with the same degree in the winter of 2016. The 2016 NDSU livestock judging team has already begun to prepare for the upcoming year and will kick things off at the National Western in Denver, CO this coming January.



**CAN YOU NAME THESE
SADDLE AND SIRLOIN ALUMNI?**

