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Notices for the Weekly Roundup
If you have information to include in the Roundup, send all information (i.e., who, what, when, where and why to Kim Dobson (dobsonk@msu.edu)). Seminars will be posted the week preceding and the week of the seminar. Thank you for your cooperation.

GOOD NEWS

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

EVENTS
Department Coffee Break
The once a month coffee break for the Animal Science Department will be held the following dates at 9:30 in room 1310 Anthony:

April 12th
May 10th

MSU Plow Day – Saturday, April 13, 2013, 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting)
Located in the field across from the MSU Pavilion. Free event sponsored by the MSU Driving Club. Lunch is $5 (BBQ pork sandwiches and ice cream).

SEMINARS
Dr. Jeff Rushen, Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia Dairy Education and Research Centre, Automated recording of behavioural based-animal welfare indicators for dairy cattle Friday, April 12, 1:00pm, 1310 Anthony Hall

Following Dr. Rushen’s seminar - Refreshment Break and Discussion 2:00-2:30pm

Dr. Anne Marie de Passille, Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia Dairy Education and Research Centre, Behaviour and management of the high-milk-fed dairy calf with automated feeding systems Friday, April 12, 2:30pm 1310 Anthony Hall

Following Dr. de Passille’s seminar - Refreshments and Discussion 3:30-4:30pm

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

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Dissertation Defense:
ANS Graduate Student, Sarah Stocks will be defending her dissertation Friday, April 12, 2013 in 1240 Anthony Hall. The title of her dissertation is "Propionate control of feed intake: Interaction with lipolytic state".
The spring 2013 semester grad/faculty pizza lunches have been scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month. All the lunches will be in 2315 ANH, and will be from 11:30am - 12:30pm. Pizza will be provided, but people are asked to bring their own beverage.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS
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Dr. Anne Marie de Passillé and Dr. Jeff Rushen are recognized internationally for their work on dairy cattle behavior and animal welfare science. They are currently based at the University of British Columbia Dairy Education and Research Centre where they are adjunct faculty in the University of British Columbia’s Animal Welfare Program and senior researchers at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

Dr. Rushen received his Ph.D. in animal behavior from the University of Queensland, Australia while Dr. de Passillé completed her Ph.D. in animal behavior at McGill University. They have worked with colleagues around the globe, including in Australia, Japan, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Finland on aspects of dairy cattle welfare ranging from human-animal interactions to automatic detection of lameness to calf housing and feeding management. In addition to their work on automated methods of detecting animal behavior and calf feeding and housing strategies, they are currently involved in an on farm assessment of cow comfort on dairy farms that spans North America.