

90th Little "I" Schedule of Events

January 30th, 2019

8:00 p.m. – Public Speaking Contest Shepperd Arena

February 8th, 2019

8:00 a.m. – 4-H and FFA Livestock Judging Contest Shepperd Arena
8:00 a.m. – Hippology Contest Horse Park
8:30 a.m. – FFA Agriculture Sales Contest Memorial Union
9:00 a.m. – 4-H and FFA Crops Judging Contest Bison Sports Arena
9:30 a.m. – FFA Small Animal Care Contest Memorial Union
2:00 p.m. – Contest Awards Shepperd Arena
5:00 p.m. – Hall of Fame Social Avalon Events Center
6:00 p.m. – Hall of Fame Banquet/Meal Avalon Events Center

February 9th, 2019

8:00 a.m. – Showmanship Preliminaries Shepperd Arena
8:00 a.m. – Photo Competition Display Shepperd Arena
9:00 a.m. – Ag Engineering Show Ag Engineering Building
5:30 p.m. – Showmanship Finals Shepperd Arena

NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club and the Little International Background

The NDSU Saddle and Sirloin Club was organized on March 15, 1918, under the direction of J.H. Shepperd, through the efforts of the livestock team that represented NDSU at the international Judging contest in Chicago. Those involved believed there was a need for an organization that would spark a greater interest in animal husbandry at NDSU. The following year, due to war conditions, the club became inactive.

The Saddle and Sirloin Club was reorganized under new constitution in February of 1922. Every year since, the club has presented its Little International Shows. They are patterned after the International Livestock show that was held in Chicago. However, there is one major difference. Little "I" is a contest in showmanship. It is about how well the exhibitor presents their animal, not on quality of the particular animals.

Every year for the Little International, S&S chooses an outstanding individual that exemplifies what it means to be a productive and influential member of the agriculturally community. That person is the Agriculturist of the Year, and he or she is honored at the Hall of Fame Banquet held during the Little International. His or her portrait is put on display in the Hall of Fame Gallery in Shepperd Arena.

The Little International is primarily a livestock show, but there is so much more that goes into this production. There is a contest in each species including: Swine, Sheep, Dairy, and Beef Cattle. Little "I" also includes a speech competition that has to relate to both the Little International theme and agriculture, and there is also a ham curing competition. In the past, the club has also shown horses and had a lamb lead competition.

It takes the entire club to make this production a reality. There is a committee for every detail of the show. There are committees ranging from publicity to concessions. The work that is put into this event is unmatched by any other organization on campus.

Each year, Little "I" continues to thrive and inspire contestants as well as the attendees alike. The Little International is a production filled with pride and a sense of tradition that will continue for many years to come.

Agriculturalist of the Year
Dr. Susan Keller



Dr. Susan Keller has been named the 93rd Little International Agriculturalist of the Year. This honor is awarded by the North Dakota State University Saddle and Sirloin club to recognize deserving individuals of their work in North Dakota agriculture.

Dr. Keller has been the State Veterinarian since 2004, serving the State Board of Animal Health. Before being selected to be the state vet, she served the board by being the deputy state veterinarian from 1997 to 2004. She has been practicing veterinary medicine and protecting the health of livestock and animals in the state of North Dakota for the past 21 years. Taking necessary action to control, suppress, and eradicate any and all contagious and infectious diseases among any of the animals in the entire state.

Dr. Keller and her husband live south of Mandan on the Keller Broken Heart Ranch. She has been a tremendous advocate for agriculture throughout her whole life and has instilled the passion for this industry into her three children, Luke, Jake, and Tessa.

Agriculturalist of the Year is awarded to individuals with the utmost integrity and dedication to North Dakota agriculture. These individuals have made an impact not only through their work in the industry, but also through their service to many organizations and associations that shape agriculture and represent producers throughout the state. Recipients of this award act as a role model for the students of the Saddle and Sirloin club to follow in their own endeavors. Dr. Keller will be

recognized as the NDSU Saddle and Sirloin club's 93rd Little International Agriculturalist of the Year at a banquet in his honor during the Little International February 8th, 2019.

Little "I" Royalty

A long-standing tradition of North Dakota State University's Saddle & Sirloin Club is to crown highly qualified royalty to be the faces and voices of the largest student run event on campus, the Little International. The queen and her two Princesses serve as the club's main public liaisons for the Little "I" stock show. This Position is an extreme honor and a very important part of the Little International.

Every year, the club selects 3 club members as Little "I" royalty to represent the club and promote the event. The queen and two princesses take part in several publicity events leading up to Little "I". the 93rd Little International Queen is Anna Lemm. She is the daughter of Randy and Julie Lemm, of Hillsboro, ND. She is a junior majoring in Agricultural Communications with a minor in Animal Science. Princess Morgan Heidrich is a senior majoring in Biological Sciences Education. She is the daughter of James and Mary Heidrich of Bismarck, ND. Princess Bailey Erickson is a junior majoring in Agribusiness with a minor in Business Administration. She is the daughter of Todd Erickson of Northwood, ND and Sara Erickson of Beach, ND.



Left to Right: Princess Bailey Erickson of Beach, ND, Queen Anna Lemm of Hillsboro, ND and Princess Morgan Heidrich of Bismarck, ND.