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Third Annual 4-H Raffle: Prizes for Buyers, Sellers

Raffle tickets are now available for the annual 4-H Dairy Endowment Raffle. Prizes this year include a Disneyland Getaway, a Sternwheeler excursion, Mariner tickets, a whale watching trip, and more. The tickets are \$1.00 with all proceeds going to the Dairy Endowment Fund. Contact your local 4-H youth for a ticket.

Club members with the highest ticket sales will earn gift certificates \$150, \$100, \$75, and \$50. Dairy 4-H'ers who have questions or need tickets can contact the 4-H Foundation office at 253-445-4570.

Travel Grants Aid Five Youth In National Trips *by Gary Fredricks, Area Dairy and Livestock Agent*

Thanks to the generous support of the Stuart Foundation, travel grants were offered for the first time to help students attend dairy educational programs. Five students were awarded travel grants this year: **Kelsie Weese**, for attending the American Guernsey Association National Convention; **Amy Odens, Brooke Vander Veen, and Lacey Vander Veen**, for the National Holstein Convention; and **Laura Odens**, to present a paper at the American Dairy Science Association national meeting. Kelsie talks about her trip in the following article.

Applications are due in January for those requesting travel in 2006. If you have questions, please contact **Gary Fredricks** at 360-397-6060 Ext. 7714 or email garyf@wsu.edu.

Traveling to the American Guernsey Association National Convention *by Kelsie Weese*

The Washington Junior Guernsey Quiz Bowl Team journeyed to the American Guernsey Association National Convention in Branson, Missouri, to compete in a quiz bowl competition June 15 through 20.

"Our team was inspired to go by the 2004 National Guernsey Queen, Kendy Gable," says Brooke Vander Veen.

Team members Stephanie VanBeek, Brooke Vander Veen, Kelsie Weese, and Maleah Smith, along with their coach Debbie Vander Veen, assistant coach Melinda Weese, and chaperones Shannon Smith and Carla VanBeek had a great time at all the shows and farm tours.

It had been a long time since Washington had a quiz bowl team attend the National Guernsey Convention, and it was a wonderful experience. Many people who had been to the Convention before said our team's enthusiasm really livened up the place. We met a lot of people, and I began to think the words "mingle" and "networking" were being heavily over-used. Our team did very well and won first in the national quiz bowl competition!

In addition to the team competition, each member was required to participate in at least one other contest. Options included a folding display contest, a public speaking contest, or an extemporaneous speech competition. Stephanie VanBeek won second place in public speaking, junior division, for her talk on Guernsey History. Brooke Vander Veen spoke about the Guernsey breed in general, winning second intermediate in the public speaking contest, and she also won first place junior in extemporaneous speaking for her speech on "Ways to Increase Dairy Consumption in the US." Maleah Smith made a tri-fold display about udder diseases and won third place in the junior division. Kelsie Weese made a tri-fold display about colostrum testing and management, winning first place in the intermediate division.

Recipe for Success for Earning a Spot on the Washington State Dairy Quiz Bowl Team *by Ned L. Zaugg, Area Dairy Educator*

Recipe for Success Ingredients:

- 1) Desire "To Make the Best Better"
- 2) Passion, "I Pledge my Head...Heart...Hands...Health..."
- 3) Persistence, "Learning to Do..."

These three ingredients are necessary if one wants to represent the State of Washington at the National Dairy Quiz Bowl Contest!

Each person on the state team started studying everything about the dairy industry many years ago in order to be able to recall those details in an instant. Each year they had to make their own county team, and then come to the state contest. Some of the questions are simple: "Name the milk first fed to newborn calves." Other questions require substantial study in related fields of study: "The manure from how many cows is required to produce one kilowatt/hour of electricity?"

This year's team members had each competed several years at the state contest, but had always fallen short of representing the state -- until this year when they made that extra push and earned the right to go to the national contest in Louisville, Kentucky, this November. The outstanding youth who will carry our colors into the national spotlight are: **Adrienne Schoenbachler** from Stanwood; **Liz Soler** from Arlington; **Rosanna Larson** from Chehalis; and **Cody Branch** from Onalaska. The Coach/Chaperone will be **Tammi Schoenbachler** from Stanwood. She has been training the Snohomish County and State Holstein Association Junior Member Quiz Bowl Teams, so is well qualified to lead the State 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team.

The team will be meeting throughout the summer and early fall to prepare for this contest. Look for tremendous growth in these youth when they share their experiences and wisdom upon their return.

4-H'ers Win Dairy Endowment Scholarships *by Kevin Wright, State 4-H Program Manager*

Two Washington State 4-H'ers are each receiving \$500 scholarships from the Washington State 4-H Dairy Endowment. **Amy Odens** of Whatcom County, a nine-year member of 4-H, has just graduated from Meridian High School in Bellingham. Her plans include attending Modesto Junior College in California (and being part of their Dairy Judging Team) before

transferring to California Polytechnic State University. Amy plans to pursue a medical degree from Cal Poly.

Wade McMahan of Lewis County is the second recipient. Wade is entering his second year at Washington State University. Wade has been involved in 4-H since he was seven years old. He is already immersed in the Dairy Program. Wade works for WSU's Knott Dairy and is a member of the Dairy Club. He plans to continue working in the dairy industry upon completion of his degree.

Each year, Washington State 4-H offers over a dozen scholarships to 4-H members. These scholarships range from four \$1,500 scholarships to the College of Agriculture, Human, and Natural Sciences to \$500 scholarships for use at any post secondary institution to two \$500 scholarships specifically for dairy youth – one for a graduating high school senior and one for a 4-H dairy alumnus already in post secondary school.

Attending the National 4-H Dairy Conference *by Kelsey Conklin*

Howdy! My name is **Kelsey Conklin** and I was one of the five 4-H members attending the 4-H Dairy Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, this past September. I am 18 years old and I attend Highline Community College. I have been involved in 4-H for 10 years and I have owned my own animals for about 7 years.

Enough about me, let's talk about this awesome trip I was privileged to take this year! When I went to Madison for five days, each day was a different adventure. One day we visited three different types of farms. The next day we went to NASCO and Hoard's Dairyman. It was one of the greatest trips I have ever taken. We didn't just go to different farms and businesses. We had classes at the hotel and also at the University of Wisconsin. In one of my favorite classes we got to make ice cream with liquid nitrogen. I took a class in marketing the dairy industry. I now want to finish my associate's degree at Highline and transfer to the University of Wisconsin to major in marketing because of the one-hour class I took. You can tell that this trip impacted me greatly.

We also got to do a lot of other fun stuff. Every night after dinner we would have recreation. If I were to rate this trip from 1 to 10, ten being the highest, I would have to give it a 15. Yes, it was really that much fun and educational. To end this letter I would just like to thank everyone that made it possible for me to be there. These people would be the interviewees that I had, my chaperone (**Gary Fredricks**), and the 4-H Dairy Endowment Fund. Thank you again. I had a great time and I will never forget the great gift that you have given to me.

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