

Minnesota News ...

Juniors Exhibit Cattle at Minnesota Beef Expo

In what has grown to be a bigger event every year since its inception, the Minnesota Beef Expo was held October 17-21, 2013. Nearly 800 head of cattle were brought to the state fairgrounds in St. Paul by junior exhibitors for the annual event.

Two Limousin junior members placed in the top ten showmanship competition which featured 250 competitors. Will Bollum of Northfield, MN placed 4th in the 11-12th grade class while JoAnna Moser of Morris, MN placed 5th in the 9-10th grade class.

Expo Selects Junior Champions

The Sunday junior show began at 8:30 a.m. with 788 head of cattle shown in two rings. The day concluded at 6:00 p.m. with the naming of a supreme champion female. Mat Lewis of Iliff, CO judged the Limousin females and Dan Shike of Urbana, IL judged the Limousin steers.



Mat Lewis judged the Limousin female classes with animals shown by juniors from Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. He selected CHHF Zoey, a 10/5/12 daughter of DHVO Trey out of CHHF Shae 606S, his grand champion Limousin female. She was exhibited by Becky Church of Hastings, MN. Zoey was also the Minnesota State Fair 4-H champion Limousin.



Lewis named WBLA Zarah 7Z, a 5/12/12 daughter of AHCC West Wind out of CJSL 036X exhibited by Will Bollum of Northfield, MN his reserve grand champion Limousin female. Zarah was the Minnesota State Fair open champion Limousin.

Congratulations to all the exhibitors for their outstanding effort to make the Limousin show a great success.

Also, thank you to Limousin juniors Anna and Amber Johnson who worked at the table, recording and handing out nearly 2,000 ribbons and awards. Anna's comment following the nine hour event was greatly appreciated by Dean Summerbell. "I'll never hand out another ribbon again."

Minnesota Youth Beef Experience

An annual feature of the Expo is the Minnesota Youth Beef Experience (MYBE) program which was held October 19 during the Supreme Selection dinner. Heifers from eight breeds were awarded to applicants on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal.

Each program participant will be responsible for raising the calf, arranging for her to be bred, maintain complete records on her

care, and provide quarterly progress reports to the owner and the Beef Expo. At the completion of the program, the participant will receive full ownership of the heifer and her offspring.

The Limousin female this year was donated by Lura Limousin of Delavan, MN. Mark and Sharilyn Willette along with their daughter and son-in-law Lauren and Dustin Mohrhauser are fourth generation cattle producers who purchased their first Limousin bull to improve their commercial cows in 1995. Today the herd is entirely purebred.

Mark serves on the MN and Heartland Limousin Association board of directors, they are members of NALF and also the IA and SD state Limousin associations. Mark and Sharilyn were part of the founding members creating the MN Beef Showcase in Fergus Falls.



This year's recipient of the Limousin heifer was Amber Johnson daughter of Russ and Barb Johnson of Sebeka, MN. She was chosen by a panel of judges to receive the heifer. Congratulations to Amber on her selection and a thank you to the Willette family

for donating the February of 2013 heifer.

MN Annual Meeting Moves to Litchfield

The Minnesota Limousin Association will hold their annual meeting, banquet and benefit auction Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the Litchfield VFW, located at 915 E Hwy 12.

The social begins at 11:15 a.m. followed by a junior meeting at 11:30 and the banquet at 12:00. *Please note that this is a change in locations from previous years.*

Minnesota Beef Showcase

The MN Beef Showcase Sale and Agribition will be held March 13-15 at the Red Horse Arena, Fergus Falls, MN. We are currently looking for consignments, entries are due



Jan. 15 at the cost of \$100 per head. This is a multi-breed sale and all sales are Saturday, March 15. You must be a member of the MN Limousin Association to consign cattle. For more information contact Mark Willette 605-695-3129 or Jim Scharpe 507-380-3465 or scharpe8@frontiernet.net

MN Showcase also has its own website for more information www.beefshowcase.com.



"BACK IN TIME"

Do You Know the Answer?

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Answers:

- 1.) Rosalie was president of the Limouesses, now known as the Limi-Boosters, in 1987.
- 2.) Tom and Rosalie were given the Outstanding Service Award, presented by the Missouri Limousin Breeders Association, in 1987.
- 3.) A deserving member of the MLBA is now recognized each year with the "Arator Valley Pro-



ducer of the Year" plaque.



Shike named a 590 pound April steer sired by Xcessive Force exhibited by Delan Keyes of Knapp, WI as the grand champion.



Makaila Hoover of Dundas, MN exhibited the reserve grand champion. Her April, 2013 steer weighed 650 lbs. and was out of Wulf's Xistence.



Anna Johnson handing out a ribbon.