

Minnesota News ...

Johnson Sisters Among 4-H Educational Seminar Winners

Anna and Amber Johnson of Sebeka, MN (Wadena County) were among the 14 4-H participants who took top honors in the 2013 Livestock Interview/Educational Seminar at the Minnesota State Fair. The girls are the daughters of Russ and Barb Johnson.

The Animal Science Interviews at the state fair are designed to further enhance educational opportunities for young people exhibiting livestock. The interview process offers a visual philosophy of recognizing 4-Hers who have utilized their livestock project to grow and develop as young people. Livestock Interviews emphasize many life skills such as communication, responsibility, decision making and problem-solving. The interview process is seen as a step to help insure the stability of youth livestock shows as a *positive* form of youth development.

The Interview winners each received a chair sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association. Congratulations, Anna and Amber!

Thank You, Juniors

Members of the MN Junior Limousin Association and their families prepared and served a delicious sloppy joe meal with all the fixings following the MN State Fair Limousin Open Show on Saturday, August 31, 2013. We appreciate Lonnie and Sue Schatz for organizing the meal.

Congratulation, 4-H Juniors

Congratulations to the following Minnesota Junior Limousin exhibitors for taking home the grand champion or reserve grand champion banners in the 4-H Beef Show. Jordan Hoover of Rice County exhibited the grand champion Limousin with a 1,180 lb. steer and Allison VanDerWal of Redwood County was reserve with her 1,176 lb. steer. Rebecca Church of Washington County had the grand champion Limousin breeding heifer and Joanna Moser of Stevens County was reserve. Rebecca's heifer went on to be selected 5th Overall Breeds in the *Supreme* Drive. Courtney Dohmann of Dodge County exhibited the reserve champion Other Breeds cow/calf.

Thanks for Your Service

A very special "Thank You" to Allen and Anna Lyon, Lyon River Front Farm of Foley for their many years serving the Minnesota Limousin Association (MLA) as secretary/treasurer (17+ years). We appreciate your dedication and service to the Limousin breed and the MLA association. They have been members of the association for 25 years and they are also Lifetime members of the Heartland Limousin Association.



Mark and Sharilyn Willette of Delavan, MN along with their daughter Lauren and husband Dustin Mohrhauser of Brookings, SD were named the Limousin "Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor" at the Clay County Fair in Spencer, IA September 14th. Congratulations!



The Limousin breeders and friends enjoyed a picnic hosted by the Minnesota Junior Limousin Association after the Limousin show at the Minnesota State Fair August 31.

4-H Juniors Receive MLBA Scholarships



Four Minnesota Limousin 4-H Juniors are among the 31 students who received 4-H Blue Ribbon scholarships sponsored by the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association (MLBA) at the State Fair. This year over \$44,000 in scholarships were awarded, the highest ever in the 12-year history of the program.

Steve Pooch, MLBA secretary, says, "This is our way of rewarding excellence in youth development as well as recognizing high-quality livestock." The scholarships were presented preceding the 34th annual Minnesota Purple Ribbon Auction August 24 in the Livestock Judging Arena.

Rebecca Church, daughter of Russ and Ann Church of Washington County received a \$2,000 scholarship award sponsored by the Bollum Family. She started her 4-H livestock career by participating in dairy and has since added sheep, swine and beef projects. Rebecca is a freshman at the University of Minnesota, majoring in Agriculture Education-Communication and Leadership.

Thomas Duff, son of Steve and Beckie Duff of Dakota County received a \$1,000 scholarship award sponsored by SAFRAN Cenco Int. He has been dedicated to the 4-H beef project and was also a mem-

ber of FFA. His 4-H career consists of showing beef for 10 years, and he uses his experience and knowledge to help out other 4-H members. Thomas is a freshman at the University of Minnesota pursuing an Animal Science, Pre-Vet major.

Amy Grotsun, daughter of Neal and Cindy Grotsun of Stearns County received a \$1,000 scholarship award sponsored by Kent Thiesse and Greg Harder. Her 4-H career started when she began showing her beef project in 2002. She demonstrates excellent leadership skills by helping younger 4-Hers with their livestock projects and by being involved with FFA. Amy is a sophomore at the University of Minnesota pursuing a degree in Agricultural Education.

Allison VanDerWal, daughter of Tim VanDerWal of Redwood County received a \$1,000 scholarship award sponsored by the MN Simmental Association. Allison has been involved in the 4-H beef project for 12 years. She demonstrates excellent leadership skills by being involved in 4-H, FFA and promoting the beef industry by becoming a Minnesota Beef Ambassador in 2011. Allison is a freshman at the University of Minnesota, studying Animal Science.

Ak-Sar-Ben Selects Champions

Will Bollum of Northfield, MN exhibited the grand champion Limousin heifer at the Ak-Sar-Ben junior show in Omaha, NE September 28-29, 2013. His grand champion heifer from the MN state fair took top honors again.

The reserve champion heifer, CJSJL 2046Z sired by Ultra Marine, was exhibited by Josh Peterson of Nebraska City, NE. Jake Frandrup of Hasting, MN was 4th overall in the calf challenge steer competition.

Bollum, Wulf Exhibit Champions at MN State Fair

The Minnesota State Fair in St. Paul hosted the annual Open Limousin Show August 31, 2013 at the Lee and Rose Warner Coliseum on the state fairgrounds. There were a total of 44 head exhibited by 20 Minnesota breeders.



Will Bollum of Northfield, MN exhibited the grand champion female at the Minnesota State Fair Open Show. Judge Todd Hermann of Madill, OK selected WLBA Zarah 07Z, a 5/12/12 daughter of AHCC Westwind W544 out of CJSL 036X, from the field of 32 females. WLBA Zarah was also selected as the junior champion female.



Reserve grand champion females and calf champion honors went to CHHF Zoey 250Z, a 10/5/12 daughter of DHVO Trey 133R out of CHHF Shae 606S exhibited by Herman Farms of Hastings, MN.

Wulf Cattle of Morris, MN exhibited both grand champion and reserve grand champion bulls from the 12 bulls shown.



The grand champion bull was the junior yearling champion, Wulf's Zone Defender X282Z, a 3/6/12 son of Wulf's Xclusive 2458X out of Wulf's Myrlene 2332M exhibited by Wulf Cattle and Southern Cattle Company of Marianna, FL.



The reserve grand champion bull and the reserve junior yearling champion was Wulf's Zip Lock 8526Z, an 8/9/12 son of Wulf's Army General 5093 out of Wulf's Up Front 8526 exhibited by Wulf Cattle.

Wulf Cattle took Breeders Best Five Head while Bachmeier Lim-

ousin of Apple Valley, MN exhibited the champion Produce of Dam.

The Minnesota Limousin Association would like to thank the Minnesota Junior Limousin Association for hosting a picnic following the state fair show.



Bachmeier Limousin of Apple Valley, Minnesota exhibited the champion "Produce of Dam" at the Minnesota State Fair August 31.

In the News ...

Will Bollum was pictured on the front page of the September 2 edition of the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. He was shown taking his grand champion Limousin female into the Coliseum for the Supreme Drive at the state fair.

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