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INTER-COUNTY JUDGING COMPETITION - 4-H'ERS JUDGE WORLD CLASS CATTLE AT ONTARIO SUMMER SHOW

Lindsay, ON July 27, 2009 – At the Lindsay Fairgrounds on Wednesday, July 22, close to 80 4-H members were given the opportunity to judge some exceptional cattle. The new buildings at the Lindsay Fairgrounds were the perfect location for the Inter-County 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Competition as the Ontario Summer Show was to be held there the following two days. This gave these keen dairy enthusiasts the chance to judge cattle that were about to participate in one of Canada's foremost dairy shows.

After an educational, competitive day of dairy judging, participants eagerly awaited the results to be announced to see which four would win the ultimate prize, a 10 day, expenses paid trip to Madison, Wisconsin and the World Dairy Expo. The big winner on the day was Stephanie Warner, of Peterborough County. Stephanie walked away with honours in High Reasons as well as High Individual overall. She, along with teammate Justin Crowley, were Top Team, coached by Bryon Nelson. Stephanie, being a past winner of the trip to Madison, was not eligible to go again. The same goes for the Runner-Up High Individual overall, Craig Templeton of Carleton County. A member of last year's team Ontario, Craig showed that he learned something from his trip, placing 2nd overall and winning High Quiz, as well as delivering an inspiring speech over dinner about his experiences last year.

Top for Placings, Katie Deslippe of Perth County, was over the moon when she found out she placed high enough to be representing Ontario at the National 4-H Dairy Judging Competition at World Dairy Expo in Madison. She will be joined by Olivia Groniger of Carleton County, Donnie Jarrell of Hastings and Lindsay Cavanagh of Lanark.

The action packed day started off with a quiz, based on material from the "You be the Judge" manual that all young judges use to hone their judging skills. They then placed nine classes of cows and heifers of different breeds before lunchtime. After lunch, the senior members gave reasons on six of the classes they judged that morning. The juniors gave reasons on three of those same classes. We can't thank the barn crew enough, as well as the summer show exhibitors that allowed their cattle to be used for this event.

In the Junior Division, a first-time participant, Courtney O'Neil of Lennox and Addington took home the High Overall Individual award, followed by Natalie Holtby, no stranger to the top prizes in this event. Natalie, along with her teammate Dan Werry, won the High Team award for Durham West, coached by John Werry.

This competition is made possible each year by the Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund, as well as numerous sponsors that continue to give each year, seeing the importance of this program in keeping our dairy industry in Ontario strong. We would especially like to thank John Deere, our feature sponsor for this event for the second year in a row, and we'd like to thank Jennifer Christie of John Deere for coming and being one of our official judges as a past winner of the Madison trip. John Deere, as well as all of the other sponsors of this event will help to ensure the future of this competition for years to come.

SENIOR DIVISION RESULTS

- High Team and Coach** – Sponsored by Generations
Winner – Peterborough – Justin Crowley and Stephanie Warner (Bryon Nelson)
Runner-up – Sponsored by C.I.B.C.
Winner – Lanark – Lindsay and Kendra Cavanagh (Cecil Cavanagh)
- High Individual** – Sponsored by Bert Stewart
Winner – Stephanie Warner
Runner-up – In Memory of Bill Dobbin
Winner – Craig Templeton, Carleton
- High Placing** – Sponsored by Clarence Diefenbacher
Winner – Katie Deslippe, Perth
Runner-up – Sponsored by Fradon Holsteins
Winner – Stephanie Warner
- High Reasons** – Sponsored by Joe Snyder
Winner – Stephanie Warner
Runner-up – Sponsored by Hessholm Holsteins
Winner – Justin Crowley
- High Holsteins** – Sponsored by Lowell Lindsay
Winner – Stephanie Warner
Runner-up – Sponsored by Riverdown Holsteins
Winner – Lindsay Cavanagh
- High Jersey** – Sponsored by Joel Bagg
Winner – Olivia Groniger, Carleton
Runner-up – Sponsored by Bell City Jerseys
Winner – Stephanie Warner
- High Other Breeds** – Sponsored by Terry Beckett
Winner – Craig Templeton
Runner-up – Sponsored by Murray Reissner
Winner – Lindsay Cavanagh
- High Quiz** – Sponsored by Paul Larmer
Winner – Craig Templeton
Runner-up – Sponsored by Bill Edelstein
Winner – Kendra Cavanagh
- Rookie Award** - Sponsored by Ken Empey
Winner – Jill Brown, Lennox & Addington

JUNIOR DIVISION RESULTS

- High Team and Coach** – Sponsored by TD Canada Trust
Winner – Durham West – Natalie Holtby and Dan Werry (John Werry)
Runner-up – Sponsored by Scotiabank
Winner – Lennox & Addington – Scott Brown and Courtney O’Neil (Melanie Hunter)
- High Individual** – Sponsored by Phyllis McMaster
Winner – Courtney O’Neil
Runner-up – Sponsored by Geoff Innes
Winner – Natalie Holtby
- High Placings** – Sponsored by Joanne and Wayne Gregson
Winner – Courtney O’Neil
Runner-up – Sponsored by Ebyholme Farms
Winner – Josh Karn, Oxford
- High Reasons** – Sponsored by Steven Fraser
Winner – Natalie Holtby
Runner-up – Sponsored by Earl Osborne
Winner – Dan Werry

High Quiz – Sponsored by Altona Lea Farms
Winner – Natalie Holtby
Runner-up – Sponsored by Quinndale Holsteins
Winner – Travis Canning, Wellington
High Holsteins – In Memory of Douglas Gregson
Winner – Courney O’Neil
Runner-up – In Memory of Douglas Gregson
Winner – Josh Karn
High Jerseys - Sponsored by R.J. Farms
Winner – Natalie Holtby
Runner-up - Sponsored by Maple Leaf Jerseys
Winner – Dan Werry
Rookie Award - Sponsored by Ken Empey
Winner – Courtney O’Neil



Ontario Team going to Madison – Lindsay Cavanagh, Olivia Groniger, coach Bert Stewart, Katie Deslippe and Donnie Jarrell