

## Iowa Jersey Cattle Club Recognize Youth At Summer Picnic

Iowa Jersey breeders met on June 21, 2014, at Covington Jersey Farm, Leon, for fun and fellowship, with a little Iowa Jersey Cattle Club (IJCC) business as well.

Covington Jersey Farm is owned and operated by Tim and Stephanie Covington and Mike and Janice Covington. The small but mighty attending of IJCC members were treated to a tour of the facility, including the heifer barn and cows with great udder quality.

Shawn Styer, AJCA-NAJ Area Representative, spoke about recent developments within the American Jersey Cattle Association, including the upcoming events during the association's annual meetings and the National Heifer Sale in Alexandria, Va.

Iowa State Fair, held in Des Moines, will feature the open Jersey show on August 8, with Callum McKinven, Que., presiding over the placings. The following day, the junior Jersey breeders take to the ring under the direction of judge Laurie Winkelman, Appleton, Wis.

Spring sales were summarized, with both doing well, with a lot of satisfied buyers. The Jersey portion of the Iowa Spring Extravaganza Sale saw 61 lots go through the multi-breed sale ring, with an average of \$4,210.66. Held in conjunction with this sale was the Hawkeye Pot O' Gold sale, for Jersey youth. Two heifer calves sold for an average of \$2,350.

The Prairieland Sale, managed by Jersey Marketing Service, had 146 lots with an average of \$1,908.77. The IJCC was in charge of the food stand during the latter of the sales, with a notable amount in income to help the club.

Items created to support the convention fund include summer and winter themed note cards, cookbooks and heifer statues. Please feel free to contact a member of the IJCC for more information on these unique items.

### Youth Awards

Mikayla Lien, Calmar, was selected as the 2014 recipient of the Iowa Jersey Youth Achievement Award. This is the IJCC's highest honor bestowed on a youth and is given annually. Mikayla is the daughter of Gary and Patty Lien. She was an active 4-H and FFA member and competed in the dairy judging contest at the Iowa State Fair. Mikayla was cast in leading roles in her high school musicals, received honors in band and choir, and was in the National Honor Society and

was on the Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Dean's list. She will be a freshman at University of Northern Iowa, studying Communication Studies and would like to work within the Midwest in an agriculture company. Mikayla will receive a Registered Jersey heifer calf donated from an Iowa Jersey breeder. In addition, she is now eligible to apply for the National Jersey Youth Achievement Award, presented by the AJCA each fall in Louisville, Ky.



Lien

The IJCC Memorial Scholarship is given annually in memory of all Iowa Jersey breeders and enthusiasts who have passed away. The \$500 Scholarship is open to any Jersey youth attending or planning to attend an institution of higher learning.

This year's recipient is Rylie Pflughaupt of Vinton. Rylie was crowned the 2013



Pflughaupt

Iowa Jersey Princess and her parents are Jordan and Traci Pflughaupt. Rylie helps feed calves and does other chores in her family's 60-cow Jersey herd and has grown up showing at the Iowa State Fair and

at county fairs. Rylie will be a senior at Iowa State this fall, majoring in speech communications, with a minor in advertising and agriculture communications. Rylie was active in 4-H, speech, golf and FFA during high school. Collegiately, she is involved in Habitat for Humanity, was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success for her leadership building and participates in Orchesis II Dance.

The Iowa Jersey Princess was also crowned during the meeting. The princess hands out ribbons at Iowa State Fair and other Jersey shows, is eligible to represent the Jersey breed in the Iowa Dairy Princess contest next August and may run for National Jersey Queen in November in Louisville, Ky.

This year's crown will be worn by Dayle Lantzky, Hawkeye. She is the 18-year-old daughter



Lantzky

of Brian and Heidi Lantzky and a recent graduate of North Fayette Valley Community High School. Dayle stays busy on her family's farm, owns 12 Jerseys and is active in 4-H, FFA and her local church. She was the 2013 IJCC Jersey Youth Achievement award winner. She plans to begin classes at NICC, Calmar this summer to obtain a Business Specialist Degree. From there she would like to move to the coast and start her own greenhouse and floral business.

The Iowa Jersey Cattle Club is pleased to have received several great applications and are proud to have these fine young people representing the Jersey breed and dairy industry.