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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### JUNE

- 11-15:** Minnesota State Holstein Show, Sauk Centre, MN
- 17:** Region 7 Youth Dairy Show, Hutchinson, MN
- 21:** Central MN Youth Dairy Days Show, Sauk Centre, MN
- 22:** MHA Field Day, Do-N-Joy Genetics, Arlington, MN
- 22:** Southeast MN Youth All-Breeds Dairy Show, Caledonia, MN
- 24-27:** National Holstein Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 24:** Midwest Fall National Entry Form Opens
- 28:** West Central Youth Dairy Days Show, Willmar, MN
- 29:** Southern MN Youth Dairy Days Show, New Ulm, MN

### JULY

- 6:** District VI Holstein Show, Cannon Falls Fairgrounds
- 24:** District I Holstein Show, Olmsted County Fairgrounds
- 29:** Mail-In Entries Close for Midwest Fall National
- 31:** District VIII Holstein Show, Stearns County Fairgrounds
- 31:** Online Entry Deadline for Midwest Fall National

### AUGUST

- 3:** District X Holstein Show, Clearwater County Fairgrounds
- 5:** District IV Holstein Show, Pipestone County Fairgrounds
- 9:** District V Holstein Show, Carver County Fairgrounds
- 17:** District II Holstein Show, Steele County Fairgrounds
- 27-28:** Midwest Fall National, MN State Fairgrounds

### SEPTEMBER

- 1:** Advertising Deadline for September/October Publication

### OCTOBER

- 1-4:** World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI
- 18:** MHA Fall Sale Consignment Deadline

### NOVEMBER

- 1:** Advertising Deadline for December Publication
- 16:** MHA Fall Sale

### DECEMBER

- 1:** Golden Gopher Futurity Entry Deadline

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**Darrel Rennich**  
MHA Board President

Greetings to all MHA members! I would like to start by welcoming our new business manager Megan Nelson from Glencoe, MN. We are excited to have her on board to engage with the membership. Megan and Hailey are tremendous individuals that have extraordinary talents that

is greatly appreciated by the board. I encourage you to reach out and welcome Megan to the team! In addition, I would also like to welcome our new board members who have chosen to step forward to give their time to serve the association and I personally want to thank all past and present board members. We truly appreciate all the years of commitment that Kris and Tracy have given to the organization!

While milk prices are not ideal, the value of the Registered Holstein continues to show its resiliency to bring more lifetime profitability and unmatched genetic progress. There is a lot of excitement after the All-Breeds Convention and the board would like to invite everyone to join us on June 22nd at Do-N-Joy Genetics in Arlington for Field Day. Check out the full schedule in this issue.

Minnesota State Holstein Show this year will be held June 11-15 at the Stearns County Fairgrounds in Sauk Centre hosted by the Stearns County Holstein Club. Entries are open online at FairEntry. Please complete registration by May 21. All entries must be completed accurately. I hope you can attend and enjoy a great show along with spending a some time visiting with other breeders.

As I start my term as president, I look forward to visiting with the members of this organization and listen to how the board can better serve breeders of Minnesota and South Dakota! As always, feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or new ideas for improving Minnesota Holstein Association at 605-695-3676.

- Darrel Rennich, MHA President



# From the Minnesota Holstein Staff



**Megan Nelson**  
Business Manager

Greetings from the MHA office!

Megan here - I would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome I received as I started working with MHA in March as the Business Manager. During my first week on the job, I had the opportunity to stop by the Minnesota Junior Holstein Convention in Willmar. I was impressed with the amazing convention the Junior Board put on for the junior membership. The future of the dairy industry is in good hands with these hard working, outstanding young leaders!



**Hailey Frericks**  
Marketing Manager

In another staffing update, we would like to formally welcome Kalie Ritter as our summer intern! She will aid in executing our state show, district shows, and complete projects for the MHA. Kalie just completed her freshman year studying Agricultural Science at South Dakota State University. She grew up on a fourth generation dairy farm in Avon, Minnesota. Welcome, Kalie! Our summer calendar is filled with activities around the state! We hope to see you at some of the upcoming events!

We are gearing up for the 2024 Minnesota State Holstein Show hosted by the Stearns County Holstein Club in Sauk Centre from June 11-June 15. The full state show schedule and other related information can be found on our website under the "State Show" tab.

Shortly after the State Holstein Show, we will gather at Do-N-Joy Genetics in Arlington, MN for the 2024 Minnesota Holstein Association Field Day on Saturday, June 22. Field Day will include speakers, a judging contest, a fitting demonstration for youth, and a meal. Make plans to join us!

A very busy June concludes with the National Holstein Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. We would like to extend our well wishes to those representing our organization. Good luck to the junior members who will be competing throughout the week!

It's hard to already think about the end of summer, but mark your calendar for the Midwest Fall National, slated for Wednesday, August 28th. Registration information will be available soon. As always, thank you for what you do! We appreciate all of our Holstein breeders and supporters and appreciate the opportunity to work with you.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Megan can be reached at [minnesotaholstein@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotaholstein@gmail.com) or by phone at (320)-259-0637. Hailey can be reached at [mnholsteinmarketing@gmail.com](mailto:mnholsteinmarketing@gmail.com) or by phone at (320) 249-2341.

*-Amanda and Hailey, MHA Staff*

## JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR MHA SUMMER INTERN!

Kalie Ritter has been selected as our MHA Marketing and Events Intern and will play a crucial role in executing a successful Minnesota State Holstein Show, district shows across the state, Minnesota Holstein Field Day, and a variety of other activities throughout the summer.

### *Meet Kalie*

Hi everyone! My name is Kalie Ritter and I am so excited to have this amazing opportunity this

summer! I am currently a freshman studying Agricultural Science at South Dakota State University. The dairy industry is very near and dear to my heart as I grew up on a fourth generation dairy farm in Avon, Minnesota. I grew up showing dairy cattle from my farm through 4H and have enjoyed all the aspects of the show community. I am so grateful for this opportunity and I can't wait to get to know all of you!



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# HOLSTEIN ASSOCIATION USA REPORT

Happy June Dairy Month! At Holstein Association USA, we're looking forward to celebrating our hard-working members this month. We hope you take some time to do the same – whether it's by competing in or watching a show, attending National Holstein Convention, or simply enjoying an extra glass of milk or scoop of ice cream! Thank you for the dedication you put into caring for your herds each and every day – we feel honored to work with such diligent and talented members.

## NEW BULLS JOIN THE HOLSTEIN MARKETPLACE SIRES LINEUP

Holstein Marketplace Sires recently welcomed three exciting new bulls to the program. With bulls bred and owned by Registered Holstein breeders across the country, Holstein Marketplace Sires provides a unique avenue for Holstein breeders to market their genetics. Under this program, bull owners retain ownership of the bulls, and Holstein Marketplace Sires coordinates the marketing and sales of the bull's semen. Holstein Marketplace Sires semen is available through your Holstein Association USA Regional Representative, or online at [www.holsteinusa.com/marketplacesires](http://www.holsteinusa.com/marketplacesires). Whether you're looking for high type, high production, polled, red or red carrier bulls, A2A2, or more, Holstein Marketplace Sires provides a variety of niche market bulls. Visit [www.holsteinusa.com](http://www.holsteinusa.com) for more information on all the bulls in the program. 712HO01030 Coldsprings Jitters-PP-ET Jitters is bred and owned by Coldsprings Farms of New Windsor, Maryland. One of the highest GTPI and homozygous polled bulls available without restrictions, Jitters has a GTPI of +2889. Jitters is also a Red Carrier, A2A2 bull with +1543 Milk and +2.33 PTAT with tremendous udders at +2.30 UDC. This unique bull is the full package and currently available in conventional semen.

**712HO01028 Townlineacre Lariat-ET** | Lariat is bred and owned by Townline Acres Holsteins in Birnamwood, Wisconsin. A balanced bull, Lariat brings both Type and production to the table at +3.06 PTAT, +779 Milk, and +0.9 DPR. He has a full proven sire stack with influential bulls from top to bottom and is from a true breeding cow family. Lariat is also A2A2 and available in sexed and conventional semen.

**712HO01029 Arizona Kevin-ET** | Kevin is bred and owned by Arizona Dairy Company in Gila Bend, Arizona. He's an elite restriction free sire at +3174 GTPI, +1220 NM\$, and +1239 DWP\$. Kevin also boasts great production and components with +1367 Milk, +119 Fat, and +68 Protein. Additionally, Kevin has tremendous health traits with +6.7 PL, 0.0 DPR, and 2.65 SCC. He's an A2A2 bull available in sexed and conventional semen.

## UPCOMING JUNIOR OPPORTUNITIES AND DEADLINES

We continue to be proud of our Junior Holstein Association members and their many accomplishments. From the showing to the dairy bowl room, to the farm and everywhere in between, Junior members demonstrate a bright future for the dairy industry. The National Junior Holstein Association and Holstein Foundation offer a variety of opportunities for Junior members to make new friends, learn new things, and hone their skillset in many areas. There are several upcoming activities and deadlines for Junior Holstein members to be aware of.

## NATIONAL HOLSTEIN CONVENTION

The 2024 National Holstein Convention will provide the perfect environment for Junior Holstein members to gather, make new friends, compete in contests, stretch themselves, and have fun. While adult members are busy attending featured speaker sessions during Holstein Horizons, the Annual Meeting, tours, evening socials, or the National Sale, Junior Holstein highlights include tours, workshops, and evening activities such as dances and relay races. National Junior Holstein Association and Holstein Foundation contests such as Prepared Public Speaking, Dairy Bowl, Dairy Jeopardy, State Digital Scrapbook and State Banner will take place. New this year, an Extemporaneous Speaking Contest will be held for Senior division members (ages 18 to 20). The convention will conclude with a Junior Awards Banquet recognizing the accomplishments of Junior Holstein members. To learn more about National Holstein Convention, visit [www.holsteinconvention.com](http://www.holsteinconvention.com).

## JUNIOR TRANSFER DEADLINE

Junior transfers are due to the Holstein Association USA office by Monday, July 15 via mail. Online transfers may be submitted up until 11:59 p.m. EST on Monday, July 15. Please double-check that all registration papers are in order for upcoming National Junior Holstein shows you plan on competing in.

## VIRTUAL INTERVIEW CONTEST

The Virtual Interview Contest is being offered again in 2024 for Junior Holstein Association members. The contest is designed to help youth master the craft of making a good impression virtually to garner scholarships, internships, jobs and more. Participants in three age divisions will submit a cover letter and resume and finalists will be selected to compete in a virtual interview. Entries are available at [www.holsteinusa.com/juniors](http://www.holsteinusa.com/juniors) and are due October 1, 2024.

# 2024 MHA Field Day

## Schedule

**NOON**

Arrival

**12:30 PM**

Welcome

**1 PM**

Judging Contest

**1:45 PM**

Lunch

**2:30 PM**

Youth Fitting Demonstration

**3 PM**

Speakers

**3:45 PM**

Dessert & Raffle Drawing

## Date

**Saturday, June 22, 2024**

## Farm Address

**40917 296th St.  
Arlington, MN, 55307**

## Door Prize Raffle

Purchase your door prize raffle tickets at Field Day to win a custom farm sign or table top!

## Junior Activities

There will be a youth fitting demonstration, manure bingo fundraiser, and judging contest.

## Meal

Complimentary meal for attendees consisting of: pulled pork, smoked corn, ice cream, and more!

## Judging Contest

3 classes of cows with a mens, womens, and juniors division. Prizes awarded to all winners!

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# OBITUARY: HOWARD SWENSON



Former State Representative Howard Swenson (93) of rural Nicollet died peacefully on Sunday, March 24, 2024.

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 11:00 AM at the Norseland Lutheran Church located 10 miles west of St. Peter (37777 MN ST Highway 22), MN on State Highway 22. Burial to follow at the Norseland Lutheran Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the Norseland Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 2,

2024 from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Wednesday, April 3, 2024 from 10:00-11:00 AM, 1 hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Kyle Madson officiating.

Howard was born December 20, 1930 in New Ulm, MN to Maurice and Alice (Peterson) Swenson. He was baptized and confirmed at the Norseland Lutheran Church where he was a lifelong member. He graduated from Bethany Lutheran High School in 1948.

He married Jane Lippmann on September 13, 1952 at the Methodist Church of Fairfax, Minnesota. Together they had 5 children: Julianne, Janet, Nancy, Ruth and Paul.

Howard remained on the home farm all of his life, which was home-steaded in 1857, specializing in breeding Registered Holstein dairy cattle. In 1993 he received the "Breeder of the Year" award from the Purebred Dairy Cattle Breeders' Association.

Howard endlessly volunteered within his community and the dairy industry. He thrived off his keen interest in his church, community, state, and country.

He served his church as treasurer, trustee and a cemetery board member. He also sang in the church choir for over 50 years.

He was a very active 4-H'er in his youth and later served as an

adult leader.

He served 10 years in the Minnesota Legislature as a State Representative, while serving he received awards from numerous groups for his service.

He was a charter member of the Nicollet Lions Club and remained an active member throughout his life.

Additionally, Howard served 12 years on the Nicollet School Board. He was an active board member of the Minnesota Holstein Breeders' Association and the Minnesota Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, the Federal Land Bank of Mankato, Nicollet County Farm Bureau, and served eight years on the Minnesota Rural Finance Authority Board.

Howard was named "Outstanding Young Farmer" in 1965 and given the "Longtime Meritorious Service Award" by the Minnesota Holstein Association in 2011.

Howard and Jane were named "Nicollet County Farm Family of the Year" in 1987, "Friends of 4-H" in 1995, and received the Minnesota Farm Bureau "Honorary Life Membership" award in 2023.

He is survived by Jane, his wife of 71 years, five children: Julie (Rick Wagner) Gintner of Lonsdale, MN. Janet Swenson of Roseville, MN. Nancy (Rod) Dorn of Nevis, MN. Ruth (Mark) Lumley of Austin, MN. Paul (Cindy) Swenson of Nicollet, MN. 13 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Other family members include sisters Mable Handel of Wichita Falls, TX and Karen (John) Radway of Lincoln, NE. Sisters-in-law Sandie Swenson of Forest Lake, MN and Evelyn Swenson of St. Peter, MN, Louise (David) Tweit of Gibbon, MN and Ellen (Jerry) Bauer of Clinton, WI.

He was preceded in death by parents Maurice and Alice Swenson, sister Shirley Olsen, brothers Owen Swenson, Douglas Swenson and infant brother Paul.

## MIDWEST FALL NATIONAL

### *Schedule of Events*

**Registration Opens** | Wednesday, June 24, 2024

**Mail-In Entry Deadline** | Monday, July 29, 2024

**Online Entry Deadline** | Wednesday, July 31, 2024

**Arrival** | Monday, August 26, 2024 4 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Guernsey Show** | Tuesday, August 27, 2024 9 a.m. - Judge: Kurt Wolf, IA

**Milking Shorthorn Show** | Tuesday, August 27, 2024 9 a.m. - Judge: Kurt Wolf, IA

**Ayrshire Show** | Tuesday, August 27, 2024 10 a.m. - Judge: Chad Ryan, WI

**Midwest Fall National Red & White Show** | Tuesday, August 27, 2024 10 a.m. - Judge: Keith Topp, OH

**Brown Swiss Show** | Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9 a.m. - Judge: Chad Ryan, WI

**Midwest Fall National Holstein Show** | Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9 a.m. - Judge: Ryan Krohlow, WI

**Midwest Fall National Jersey Show** | Wednesday, August 28, 2024 9 a.m. - Judge: Kelli Cull, WI

**Supreme Champion Selection** | Thursday, August 29, 2024 10 a.m.

**Departure** | Thursday, August 30, 2024 1-5 p.m.

# Minnesota's Holstein of the Year



## 2022 MN STATE R&W SHOW:

- 1ST PLACE SR. 2 YEAR OLD
- INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION
- BEST UDDER

## 2022 MN STATE HOLSTEIN SHOW:

- 1ST PLACE SR. 2 YEAR OLD

## 2022 MIDWEST FALL NATIONAL SHOW:

- 1ST PLACE SR. 2 YEAR OLD

## 2023 MN STATE R&W, JR & HOLSTEIN SHOW:

- 1ST PLACE SR. 3 YEAR OLD
- GRAND CHAMPION
- BEST UDDER

## 2023 MIDWEST FALL NATIONAL R&W SHOW:

- 1ST PLACE SR. 3 YEAR OLD
- INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION
- GRAND CHAMPION
- BEST UDDER

## 2023 MN STATE FAIR:

- RESERVE SUPREME CHAMPION

## 2023 WORLD DAIRY EXPO:

- 3RD PLACE JUNIOR SR. 3 YEAR OLD
- 2023 HONORABLE MENTION JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN R&W SR. 3 YEAR OLD
- 2023 NOMINATED JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN B&W SR. 3

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## 2024-2025 BOARD MEMBERS

At the 2024 All-Breeds Convention in St. Cloud, Minnesota, MHA hosted their annual meeting on Saturday, March 9. During the annual meeting, board member elections took place to determine leadership for the Minnesota Holstein Association in the coming year.

There were two active board members running for re-election: Rebecca Groos and Lucas Plamann. Additionally, Nathan Johnson, Chad Kieffer, and Kari Swanson vied for a position on the board. Four members were elected to serve in 2024-2025 to complete the 13-member MHA Board.

Kris Gruenes and Tracy Schaefer finished terms on the board, and MHA would like to extend their thanks to them for their years of service and dedication to the association and the Holstein breed.

The newly elected board appointed six members to serve on the executive committee. The 2024-2025 Executive Committee includes:

- President: Darrel Rennich, Bruce, SD
- Vice President: Eric Sonnek, Foreston, MN
- Finance Chair: Ashley Swenson, Nicollet, MN
- Nate Donnay, Glencoe, MN, Trevor Ekkel, Pipestone, MN, and Tony Kohls, Arlington, MN

The MHA Board of Directors is eager to serve the association's members and promote growth among the MHA membership.



### 2024-2025 MHA BOARD MEMBERS:

Front, left to right: Nate Donnay, Glencoe, MN; Chris Schulze, Holland, MN; Darrel Rennich, Bruce, SD; Eric Sonnek, Foreston, MN; Randy Gross, Lake Benton, MN; Ashley Swenson, Nicollet, MN.

Back row, left to right: Kari Swanson, Hutchinson, MN; Jacob Pehrson, St. Peter, MN; Lucas Plamann, Hutchinson, MN; Chad Kieffer, Utica, MN; Trevor Ekkel, Pipestone, MN; Tony Kohls, Arlington, MN.

Not pictured: Rebecca Groos, Howard Lake, MN





# *Midwest Holsteins*

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Also, the University of Minnesota has placed 1st or 2nd overall in 22 of the 36 contests across the past 12 held at these 3 locations. No other university comes close to this incredible record of success. In 2023, the University of Minnesota was 1st overall in the national contest at World Dairy Expo by a 53-point margin. This was the 3rd time in the past 8 contests that the University of Minnesota has placed 1st in the national contest, and no other university has placed 1st more than once in that interval of time.

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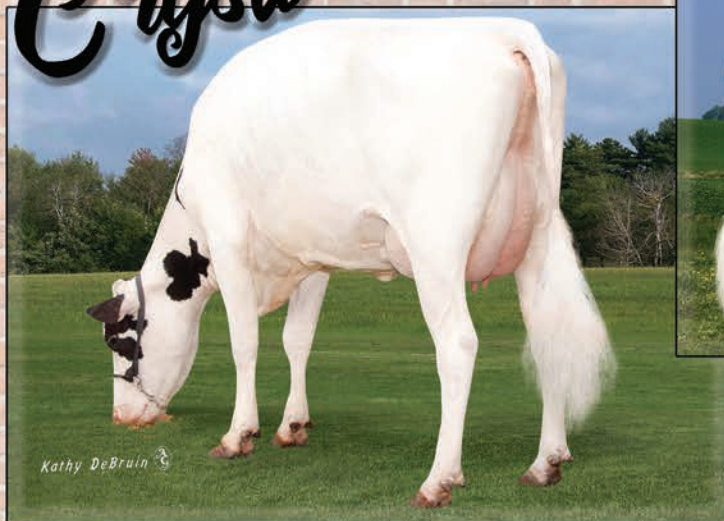


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DAM: SJ-Reed Diamondback Riot VG-87 (Scored VG-86@2-05)

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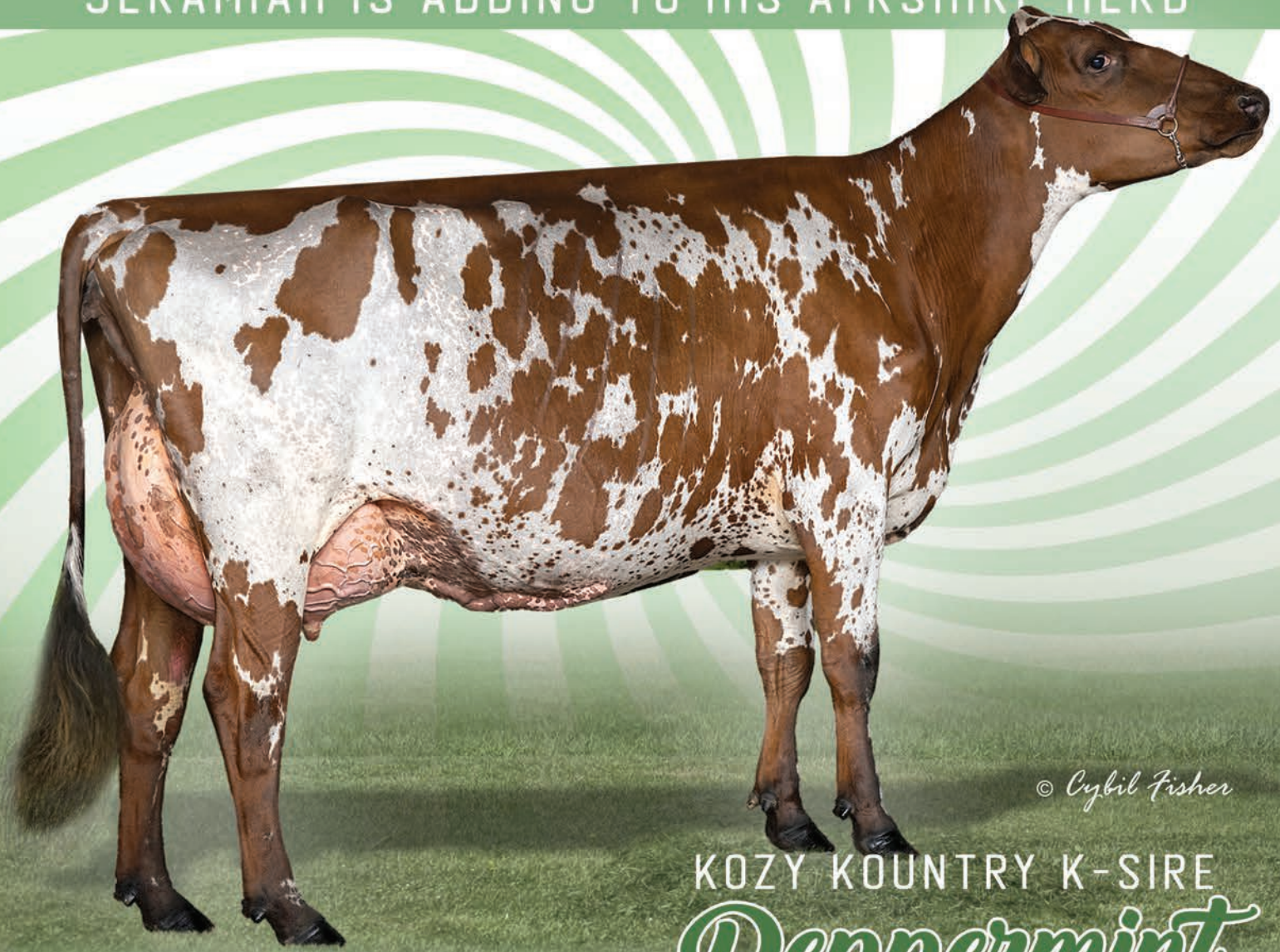
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2ND DAM: POLLY'S PORTIA EX-93 2E  
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*Bred and owned by Justin Giese*

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**Hilrose Altitude Atlas VG-85 VG-MS @ 2-07**



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L-L-M-Dairy Humblkind Pixie EX-91 92-MS at 5-01

L-L-M-Dairy Slam dunk Deluxe EX-90 91-MS at 6-06

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L-L-M-Dairy Morno Dainty-ET EX-90 90-MS at 6-00

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4-07 347D 3X 25,270M 4.2 1060F 3.4 862P

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2-06 365 32,693 3.7 1,201 3.0 982

3-11 261 29,145 3.5 1,034 2.9 835 RIP

Sire: Blondin Thunder Storm

Dam: Lyn-Vale Sanchez Gretchen EX-94 3E EX-94 MS

5-11 348 34,043 3.5 1,180 3.3 1,108

Granddam: Lyn-Vale Allen Gabardine EX-92 2E EX-91 MS

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*Watch for family members of the "G" family at the shows this summer.*

A special thank you to all the people who have purchased or leased animals from our herd in 2024. We look forward to success stories with them along with the continued development of their cow families. Your **SUCCESS** is our **SUCCESS**.

Lastly, to all our friends who have made the hard decision to exit the dairy business, we wish the very best in your future endeavors.

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# Iowa Holstein Association State Picnic

Saturday, August 24th

## Join Us!



**KCKK Genetics | Tom & Sarah Kruse and Family**  
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KCKK Genetics is the home to Tom, Sara, Kaleb, Cole and Carter Kruse, they milk 100 cows of the following breeds. Holstein, Jersey, Brown Swiss and Ayrshire.

All hands are on deck at KCKK, Tom handles the day to day operations of the farm. Sara, is the US Dealer Sale Manager for STgenetics and takes care of all the bookwork and coordination of the IVF and breeding programs of the farm.

Kaleb is an Agronomist for Innovative Ag and enjoys working with farmers reaching their crop goals. Kaleb also works for Cowbuyer.com and has most recently been enjoying reading pedigrees and being a ringman at sales. Kaleb has also been blessed to be chosen to judge many local, state, and national shows. This year he

will be the associate judge for the Brown Swiss Show at World Dairy Expo. At the age of 26, we have been told that he is the youngest to grace the colored shavings as a judge. He works at the farm before and after work and on weekends. Kaleb specializes in the feeding of the show and housed animals.

Cole hoof trims with Demmer Hoof Trimming and is at the farm after work and on the weekends, Cole works in all aspects of the farm from breeding, to matings, to heifer care and milking. Cole has been honored to judge shows at the local, state and national level. Cole will be sorting out the Ayrshire Jr. Show at Louisville, Kentucky this year.

Carter works construction for Craig Schulte Construction and drives semi after work and on the weekends. Carter also works at the farm before work and after work and weekends as well. Carter is in charge of all the baby calves and is great help with field work and manure application.

The Kruse's own and operate KCKK Genetics Boarding where they take pride in reaching the success and goals of their clients. This excitement and skill has derived from show ring success, growing and maintaining show animals for over 25 years.

Kruse's have built three new heifer facilities in the last two years. Kruse's have a baby calf barn that holds 50 animals in individual stalls, a barn for weaned to breeding age, and a show barn for special housing of donors, show animals, and cows. They are looking forward to the next phase a bred heifer barn and dry cow/prefresh barn.

In addition, the Kruse family sells raw milk at the heifer site location known as Kruse Family Dairy Products LLC. This business is just up and running and is becoming quite successful.

The Kruse's are thankful for all the people and friends they have met through the dairy industry. For everyone who has helped or mentored them throughout the years. Some of their greatest memories and fun times have been at Conventions, Sales, and Shows.

The Kruse's are honored to host the 2024 Iowa Holstein Picnic, Saturday August 24.

**KCKK Genetics | 12 p.m**

More details to come! Please watch our Facebook for additional details.

## Hope to see you there!

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**Great Lakes R&W Show Open and Jr.**  
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**Great Lakes Holstein Show**  
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 Dam: Just So D Faraway ET EX-90  
 2nd Dam: Cutting Edge WF Fargo 2E-EX-93

**3rd Dam: Cutting Edge Thunder Faye 3E-95 96-MS**  
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# 2024 DISTRICT SHOW SCHEDULE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT SHOWS!

Dates have been set for district shows all across the state for the summer of 2024. Check out the information below for details and dates of upcoming district Holstein shows!

Judge: Matt Hansen  
 Show Contact: Mark Titera · 218-694-2413

**July 6: District VI Holstein Show**

Location: Cannon Falls Fairgrounds, Cannon Falls  
 Time: Noon  
 Judge: Steven Nelson  
 Show Contact: John Sauber · 952-412-5185

**July 24: District I Holstein Show**

Location: Olmsted County Fairgrounds, Rochester  
 Time: 5:30 p.m.  
 Judge: Josh Fairbanks  
 Show Contact: Kayla Sexton · 507-421-3587

**July 31: District VIII Holstein Show**

Location: Stearns County Fairgrounds, Sauk Centre  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Judge: Erica Irrthum  
 Show Contact: Karla Smeija · 320-339-5684

**August 3: District X Holstein Show**

Location: Clearwater County Fairgrounds, Bagley  
 Time: 11:00 a.m.

**August 5: District IV Holstein Show**

Location: Pipestone County Fairgrounds, Pipestone  
 Time: TBD  
 Judge: TBD  
 Show Contact: Bernice VanHulzen · 507-215-2424

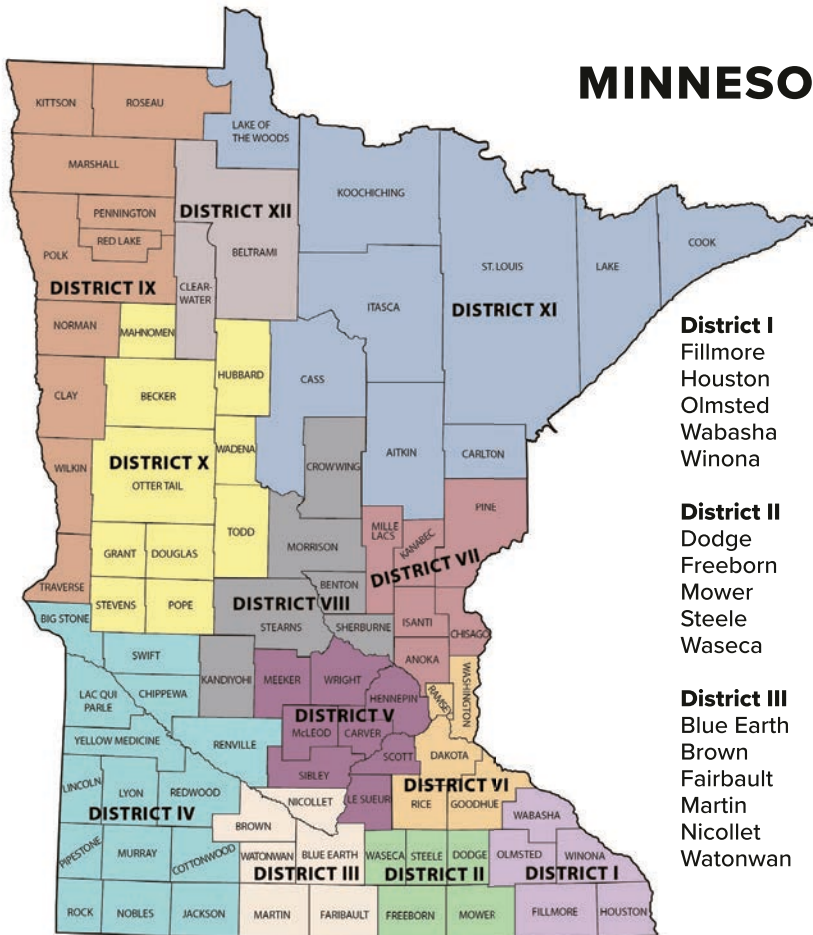
**August 9: District V Holstein Show**

Location: Carver County Fairgrounds, Waconia  
 Time: 9:00 a.m.  
 Judge: Luke Olson  
 Show Contact: Corey Feltmann · 952-239-8752

**August 17: District II Holstein Show**

Location: Steele County Fairgrounds, Owatonna  
 Time: 5:30 p.m.  
 Judge: Crystal Sinn  
 Show Contact: Daria Stransky ·  
 daria.stransky@gmail.com

Watch the MHA Facebook page for the latest show updates, results and coverage throughout the summer!



## MINNESOTA HOLSTEIN DISTRICTS

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 Lincoln  
 Lyon  
 Murray  
 Nobles  
 Pipestone  
 Redwood  
 Renville  
 Rock  
 Swift  
 Yellow Medicine

**District V**

Carver  
 Hennepin  
 Le Sueur  
 McLeod  
 Meeker  
 Sibley  
 Scott  
 Wright

**District I**  
 Fillmore  
 Houston  
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 Winona

**District II**  
 Dodge  
 Freeborn  
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 Steele  
 Waseca

**District III**  
 Blue Earth  
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 Martin  
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 Pennington  
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 Red Lake  
 Roseau  
 Traverse  
 Wilkin

**District X**

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 Douglas  
 Grand  
 Hubbard  
 Mahanomen  
 Otter Tail  
 Pope  
 Stevens  
 Todd  
 Wadena

**District XI**

Aitkin  
 Carlton  
 Cass  
 Cook  
 Itasca  
 Koochiching  
 Lake  
 Lake of the Woods  
 St. Louis

**District XII**

Beltrami  
 Clearwater

*Individuals can participate in any district show they would like, regardless if it is located in your home county!*

# JUNIOR MOOS



## From the MJHA President



**Alexis Hoefs**  
MJHA President

Hello Everyone,

My name is Alexis Hoefs and I am the newly elected MJHA President! This year for the juniors has already been a busy one with our extremely successful Jr. All-Breeds Convention. We had juniors from all parts of the state join together in Wilmar, MN. The weekend was filled with games, contests, speakers, and wonderful tours. Even a little snowstorm didn't

stop the fun! Additionally, we elected our new junior board. I am extremely excited to lead this group of wonderful and hardworking individuals for the next year! The junior board is looking forward to all the amazing events we have planned for the summer and beyond. Be on the lookout for any updates or announcements by following the Instagram or Facebook. Best of luck to everyone this show season!

- Alexis Hoefs

### 2024 MJHA Board Members

President: Alexis Hoefs

Vice President: Tyler Ratka

Secretary: Allison Foss

Treasurer: Blake Siewert

Reporter: Shelby Swanson

Historian: Tyler Peters

All-Breeds Liason: Dan Frericks

Directors: Evelyn Scheffler, Jayden

Schmitt, Lanna Walter

The 2024 Minnesota Junior All-Breeds Convention took place March 22-24, 2024, at the Best Western in Wilmar, Minn. This convention is held for juniors under 21 who are passionate about the dairy community and the dairy cow. It was a great chance to meet new people throughout the state who share a common interest. Youth from across the state of Minnesota gathered on Friday, March 22nd, for the beginning of convention—themed Mooving to the Wild West. The Jeopardy and Prepared Public Speaking contests took place Friday afternoon again this year. All attendees enjoyed activities such as mixers and fun icebreakers and ended the night with the dairy knowledge bowl test.

Saturday of convention was a busy day filled with contests, tours, the annual awards banquet, and a dance. Juniors started the day by eating breakfast and competing in contests such as dairy quiz bowl. This was a chance for members to present their dairy industry knowledge. The juniors then enjoyed a luncheon followed by a tour of Building Blocks Dairy in Kerkhoven, MN. While at the farm, juniors learned about nutrition from Barry Visser. We also had Ridgewater host some wonderful workshops for the youth. Here, the juniors were able to do some hands-on activities like ultrasounding and using a Penn State shaker box.

Later that evening, members dressed up for the annual awards banquet

with keynote speaker Natasha Mortenson. She encouraged members to “find their brand.” Within the banquet this year, each breed had the opportunity to share any updates and show highlights with the juniors. It was fun to hear from the Ayrshire, Jersey, and Red and White Holstein organizations. The juniors were then recognized for their hard work by presenting awards to the winning production records, dairy jeopardy participants, dairy knowledge bowl teams, and prepared public speaking winners. Thad Schlauderaff was presented with the Distinguished Junior Member (DJM) award, Kamrie Mauer received the honor of Young Distinguished Junior Member (YDJM), and Eric Sonnek was presented with the MJHA's Udder Best award for his amazing dedication to assisting the junior organization. Due to incoming weather, elections were held before the banquet which allowed the announcement of the new board members to take place at end of the banquet. The newly elected board members include Alexis Hoefs, Tyler Ratka, Shelby Swanson, Blake Siewert, Lanna Walter, and Jayden Schmitt. The night was capped off with juniors busting out their best moves on the dance floor.

On Sunday, the convention wrapped up with a business meeting, breakfast, and door prizes. The board allowed attendees to leave early so everyone would make it home safely! The 2023-2024 board was elected and is listed below.

#### Prepared Public Speaking

##### Junior Division:

1st place: April Schroeder  
2nd place: Toben Tibor

##### Senior Division:

1st place: Shelby Swanson  
2nd place: Alexis Hoefs

#### Folding Display

##### Junior Division:

1st place: Austin Howe  
2nd place: Tanner Howe

#### Photo Contest

1st place: Toben Tibor  
2nd place: Kamrie Mauer  
3rd place: Brooklyn Holtz

#### Junior High Production Award:

1st place: Alex Schroeder  
2nd place: Alex Schroeder  
3rd place: Shelby Swanson

#### High School Senior Scholarship:

Shelby Swanson

#### Junior Memorial

##### Scholarship Winners:

Allison Foss  
Alexis Hoefs  
Evelyn Scheffler

#### Dairy Jeopardy

##### Junior Division:

1st place: Daphne Frericks  
2nd place: Clare Caughey  
3rd place: Charlie Nelson

##### Intermediate Division:

1st place: Monika Frericks  
2nd place: Ella Lahr  
3rd place: Mausten Krueger

##### Senior Division:

1st place: Calvin Benrud  
2nd place: Evelyn Scheffler  
3rd place: Lanna Walter

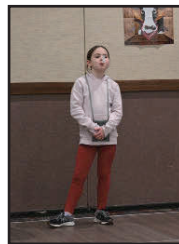
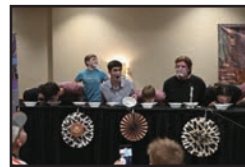
#### Quiz Bowl

##### Junior Division

1st place: Allison Ratka, Ella Lahr, Izzy Lahr, Maddie Hoefs  
2nd place: Isabella Raths, Jonathan Raths, Clara Benrud, Ben Scheffler, and Jillian Timmerman  
3rd place: Livia Kurth, Kamrie Mauer, Briecyn Kurth, and Monika Frericks

##### Senior Division

1st place: Dan Frericks, Evie Scheffler, Calvin Benrud, and Tyler Peters  
2nd place: Shelby Swanson, Lanna Walter, Haddie Walter, and Jayden Schmitt  
3rd place: Ryan Rechtzigel, Matthew Scheffler, Maggie Wingert, Melony Wingert, Martina Wingert, and Mady Wingert



# 2024 MHA AWARD WINNERS



**PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Alan Graves, IA



**NINE YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE MHA BOARD**  
Tracy Schaefer, Lafayette, MN  
Kris Gruenes, Richmond, MN



**MINNESOTA DISTINGUISHED YOUNG HOLSTEIN BREEDER AWARD**  
Luke Olson, Hutchinson, MN



**LONGTIME MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**  
Kenn Mueller, Arlington, MN



**MINNESOTA DISTINGUISHED JUNIOR MEMBER**  
Thad Schlauderaff, Frazee, MN



**MINNESOTA YOUNG DISTINGUISHED JUNIOR MEMBER**  
Kamrie Mauer, Brownton, MN

*Congratulations to all of our award winners!*

# ANNUAL MEETING: MINUTES

## MINNESOTA HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INC.

Annual Membership Meeting  
March 9, 2024

The membership of the Minnesota Holstein Association met on Saturday March 9, 2024, at the Best Western Kelly Inn in St. Cloud, MN.

Committee meetings took place online during the week of January 8, 2024.

The annual meeting was called to order at 2:06 PM by president, Kris Gruenes.

Tracy Schaefer made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Trevor Ekkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Annual meeting minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting were handed out in the supplemental materials packet. Attendees read through the minutes and had no proposed changes. Darrel Rennich made a motion to approve the minutes as read; seconded by Rebecca Groos. Motion passed unanimously.

### Financial Report

Ashley Swenson presented a financial report based on the current fiscal year. She concluded that there was some reallocation and restructuring of MHA's funds to better invest in the money. She asked for any questions or concerns and heard none. The CDs are invested with much stronger interest rates than in year's past. This year, the bus tour was added to the budget in an effort to inject interest dollars back into breed activities. Overall, the membership felt that the membership is in a strong financial position. Those that helped with hosting the National Holstein Convention were thanked for playing a big role in the sound financials of the association. Tony Kohls made a motion to accept the financial report as read; seconded by Rebecca Groos. Motion passed unanimously.

### Staff Update

Hailey Frericks provided a staff update which included thanking the membership during the first year in her position and informing them on the projects she was working on. She concluded that a summer intern, Kalie Ritter, has been hired. Next, Hailey will begin working on items for the sale and state show.

Darrel Rennich gave an update on the Business Manager position and said there were a total of eight applicants. The committee has interviewed the candidates and the board will make their selection during the reorganizational meeting. They are hoping to have a candidate hired within a week.

### Awards

The membership congratulated and thanked Kris Gruenes and Tracy Schaefer for their nine years of service to the MHA Board. Crescentmead Jaurora-RED-ET was recognized as winning this year's Holstein of the Year contest, Tony & Katherine Kohls were presented with a certificate and will receive a free half page advertisement in the June edition of the Minnesota Holstein News.

### Past President's Address

Andy Steinhagen stated that the past MHA president's met during the January MHA Board of Directors meeting and chose the winner of the Longtime Meritorious Service Award Winner.

The winner was Kenn Mueller who was recognized at the All-Breeds Convention Banquet.

### Holstein USA Report

Emily Bosch discussed her position with HAUSA. They continue to publish magazines, host TV shows of RFTV, and put out a lot of different social media content. The 2024 National Holstein Convention will be held on June 22-27 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration is currently open and the early bird discount applies through April 15. She said that if you plan to attend be sure to check out the meal plan options. Emily advised the membership to encourage junior participation and learn about the awards and deadlines within HAUSA. Spencer Hackett spoke about current trends within HAUSA. He said that registration is down 1-2%, basic ID is down 7%, and transfers are up 11%. The classification program is growing into other breeds and the semen program has been picking up through Marketplace Sires. They have leased an office space in Fort Atkinson, WI. The Elevation project is still going to be completed. Dennis Devore notified the members that they have stabilized the field staff. He will be covering majority of Minnesota and Tim Abrahamson will still be covering the northern part of the state.

### MJHA Report

Eric Sonnek reported that there was currently 338 junior members and growing. The Junior All-Breeds Convention will be held on March 22-24 in Willmar, MN. There is roughly 120 youth sign up and the juniors will be touring Ridgewater and Building Blocks Holsteins.

### Presidents Address

Kris Gruenes gave her president's address that went over events that happened throughout this past year and her favorite memories on the board.

### Nominations Committee Report

Individuals who have accepted their nomination to run for the MHA Board were: Rebecca Groos, Lucas Plamann, Kari Swanson, Chad Kieffer and Nathan Johnson. Kris Gruenes asked for any further nominations and there were none. Eric Sonnek made a motion to cease nominations; seconded by Beth Brekke. Motion passed unanimously. Rebecca, Lucas, and Kari spoke about themselves and plans if they were elected onto the board. Chad and Nathan had previously submitted videos regarding their candidacy that were played as they were not able to attend in person. Ballots were passed out to paid MHA members and tallied. Rebecca Groos, Chad Kieffer, Lucas Plamann and Kari Swanson were elected into the four vacant seats on the MHA Board. Lucas Plamann made a motion to destroy the ballots; seconded by Russ Thyen. Motion passed unanimously.

### Legislative Committee Report

The legislative committee previously and presented their proposed changes to the MHA resolutions which were passed out to attendees. Darrel Rennich presented that Resolutions 1-36 had no proposed changes other than removing resolution #33: Tail Docking. Andy Steinhagen made a motion to accept the proposed changes to Resolutions 1-36; seconded by Trevor Ekkel. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 37 was read:

# ANNUAL MEETING: MINUTES

Whereas the testing for stray voltage that's done by utility companies does not use accurate research;

Therefore, be it resolved MN Holstein supports the use of 125 om resistor in testing instead of 500 oms, and;

Also be it resolved that the MN Stray Voltage Guide is updated with accurate testing protocols and levels of concern so as to find and remedy the issue on farms.

Eric Sonnek made a motion to accept Resolution 37 as read; seconded by Kari Swanson. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 38 was read:

Where as dairy cows produce both milk and meat products, and where as honest food labeling, including method of production, is paramount to consumer transparency.

Be it resolved that "meat" be reserved to food/protein sources originating from animal flesh exclusively.

Andy Steinhagen made a motion to accept Resolution 38 as read; seconded by Lucas Plamann. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 39 was read:

Whereas, Minnesota Holstein business programs and events experienced a successful year, and;

Whereas, Minnesota Holstein human resources are the wealth of our organization,

Therefore, be it resolved that the membership of the Minnesota Holstein Association (MHA), friends and guests present express our thanks to Hailey Frericks, marketing manager; the MHA Board of Directors, committee members, volunteers and hosts who directed and assisted in the success of any aspect of the Minnesota Holstein Association, with special recognition for the production of the Midwest Holstein News.

Rebecca Groos made a motion to accept Resolution 39 as read; seconded by Tony Kohls. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 40 was read:

Thanks to our Volunteers and Event Hosts

Be it resolved that the members of the Minnesota Holstein Association (MHA), friends and guests present express appreciation to the McLeod County Holstein Club for the success of the 2023 MN State Show, and the Committee Chairs from the Minnesota Holstein Association for successfully hosting the 2024 All Breed's Convention.

Rebecca Groos made a motion to accept Resolution 40 as read; seconded by Jacob Pehrson. Motion passed unanimously.

There was a moment of silence held as part of Resolution 41.

## **Sale Committee Report**

Nate Donnay reported that they had a very successful online fall sale with around 20 lots sold. The next MHA sale will be held on April 13, 2024 with consignments due on March 15, 2024. Both 2024 MHA sales will be held on Cowbuyer.com.

## **Raffle Committee Report**

This year the committee decided to go away from a ticket raffle and conduct a silent auction/online auction at the All-Breeds Convention. It generated a good amount of money and they will make tweaks going forward.

## **Show Committee Report**

This year's state Holstein show will be held on June 11-15, 2024 in Sauk Centre, MN, at the Stearns County Fairgrounds. The judge for the open show is Brian Carscadden and judge for

the junior show is Tanner Schmaling. The 2025 state show will be hosted by the Rochester County Club and will be held in Kasson, MN, their contract has been signed. Applications for the 2029 state show host closed on March 1, and the show committee will review them and select the host.

## **Marketing & Communications Committee Report**

Eric Sonnek said they have got a system down for proofreading the publication. He asked members to please watch the deadlines for the publications. Eric said there has been a great presence on social media and to look for weekly emails. He asked for feedback regarding the calendar and those in attendance seemed to appreciate it. There was a suggestion to tie the raffle in with monthly prizes on the calendar.

## **Breed Activities/YAC Committee Report**

Luacs Plamann said there was around 20 people on the bus tour this year, 150 people attending the Breeders Seminars. The committee is always open to feedback about activities going forward.

## **Membership Committee Report**

Rebecca Groos said at the end of 2023 there was about 600 members and that number has held pretty steady. The bus tour was added as a membership perk and club scholarships will be voted on.

## **History Committee Report**

Chris Schulze went to Newalta and disposed of any history items that lacked value anymore. He saved the items that should be saved. The true type cows got sold on this year's MHA silent auction. Kenn Mueller expressed gratitude towards Chris for taking the time to dispose of the rest of the items.

## **Old Business**

Kris Gruenes asked the membership if there was a preference over the committee meeting being held virtually or during the convention. The general consensus was that they liked the virtual meetings.

## **New Business**

In 2027 MHA will host the All-Breeds Convention as they are in an agreement with PDCA to host every three years. There will need to be a chairperson appointed.

Tony Kohls discussed this year's Field Day being held at Do-N-Joy Genetics in Arlington, MN, on June 22. Featured activities include: complimentary meal, junior activities, speaker, and a drawing.

Andy Steinhagen made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Lucas Plamann. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Hailey Frericks  
MHA Marketing Manager

# MEEKER CO. CLUB

## *feature*

The Meeker County Holstein Club joined forces with the Meeker County All-Breeds Club to promote the dairy industry in their county. They graciously volunteered to host the 2025 MN All-Breeds Convention as a fundraiser for their county dairy barn expansion project. Club members are diligently working on the planning phase of the event. New this year, they have decided to trim the convention down to a one-day event. With this, they hope more dairy producers will find it more feasible to attend. The same convention traditions will remain the same, and new ones are planned to take place.

Mark your calendars for the 2025 MN All-Breeds Convention on March 8, 2025 in Willmar, MN. Registration and information will be shared in the months to come.

The MHA would like to thank the Meeker county club for their hard work in playing an active role in Minnesota's dairy community!



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