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WEST-CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR SHOW A HIT WITH KEEN 4-H DAIRY YOUTH

Elora, ON August 20, 2009 – 129 enthusiastic junior 4-H members flocked to the Grand River Raceway in Elora for the West-Central Ontario Junior Show held on August 19th and 20th.

On August 19th, over 100 4-H members brought their calves and their enthusiasm to Elora, ON. The 19th was a day filled with fun and learning, the kids learning about getting ready and showing their calves. The kids also played games and took part in a scavenger hunt that had them searching all around the show-grounds. The kids camped out on the racetrack for the night in anticipation of Wednesday's show.

The 4-Hers woke up early on show day to get their calves ready with the help of many senior 4-H members. Gary Jebson, of Sunderland, Ontario, got to see what the 4-H'ers had learned the day before in a large, very competitive show. In Pee-Wee showmanship, Blaire French, of Wellington came out on top of an impressive class of future 4-Hers. In the Junior Showmanship, Morgin Wright, of Grey won the very competitive class. Hayden Burgess of Wellington came in 2nd. In the massive senior showmanship class, Travis Canning of Wellington County was selected the 1st place show-person and later the Grand Champion. 2nd place and reserve Champion was Kirsten Harbin, also of Wellington County.

After an extremely strong calf show, Connor French of Wellington was the winner of the day. Her calf Craigcrest Rubies Gold Rejoice was 1st place intermediate calf and Grand Champion Calf. Reserve Champion Calf was Bridon Justice Prancer, the 2nd place intermediate calf of Erica Sayles from Brant County. Other class winners included Blanhaven Sept Storm Alpha, the junior calf of Cody Hollands from Grey, Walkerbrae Minister Natasha, the Senior calf of Kirsten Harbin of Wellington, and Valleyriver Sungod Veronica the yearling calf of McKenzie Wright from Grey County.

Bruce Witmer, as well as two representatives from Dumfries Mutual were on hand to present the Grand and Reserve Champion banners in both categories. We can't thank the sponsors of this show enough as they continue to make it such a successful event year after year. Thanks also goes out to the organizing committee, volunteers and senior 4-Hers who helped make this event run so smoothly.



Picture courtesy of Anne Howden Thompson

L-R, John Innes, Dumfries Mutual Insurance, Bruce Witmer, Speedside Holsteins, Travis Canning of Wellington County (Champion Showperson), Connor French of Wellington County (Champion Calf), Shelley Sutton, Dumfries Mutual Insurance, Judge: Gary Jebson, Sunderland, ON