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ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL WEST-CENTRAL JUNIOR SHOW

Elora, ON – August 16, 2011 – 106 keen 4-Hers participated in the 11th annual West-Central Junior Show held at the Grand River Raceway in Elora on August 15 and 16, 2011.

The first day's events included a series of educational sessions where participants learned tips and techniques on showmanship, calf health for the show, farm safety, preparing a proper showbox and clipping a topline. They also had time to wash their calves, practice their showmanship and have senior 4-H members prepare their calf's topline.

Later in the day, participants took a break from preparing for show day and took the opportunity to get to know fellow competitors by participating in a lively scavenger hunt which sent them searching for such items as a Robertson screwdriver, a yellow shoelace and a watch with roman numerals. Continuing with tradition, the much-anticipated water balloon fight capped off the evening. Prizes were awarded and all participants enjoyed some cake to celebrate before retiring to their tents for the evening in anticipation of show day.

Judge Jeff West of Tottenham was this year's Judge and his skills were put to the test throughout the day as he placed participants ranging from Pee-Wees to Seniors. The Seniors kicked off the day in the showring and after four heats, Michael Brain of Wellington County was named Senior Showmanship Champion with Reserve going to Hanna Dellaire, also of Wellington County.

In the Junior Showmanship class, after three strong heats, Brent Sayles of Brant County was named Junior Showmanship Champion with Reserve going to Blaire French of Wellington County. Though just six youngsters participated in the Pee-Wee class, they showed they could compete and capably led their young calves around the ring much to the delight of the spectators. The Pee-Wee Showmanship Champion was Ethan Ringelberg of Wentworth County with Reserve going to Ashley Stanton of Niagara County. For Overall Showmanship Champions, Judge West selected Michael Brain then Brent Sayles, with Honourable Mention going to Hanna Dellaire.

Throughout the day, a number of individuals were recognized. Bruce Witmer was honoured as a longtime sponsor and supporter of the show, as was Dumfries Mutual

Insurance. John Innes of Dumfries Mutual Insurance was also presented with an Ontario Dairy Youth Trust Fund certificate for the company's support over the years.

In the Junior conformation class, 42 calves competed and after three heats, James Gilchrist of Niagara was named the winner on Devans S Ultra. Second place went to Isabel Burrough of Waterloo on Willow Creek latola Majesty. Top Intermediate Calf went to Adriana Barnia-Plazzotta of Waterloo County on Willow Creek JW Grand Prix Verity with Lauren Miller of Brant County taking second on Fradon Goldwyn Alaine. The Senior Calf class was won by Erica Sayles of Brant County on Bridon Boyd Symbol, with Connor French of Wellington County winning Reserve with Craigcrest Antebellum. In the Yearling class, top honours went to Hanna Dellaire on Huronia Reagan Naomi with Julia Pilecki of Waterloo taking second place with Willow Creek Governor Twinkle.

For his Grand Champion Calf of the day, Judge West chose Huronia Reagan Naomi shown by Hanna Dellaire. Reserve was awarded to Adriana Barnia-Plazzotta on Willow Creek JW Grand Prix Verity and Erica Sayles was Honourable Mention with Bridon Boyd Symbol.

The show was a great success and no one went home empty-handed. All participants received prizes provided by the sponsors throughout the show. Faith Brown of Brant County was this year's lucky winner of the beautiful show box, hand made and painted by volunteer Leanne O'Donnell.

In eleven years of the West-Central Show's history, hundreds of enthusiastic 4-Hers have been given the opportunity to participate in a show that is competitive, educational, but above all else, fun! We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many sponsors and volunteers who make this show possible each year.

