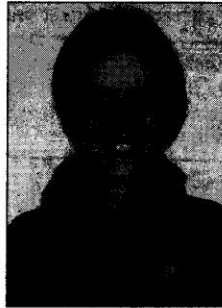


Youth recognized at Niagara Holstein Club banquet

The Holstein industry is firm in their belief that the youth of tomorrow must be encouraged to stay involved in the industry. For this reason, there are several awards for young people that are presented at the Niagara Holstein Club Annual Banquet.

The Ontario Holstein Spirit of 4-H award is sponsored by Ontario Holstein. This award was developed to recognize outstanding 4-H dairy calf club members who exhibit strength of character and are making a positive difference within their community. The award will recognize the contribution of a "4-H Member" in each county, through their leadership, dedication and commitment to the 4-H program as well as noteworthy achievements and contributions to the community. Emphasis will be given to the aforementioned rather than the amount of success the individual has achieved in the show ring.

The Niagara South Spirit of 4-H recipient was Kimberly Yungblut. Kimberly has been involved with the 4-H program since she was 10 years old. Before that she always showed calves in the pre 4-H shows from the time she was 5 years old. Her sisters usually took her calves the following year for their 4-H projects because Kim's calves were so well trained. She has completed over 24 clubs. She has been a youth leader, president and secretary for numerous clubs. She attended several 4-H conferences and has qualified for the Royal Winter Fair 4-H dairy competition since she was 12 years old. Extra curricular activities at high school included playing soccer, volleyball and hockey. She was a member of the Stamford synchronized figure skating team for 7 years and had the privilege of skating at an international competition in France where her team placed 3rd. She is a member of the McMaster University synchronized figure skating team where she is in her third year of the Medical Radiation Science Program. At McMaster, she is also a member of the



ESTELLE FOND

Students Off Campus Society.

The North Niagara Spirit of 4-H winner was Estelle Fond. Estelle has completed 4 years as an agricultural student in France. Upon graduation, Estelle chose to come to Canada on a work VISA in order to enhance her employment opportunities in the agricultural industry in France. In three years, Estelle hopes to purchase her father's shares in the family farm, which is currently operated by her mother, father and two cousins. This poem about Estelle's accomplishments since coming to Ontario from France was written by her 4-H leader Tricia Vaughan and

was read at the banquet.

There is a girl named Estelle Fond,
Who took a giant leap across the Atlantic pond.
On a farm in Niagara she landed.
Estelle joined the 4H Dairy Club
To which she dedicated her head, heart, health
and hands

Across this fair countryside she has been carted;
With her calf in tow, yet another show to go--
All with an enthusiastic smile!


It's been a great pleasure to know you this while!
In true Holstein enthusiasm and 4-H Spirit, Estelle has stepped out of her comfort zone this summer to explore a different country and farming practices. Her energy and determination was contagious to all the other 4-H members on the team, as we watched Estelle "learn to do by doing"! I am very proud to have had Estelle on the North Niagara 4-H Dairy Team this year and I am sure Dave and Sharon Haws are proud to have had Estelle be part of their operation this summer. Best wishes in all your future endeavors!

The Niagara Holstein Club Memorial Scholarship was presented to Brad Comfort. Brad is currently enrolled in his first year of the agriculture course at the University of Guelph, Ridgetown Campus. Brad has been a member of the North Niagara 4-H

Dairy Club for 9 years. He is currently a Provincial Director of Junior Farmers and is involved in restarting the program in Niagara. Brad is also a Junior Director of the Smithville Agricultural Society. He

has attended 4-H camp and activity days. Brad also enjoys football, track and field, cross country, soccer and broomball.

Congratulations to all of the winners at the Niagara Holstein Club Banquet.



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