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WESTERN ONTARIO JUNIOR SHOW A HUGE HIT WITH 4-H'ERS

Woodstock, ON August 4, 2009 – A large contingent of junior 4-H members flocked to the Outdoor Farm Show grounds in Woodstock for the Western Ontario Junior Show held on July 14-15th.

On July 14th, over 90 keen young dairy 4-H members brought their calves and their enthusiasm to Woodstock. Participants, aged 10-14, washed their calves and prepared their bedding packs, before taking part in an educational afternoon, featuring tips on clipping, feeding and showing their 4-H calf. Later, lots of fun and laughter was had by all while playing games and a scavenger hunt.

The following day the 4-Her's put their skills to the test in front of Judge Glenn Barkey from Blackstock, Ontario. The day started off with senior showmanship, to give the juniors a chance to watch 4-H members who had a little more experience. Tanner Jones of Oxford county was the 1st place senior showman, followed by Josh Karn, also of Oxford. In the junior class, Tanner's brother Trent, obviously took notes from his brother as he was placed first. Second place was Laura Deklein, of Middlesex. Tanner and Josh, the first and second place senior showpeople, were named Grand and Reserve of the showmanship competition.

After an extremely strong calf show, it was once again Tanner Jones of Oxford who came out on top. His calf, Perennial Justice Natasha, was first place yearling calf and Grand Champion calf. Reserve Champion calf went to the junior calf, Bobmur Jet Red Mist, shown by Cassie Hawthorne of Perth. Other class winners were the intermediate calf, Dutchdale Lyman Tessy, exhibited by Emily Van Osch of Huron and the senior calf, Morningmist Shyster Gretchen, shown by Sarah Mason of Oxford.

Bruce Witmer was on hand to present the Grand and Reserve banners in both categories, on behalf of himself as the primary sponsor of this event. A tribute was made to his late wife Joyce who, along with Bruce have graciously been the primary sponsors of this event since its inception.

All in all it was an extremely successful day; we'd like to thank the event sponsors, as well as the organizing committee that helped to make the event run so smoothly.



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