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Ohio National Fall Sale Wooster, OH (Wayne County fairgrounds) **Thanks!** to everyone who helped out on this lunch fundraiser and with the sale cattle. We made over \$300 in profit. Karen did a great job with the raffle basket.

Saturday, February 27, 2010 is the Ohio Ayrshire Association's meeting at Der Dutchman in Plain City. **We would like the Junior meeting to begin at 10:30am, but we aren't sure if we will have a room.** All junior club members and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend, even if you only own one Ayrshire. Check the website for more information as it becomes available and the specific time for the Junior Meeting.

The 2010 Queen and Princess contests will take place at this meeting. Any Ayrshire young lady between 15 and 21 (as of Jan 1) is eligible to run for queen. Each queen contestant will present a speech to the Ayrshire breeders. Any Ayrshire young lady under 15 years old is eligible to run for princess. Each princess contestant will present a speech to the Junior Ayrshire club members. ALL young ladies that plan to run for either queen or princess must contact either Leanne or Joyce prior to Feb 12 to be eligible. The rules and guidelines are available online at www.ohioayrshire.com/royalty

The 2009 Outstanding Members will also be announced based on participation throughout the year. The points are in a Google spreadsheet and your email will receive an invitation to edit your points. Each member needs to go into the spreadsheet online and put in their participation by February 12. If you received national or state recognition as a dairy winner this past year, please email it to me so I can recognize you at the banquet and on the website (mom or dad...I'm counting on you to help me with this).

The tentative Junior club agenda includes:

- I. Secretary and Treasurer reports
- II. Princess candidate speeches
- III. State Fair Class winner suggestions and trophy sponsors
- IV. State Fair Champion award suggestions
- V. Spring Dairy Expo hospitality dinner? Joyce and Leanne both have to work on Thursday, March 25 which is the day of the Ayrshire sale. If we choose to do this for the Senior Club, we will need two adults to volunteer to prepare the roasters of food.
- VI. Outstanding member participation
- VII. Ron Musser Memorial cash awards and fund
- VIII. Other? If you want to add something to the agenda, let me know.

National recordkeeping and outstanding member applications are due early in March. See the website www.usayrshire.com for specific information. We need to have more outstanding Ohio youth competing in these national contests. If you are doing the 4-H Achievement reports, the information is almost the same, so submit it for both. If you are a past Queen consider running for the National Princess. The national convention is **June 16 - 19, 2010** in Murfreesboro, TN this year.

The Junior Club provides 1st place awards for the classes at the Ohio State Fair Ayrshire show. There are 4 classes that don't have sponsors for 2010. If your family or a local business would like to sponsor a class award for \$20 please contact Leanne Moorman as soon as possible. All class sponsors are listed on the Ohio State Fair website and in the show program that is provided by COBA.

March 25-27, 2010 is the **Ohio Spring Dairy Expo**. <http://www.springdairyexpo.com/> All Ayrshire youth are encouraged to bring their animals and exhibit. <http://www.springdairyexpo.com/PDF/Brochure.pdf>

The Junior Club has Ayrshire **shirts and sweatshirts for sale**. If you would like one, let me know your shirt size and I'll bring it to the Annual meeting in February or I'll mail it to you.

Congratulations! to Grace Hageman for the feature story in Dairy Agenda Today:

<http://www.dairyagendatoday.com/News.aspx>

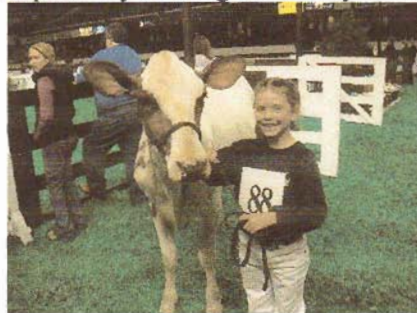
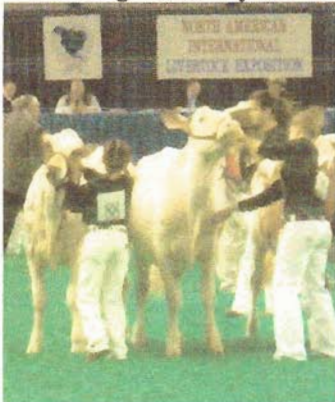
Turning Nine Just In Time By Dawn Mausser

Who would have thought that turning nine could be such a huge milestone in a child's life. For Grace Hageman of Mill Valley Farm of Sidney, Ohio that was the best part of May 2009.

Turning nine meant she could show her Jersey and Ayrshire heifers at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. Every day after school Grace rides the bus to her second home, Grandma and Grandpa Greiwe's farm. When Grace gets there she assists with the daily milking and in return for her labor Grace's Grandma allows her to exhibit her heifers.

She was extremely excited for Saturday November 7th, 2009, that was when she was to show her Ayrshire and Jersey heifers in the youth show in Louisville. However a slightly misreading of the rules by Grandma brought tears to Grace's eyes. The issue was that the Jersey Junior members must be nine by January 1st, while the Ayrshire youth just needed to be nine by the day of the show.

Grandma and Grace regrouped with renewed faith and set their minds on just showing in one show that day. But for Grace watching the Jersey show all day and patiently waiting for the Ayrshire show at 2:30 seemed like an eternity.



When her time to shine finally arrived, Grace got her moment of glory as she led her heifer with a huge smile on her face. Her senior calf placed second, behind the junior champion. As Grace walked out of the ring donning her smile she walked into the warm embrace of her Grandma Greiwe.

Grace reported showing was a great time and that she had a lot of fun even though she was a little nervous. With one successful national show under her belt, it is a given fact that Grace Hageman of Mill Valley Farm will have many more to come.

Grace wasn't the only winner from Mill Valley that day, Trevor Greiwe also took home junior grand champion Ayrshire honors with Mill-Valley Rosel's Ginger, the 1st place aged cow. Congratulations! Trevor.

We would like to communicate as much as possible via email to help keep costs down. If you have an email address and haven't already responded to my emails, please send me an email so I can add your email to my list.

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