

Bohls Earn Ohio's Distinguished Service Award

Members of the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association (OJBA) met for their annual meeting on March 1, 2014, after a snow storm caused cancellation of the meeting scheduled in late January. More than 100 Jersey enthusiasts attended the event at Der Dutchman restaurant in Plain City to honor peers, tend to business and learn more about timely industry topics from guest speakers.

Dick and Kay Bohl were recognized with the Pioneer Service Award. The couple operates a 300-cow Registered Jersey dairy with their sons, Kelly and Dusty, in Sardinia. The three men have each earned an American Farmer Degree from FFA.

Dick is a second-generation Jersey breeder. The first Jersey came to the farm in 1924 as a 4-H project for his father. Dick and Kay officially joined the family business with the receipt of their first milk check shortly after they were married in 1968. Today the Bohls raise corn, soybeans and alfalfa on the farm's 320 acres and some additional rented land. The cows are housed in a 256-stall free stall barn and milked in a double-10 herringbone parlor. The family exhibits cattle at the county fair and district show and has also shown Registered Jerseys at the Ohio State Fair for 25 years.

Kay is a director for the OJBA and a former advisor for the Ohio Junior Jersey Breeders Association (OJJBA). She has served as secretary/treasurer for District 13 for several decades. She designed the logo that was used on the cover of the booklet for the 50th anniversary of the Ohio Jersey Futurity in 2009 and helps at Jersey functions wherever needed.

Dick is treasurer of the Highland County Dairy Service Unit. Kay has also been active with the organization, helping to raise funds for the club over the years. Both Dick and Kay are members of the new Sardinia Mowrystown Lion's Club and lent a hand to establish the organization about a year ago.

Megan Cornish, North Fairfield, won the Ohio Jersey Youth Achievement Award. The daughter of Dave and Daphne Cornish is a freshman at Ohio State University Agriculture Technology Institute (OSU-ATI) majoring in agriculture communications. She is a member of the OSU-ATI Dairy and Hoof-N-Hide Clubs and also belongs to collegiate FFA.

Cornish received the Ohio Outstanding Girl Award in 2013 and was crowned as the Ohio Jersey Queen in 2012. She currently



Kay and Dick Bohl were honored with the Ohio Pioneer Service Award.



Darren Schindel, right, and Ohio Jersey Queen Kira Andre congratulate Trevor Greiwe for receiving the Ohio Outstanding Boy Award.

is president of the OJJBA after serving the past three years as treasurer. She also is the reigning Huron County Dairy Queen.

The Cornish family operates a mixed, 50-cow herd of Jerseys and Holsteins. Jerseys first came to the farm in 2008 as 4-H projects for Megan and her brother, Greg. Megan has been named Premier Dairy Exhibitor at her county fair and won Holstein showmanship at the Ohio State Fair in 2012.

Cornish was secretary of her local FFA chapter. She received the Star Chapter award as a sophomore and then was given the chapter's awards for outstanding junior and outstanding senior. She won the dairy handling competition at the state level in 2013 and then placed among the top 10 in the national contest held in Louisville, Ky., in November. She will receive her American Farmer Degree this fall.

Jody Williams, McConnelsville, received the Diley Family Achievement Award. She is the daughter of Kevin and Darlene Williams and a freshman at OSU-ATI. She is majoring in agriculture commerce and is a student ambassador in the school's admission department. Her herd of four cows and four replacement heifers is managed with Williams Jerseys, a 50-cow Registered Jersey dairy owned by her family.

She currently serves as treasurer for the OJJBA. She has also been treasurer of her 4-H club and president of both her FFA



Meagon Bolen received the Ohio Outstanding Girl Award from Ohio Jersey Queen Kira Andre and Darren Schindel.



Megan Cornish, center, won the Ohio Youth Achievement Award. She is recognized by Ohio Jersey Queen Kira Andre and Darren Schindel.

chapter and the Morgan County Junior Fair Board.

Williams has been a member of her FFA chapter's parliamentary procedure and dairy judging teams. She was second individual at the state dairy judging contest in 2011 and a member of the team that competed at the Eastern States Exposition, where she was eighth high individual overall. She received her American Farmer Degree as well.

She has enjoyed success in the show ring with market hogs and dairy cattle. Most recently, she showed Family Hill Comerica Flame-ET, a cow she owns in partnership with Neal Diley and her family, to Reserve Junior All American Five-Year-Old honors at All American festivities in 2013. She has also shown several class winners and production winners at the Ohio State Fair Junior Show, including Indiana Hope, who topped her class as a junior three-year-old in 2008 and then won the class production award the following year. Williams has also won intermediate showmanship at the Ohio State Fair.

Trevor Greiwe, Quincy, was named winner of the Ohio Outstanding Boy Award. The son of Jeromy and Season Greiwe of Quincy and Jeff and Jennifer Lukey of Sidney is a freshman at Fairlawn High School.

His herd of 14 Jerseys and eight Ayrshires is managed with Mill Valley

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Farms, which is owned by his family. Greiwe feeds and cares for the milking cows and lends a hand with the beef cow and calf operation, which includes 40 cows and 120 steers. He also helps plant and harvest crops.

Greiwe is the reporter for his FFA chapter and a member of the parliamentary procedure, soil and dairy judging teams. He has participated in several service projects, including the pancake breakfast and fruit sale and collected pop tabs to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House. He has also served his 4-H club as treasurer and is a director-at-large for the OJBA.

He enjoys exhibiting both breeds at county, state and national shows. Success on the tanbark trail in 2013 includes the Junior All American Junior Heifer Calf (DKG Motion Blinky), the Grand Champion of the Ohio State Fair Junior Show (DKG Jade Violet), and the winner of the Ohio Jersey Futurity (KEK Exclamation Rose). Greiwe placed second in intermediate showmanship at The All American Junior Show this past November and topped the class in 2012.

Meagan Bolen, Fremont, received the Ohio Outstanding Girl Award. The daughter of Jim and Jodi Bolen is a senior at the OSU majoring in animal science. Her herd of 10 cows and a dozen replacement heifers is managed with the family farm, Highland Jersey Farms, in the north-central part of the state. She was a member of the third class of Jersey Youth Academy.

Bolen is active with the OSU Buckeye Dairy Club. She co-chaired the recent Buckeye Classic Sale and also chaired the Buckeye Royal in 2014. She served on the committee that helped to put on the Midwest Regional American Dairy Science Association-Student Affiliate Division meetings at OSU earlier in the year. While at OSU-ATI, she was president of the dairy club and a member of the school's dairy challenge team.

Currently, she works part-time in the DHI milk laboratory. She has been an intern for Select Sires Inc. and worked with Jersey Marketing Service in 2013 as a recipient of the Fred Stout Experience award.

She has served the OJBA as president, vice president and secretary and won the Ohio youth achievement award in 2010. She has fared well in state youth production contests as well and earned the top prize in 2012 with Highland Jace Daisy.

In high school, Bolen was vice president



Jersey breeders on hand to receive All-Ohio or Reserve All-Ohio awards were: Kevin Williams, Neal Diley, Jim Morgan and Donna Greiwe.



Jersey juniors receiving All-Ohio or Reserve All-Ohio Awards at the annual meeting were: (back row) Ross Andre, Greg Cornish, Trevor Greiwe, Ethan Starkey, (front) Garrett Hageman, Blake Greiwe, Lane Greiwe, Grace Hageman, Kadey Starkey, Matthew Richards and Mason Mazarro.

and secretary of her local FFA chapter and a four-year member of the dairy judging team. She placed second in the dairy handler contest at the state level in 2010 and went on to place second in the contest held during the Eastern States Exposition.

Other Awards

Leah Thurston of Delaware won the youth production contest with her entry, GR Brownies Fair Sunset. The Very Good-88% daughter of Sunset Canyon Maximus-ET, GJPI +60, produced a 305-day record of 21,691 lbs. milk, 1,215 lbs. fat and 825 lbs. protein at 5-4.

All-Ohio and Reserve All-Ohio awards were presented to adults and juniors for achievements at the Ohio State Fair. Eighteen juniors received All-Ohio or Reserve All-Ohio awards. Trevor Greiwe led the way with four All-Ohio awards. Matthew Richards, Urbana, took home certificates for one All-Ohio and three Reserve All-Ohio winners; Lane Greiwe, Quincy, and Jody Williams each earned certificates for one All-Ohio and a pair of Reserve All-Ohio winners.

Eighteen adult Jersey breeders also received certificates for All-Ohio and Reserve All-Ohio winners. Greiwe and Knoop Jerseys, Sidney, received prizes for five All-Ohio and three Reserve All-Ohio

winners. Topp View Farms, Botkins, took home certificates for one All-Ohio and two Reserve All-Ohio animals. TJ Classic Jerseys, Ansonia, and Williams Jerseys, McConnelsville, each earned awards for an All-Ohio and a Reserve All-Ohio winner.

Business Meeting

Allison Ryan, the industry relations manager for American Dairy Association Mideast (ADA-Mideast), brought the group up-to-date on activities of the dairy industry's check-off program. Partnerships with key players in the fast food industry continue to be a focus to promote consumption of dairy products. She noted that four employees at McDonald's are working to incorporate dairy items in the menu. Milk is now the default beverage for the chain's Happy Meals. ADA-Mideast is also collaborating with new brand partners, such as Taco Bell, which recently added yogurt parfait to its breakfast menu. Ryan said that Dominoes and Pizza Hut are adding more cheese to their products and Quaker Oats is developing an advertising campaign that promotes the use of milk to make its instant oatmeal.

Chocolate milk is the official beverage of the Ohio High School Athletic Association and available to athletes after practice and other sporting events. The new promotion theme, "Respect the Game" and has been well received by Ohio dairy producers. The campaign strives to educate consumers on how dairy producers care for their animals and produce a high quality product.

Ryan reported that six dollars in revenue are generated for every dollar spent by dairy farmers through the check-off program by developing partnerships like these.

She told the group that the national level program, "Got Milk," is being replaced by a new program, "Milk Life," which promotes the nutritional benefits of milk.

Ryan also spoke about the Ohio Dairy Producers Association, a member organization that provides a voice for the dairy industry on policy issues related to water quality and livestock care.

Ted Smart, Anna, talked about the Ohio Purebred Dairy Cattle Association. Officers for 2014 include: J.R. Kaverman, South Charleston, president; John Greiwe, Sidney, vice president; Randi Dibert, Mechanicsburg, secretary; and Carl Lund, Norwalk, treasurer.

Recipients of the organization's Woody Nunnemaker Herdsman Award were Tom and Shirley Schindel, West Liberty. The

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award is given each year at the Ohio State Fair to an exhibitor who has an attractive barn display, shows sportsmanship to other exhibitors and interacts effectively with non-agriculture fair goers. The Schindels operate S&O Jerseys, which was established in 2004 and named for their grandchildren, the Schindel and Oakley families. The Schindels received the Ohio Pioneer Service Award in 2012.

Angi Kaverman, South Charleston, relayed details about the Ohio State Fair. The junior show will be held on July 31, with Neal Smith, Smyrna, Tenn., serving as official. The open show for heifers will be August 1 and the open show for cows and the futurity will be August 2. Lorne Ella, Milton, Ont., will judge the open show. Both shows start at 9 a.m. There will also be a dairy feeder show this year, with shows held July 28-30.

Dr. Maurice Eastridge talked about the Jersey herd at Waterman Dairy on the OSU campus. He mentioned that the dean of the college of agriculture is reviewing the livestock facilities and making recommendations for upgrades to the university's new president. He commented that the dairy club's Buckeye Classic Sale this year was co-managed by two Jersey juniors, Meagan Bolen and Erin Williams of McConnellsville.

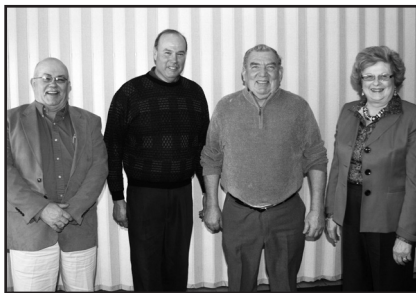
Members heard about the record-breaking year for the Jersey breed and national breed news from Sam Bok, AJCA Director, and Greg Lavan, AJCA-NAJ Area Representative.

Bok congratulated Ohio Jersey breeders, Kira Andre, Wauseon, for being selected as first alternate in the National Jersey Queen Contest in 2013 and Stacey Atherton, Newark, for receiving an AJCA Young Jersey Breeder award for 2014.

Diane Smart, Anna, was thanked for her long-time support of the OJJB as a junior advisor. Smart stepped down this year after 10-plus years of service in order to spend more time with her seven grandchildren. She and her husband, Ted, operate Smarts Jerseys and Shorthorns. Heifers are raised on the home farm; milking cows are managed with the Jersey herd owned by Jacob Hershberger in Casstown.

Diane is a full-time nurse for a general practitioner who operates out of Wilson Memorial. Ted also milks for a local Holstein dairy. The couple received the Ohio Pioneer Service Award in 2010.

Susan Mykrantz, Wooster, reported on the *Ohio Jersey News*, the official publication of the OJBA, noting the magazine will be in the black for the



Officers re-elected to serve the Ohio Jersey Breeders Association in 2014 include: Mark Hoewischer, vice president; Jim Bolen, secretary/treasurer; Neal Diley, president; and Julia Stevens, recording secretary/treasurer.



Officers elected to serve the junior organization during 2014 were: Megan Cornish, president; Ethan Starkey, vice president; and Molly Michael, secretary. Missing from photo are Jody Williams, treasurer, and Allison Mangun, news reporter.

calendar year 2013.

Officers were re-elected to serve as follows: Neal Diley, Canal Winchester, president; Mark Hoewischer, Mechanicsburg, vice president; Jim Bolen, Fremont, secretary/treasurer; and Julia Stevens, Urbana, recording secretary/treasurer.

Juniors elected to serve are: Megan Cornish, president; Ethan Starkey, Mechanicsburg, vice president; Molly Michael, Baltimore, secretary; Jody Williams, treasurer; and Allison Mangun, Burbank, news reporter.