

# Bonnie's Buckeye "Moos"

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## DO WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

It is a question that we often must address when volunteering our time to whatever cause we have chosen. In the thick of things, it is easy to become disappointed and unhappy in attempting to fit together schedules and attitudes. Probably we receive better answers at the end of a project.

In watching the media, there are some movies that quickly show us what life would be like if we did not choose to do the right thing. "Back to the Future" comes to mind and so does "It's A Wonderful Life". If you have seen these, you know that destiny is altered.

As we are just finished with the State 4-H Dairy Judging Contest, I feel that all participants made a difference...a REALLY positive one. With that, I also see things we can choose to do differently and include even more kids, more volunteers, and more enthusiasm! Reflection can make us stronger and that is why I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the Evaluation Form at the end of this newsletter.

Without reservation, I can say, YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE and it makes the best better. Pat yourself on the back whether you are an advisor, a parent, an adult volunteer, or a

4-Her who worked hard to do the right thing on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

I was proud to share the time with all of you.



## CALENDAR

**May 10<sup>th</sup>: Deadline for each county's submitted questions for Quiz Bowl and Senior Jeopardy**

**June 1: Deadline for Ohio State Fair Scholarship**

**June 20<sup>th</sup>: OSF Entry Deadline**

**June 21st: Ohio Dairy Quiz Bowl and Senior Jeopardy**

**July 5<sup>th</sup>: Practice judging at the National Brown Swiss Convention (more info to follow)**



## BLUE RIBBON VOLUNTEERS

It was a day of leadership as so many of the coaches stepped up to assist with 91 junior judging participants in one ring. One could ask where they all came from!

In any given year, it is difficult to answer all of the questions as the contest begins. However, Bruce Smith handled the ring in just the caring way that I thought he would. With back up support from Jill Lokai, Joyce Nelson, Jim Sheffield, Dan Grim, and Alicia Dickerhoof on the

camera, it was a great combination. There were also FFA resource people! Dena Wuebker made every effort to make clear announcements and keep the contest flowing. Other FFA input included the ring leaders, Bill Diley, and the Ogdens. At the registration, Michelle Milligan (from here in the dept.) along with Lisa Gress kept everything moving efficiently. Then some of the 4-H judges from 2007's team were on hand to help with cattle, with cards, and with

paperwork. That's a great feeling to watch them step into a new role! Our officials, Larry Schirm, Laurie Langel, Lucas Ayars, and Kelly Epperly donated their time and their expertise. After all, they too are "graduates" of the judging experience. And last but not least, how could we forget Dr. and Donna Eastridge for their key involvement with the scoring process! Their patience never wavered!



## 4-H Dairy Judging Winners/Awards

Shortly, all of the top 25 Senior Dairy Judges will receive a letter inviting them to consider earning a berth on the Ohio 4-H Dairy Judging Teams. Also they will have information on tentative dates for practices and a trip to Maryland. These are experiences that last a lifetime and all the expenses are covered through our contributors.

AWARDS will be mailed by the first of May to your county offices. I will email a notice when this happens. Feel free to pick them up at your convenience.

ceremony prior to one of the clinics.

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**STATE 4-H JUDGING CONTEST**

See the News Release by clicking on the Quick Link on the main web page for a news release to use in your local publications. Please add a paragraph about information pertinent to your county, coaches, and participants.

At the state fair, junior show announcers will receive a list of our winners and recognition will be given to the Ohio State Fair for sponsoring the awards. This will replace our brief award

" One thing I know:  
the only ones  
among you who will  
be  
really happy are  
those who  
have sought AND  
found how to serve."

-Albert Schweitzer

## DAIRY QUIZ BOWL/SR. JEOPARDY

**INFORMATION** will be going out to county educators next week and registration forms/rules will be posted on the web site. Remember that adjoining counties can combine to make a team. Mark the dates on your calendar that appear in this newsletter.

At the Advisory Committee meeting in November, these are the resources that will be used for Juniors:

**Juniors: National 4-H book (purple one),**

**\*Dairy Resource Handbook**

**\*Holstein Foundation's**

**Dairy Judging Workbooks**

**Seniors: Nat'l 4-H book (purple one)**

**Dairy Resource Handbook**

**Magazines: Hoards, Dairy Herd Management, Dairy Today**

**Holstein Foundation Workbooks (link on Ohio 4-H Dairy website)**



## DETAILS, REMINDERS.....



**Reasons CD from Judging Clinic**....For those of you who received the CD featuring sets of reasons from the past, click on the web site's resource page for suggestions on how you and your 4-Hers can use these more effectively.

**Are you looking for Dairy Judges**....After the PDCA Judging School at Spring Dairy Expo, there is a list of approved judges released by that group. Contact me if you would like a copy or need assistance in locating a judge for your 4-H or opens shows.

**State 4-H Dairy Judging Evaluation Form**.....

See Quick Clicks on the main webpage to access this or simply go to the web site opening page. **PLEASE take the time to complete this. Input is very important.**