

The Mission of the Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation is to enhance and grow the dairy industry through people by providing education, demonstration and research.

Vision: Successful dairy farm families supported by a thriving dairy industry which in turn supports vital local communities.

The Northeast Iowa Community Based Dairy Foundation works with Northeast Iowa Community College and Iowa State University to offer educational programs to students and existing dairy farm families to help them prepare for the future.

Thank you for your generosity & memberships!

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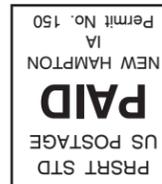
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Call 563-534-9957, email info@iowadairycenter.com or talk to a member of the executive board. Thanks!

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DAIRY CENTER Connection

News from the Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation



Iowa's Dairy Center Unveils Improved Nutrition Room and Hall of Breeds

Iowa's Dairy Center is proud to showcase the new improvement to the Nutrition Room and Hall of Breeds. This project was instrumental in improving programming and education for the Dairy Center's nearly 10,000 annual visitors, including Iowa Dairy Story youth participants and consumers. Improvements to the Nutrition Room include colorful floor-to-ceiling graphics depicting milks journey from farm to store, the importance of dairy in a diet, benefits of chocolate milk, and an interactive activity containing calcium comparisons. The Nutrition Room and Hall of Breeds had not been updated in fifteen years and were in need of an overhaul due to revised nutritional guidelines, wear and tear, etc. New, eye-catching graphics were developed for both areas. The need for this project was to further expand educational opportunities by enhancing areas that display the importance of dairy in a diet and adding new educational areas including the benefits of chocolate milk and milk's journey from farm to store. The Hall of Breeds features all Iowa cows selected by Iowa dairy producers along with breed characteristics, highlights, and fun facts.

Providing the general public and youth with easy to understand information about the dairy food group and dairy cows helps to further our mission of connecting with consumers. When people understand how milk is produced and that animals receive the best care possible, they are more likely to support all aspects of agriculture, including dairy.

Contributors to the project include:

- Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area
- Midwest Dairy Association
- ISU Extension and Outreach and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences
- Iowa Farm Bureau Foundation
- Chickasaw County Farm Bureau
- Winneshiek County Farm Bureau
- Dubuque County Farm Bureau
- Allamakee County Farm Bureau
- Fayette County Farm Bureau
- Jones County Farm Bureau
- Clayton County Farm Bureau
- Buchanan County Farm Bureau
- Butler County Farm Bureau
- Howard County Farm Bureau
- Bremer County Farm Bureau



Project supporters celebrated the completion at the unveiling on March 14th.

A Word from the President - Tim Huhe

Hello, I am Tim Huhe, the newly elected President of the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation. For those that don't know me, I own and operate a 300 cow dairy just North of Cresco, Iowa and have been on the Board of Directors for the past five years. I am excited to take on the presidential position, but there are challenges as the past presidents have left very large shoes to fill. I would like to thank Todd Hendrickson, the previous president, for everything that he has done to make Iowa's Dairy Center a better place.

With our dairy industry changing and challenges upon us we are looking to do more things to partner with NICC to help put our students and existing producers in better positions to succeed. We will be putting in extra energy and time to see where this takes us. One of the next big events that we have coming up this summer is Breakfast on the Farm; held June 17th from 8:30-Noon. This has been a large event in the past, and we hope for even more public interest this year.

There are many new and exciting changes currently happening around the Dairy Center. In the past two months, Dave Lawstuen and I have been interviewing for some positions that needed to be filled to help make the dairy operate in a more efficient and positive manor. We have hired two individuals, one to work with the robots and calves, and a second one to work more with milk cows. We look forward to seeing what Jennifer Huhe and Bonnie Paus can add to the team which still includes Jeremy Walz and Jon Meyer.

On a final note, I want to personally thank Megan Kregel for everything that she has done for the Dairy Foundation over the past seven years that she has been with us. Megan was part of the interviewing process for her replacement which was very helpful in finding the right predecessor for her position. As disappointing as it is to see Megan leave, we are excited to welcome Mariah Schmitt, the new Iowa Dairy Center Coordinator. I am very confident that she will lead us into a bright future.



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I would like to include the Dairy Foundation in my estate plan. Please call me to discuss.

The Northeast Iowa Community-Based Dairy Foundation was created for educational purposes and has been designated as an IRS Sec. 501 (c)3 public charitable educational organization for federal income, estate and gift tax purposes.

Awards Given at AgriScience Ceremony



Outstanding Internships
Beef Science, Devin Ryan
Ag Business, Shelby Hurst
Dairy Science, Shania Falck



Outstanding Alumni
Ag Business, Nikki Meyer
Beef Science, Luke Boyum
Dairy Science, Megan Kregel



Josh Evers Award, Karl Klocke



Outstanding Students
Beef Science, Adam Fliehler
Ag Business, Ellis Frank
Dairy Science, Michael Nettinga



Dairy Friend of Distiction, Gary Kregel pictured with daughter Megan.

Dairy Science Student news

Dairy Science Club Hosts Successful Sale



Congratulations to the NICC Dairy Science Club on putting on an exceptional sale on April 1, 2017. Their hard work, dedication, and attention to detail were noticed by all. The sale averaged \$1,950. Special recognition to the sale co-chairmen Aaron Houdek and Ellis Frank for their leadership.

2017 DAIRY IOWA MEETING



JUNE 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Heartland Agribition Center
2600 Swan Lake Blvd., Independence, Iowa

Key Speaker:
Kevin Murphy, food chain communications

Highlights:

- Activists & agriculture
- Activists & convergence model of communication
- Activists & swaying public opinion

Producer panel will discuss:
Labor saving and value-added technology

Know any dairy leaders of tomorrow?
Invite them to attend the Youth Communications Workshop June 8, to learn how to be an advocate for dairy in Iowa.

To Pre-register for either event, go to www.cvent.com/d/05qxfl
Questions? Contact Mitch Schulte at 319-775-3451 | mschulte@midwestdairy.com
Registration opens on-site at 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast on the Farm

Make plans now to be part of this fun family event! Enjoy a wholesome breakfast featuring Dad's Belgian Waffles, learn about modern agriculture practices, and tour the Dairy Center's 280-cow farm. Parking available on-site.



Date **June 17, 2017**
Time **8:30 a.m. - noon**
Place **Iowa's Dairy Center
Calmar, IA**

Donations accepted

NEW this year!

- ◆ 'Ask a Farmer' while waiting to eat
- ◆ Bounce house, corn pool & photo booth

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New Faces at the Foundation

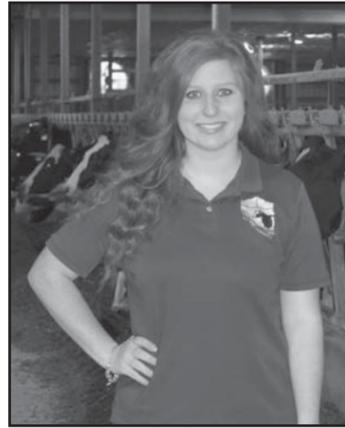
Iowa's Dairy Center is pleased to welcome new staff joining the team in May.

Dairy Center Coordinator – Mariah Schmitt

Mariah Schmitt was named the new Dairy Center Coordinator for the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation where she began her role in mid-May. Her duties include heading the public relations, marketing, membership, grant writing, tours and publications of the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation.

Schmitt grew up on her family's dairy farm outside of Fort Atkinson and graduated in early May from Iowa State University with degrees in dairy science and agriculture & society. At Iowa State, she was a member of the Dairy Science Club, ISU Dairy Judging and Dairy Challenge teams. Additionally, she was active in 4-H and FFA and served a year as the Iowa Dairy Princess. She brings experience from internships at Midwest Dairy Association, Osborn Barr Communications and Land O'Lakes.

"I look forward to diving into my new role at the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation," says Schmitt. "I am excited to work to constantly improve and promote Iowa's Dairy Center to ensure its presence as one of the most prominent dairy organizations in Iowa."



Assistant Dairy Herdspersons– Bonnie Paus and Jennifer Huhe

Bonnie Paus and Jennifer Huhe were named Assistant Dairy Herdspersons joining the current team of Jeremy Walz and Jon Meyer. In addition to their general duties on the farm, Paus will focus on cows and reproduction and Huhe's concentration will be on calves and the robots.

Paus joins the team from Spruce Haven Farm in Union Springs, New York. There, Paus worked as a reproduction herdsman and genetic records manager. Prior to that, she was a herdsman at Regancrest Holsteins in Waukon and a youngstock manager at Oakwood Dairy in Aubrun, New York.

Paus grew up outside of Waukon and attended college at Cornell University where she received both her bachelor's degree in animal science and master's degree in farm management and production economics. She now lives in Decorah with her husband, Sam. "It's nice to be back home in Iowa and back in the dairy industry," says Paus. "I enjoy working with a team of great people at the Dairy Foundation."

Huhe grew up on her family's dairy farm outside of Cresco and is a recent graduate from Iowa State University where she earned a degrees in dairy science and agricultural business. At Iowa State, Huhe was active in the Dairy Science Club, Agricultural Business Club and was a member of the Dairy Judging and Dairy Challenge teams. Huhe brings experience from internships at Prairie State Select Sires, WW Homestead Dairy and Viafield. "I am very excited to join the team at the Dairy Foundation," adds Huhe. "I look forward to helping the growth and development of Iowa's Dairy Center."



The time I've spent serving the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation has given me many great memories and outstanding moments. As I write this message I've just begun my seventh year with the Foundation and am preparing to say goodbye in a few short days. I announced a few months ago that I've decided to leave this wonderful organization in order to return to my family farm full-time. I'm thankful for the many outstanding opportunities while representing Iowa's Dairy Center. Thank you for the tremendous opportunity to represent a wonderful organization. I'm blessed to have the opportunity to be surrounded by passionate, dedicated and inspiring dairy board members. It's been a pleasure and I'm looking forward to see the tradition of excellence continue with new staff joining Iowa's Dairy Center. Thank you! ~Megan Kregel

IOWA'S DAIRY CENTER AND NORTHEAST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECEIVE SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Winneshiek County Development Incorporated has awarded Iowa's Dairy Center and Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) with the annual Sustainability Award. This award is presented to any business or organization that has gone above and beyond in employing good sustainability practices.

NICC and Iowa's Dairy Center has become a beacon of both urban and rural conservation practices through multiple projects initiated in partnership with area organizations, including the Winneshiek Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Iowa Living Roadways and Rockwell Collins grants. The partnership with SWCD enabled NICC and Iowa's Dairy Center to incorporate multiple sustainable practices through the Turkey River Watershed Nutrient Reduction Demonstration Project and the Urban Demonstration Conservation project.

The recent Urban Conservation Project initiative addressed storm water runoff issues and consequent nutrient loss issues created by nearly four acres of dairy farm, livestock buildings and feed storage areas at the Iowa's Dairy Center. In addition, Iowa's Dairy Center serves as a best practice model of sustainable agriculture that utilizes 100 percent corn, 100 percent no-till and 100 percent cover crop strategies to reduce the operation's environmental footprint and minimize soil erosion and pollution into waterways.

Other projects on the campus and farm grounds include the creation of water retention ponds, bioswale plantings, waterway upgrades, reconstruction of the campus pond and planting a 1.2 acre shelter belt on the south side of the Dairy Center.

These demonstration projects have played a vital role in the Dairy Center's and the College's sustainability goals.

Upcoming Events for Iowa's Dairy Center

Call 563-534-9957 if you are interested in learning more about any of these programs/events.

- May 26 - Operations/Exec Meeting
- May 29 – Campus Closed
- June 6-8 – AI Certification
- June 13 – Winneshiek Energy District Event
- June 17 – Breakfast on the Farm
- June 19 – ServSafe Class
- June 23 - Operations/Full BOD Meeting
- June 21-July 4 – Dairy Judging Team trip to Europe
- June 28 – WIDA June Event
- July 4 – Campus Closed
- July 11-15 – Winneshiek Co. Fair
- July 18 – Progressive Ag Safety Day
- July 19-23 – Allamakee Co. Fair
- July 25-29 – Fayette Co. Fair
- July 28 - Operations/Exec Meeting
- August 2-7 – Clayton Co. Fair
- August 2 – USDA Ag Economist Tour
- August 3 – ISU Agronomic Workshop
- August 25 - Operations/Exec Meeting
- September 7 – NICC Fall Fest
- September 14 – Tri State Dairy Expo
- September 22 - Operations/Full BOD Meeting
- Oct. 3-7 – World Dairy Expo



- 👉 Energy efficiency workshops
- 👉 Programs and incentives
- 👉 Renewables energy on the farm
- 👉 Meet local contractors

Tuesday, June 13th 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

