

**August 2018**



# The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

Another busy summer at Iowa's Dairy Center is wrapping up and we're anxiously awaiting the exciting events that will be happening this fall. We're pleased to host the Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo in September where 350 FFA members will try their hand at dairy cattle and dairy products judging. Members will also attend educational sessions focused on conservation. In October, the Dairy Foundation will be offering a one-day bus trip to World Dairy Expo for farmers, industry members and dairy enthusiasts. Finally, be sure to stay tuned for details about Midwest Dairy Day coming up later this fall.

I wish everyone a safe, cool and relaxing last part of your summer as students get ready to go back to school and farmers prepare for a busy fall.

Mariah Schmitt  
Coordinator, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation

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## What's Happening at Iowa's Dairy Center

### Ron Lenth Presented With Ralph Keeling Award

Dairy Foundation Treasurer, Ron Lenth, was presented with the 2018 Ralph Keeling Award. This award is presented annually by Iowa State Dairy Association to one farmer and one industry person who display great leadership and have a strong voice for the dairy industry. Ron was recognized for his contribution to Iowa's dairy industry through his work through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, Iowa State Dairy Association, Iowa Holstein Association and more. Congratulations, Ron!

### Hop on the Bus to World Dairy Expo

Make plans to join the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation for a one-day bus trip to World Dairy Expo on Friday, Oct. 5. Bus will depart from Iowa's Dairy Center at 6 am and will return at 8:30 pm. Pick up locations will be in Postville and Prairie du Chien, Wisc. Cost to attend is \$25 for lifetime Dairy Foundation members and \$50 for non-members. To register, contact Mariah at (563) 524-9957 ext. 107 or email [schmittma@nicc.edu](mailto:schmittma@nicc.edu). [Read more.](#)

### Iowa's Dairy Center is Destination for International Visitors

Iowa's Dairy Center is more than just a travel destination for local visitors, it's a destination for the whole world. This summer, we've hosted visitors from nearly a dozen countries, including Japan, Australia, Brazil, Israel and more. We're proud to showcase American dairy farming for the world to see. Stop by and see for yourself!

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## NICC News

### Josie Buddenberg Wraps Up Reign as Iowa Dairy Princess Alternate

Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Ag Finance student Josie Buddenberg is wrapping up her year as the 2017-2018 Iowa Dairy Princess Alternate. Josie served as a goodwill ambassador for the dairy community and has promoted dairy at several events including Iowa's Dairy Story and Breakfast on the Farm which are both supported by the Dairy Foundation. [Read more.](#)

### Students Complete Summer Internships

NICC Dairy Science Technology students took advantage of learning opportunities outside of the classroom this summer through internships. Students could be found all over the Midwest completing their internships on dairy farms, at veterinary clinics and other agriculture companies. Check out our [Facebook album](#) for internship features.

### Bond Levy Continuance Vote

On Sept. 11, 2018, voters will be asked to decide whether to continue the College's current tax levy. The College's \$39 million bond levy measure is not a new tax. This is a continuation of the current 28.8-cent bond and interest fund levy rate per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation, which means a homeowner with an assessed valuation of \$150,000 would only pay \$1.89 a month or about \$23 a year. (After application of the residential property tax rollbacks.) [Read more.](#)



### Dairy Profile: Scott Wedemeier

Scott Wedemeier, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation vice president, and his family were recently featured in the Dairy Star for their switch to an organic, grazing dairy farm. [Read more.](#)

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## Industry News

ISU Extension and Outreach calf management training resources now available in both English and Spanish. [Read more.](#)

Mark your calendars for the 2018 NW Iowa Corn Silage Clinic. [Read more.](#)

Farmland leasing land value meetings hosted across Iowa. [Read more.](#)

Dairy farm stress webinar series now archived. [Read more.](#)

Jessica Schmitt crowned 65th Iowa Dairy Princess. [Read more.](#)

Iowa State Dairy Association launches new website. [Visit website.](#)

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## Calendar of Events

Visit our [website](#) to see all upcoming events and continuing education courses.

### **NICC Fall Semester Begins**

Aug. 22

### **Dairy Foundation Operations/Exec Committee Meetings**

Aug. 24 | 10:30 a.m. -2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

### **Fall Fest**

Sept. 6 | 5-8 p.m. | Northeast Iowa Community College Calmar Campus

### **Tri-State Ag and Dairy Expo**

Sept.13 | 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

### **World Dairy Expo Bus Trip**

Oct. 5 | 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m. | Madison, Wis.

### **Artificial Insemination Class**

Nov. 13-15 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center



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