

**October 2018**



# The Dairy Center Connection

NEWS FROM THE NORTHEAST IOWA DAIRY FOUNDATION



Hi, there!

October is always an active month at Iowa's Dairy Center. In my dual role as an instructor at Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) and the Chair of the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation, I've been staying busy keeping up with activities and events. For our students, October is the time when the dairy judging team competes in the national competition, the NICC Dairy Science Club spends the week touring farms and attending Work Dairy Expo and the freshman class has completed half of their first semester of their collegiate careers.

I spent the week at World Dairy Expo on behalf of the Dairy Foundation and NICC sharing with dairy producers the upcoming events and programs at Iowa's Dairy Center. I also enjoyed mingling with industry members and alumni of our programs. Nothing is more rewarding than hearing the stories of the great things our alumni are accomplishing not only in their careers, but in families and communities. A special thanks to all the alumni that stopped by the booth at World Dairy Expo, we are so proud to call you graduates of NICC.

Dave Lawstuen  
Chair, Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation

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

### Fun-Filled Day at World Dairy Expo

Nearly 30 people enjoyed the one-day bus trip to World Dairy Expo on Friday, Oct. 5. Attendees said they enjoyed the exhibits and seeing advancements in technology, but the best part was sitting back, relaxing and enjoying the ride. Thank you to Dale Thoreson for leading the trip and all of the supporters who made the day possible.

### Midwest Dairy Day: Advanced Calving Clinic for Dairy and Beef

Thursday, Dec. 6 | 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation and Northeast Iowa Community College collaborate to offer the annual Midwest Dairy Day. This year's event will provide an array of sessions on advanced calving, including a unique opportunity for a hands-on experience with a life-sized cow model. Participants choose to attend one of two different blocks of sessions: one block focuses on dairy cows and the other block focuses on beef cows. Midwest Dairy Day is open to all dairy producers, beef producers, students and industry persons. [Read more.](#)

### Genomic Testing to Provide Valuable Information for Iowa's Dairy Center

The Northeast Iowa Dairy Foundation is proud to enter a partnership with Zoetis to implement genomic testing on the farm. Students in the animal genetics class collected the first genomic samples from calves in September. The genomic data derived from the herd will not only aid in making key farm management decisions, but serve as a valuable learning tool in the classroom. Thank you to Zoetis for investing in the Dairy Center's mission of education through demonstration.

## Seats Available for Fall Artificial Insemination Training

Nov. 13-15 | 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This is a three-day hands-on class for those who wish to artificially inseminate their own cattle or gain experience to work for others. The class will cover all aspects of bovine reproduction, from anatomy and hormones to heat detection. Students have actual insemination practice on cattle at Iowa's Dairy Center. The minimum age requirement for this class is 16. The class is taught by Select Sires.

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## NICC News

### CC Dairy Judging Tops Holstein Breed, Places Fourth Overall at World Dairy Expo

The NICC Dairy Judging Team competed at the International Post-Secondary Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held at World Dairy Expo in Madison, Wis. on Monday, Oct. 1. The team consisting of Jacob Hornberg, Winona, Minn.; Hayley Jackson, Frankfort, Ind.; and Derek Utecht, Woodville, Wis. placed fourth overall while Jacob was named third place individual followed by Derek in ninth place and Hayley in 21<sup>st</sup>. The team topped the Holstein breed and also placed fourth in the Practical Contest with Derek bringing home first place honors in the Linear Evaluation part of the contest. Congratulations to these students on a successful dairy judging career at NICC! [Read more.](#)

### Dairy Science Club Take Annual Trip to World Dairy Expo

NICC Dairy Science Club members had the opportunity to tour several exceptional Iowa and Illinois dairy farms, visit the National Farm Toy Museum and National Educational Center for Agriculture Safety and attend World Dairy Expo as part of their annual club trip. On the trip, they connected with dairy producers and learn about the many different aspects of the dairy industry. Thank you to all who welcomed the club to their farms. [View photos.](#)

## Students Use Drone to Capture Footage of Corn Silage Harvest

The GIS 206 used the drone to capture footage of corn silage harvest at Iowa's Dairy Center. The Data Acquisition and Management course is instructed by Tad Mueller and is a component of the Agriculture Business and Agronomy and Crop Science programs available at NICC. [Watch](#).

## You're Invited to the Agriculture Career Fair

The agriculture faculty at NICC invite you to the annual Agriculture Career Fair. Approximately 100 first- and second-year students from the following majors will be in attendance: Ag Business, Ag Finance, Ag Production, Beef Science and Dairy Science. The career fair will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 9-11 a.m. Set up can begin at 8:15 a.m. Each employer will be provided a 2x4 table. There is no cost to attend and a complimentary continental breakfast will be available for the employers.



### Dairy Profile: Neil Lansing

Neil Lansing of West Union was recently presented with the 2018 Outstanding 4-H Leader Award. He was nominated for the award by a club member who was mentored through the dairy project area. Neil is also a volunteer at the Dairy Center educating youth through the Iowa's Dairy Story program. [Read more](#).

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## Industry News

More than 65,000 people from 94 countries attended World Dairy Expo. [Read more](#).

Minnesota Milk and I-29 Moo University offer an upcoming webinar opportunity: Dairy Revenue Protection: How to Make 2019 an Upside-Only Year. [Register](#).

The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach dairy team has scheduled a series of farm tours to offer first-hand looks at the way fellow dairy farmers are managing automatic milking systems in new or retrofit facilities. [Read more](#).

The 32nd Annual Tri-State Agricultural Lender's Seminar focuses on the marketing outlooks of dairy, livestock, and grains along with the issues of the farm bill, farm stress, and the Ag Decision Maker Tool. [Read more](#).

Siouxland Ag Lenders Seminar Provides Dairy Management Information. [Read more](#).

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach will once again offer Boots in the Barn, a program designed for women dairy and beef producers. [Read more](#).

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## Calendar of Events

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

### NICC Agriculture Career Fair

Oct. 24 | 9-11 a.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

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

Oct. 26 | 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center

### Artificial Insemination Class

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

### Midwest Dairy Day

Dec. 6 | 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Iowa's Dairy Center



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