The University of Minnesota placed 2nd overall in the National Collegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest held September 30 in conjunction with World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI. Nineteen 4-year colleges competed for honors. The University of Minnesota team also placed 2nd in oral reasons, 1st in Guernsey, 1st in Holstein, 2nd in Jersey, 5th in Milking Shorthorn, and 5th in Red & White. Team members were Doug Petzel, Arlington; Erin Daninger, Forest Lake; Tyler Otte, Randolph; and Jon Schmitt, Rice.

Individually, Petzel was 3rd overall, 5th in reasons, and 1st in Holstein. Daninger was 4th overall, 1st in reasons, 2nd in Holstein, 2nd in Jersey, 2nd in Milking Shorthorn, and 3rd in Guernsey. Otte was 15th overall, 6th in Jersey, and 9th in Guernsey, and Schmitt was 10th in Guernsey.

The University of Minnesota placed 1st overall by a 33-point margin over the 2nd place team from Oregon State University in the intercollegiate dairy cattle judging contest hosted by Accelerated Genetics on September 15 in Viroqua, WI. Fourteen teams competed for honors. The University of Minnesota team also placed 1st in oral reasons by a 19-point margin, 1st in Brown Swiss, 1st in Holstein, 1st in Milking Shorthorn, and 2nd in Jersey. Team members were Kelsey Mussman, Owatonna; Janna Sorg, Hastings; Erin Daninger, Forest Lake; and Michael Schmitt, Rice.

Individually, Mussman was 1st overall, 1st in oral reasons, 1st in Jersey, 2nd in Holstein. Sorg was 3rd in Holstein. Daninger 2nd in oral reasons, and 2nd in Milking Shorthorn. Schmitt 1st in Milking Shorthorn.
The 10th annual Gopher Dairy Camp was held June 9th -11th on the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. 71 youth from Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin and North Dakota took part in the three day camp where they had the opportunity to gain skills in showing dairy cattle, further their knowledge about the dairy industry and make new friendships.

Camp kicked off with the participants competing in Minute to Win it games. Campers were able to meet the other members of their group and also earn Moo money to be used in the Gopher Gold Auction later that evening where they purchased the calf they would use for the rest of camp. A variety of workshops were held where children learned about preparing for county fair, dairy nutrition, showmanship and dairy foods. Fitting demonstrations were also held with professional fitters while the youth practiced fitting and clipping their calves.

A fun addition to this year’s camp was a private tour of TCF Bank Stadium!

The Gopher Dairy Bar has another year in the books. As the largest fundraiser for our club it takes a lot of planning and hard work from all of the members of our club; it couldn’t be done without every club member. This year was no exception it was an interesting year because of the scorching heat we had during the week but our weekends made up for it.

This year we tried out the new mango flavor and it had excellent success. Adding an additional flavor attracted fair-goers who may not have found the standard flavors as exciting. We will have to see if our junior managers, Bryan Wendt and Chaneen Haler, choose to bring back the mango flavor or experiment something completely new.

Again we were grateful for the generous $10,000 sponsorship that Land O’ Lakes has given us for continuing to sell their shake mix and milk in our bar.

We would like to thank all the alumni who stop by and continue to support us, as well as all the hard working Gopher Dairy Club members. We couldn’t continue to thrive as one of the top campus clubs without all of you. Hope to see you all back for the Great Minnesota Get Together in 2014!
WORLD DAIRY EXPO CONTINUES TO BRING ALUMNI TOGETHER

Every year, the Gopher Dairy Club Alumni Reunion is a highlight for members past and present. It presents an opportunity to revisit memories with fellow dairy enthusiasts and reacquaint with old friends.

On October 4, nearly 100 alumni and current club members socialized at the Coliseum Bar in Madison, WI during World Dairy Expo. The evening was filled with drinks, appetizers and laughs. Gopher Dairy Club President, Tyler Otte, welcomed everyone to the event and gave a quick overview of some of the accomplishments the club has seen over the past year.

Several alumni choose to bring their families to this fun event. It’s a great time for everyone to socialize and catch up on current issues within the dairy industry. The Gopher Dairy Club truly enjoys hosting this event and we are looking forward to more in attendance at next year’s Alumni Reunion during World Dairy Expo.

OVER 200 YOUTH ATTEND FFA FALL INVITE

The University of Minnesota hosted the 2013 Minnesota State FFA Fall Invite on Tuesday October 8th at the Miracle of Birth Center on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

The officials for the contest where the members of senior dairy judging team at the U of M. There were over 214 FFA members in attendance making up 61 teams from all across the state. The winning team was Kenyon Wanamingo FFA. They were followed closely by the Caledonia FFA team with a margin of 8 points.

Gopher Dairy Club members take a lot of initiative in putting this contest together. This contest helps young dairy enthusiasts practice their dairy knowledge and abilities. GDC looks forward to hosting FFA again next fall and in the years to come.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS!

NEW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:
- Ethan Dado, Amery, WI (Siem Memorial Scholarship)
- Kayla Brown, Hastings, MN
- Annie Culbertson, Pine Island, MN
- Jenifer Haler, Norwood, MN
- Johanna Knorr, Pelican Rapids, MN
- Andrew Krause, Buffalo, MN
- Nicole Krumrie, Litchfield, MN
- Audrey Lane, Prior Lake, MN
- Kirstin Lawstuen, Lanesboro, MN
- Trevor Otte, Randolph, MN
- Crystal Siemers-Peterman, Cleveland, WI

WEDDINGS:
- Meg Hintzen and Phil Clark will be happily married on December 14, 2014.
- Laura Thompson and Kevin Schweer will marry on February 1, 2014.
- Emilie Lane and Tyler Evink will tie the knot on July 5, 2014.
- Emily Krekelberg and Clayton Wilmes will be joined together on May 31, 2014.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
- Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 Regional ADSA, Ohio State University
- February 23 Annual Recognition Banquet
- April 27-29 State FFA Convention
- July 19-22 National ADSA, Kansas City

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