

# OSU Dairy Judging News

Updates on the Ohio State Dairy Judging Program and Teams

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## **Clipboard Project raises nearly \$20,000**

We are pleased to report that the Clipboard Project fundraiser was a huge success! More than 100 alumni and friends of the OSU dairy judging program donated \$100 shares in the December 2016 Frazzled calf donated by COBA-Select Sires. Sexing Technologies and John Ayars purchased the high-genomic heifer for \$8,500 at the 2017 Buckeye Classic Sale, bringing the final tally to around \$20,000!

These funds will be used for the OSU dairy judging team's travel expenses and entry costs. Previously, these costs have been covered by working the milking parlor at Spring Dairy Expo and the Ohio State Fair.

Thanks to every person, farm, and family who made this fundraiser a huge success and joy! A full list of donors, buyers, and other supporters can be found on Page 2 of this newsletter.



**CELEBRATE THE PAST.**  
**ENSURE THE FUTURE.**

# Meet the Clipboard Syndicate!

We are incredibly grateful to the more than 70 individuals, families, and businesses who contributed to the Clipboard Project fundraiser by donating shares. You'll see a number of familiar names among the donors! Thank you to everyone who donated their time, money, and effort to making the Clipboard Project a success!

Robin Alden	Sherri Gress	Nevin & Brenda L'Amoreaux	Bruce and Terri Smith
Stacy Atherton	Dan & Emily Grim	Bill Langel	Neal and Sherry Smith
Derik Baumer	Paul Haskins	Stephanie & John Langel	Richard Soldner
Marc Bolen	Lad & Brenda Hastings	Sally & Dick Lewis	Annie Specht
Greg Borchers	Kelly Heckaman	Duane Logan	Michele Specht
The Call Family	Bernie Heisner	Leslie Maurice	Pete Spike
Duane Cole	Fred Hendricks	Jason & Amy Miley	Tom Thorbahn
Blaine Crosser	Bruce and Margaret Hull	Joe & Diana Miley	Gregg Topp
Julie Delavergne	Michael Hurst	Steve Moff	Trumbull County Dairy Judging
Paul Detwiler	William Indoe	Tony and Juan Moreno	Wabash Way Holsteins - The Stammen Family
Neil Duncan	Ken & Kaye Janes	Joel Oney	Erin Weaver
Jerry Emerich	Allen Johnson	Joel Pankowski	Matthew & Hannah Weeman
Bill Erf	Lewis & Carol Jones	Jim Patterson	Terry Weiker
Kelly Epperly	The Kaverman Family	Krista Richardson	Kurt & Linda Wolfe
Broc & Lindsay French	Phillip Keener	Larry Schirm	Jeff and Melanie Ziegler
Keith Gibson	Garry Kibler	Jim & Denise Sharp	Julie Ziegler
Laura Gordon	Lee Kohler	James & Lora Sheffield	L.C. Zilles
Paige Gott	Jeremy Kohler	Jacquelyn Sherry	
Bill Grammer	Chris & Elizabeth Lahmers	Joe and Emily Siegrist	



# Ohio State judges find success out west

BY BONNIE AYARS, OSU JUDGING TEAM COACH

On occasion, we attend the Richmond Black and White Days in Richmond, Utah. It is a wonderful experience to travel across the country, visit herds, and compete in an excellent contest.

In May, we made the trip with Ella Jackson, Tanner Topp, and Lexie Nunes. Our farm visits were top notch at Pappy's Farm near Ogden and then Seagull Bay Dairy in Idaho. Both owners greeted us with hospitality, famous cows, and an ample dose of wit and wisdom.

Despite lots of overnight snow, the absence of electricity at our motel, and frigid temperatures, Ohio State took home some hardware at one of the largest contests in recent years. The team of Ella, Tanner, and Lexie placed 2nd in reasons and overall. Ella was 7th high individual and Tanner was 3rd. In placings, Tanner was 2nd and all three made top 10 for their individual reasons. This was an encouraging contest to begin the fall season.

*Top right: Team members Ella Jackson, Tanner Topp, and Lexie Nunes competed at the Richmond Black and White Classic.*

*Bottom right: The team and Coach Ayars spent some quality time with famed broodcow Ammon Peachy Shauna-ET at Seagull Bay Dairy.*



# The Clipboard Project: A success because of you!

BY BONNIE AYARS, OSU JUDGING TEAM COACH

It all begins with a clipboard.

As an aspiring judge, you were handed that clipboard and advised to hang tight onto all your recorded placings and notes for the classes you would judge. That sturdy surface was also the foundation on which you learned to compare ideas and justify your discussion. As the years progressed and you grew up, that perseverance created discussions using the language of “cow talk” with your peers, your parents, your coaches and eventually that foreboding “official” across the room!

If you discovered the passion, you might even have earned a place on a team or “the” team. Eventually that clipboard became a part of the story that may have defined your life!

It is said “the best way to predict the future is to create it. With that vision, the OSU Dairy Judging Program has just completed a fundraiser! It is not a task that is undertaken very often or hardly ever. There were some discussions about the idea in 2016 and COBA/ Select Sires provided the spark of ingenuity by offering a unique pedigreed ET calf. She was to be auctioned off in the Buckeye Classic Holstein Sale at Spring Dairy Expo. It was the ideal platform.

However, we also needed a talented marketer to bring the vision to reality and Dr. Annie Specht (2007 team and a professor within the Agricultural Communications Dept) did just that with graphics and the title, CLIPBOARD PROJECT and also some additional publicity materials. Our schedule gave us just a little over 6 weeks to accomplish our goals.

As we began, there was realization that not everyone was interested in purchasing a calf. The good news was that friends and alumni of dairy judging simply wanted to give back! To encourage this enthusiasm, we simply took \$100 shares into the future of the program and the students who would travel to contests and experiences.

What a response we had! Not only were investors willing to write a check, but they also were anxious to share



their stories and memories and ask questions about how the program functions currently. There was a constant flow of communication coming from multiple generations, locations, professional involvements, and always a story or two about the coach who guided them. We thought it was just a fund raiser, but instead we found a bond that connected us to an even greater goal of how the experience changed lives.

The calf was sold and brought \$8500 to the program. It is not surprising that the two purchasers, Sexing Technologies (The Moreno Brothers) and John Ayars, were alums of OSU dairy judging teams. The other contributions tallied up for more \$12,000 and now this new development account titled, Future OSU Leaders of Dairy Judging, will provide funding solely for this program and this program alone.

Although I should not be surprised, I am still amazed at all who gave, who shared their stories, who listened to my “pitch,” and those who continue to believe in the program. In the next few months, these folks will be remembered, honored, and appreciated with a few new surprises that will unfold for their benefit. The project continues to evolve.

Yes, it all begins with a clipboard and the notion that 4 cows led clockwise, head to tail, and side by side CAN and DO change lives!



# THE LOST NEEDS FOUND

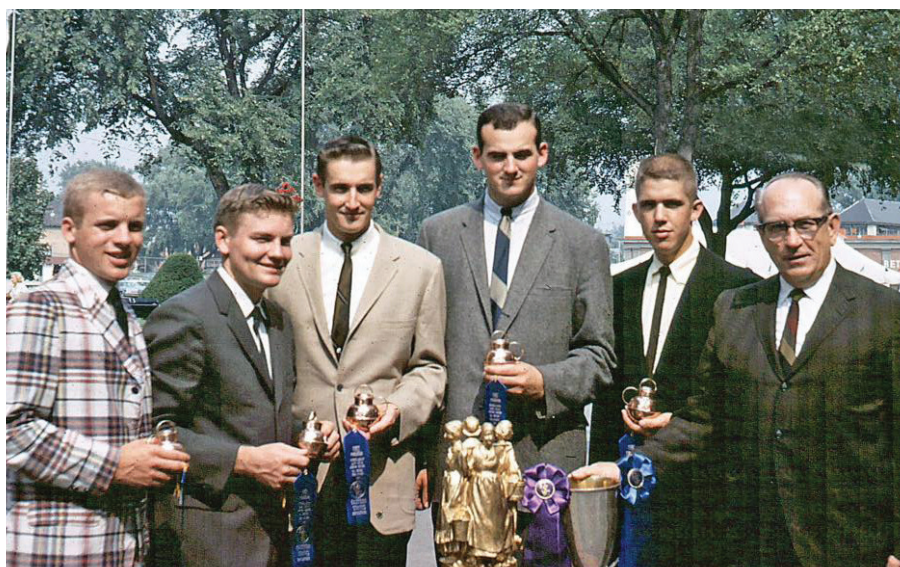
BY BONNIE AYARS,  
OSU JUDGING TEAM COACH

Change is a necessary part of life. All you need to do is to look at a few of our older team photos to view styles, hair, color, and a host of other clues. Also, age and experience encourage our respect of history.

For some of our older teams, Plumb Hall was your main area of activity. Today, our displays and files have transitioned to the Animal Sciences building. I did go through most cabinets and boxes in Plumb as each move was made, but was unable to locate any team photos from the

Harold Kaeser era. Dr. Spike had beautiful scrapbooks with all of his team photos and these are preserved and documented as technology was evolving. Through The OSU Archives, Lantern articles, and even National Dairy Shrine, I have located a few more photos and articles.

The fact remains that we need more pictures of the Kaeser teams. Even if it is a newspaper article or poor quality, it is still history. Please take some time to search your homes and memorabilia for anything that might represent your collegiate judging days and share those with me.



*Coach Harold Kaeser was a legendary figure in Ohio State dairy cattle judging. Above, he poses with members of a very successful team. We're looking for more images of these "classic" teams, so please send them to Coach Ayars!*

## The Power of Connection

One of the benefits of modern technology is our ability to stay in touch! The Ohio State Dairy Judging Program is no exception: You can connect with coaches, team members and Ohio State faculty and staff on Facebook, via traditional mail and email and by telephone!

- "Like" the Dairy Judging Program page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OhioStateUniversityDairyJudging/>
- Learn more about the 4-H Dairy Judging Program on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Ohio4HDairyProgram/>
- Join Animal Sciences 3307: Dairy Cattle Selection and Evaluation in their experiences: <https://www.facebook.com/Animal-Sciences-3307-Dairy-Cattle-Selection-and-Evaluation-177038935679968/>
- Bookmark the Dairy Judging Team website: <https://ansci.osu.edu/undergraduate/teams/dairy-judging-team>
- Follow the Dairy Judging Team's progress at Animal Sciences News: <https://ansci.osu.edu/news/dairy-judging-and-club-news>
- Revisit the Dairy Judging Team's history: <https://ansci.osu.edu/about-us/history/dairy-judging>
- Contact Coach Bonnie Ayars via email at [ayars.5@osu.edu](mailto:ayars.5@osu.edu) or by phone at 614-688-3143.
- Send mail to Bonnie's office at 222D Animal Science Building, Columbus, OH 43210.

## SHARE YOUR STORY!



Have great memories of your time as a member of the OSU Dairy Judging Team or as a student in the Dairy Cattle Evaluation class? Share your stories and photos with Coach Ayars ([ayars.5@osu.edu](mailto:ayars.5@osu.edu)) so they can be published on the Dairy Judging Team Facebook page!

# 2017-2018 COLLEGIATE DAIRY CATTLE JUDGING EVENTS

Below are dates and locations for activities the OSU Dairy Judging Team traditionally participates in each year. Interested in joining the team or following their progress? Put these dates in your calendar!

## 2017

**July 28:** Ohio State Fair Dairy Judging Clinic, Week 1  
*Columbus, Ohio*

**August 4:** Ohio State Fair Dairy Judging Clinic, Week 2  
*Columbus, Ohio*

**September 1-4:** Dairy Judging Boot Camp, Maryland State Fairgrounds  
*Timonium, Maryland*

**September 16:** Big E Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest  
*Springfield, Massachusetts*

**September 18:** All-American Dairy Judging Contest  
*Harrisburg, Pennsylvania*

**October 2:** National Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest  
*Madison, Wisconsin*

**November 6:** NAILE Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest  
*Louisville, KY*

## 2018

**January 14:** Southwest Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, Fort Worth Stock Show  
*Fort Worth, Texas*

**June 2018:** Black and White Days Collegiate Dairy Judging Contest, Western Spring National Holstein Show  
*Richmond, Utah*



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