

# THE UNIQUE BULLETIN

❖ Thanks so much to the Forand-Choinière family for hosting Casey on her Explore Jersey Canada trip. Casey said it was a “trip of a lifetime!” Thanks again to Marcel, Josée, Claudia, Guillaume, Michael, & Camille.

*Merci beaucoup à la famille Forand-Choinière d'avoir accueilli Casey lors de son voyage avec Explorer Jersey Canada. Casey nous a dit que c'était « le voyage d'une vie! » Merci encore à Marcel, Josée, Claudia, Guillaume, Michael et Camille.*

❖ Congratulations to Avonlea Genetics on a super sale average! A first class Jersey event! Casey was thrilled to be part of your sale team!

*Félicitations à Avonlea Genetics pour une super moyenne de vente! Un événement Jersey de premier ordre! Casey était très excitée de faire partie de votre équipe de vente!*

❖ Thanks to Valtallina Jerseys for giving us the opportunity to bring home a dozen young cows. We look forward to working with these ladies, who have settled into our barn just beautifully!

*Merci à Valtallina Jerseys de nous avoir donné l'occasion de rapporter une douzaine de jeunes vaches chez nous. Nous avons hâte de travailler avec ces dames qui se sont très bien adaptées à leur nouvel environnement!*

❖ Wonderful company in the months of June and July - it is so great to sit and relax and enjoy Jersey company! Thanks to Don & Evon Hendrickson, Alain & Janna Rémond, and John & June White for including us in your holiday schedules. What a delight your visits were to us!

*De la belle visite dans les mois de juin et juillet – c'est tellement plaisant de s'asseoir, relaxer et de profiter de la visite d'adeptes de Jerseys! Merci à Don et Evon Hendrickson, Alain et Janna Rémond, ainsi que John & June White de nous avoir inclus dans vos visites de vacances. Ce fut un plaisir de vous voir!*

❖ Jersey youth represented the breed well at the Alberta Provincial 4-H Dairy Show. We are so proud of our Jersey kids: Michael, Sam, Jonas and Nils Haeni, Nick and Trisha Rutledge, and Casey & Lee Morey. These 8 youth placed in every category of event, always get along well with everyone, and are great ambassadors for the Jersey breed. Highlights included Michael and Casey winning the prestigious Showring Judging Competition! Casey and Lee were 1st and 2nd Intermediate judges, 2nd and 3rd in clipping, and tied for Reserve Overall Aggregate with Sam in 3rd place Overall! Casey was Reserve Showman, Michael was Top Overall Judge, and Jonas won Junior Overall Aggregate! Well done to you all! Special note to Trisha, whose calf got her halter off and ran away: Trisha kept in control, caught her calf, and landed a fourth place finish in showmanship!

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## **Paul & Kimberly Hyatt**

### **Spring View Farms**

Paul and Kimberly Hyatt of Milverton, Ontario are a young couple who have experienced a great deal of success in a relatively short time, but all of it due to hard work and a commitment to breeding quality cattle. Both have a long list of achievements for such young people, and are building a solid foundation for a promising future.

Kim purchased her first Jersey in 1994, obtaining Jerseys from some well known herds in her area to start building her own Spring View herd. One of these first cows, Midpeel Spring View Jelly Bean, was named 1st Senior Two Year Old and Reserve Intermediate Champion at the Royal in 1999, and was named All Canadian that year as well. Kim was active from a young age working on her parent's Highlandayr Ayrshire farm, and continued developing animals of both breeds. An active 4-H member, she completed 35 4-H projects, and was named the top 4-H member in Perth County on one occasion, and represented Perth at the Classic show at the Royal four times. She was able to sell a portion of her growing Jersey herd to pay for her education at Ridgetown College, graduating in 2003.

Paul also attended Ridgetown College, graduating with Honours in 2003. He also grew up working on his grandfather's dairy farm, and worked at Kim's parent's farm before Paul and Kim were married in June of 2005. Paul represented Lambton County in the Classic show at the Royal on four occasions, and has been active in local churches.

Paul and Kim purchased a dairy farm in February 2004, and moved the cows and quota from Highlandayr to the new farm. They farm 104 acres of crops primarily for feed and bedding, and milk Jerseys, Ayrshires, and Holsteins presently. They have been aggressive in improving their herd, as their average BCA has risen from 218 to 235 points over the past five years. They have a current classification on the Jerseys of 3 EX, 11 VG, 13 GP and 1 G. They are participating in a few shows each year, and have also had cows in the Semex Walk of Fame on two occasions. They have consigned cattle to some top notch sales in Ontario and Quebec, and are starting to become active in marketing embryos. Jersey Ontario presented the Hyatts with the Bill Teasdale Memorial Award in 2006, and they recently welcomed their daughter Addison in March of 2008.

## **William Chard**

### **Joamy Jerseys**

William Chard is a young man who is working with his parents, John and Judy Chard under the farm prefix of Joamy Farms. William is the third generation to be involved with the farm. Joamy Farms was established by William's grandparents, John and Amy Chard. Joamy Farms has recently expanded to 235 acres, and they are milking 109 cows. Current herd BCAs are 250-234-245.

While working on the farm, William is completing his education degree at the University of the Fraser Valley. He will be completing his History Degree with a Minor in English in 2009. William would like to possibly take his teacher training to enable him to then teach at the high school level. His immediate plans are to continue to farm with his parents looking to increase the herd size and gain knowledge and experience to enable him to eventually take over the farm. William's duties cover all aspects of farming, including milking, AI breeding, and field work. His father John notes that William takes great pride in having well manicured fields, and is currently in charge of calf raising on the farm.

William completed 10 years in 4H and achieved Champion Showman and Champion Jersey Calf many times. He has a very keen interest in showing cattle but because there are limited opportunities to show in our area he is very supportive of his sisters' 4H endeavours. William has been both Vice-President and President of his local 4-H club, and attended the 4-H Citizenship Seminar in Ottawa in 2006.

William's time is limited, between attending University and full time farming, but he does find time to attend National Defendo training, a form of self-defence. As time permits William also has an eye for travel, having recently been to Mexico and the UK. William is also recently engaged to Sam Pederson and wedding plans are being made for 2010.

## **Peter & Mark Coleman**

### **Bridgeview Farms**

Just beyond the city limits of Brantford in Brant County, Ontario, you will find a mixed dairy herd of 90 cows (20 to 25 of them being Jerseys) operated by the Colemans. These two brothers, along with their father Brian, farm 300 acres, all of which is planted for feed. Most of the hay is put into high moisture bales. Their combined herd BCA is 209-211-206.

They have always admired and appreciated the strongly attached mammary system of the Jersey cow while exhibiting their Holsteins at local shows. Peter gained first hand experience at working with Jerseys while helping out Bridon Farms at the Royal in the late 80's. It was these two factors combined that led to their first Jersey purchase in 1989. The Bridgeview herd has

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now grown to include 5 EX, 12 VG, and 11 GP. From this home-bred herd, they have had nominations for All Canadian for each of the

past 5 years, garnering one All Canadian win and a handful of Reserves. In 2007, they had the first place Breeder's Herd at a strong Brant-Norfolk Parish Club show, with this herd eventually receiving an All Canadian Nomination as well. The Coleman's appreciate what the Jersey breed has brought to their family operation, especially the breeding abilities, fertility and calving ease that are trademarks of the breed, as well as how the Jerseys get along so well with their Holstein herd.

Peter and Mark work well in complementing each others abilities along with their father Brian. Mark often keeps things running at home while Pete is away exhibiting at shows or attending meetings. He joined the operation in the late 90's and is in charge of the feeding program and fieldwork along with the shared responsibility of milking. Mark and his wife Laura have a daughter Hanna.

Peter joined the operation in 1991, and is married to Lynn. Pete's main farm responsibility, along with day to day chores, are milking and making the breeding decisions. Pete is the past president of the Brant-Wentworth Holstein club and has been a Holstein councillor with Holstein Ontario for 4 years. He is a 4-H Leader for the dairy club and has been named as an official judge to Holstein Canada, judging several Holstein, Jersey and 4-H shows in the past few years.