

# WASHINGTON HOLSTEIN

## NEWSLETTER

January 2024

### SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT



This has been a busy month preparing for the all upcoming events. The Membership Application/Renewal have been emailed but is also available on our Association's Website. Please take the time to renew your membership soon, if you have not already done so. Your involvement is what makes this a strong and viable group. Also, please attend the annual meeting. Costs have been kept low and duration short to encourage participation.

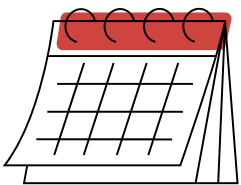
Applications for the Futurity are also due soon. Eileen Hartzell can answer any questions you may have about this program. Please email her at: [Skyhartfarms@gmail.com](mailto:Skyhartfarms@gmail.com).

Chris Jenson has put forth an incredible amount of work into the 2024 Pride of Washington sale. There are 41 consignments and the catalog looks great, link can be found in a following article.

Thank you, everybody, for your support.

## 2024

### Holstein Happenings



January 26-29, Pride of Washington Tag Sale, Virtual

February 17, State Association Annual Meeting, Monroe, WA

March 16, Springtime Calf Sale: [Calf Sale Link](#)

April 26-27, Evergreen Junior Dairy Show, Monroe, WA

May 14-17, Western Spring Holstein Show & Sale, Richmond, UT

June 24-27, National Holstein Association Convention, Salt Lake, UT

July 15-17, State Show, Monroe, WA

# 2024 Annual Meeting

## February 17, 2024

**18933 Tualco Road in Monroe, WA**

Our special thanks to the Snohomish County/ North King County Holstein Club for planning this year's annual meeting,

Snohomish/ North King County Officers:  
Andrew Hartzell, President  
Lena Lafritz, Vice President  
Brock Ricci, Secretary/ Treasurer

**2024 Registration Form**

10:00 AM	Board Meeting
Noon	Lunch
1:00 PM	Committee Meetings
2:30	Annual Meeting
4-5	Social Hour
5:00	Banquet & Awards



## Pride Of Washington Sale

### Chris Jansen

The Pride of Washington Online Tag sale will take place January 25- 26, 2024 on COWBUYER. This years lineup is the largest sale we have had to date but definitely doesn't lack quality. The 41 consignments come from 9 states and 1 Canadian province consisting of IVF Sessions, Live animals, embryo packages and picks of flushes from show winning cow families and high genomic individuals.

**[PRIDE OF WASHINGTON CATALOG LINK](#)**

## The 2023 On-Farm Challenge



# Hol-Star Night Cort EX93



A special tribute to the 2023 On Farm Challenge Grand Champion, Hol-Star Night Cort E93. She comes from an excellent lineage, five out of her six closest dams are EX with the other being VG86. The five EX dams average 92.2 points. All six cows had the Hol-Star prefix. Her second lactation produced 44,630 lbs in 365 days and during her fourth lactation her highest daily production was close to 250 lbs.

She is part of a smaller herd of approximately 78 cows since the Portmann Family's last production sale. Currently, almost one third of the herd is classified Excellent. Their dairy is located near Raymond, Washington where they have been since 1976. Andy Portmann and his father Pete have been breeding superior registered Holsteins for years. Pete's father, an immigrant from Switzerland actually started the family dairying tradition but back then it was an all grade herd. Pete purchased the first registered stock and constantly improving the herd quality became their long game. The Portmann Dairy was on the cutting edge with embryo transfers, learning from the master, Dr. Studer (Carnation Farms). Their Dairy was also a trendsetter in robot milking, installing their first DeLaval robots in 2017. The move to robots has been a long-term positive one, but it came with its difficulties. With all of the transitions the robots brought it has also caused them to make changes to their breeding program. Andy explained suddenly additional importance was given to teat placement and compatibility with the robots.

Andrew King, Holstein Field Representative was very pleased with the results of the 2023 OFC. "All in all 2023 OFC was a great success and we hope to increase participation in 2024".



**Portmann  
Family**





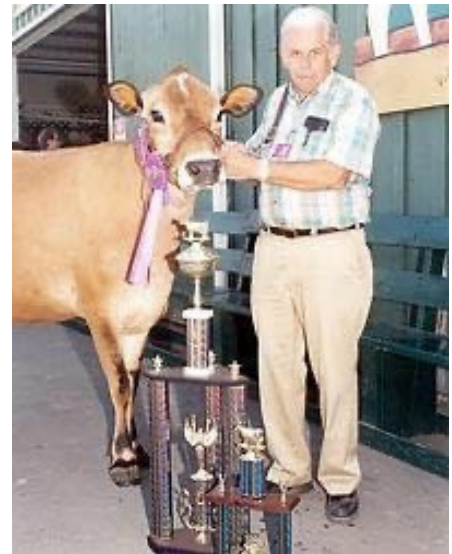


## Clarence Okerlund Memorial Scholarship

The Board of Directors have approved a \$1,000 Scholarship, named in the honor of Clarence Okerlund, the legendary Herdsman of Carnation Farms. Clarence was awarded the Klussendorf Award in 1966 while employed at Vaucluse Farm, a very well-established Jersey herd in Portsmouth in RI owned by Diana Dodge Ryan. When Clarence arrived at Carnation Farms in 1968 he became the third on staff at Carnation Farms to hold that honor, joining Al Hay and Duncan Mackenzie.

Clarence's daughter, Mary Okerlund will serve as one of the review panelists for the scholarship. Applicants are required to be Junior Holstein Members and pursuing a degree or certificate. Students enrolled at Vocational and Trade School programs are encouraged to apply. More details are available at [www.washingtonholsteins.com](http://www.washingtonholsteins.com). The scholarship will be awarded at the state show this year.

**Clarence Okerlund in his pre-Holstein days at Vaucluse Farms, Rhode Island**



Registration is now open for the National Holstein Association Convention in Salt Lake City, UT, June 24-27, 2024. Dairy enthusiasts from across the country will gather to celebrate their shared passion for Holstein cattle, forge connections, and exchange knowledge within the dynamic and invigorating atmosphere of Salt Lake City.

**<https://www.holsteinconvention.com/home>**