

Community members support Coloma Lions fundraiser



Erik and Nikki Johnston discuss the Lions Club college scholarship program with first VP Kent Janish and Lions Director Lee DePas. The Lions fundraiser was based upon cash drawing raffle tickets sales and small gift basket raffle sales. The scholarships for Coloma college bound students can be applied for within the school system guidance counselor offices. Coloma area homeschool students are also eligible by requesting an application through the school or from the Coloma library. Additional upcoming fundraising events include the Coloma Chicken Chew scheduled for June 28-30.

Airborne veteran Jim Younquist from the Coloma Pleasant Lake area grabs some lunch from Lion's Club president Kathy DePas and 2nd Vice President Ray Burrows. DePas is also a veteran having served in the special operations surgical team in the Air Force. Due to inclement weather for ice fishing, the event was moved indoors at the Coloma Community Center.

Gunsts receive highest honor from Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention

Cathryn earns right to compete at National Holstein Convention in Utah

Cathryn and Christopher Gunst, Poy Sippi, received the Distinguished Junior Member Award, the highest honor bestowed to members during the Wisconsin Junior Holstein Convention, Dec. 29-31st, in Fond du Lac.

The Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association's Distinguished Junior Member (DJM) recognition is designed to reward youth who demonstrate a firsthand working knowledge of the dairy industry. Applicants are required to submit a three-page resume, describe in six-pages how their junior Holstein project evolved, complete an extensive pedigree listing of all animals owned along with their vaccination records, explain how they obtained and developed their herd and answer

several industry-related questions.

In addition to the DJM recognition, Cathryn won the Intermediate Speaking Contest, earning her the right to compete at the National Junior Holstein Convention in June at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Both individuals were also awarded the Junior Trip Award, where they will have the opportunity to learn more about the Wisconsin Holstein industry by spending time touring farms and agribusinesses on a two-day tour in the spring. They also received awards on several of the cows they have bred and developed over the past years.

The Wisconsin Junior Holstein Association is a not-for-profit organization that strives to increase knowledge and provide opportunities



Christopher and Cathryn Gunst

to youth by involvement through the Registered Holstein Project. The Association strives to positively influence young

people by recognizing and congratulating their achievements and accomplishments in the industry.



Habitat for Humanity presents house project to Wautoma Kiwanis

Crystal Abler, Operations Manager of Habitat for Humanity, spoke to Wautoma Kiwanis about the house they are building on Madison Street for a family of five. There are eight to ten volunteers working on the house. The family must also put in 500 hours of sweat equity in the home and make monthly mortgage payments until the home is paid. Crystal is also Assistant Manager of the ReStore located in the CapSell building in Wautoma where they accept donations of building materials and certain household goods Thursday through Saturday. The public can then purchase these materials and the funds all go back into the building projects. Pictured with Crystal is Kiwanis sponsor, Paul Hedrick.

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Wautoma Rotary introduced to Grizz and Barktastic Behavior

The Wautoma Rotary members enjoyed learning about Barktastic Behavior. Erin Flynn from Barktastic Behavior along with Officer Lafe Hendrickson and Grizz presented information about how you may learn to train your dog to behave.

Grizz is currently used as an anxiety dog to calm and de-escalate intense situations. Lafe explained how Grizz was involved in a fatal shooting episode and survived with PTSD. Erin shared how her proven behavior training skills helped Grizz overcome the PTSD symptoms. Grizz is a valuable asset to law

enforcement, children, and adults in the community. You may learn more about Barktastic Behavior by emailing info@barktasticbehavior.com or checking out Erin and Jason's website at Barktasticbehavior.com.

Wautoma Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at Noon at Stahl Celebration Center in Wautoma. Guests are welcome. Have lunch, get to know Rotary Members, and enjoy great speakers sharing interesting information. Wautoma Rotary believes in Service above Self.



Officer Lafe Hendrickson, K9 Grizz and Erin Flynn of Barktastic Behavior met with Wautoma Rotary on Feb. 7.



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