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## **Odessa Montour Sophomore Shows Willow the Calf at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, WI**

Throughout the summer and around the east she has beamed with pride at shows and fairs as her hard work, dedication, and perseverance has been rewarded. Be it a blue ribbon, a congratulatory word, or a hug from family and friends, a lot of memories have been made this year at the All-American Dairy Show this week in the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg. Perhaps no youth is having a more memorable year than Odessa Montour Central School Sophomore, 15 year old, Mallory Rhodes and her stunning fall calf, Ransom – Rail Adhere Willow or “Willow” for short. Willow is from Lantland Farms on Middle Road, in rural Horseheads, NY. Rhodes and Willow won third in the All-American Junior Holstein Show out of 36 on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Wednesday, they won third in the Eastern National Open Show.

The All-American Dairy Show features nearly 2,000 of the top dairy cattle shown by over 1,000 of the best exhibitors in the U.S. and Canada. With 23 dairy shows in six days, including four days dedicated to youth shows, contest, and programs, the All-American Dairy Show is the premier place to show. Rhodes chose to go to the All-American Dairy Show because Willow won Junior Champion of both, the youth and open show, at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, NY. (Junior means the heifer is not yet a cow) “Rhodes is a hard working, passionate young member of the Junior Holstein Club and the bond she shares with Willow is remarkable,” Show Officials said.

Because Willow swept the fall calf class on the local and regional level, she is off to Madison, WI for the World Dairy Expo the first week of October. Odessa Montour School District Senior Kirt Menzi and Freshman Jacob Menzi are also showing at the “Worlds”. Lantland Farms represents – rural Chemung and Schuyler Counties.

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