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CentralStar Cooperative hires new group of employees

WAUPUN, Dec. 12, 2019 – During the previous months, CentralStar Cooperative, serving dairy and beef producers in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Indiana, has promoted a group of employees and created new career opportunities for many agriculture enthusiasts in the upper Midwest.

Congratulations to Sam Nigon, Spencer, Wis., and Josh Edge, Stanley, Wis., on their promotions from team artificial insemination (A.I.) technicians to full-time A.I. specialists; both now manage their own customer groups of dairy and beef producers. Jen Krull, Conover, Wis., has also been promoted to a full-time split role; she now works in both the A.I. and Dairy Herd Information (DHI) portions of the CentralStar business structure.

Dan Row, Janesville, Wis., has been hired as a full-time A.I. specialist. He took over for an employee who recently retired in southern Wisconsin.

Five team A.I. technicians have been added to the CentralStar employee family. These individuals provide relief A.I. service when A.I. specialists need time off. Beth Swartzel, Adell, Wis., Marley Malkow, Monticello, Wis., Chris Benson, Wittenberg, Wis., Emily Fluekiger, Eau Claire, Wis., and Zach Clayton, Kewaunee, Wis., are all part of this group.

CentralStar has many genetic, reproductive, dairy-record consultants on staff to help dairy farmers excel in these areas of their businesses. Lauren Hendel, Sun Prairie, Wis., has been hired as a genetic consultant in the south-central Wisconsin area. She is working with existing genetic consultants to learn from their experience and apply it to the herds she works with.

In the DHI arm of CentralStar cooperative, the modern DHI specialist is an integral part of a dairy farm's professional consulting team. Vast information impacting herd productivity, cattle health, animal welfare, sustainability, and profitability can conveniently and accurately be revealed with just a few ounces of milk. CentralStar has hired Cassandra Wade, Saginaw, Mich., and Kelsey Hoffman, Clarksville, Mich., to fill open positions in this area.

CentralStar Cooperative has a milk- and diagnostic-testing laboratory in Grand Ledge, Mich. Congratulations to Chelsie Nichols, Grand Ledge, Mich., Kyle Carpenter, Grand Ledge, Mich., and Chad Kaufmann, Grand Ledge, Mich., who have been hired to carry out various roles at that facility, including testing procedures and test-sample transportation from dairies to the lab.

Finally, CentralStar has two office locations, one in Waupun, Wis., and one in Lansing, Mich. Patty Browne, Lansing, Mich., has been hired in the Lansing office to help in the accounting department.

Congratulations to this group of employees. Even though the agriculture industry is experiencing some tough economic times, it's encouraging to see the career opportunities available for those who want to work directly with dairy and beef producers to help each farm maximize success.

In addition, December graduations at area universities are fast approaching, and many young adults are set to begin their careers at CentralStar Cooperative. Watch for more details in the new year about those who've chosen CentralStar as their employee family.

CentralStar's goal of enhancing producer profitability through integrated services is fulfilled by incorporating an array of products and services critical to dairy-and-beef-farm prosperity. CentralStar's product and service offerings include Accelerated Genetics, GenerVations and Select Sires genetics; extensive artificial-insemination (A.I.) technician service; genetic, reproduction, and dairy records consultation; DHI services; diagnostic testing; herd-management products; research and development; and more. CentralStar's administration and warehouse facilities are located in Lansing, Mich., and Waupun, Wis., with laboratories in Grand Ledge, Mich., and Kaukauna, Wis. For more information, visit CentralStar Cooperative Inc. at www.mycentralstar.com.

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