

Dairy Club at Virginia Tech

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During this year's Little All-American Show, we will be holding a silent auction to benefit the Burdette Family, Windy Knoll View Farm. As most people know, Reese Burdette was in the Johns Hopkins Pediatric ICU for nearly two years after a fire destroyed their grandparents home (Mike and Patricia Stiles of Waverly Jerseys) in May 2014. She has had a lot of surgeries throughout the years, most notably skin grafts and organ transplants.

This fall, Reese and her family found out she needed a kidney transplant, and fast. Luckily, through their friends and family, the Burdette's found an exact match for Reese, and the transplant was completed on November 20th.

However, on October 21st a fire completely engulfed a hay shed at James and Nina Burdette's farm. Luckily no animals were involved, but the farm lost approximately 800 large square bales of hay and the hay baler. This was the second fire in 4 years to affect the family.

Since the fire that injured Reese and her grandmother Patricia, the Dairy Club at Virginia Tech has held fundraisers at their annual Showcase Sale. Claire (Dufford) Burdette graduated from Virginia Tech in 1999, and was an active leader of the Dairy Club during her time on campus, especially serving as the Little All-American Chair for 1998 and 1999. A few items that have been auctioned off in the past include corn hole boards, camping chairs, semen donations, blankets, duffel bags, and more.

Since we do not have a live auctioneer at the Little All-American Show, we will be holding a silent auction instead. Therefore, we are looking for a wide variety of donations this year. Just about any item with a VT logo on it should spark plenty of interest, as well as show supplies. We expect baskets containing show day products and preparation supplies to spark more interest than individual items, as well as show halters of any size.

Thank you very much for considering supporting this amazing family, who has been trying to keep their life as normal as they can, even through their constant challenges. We will be advertising the items in the weeks leading up to the show, and absentee bids will be handled through various club members. If you have donations, please send them to:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sandra Krone at 215-421-9861 or lsand9@vt.edu or Cortney Hostetter at 717-673-4571.

Sincerely,

The Little All-American Show Committee

Members of the 2015 Showcase Sale crew and the donations for Reese.

