

Post Time at Ratliff's Sale has \$34,000 Top Seller

Ron and Christy Ratliff, Garnett, Kan., once again opened the door to their herd of Registered Jersey cattle and offered nearly 40 head from their barns and another 70 head from consignors across North America in the Post Time at Ratliff's Sale.

On May 6, 2017, the small town of Garnett was a mecca for Jersey enthusiasts as the crowd gathered to take in the highly-publicized sale. Hospitality was second to none, complete with pony rides with Christy, a barbecue dinner compliments of the Ratliffs, and a deejay to wind down to after the sale. Even the sale provided its own moments to remember as the power went out as the first of three Holsteins selling came in the ring, but were back up by the time the Jerseys returned to the shavings.

At day's end, 117 Jerseys sold for an average of \$3,663.68 and gross receipts of \$428,650.

Sale Analysis

Number	Avg. Price	Total Value
39 Cows, two years and over	\$4,455.77	\$173,775
3 under 3 mos., s.w.d.	1,491.67	4,475
19 Bred heifers	3,380.26	64,225
12 2 nd Trimester	3,785.42	46,425
7 3 rd Trimester	2,542.86	17,800
16 Open yearlings	2,685.94	42,975
40 Heifer calves	3,298.75	131,950
3 Choice of calves	3,750.00	11,250
117 Lots	\$3,663.68	\$428,650
Median price	\$2,950.00	

*Sale Management:
Avonlea Genetics Inc.
Auctioneer: Chris Hill*

As guests strolled through the barns, it was hard for them to miss the added lot 130 from Ron and Christy Ratliff. Phones buzzed and Facebook posts caught much attention in the days leading up to the sale when photos of the beautiful junior two-year-old were posted.

Billings Impression of BooBoo-ET calved in late March and was milking in the mid-50s on sale day. She was added to the sale lineup when sale managers, Andrew and Jennifer VanderMeulen, arrived at the farm early in the week.

With heavy bidding coming in while "BooBoo" was in the ring, it was the partnership of Peter Vail and Budjon Farms, Lomira, Wis., that placed the final bid of \$34,000 on the young cow.

Sired by Rock Ella Impression-ET, GJPI -88, "BooBoo" is out of family that has been in news all spring. Maternal sisters have been in demand in the sale ring and the show ring throughout the first half of 2017.

Her dam is Billings LS Boo Boo, Excellent-93%. A maternal sister to "Boo-Boo" topped the Kentucky National Sale



Billings Impression of BooBoo-ET was the high seller of the Post Time at Ratliff's Sale in May. The two-year-old sold for \$34,000 to Peter Vail and Budjon Farms, represented by Ryan Krohlow, second from left. Also pictured are sale manager Andrew VanderMeulen and consignors and sale hosts, Christy and Ron Ratliff.

in April while another sister, Billings Impression Backdraft-ET, was named Intermediate and Reserve Grand Champion of the junior show at the Southern National Show in April.

"LS Boo Boo" is sired by Lester Sambo, GJPI -36, and has a seven lactation m.e. average of 17,354-897-667. The next dam is an Excellent-92% daughter of Mason Boomer Sooner Berretta {6}, GJPI -34, with more than 100,000 lbs. milk lifetime. She is backed by an Excellent-91% daughter of Highland Duncan Lester-ET, GJPI -91.

John Miller, Winterplace Jerseys, Leeds, Maine, purchased the second high seller for \$10,200.

Royalty Ridge Excitation Gift is appraised Very Good-88%. Sired by Bridon Excitation, GJPI -66, the two-year-old cow had just completed her first lactation with an m.e. of 17,940-955-634. She was bred to sexed Guimo Joel-ET, GJPI -37, and due in mid-July. Her maternal sister is Family Hill Dickson Gloria, Excellent-93%, with a 4-5 record of 17,730 lbs. milk, 967 lbs. fat and 654 lbs. protein.

Her dam is Family Hill Furor Gillian, Excellent-90%, with a six lactation m.e. average of 16,099-784-605. The next dam is also appraised Excellent-90%.

"Gift" was consigned by Ryan and Freynie Lancaster, Tillamook, Ore.

Selling for \$9,500 was another added lot from Ron and Christy Ratliff.

Ratliff Dually Joyful, Very Good-87%, sold projected to 16,171 lbs. milk, 962 lbs. fat and 628 lbs. protein actual at 1-11. The beautiful uddered two-year-old was purchased by L&L Pires, Modesto, Calif.

Sired by Ratliff Sambo Dually-ET, JPI -35, she sold fresh in February with her first calf. Her dam is Excellent-93% and has a best record of 4-0 279 17,570 5.3% 927 3.8% 666 94DCR.

The next dam is Kissholm Goal Jewel,



Royalty Ridge Excitation Gift sold for \$10,200 to John Miller of Leeds, Maine. Pictured with "Gift" are sale manager Andrew VanderMeulen, contending bidder Mike Uber, and sale hosts Christy and Ron Ratliff. "Gift" was consigned by Ryan and Freynie Lancaster.

Very Good-88%. At 4-2, she completed a record of 25,140 lbs. milk, 1,303 lbs. fat and 952 lbs. protein. She is backed by an Excellent-91% dam.

Avonlea Genetics and Cybil Fisher, Brighton, Ont., consigned the fourth high seller. Lawrence-Haven Verb Fergie sold for \$7,850 to Kyle Burk, Marionville, Mo.

The big, fancy, four-year-old is sired by Arethusa Action Verb-ET, GJPI -28, and was fresh with her third calf in March. She was nominated All-Ontario Junior Two-Year-Old in 2015 and was ninth place at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair that same year. She is appraised Very Good 88 in Canada.

Her dam is an Excellent-94% daughter of Select-Scott Minister-ET, GJPI -86. She has a 2-11 record of 18,270 lbs. milk, 930 lbs. fat and 673 lbs. protein. In 2013, she was named the Reserve Intermediate Champion of the New York Spring Show as a junior two-year-old. The next dam is Very Good-88% and is backed by eight more generations of Very Good or Excellent dams, including Faithful Flora of SSF, the 1978 winner of the National Jersey Jug Futurity. SSF Renaissance Fantastic, win-

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Louie Cozzitorto, second from left, purchased Ratliff Dually Joyful for L&L Pires of Modesto, Calif., for \$9,500. The two-year-old was consigned by Ron and Christy Ratliff, sale hosts. Sale manager Andrew VanderMeulen is also pictured.

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ner of the 1999 National Jersey Jug Futurity also hails from this family.

Scott Rocha, Tillamook, Ore., placed the final bid of \$7,400 on Arethusia Colton Kendra.

The full-aged junior yearling is sired by Chilli Action Colton-ET, GJPI +36. She was named the Honorable Mention All-Canadian Junior Calf in 2016, after placing third at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and fifth at the International Jersey Show in Madison, Wis. In addition, she was named Junior Champion at the Eastern States Exposition in 2016.

Her dam, Avonlea Gator Kimber-ET, is appraised Excellent-94%. She has two completed lactations exceeding 20,000 lbs. milk, 1,200 lbs. fat and 700 lbs. protein. She is a maternal sister to Avonlea Jacks Christmas, Excellent 91-4E in Canada.

The next dam is Avonlea Rain Kora, Excellent 93-2E in Canada. She has a top lactation of 18,397 lbs. milk, 924 lbs. fat and 701 lbs. protein at 5-8. She was the All-Canadian Senior Three-Year-Old in 2015 and nominated as the All-Canadian Four-Year-Old in 2016. The next dam is a daughter of Bovi-Lact First Prize-ET, JPI -72, and is appraised Very Good 87 in Canada. She has over 175,000 lbs. milk lifetime.

The fourth dam is Avonlea Valiant Kitty,



Kyle and Tori Burk, third and fourth from left, purchased Lawrence-Haven Verb Fergie for \$7,850. She was consigned by the partnership of Avonlea Genetics and Cybil Fisher, represented by Taylor and Will VanderMeulen, far left, and Andrew VanderMeulen, far right. Also pictured are sale hosts Christy and Ron Ratliff and contending bidder, Mike Uber.

Excellent 3 in Canada. She is a four-time All-Canadian winner in milking form. The next two dams are both Excellent in Canada.

"Kendra" was consigned by Arethusia Farm, Litchfield, Conn.

Sales \$4,000 and Over

(Consignors in Parentheses)

Peter Vail and Budjon Farms, Lomira, Wis.	
Billings Impression of BooBoo-ET, cow 2 yrs.....	\$34,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee, Garnett, Kan.)	
John Miller, Leeds, Maine	
Royalty Ridge Excitation Gift, cow 2 yrs.....	10,200
(Ryan and Freynie Lancaster, Tillamook, Ore.)	
L&L Pires, Modesto, Calif.	
Ratliff Dually Joyful, cow 2 yrs.....	9,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee)	
Kyle Burk, Marionville, Mo.	
Lawrence-Haven Verb Fergie, cow 4 yrs.....	7,850

(Avonlea Genetics and Cybil Fisher, Brighton, Ont.)	
Enniskillen Valentino Suzy-ET, cow 2 yrs.....	5,900
(Jacob H. Oelfke, Hamburg, Minn.)	
Page-Crest Impression Kallie-ET, cow 4 yrs.....	4,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee)	
Scott Rocha, Tillamook, Ore.	
Arethusia Colton Kendra, open yearling 14 mos.....	7,400
(Arethusia Farm, Litchfield, Conn.)	
Delon Mortimer, Smithfield, Utah	
Pfaffsway Showdown Glamorous-ET, heifer calf mos... 6,900	
(Larissa and Olivia Pfaff, Alma Center, Wis.)	
Gene Henderson and Cole Kruse, Manchester, Iowa	
Meadowridge Fizz Sparkle-ET, heifer calf 4 mos.....	6,300
(Michael Riebe, Cumberland, Wis.)	
Brent L. Rocha, Tillamook, Ore.	
Ratliff Colton Darien-ET, heifer calf 11 mos.....	6,200
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee)	
Ryan Gettle, Fair Grove, Mo.	
Denaults Giller Tesla, bred heifer 17 mos.....	6,200
(Samantha Ropp, Strawn, Ill.)	
Grant Haven Dohle, Half Way, Mo.	
Lyon Impress Polly, cow 2 yrs.....	6,000
(Eric Lyon, Toledo, Iowa)	
Anthony and Thomas Enneking, Centralia, Kan.	
Legendairy Dimension Brissa-P, heifer calf 9 mos.....	5,700
(Thomas L. and Jennie L. Seals, Beaver, Ore.)	
Contentment Magda, cow 4 yrs.....	4,400
(Samuel L. Yoder, Hutchinson, Kan.)	
Elise Carpenter, Russell Springs, Ky.	
Thomsvue Premier Giggie-ET, bred heifer 19 mos.....	5,700
(Thomsvue Farms, Granton, Ont.)	
Royalty Ridge-Riversong Honey, bred heifer 19 mos... 4,300	
(Brooxton and Jaxson Lundgren, Eltgin, Iowa)	
Thayne, Bradin, and Caylee Bjelland, Gillett, Wis.	
Stee-La Tequila Florida, bred heifer 17 mos.....	5,600
(Stephanie Lambert, Louisville, Que.)	
Jaxon Jensen, Beaver, Ore.	
Ratliff Premier Avery-ET, bred heifer 19 mos.....	5,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee)	
Alex and Brooke Krueger, Hazel Green, Wis.	
Breezy Knoll Tequila Tosha, heifer calf 5 mos.....	5,500
(Grant Cope, Salem, Ohio)	
Andrew E. Dice, Fredericksburg, Pa.	
Lost-Elm Baby Jij, heifer calf 8 mos.....	5,100
(Jason Luttrupp, Berlin, Wis.)	
Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee, Garnet, Kan.	
First choice female sired by Hawarden Impuls Premier and out of Eloc latola Matilda.....	5,000
(Musgie Valley Farms and Wynt Farms, Middle Musquidobit, NS)	
Avonlea Genetics, Juan Carlos Hurtado, and Taylor VanderMeulen, Brighton, Ont.	
Schulte Bros Teq Dare-ET, heifer calf 11 mos.....	4,700
(Zach, Blake and Mitch Schulte, Blairstown, Iowa)	
Moon Valley Farm Limited, Fair Grove, Mo.	
Gunman Sweet Kake, bred heifer 20 mos.....	4,700
(Marhaven Jerseys, Duane Cole, and Alaina Sharp, Burghill, Ohio)	
Tony Garcia, Modesto, Calif.	
Parkview Kallianta Jeddy, heifer calf 8 mos.....	4,600
(Timothy Staring, Lowville, N.Y.)	
Laura Mackrides, Golden, Ill.	
Ratliff Irwin Payday-ET, heifer calf 7 mos.....	4,500
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee)	
Patrick Marvin Gourley, Portland, Ore.	
Skandia Colton B Anthem 513-ET, heifer calf 4 mos.... 4,300	
(Nathan A. Jensen, Beaver, Ore.)	
Campbell Jerseys and Trailblazer Jerseys, St. Sabine, Que.	
Edgebrook Gentry Stilletto, open yearling 2 yrs.....	4,300
(Michael Dilly and Amber Black, Montour, Iowa)	
Avery and Brinley Rice, Farmdale, Ohio	
Supreme-View Venom Fantastic, heifer calf 7 mos.....	4,000
(Eric Evans, Buhl, Idaho)	
Deann M. Simon, Farley, Iowa	
Kunde Tequila Easy (6), open yearling 15 mos.....	4,000
(David and Donna Kunde, Manchester, Iowa)	
Garry J. Hansen and Patrick M. Gourley, Canby, Ore.	
Page-Crest Excitation Karissa-ET, cow 3 yrs.....	4,000
(Ron and Christy Ratliff, Trustee)	

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