

## Adams Holstein Association talks embryo transplants

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HEIDLERSBURG —  
Members of the Adams  
County Holstein Association  
gathered to participate in  
the Association's 29th An-  
nual Meeting.

The keynote speaker,  
Larry Specht, extension  
dairy specialist from Penn  
State, spoke on the topic  
"Embryo Transplant—Should  
I Make The Investment?"

Specht discussed the  
transplant procedure and  
why there is interest in this

technique. He said the three  
main reasons for interest is  
for genetic improvement,  
more heifer calves, and to  
produce better breeding  
bulls.

The noted costs presently  
are high. A farmer must be  
prepared to pay \$2000 to  
\$2500 for a confirmed  
pregnancy plus all addi-  
tional related costs.

Specht suggested large  
young heifers and cows be  
used as recipients.

Farmers must be aware  
that donor cows should go

into a cycle of stimulation  
than natural conception. The  
possibly exists for an older  
cow, that after stimulation  
the second time, natural  
conception may be im-  
possible rendering the cow  
useful only for beef pur-  
poses.

He emphasized the goal  
for the donor cow be  
seriously considered before  
going forward with the  
embryo transplant  
procedure. This might be the  
biggest consideration and  
most costly when choosing a  
donor cow.

Mike Weimer from the  
Pennsylvania Holstein  
Association provided tips on  
merchandising cattle. He  
mentioned the increased  
interest that international  
buyers have in the breed and  
the numerous visits recently  
to the state.

Directors elected to serve  
a three-year term were  
Richard Herr, Adam  
Lobaugh, and Doyle  
Waybright.

President Adam Lobaugh  
announced that Penn-Gate  
Astro Duchess owned by

London's Dairy, North  
Street, Michigan, and bred  
by Robert Gitt's Penn-Gate  
Farm, Littlestown, was  
named Grand Champion for  
the third consecutive year at  
the All-Michigan Show on  
July 25.

The evening's en-  
tertainment was provided by  
the Lanco Lads and were  
sponsored by the Vigortone  
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## Seconds decide

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Stake with their entry  
Symbolism.

Lori Ann Boyd, also of  
Lancaster, placed first in  
Saddle Seat Equitation for  
riders under 14 years of age.  
She placed third on Saturday  
in the AHSA Saddle Seat  
Medal Championship.

And in the Junior  
Exhibitors Three-Gaited  
Saddle Horse competition,  
Marsha Tome, Red Lion,  
placed first in the over 14 age  
group, while Joellyn Koury,  
Emmaus, placed first in the  
under 14 age group.

Other local exhibitors  
placing in the top five in-  
cluded:

Jr. Three-Gaited Saddle  
Horses 14 & Over - Stacie  
Statkus, New Tripoli,  
second; Claire Ricci, Em-  
maus, third; L.D. Boyd,  
Lancaster, fifth;

Jr. Three-Gaited Saddle  
Horses Under 14 - L.D. Boyd,  
second; Symbol Acres,  
Leola, fourth;

Jr. American Saddlebred  
Three-Gaited Pleasure -  
Melanie Lipensky, Lebanon,  
second; Beth Schaeffer,  
Cornwall, third;

Saddle Seat Equitation  
Under 14 - Joellyn Koury,  
fifth;

Carriage Competition -  
John Greenall, New Tripoli,  
third and fourth;

Pa. State Championship  
American Saddlebred  
Three-Gaited English  
Pleasure - Beth Schaeffer,  
fifth;

Championship Five-Gait-  
ed Saddle Horse - Symbol  
Acre Farm, second; Mr. &  
Mrs. Arthur Welkowitz,  
Lancaster, fifth;

Local Working Hunter  
Hacks - Robert Stevens,  
York Springs, second;  
Maple Shade Farm,  
Grantville, third; Kathy  
Savory, Wormleysburg,  
fourth; Margaret Edwards,  
Gettysburg, fifth;

Local Pleasure Horse - Mr.

& Mrs. Harry Phillips,  
Milton, second; Beth  
Waldeck, Washington Boro,  
third; Cooke & Dan Pen-  
newill, Littlestown, fourth;  
Lynn Ross & B & B Stables  
Inc, Gettysburg, fifth;

Local Working Hunters -  
Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Alfano III,  
Harrisburg, second; Chris  
Laukaitis, Lititz, third;  
Maple Shade Farm, fourth;

Jr. Three-Gaited Saddle  
Horse Championship -  
Joellyn Koury, third; Stacie  
Statkus, fifth;

Championship Amateur  
Three-Gaited Saddle Horse -  
Pam Wunderlich, Lebanon,  
fourth;

Championship Walking  
Horse Stake - Diane R.  
Light, Anville, third.

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