

Holstein award winners lead busy lives

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WHITE HAVEN — The Pennsylvania Holstein Association wrapped up a successful 69th annual convention last week with recognition of the accomplishments of four outstanding members.

Clark Bowen and Harry Firth were named to the prestigious Pennsylvania Holstein Hall of Fame, while Debra Stump and Alan Hostetter were honored as 1981 distinguished junior members during an awards breakfast held in the elegant ballroom of the Pocono Hershey Resort.

Clark Bowen, Wellsboro R3, is a Tioga County native, born in 1906 on the farm next door to the

family's noted Wildmoor registered Holstein farm.

"I was almost born in a stable," Bowen quipped as he remembered a boyhood of helping with the family's milking herd.

Registered Holsteins since 1942," reads the Wildmoor advertisement in the convention's annual publication. Those 1942 purebreds, five of them, were the foundation of the first Bowen milking herd of 11 cows. And every one of these five registry certificates traced to Clark Bowen's first calf, given to him by his parents when he was 12.

From a 1929 start, the Bowen operation has today grown to encompass some 600 sprawling acres over four farms.

Bowen is in partnership with his son Neil, and their 50-plus Holsteins maintain a current rolling herd average of over 17,500 lbs of milk and 660 of fat. Seven Excellent cows and 23 Very Goods help boost the herd's B A A to over 105.

Son, Glenn and his family also operate a registered Holstein herd, Bowen-Vale Holsteins, on an adjoining farm.

Registered Holstein enthusiasm continues strong as a Bowen family tradition. Bowen began showing his black and whites in 1930, and the family still participates in some showing activity. He's served the local and state Holsteins in a variety of

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Distinguished junior member awards are presented by John Cope, president of the State Holstein Association, to Alan Hostetter and Debra Stump. They will compete for national honors, which will be announced at the June convention in Baltimore.



Honors as members of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's Hall of Fame are conferred on Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bowen, left, and

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Firth. The portraits will hang in the Hall of Fame gallery at the association offices at State College.



Special award is given to Don and Gerry Seipt by Bill Nichol, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association. One of their Keystone Farms' bred sires has received prestigious honors in the Netherlands.

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