

# Lancaster County honors "cream of the crop"

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LANCASTER — For a productive year of hard work, lost sleep, bad nerves and frustration mingled with elation, the members of Lancaster County's 4-H dairy clubs were recognized at the annual 4-H dairy banquet, Monday night at the Good 'N Plenty Restaurant, here.

Glenn Shirk, Extension dairy specialist and coordinator of the program, briefly described to the audience a portion of the work involved in the dairy clubs, ending by saying, "it makes you aware that 4-H really is a learn by doing project."

Presiding over the head table and in attendance for the honors were: Connie Balmer, president of the Guernsey Club, Steve Kaufman, president of the Holstein Club, Kevin Eshlemen, vice president of the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss and Jersey Club, Anita Brommer, secretary for the same club, and Karen Schmuck, treasurer for the same. Deb Greider, Lancaster County dairy princess and alternate state princess, was also on hand to distribute awards.

Special guests in the audience included county commissioners Robert Boyer and James Huber and Donna Lucidi, the new county 4-H agent.

The first awards presented during the program were those for the county judging team. Top individual in the county and a member of the Pennsylvania team which placed third in Madison, WI, was Glenn Shenk of Lititz.

Other members of the winning team are Gerald Garber of Willow Street, top 4-H judge at the All American judging forum, team members Neal Crouse of Stevens and Leonard Stoltz of Gap. Each member of the judging team received a trophy.

The other most coveted awards, those of breed champions, were awarded to these five deserving 4-H'ers: Anita Brommer of Conestoga for Anchor Mere Gold Cup in the Ayrshire breed; Scott Trimble of Peach Bottom for Donsdell Improver April in the Brown Swiss breed, Connie Balmer of Lititz for Gordline Princess Nanette in the Guernsey breed, Mike Shertzer of Lancaster for Rocky Springs Robin in the

Holstein breed; and Helen Arrowsmith of Peach Bottom for Hilliacres Ben Ellen in the Jersey breed. Helen also was Grand Champion winner at the district 4-H dairy show.

Junior champion honors from each breed went to: Karen Schmuck of Peach Bottom for Pinelawn Hi Ruby in the Ayrshire breed; Michael Rohrer from Lancaster for Walnut Run Miss Sarah Purcell in the Guernsey breed, Robert Barley from Conestoga for Spring Bell Whirhill Penny for the Holstein breed, and Jere Shertzer of Lancaster for Lalaine Asm Fancy in the Jersey breed.

The best owner-bred female awards went to Karen Schmuck for her Ayrshire, Pinelane Lansing Marchina; Mary Witmer, Willow Street, for her Guernsey, Penn Dell Vesuvius Baby Doll, Steve Kaufman, Elizabethtown, for his Holstein, Penn Springs Milestone Ada, and Helen Arrowsmith for the Jersey that brought her grand champion honors at the district show.

Three champion showmen winners were announced in the senior division was Connie Balmer while junior honors went to Janice Garber, Willow Street. The rookie title went to Danny Welk of Strasburg.

Reserve champion showman titles went to Jon Michael Eby of Gordonville for his first year; Cindy Trimble of Peach Bottom for the junior division, and Steve Kaufman for the senior division.

Project awards went to senior and junior members, breed winners and five additional members as honorable mention for high book scores. The award is given for top book scores, management score, interest, participation, record keeping and showmanship skills. Those receiving project awards were: Connie Balmer, county winner, Janice Garber, junior winner; Angie Spickler of Mount Joy for the Ayrshire breed; Cindy Trimble for the Brown Swiss breed; Steve Kaufman for the Holstein breed, Jere Shertzer for the Jersey breed, and honorable mention went to: Mary Lou Rohrer of Lancaster, Nicki Wivell of Columbia; Steve Wagner of



These four dairy 4-H'ers were honored for having best owner-bred females at the annual dairy banquet. They are Steve Kaufman, Elizabethtown, for the Holstein breed; Mary Witmer, Willow Street, for the Guernsey breed; Helen Arrowsmith, Peach Bottom, for the Jersey breed; and Karen Schmuck, Peach Bottom, for the Ayrshire breed.

Quarryville, Mary Witmer and Glenn Shenk.

Also, recognized for 14 years of volunteer service to the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, and Jersey Club was

David Harnish of Quarryville and Jay Landis of Lancaster for the Holstein Club.

Over 30 agricultural organizations, papers, companies

and dairies throughout Lancaster County sponsored the awards, many of which had representatives on hand to present the various plaques and trophies.



Connie Balmer of Lititz, right, and Janice Garber of Willow Street, left, earned project awards at the dairy banquet for being named senior and junior winners, respectively.



David Harnish of Quarryville was surprised when his name was called to receive an award for 14 years volunteer service to the Ayrshire, Brown Swiss and Jersey Club.



## Income tax workshops coming Jan., Feb.

LANCASTER — Penn State Extension offices around the state are gearing up for the 1982 Farm Income Tax workshops, slated to begin in January.

The one-day workshops are designed to help farmers and tax-practitioners keep up-to-date on changes in the tax laws that affect the ag business.

The cost of the workshop is \$17 per person, or \$24 per couple, this fee includes the cost of lunch and materials.

A list of workshops follows. Meeting time 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

January 5 Quakertown, Best Western Motel on West Broad

Street Take Route 313 off Route 309. The motel is one block east on West Broad.

January 6 Lancaster, Farm and Home Center. From Route 230 bypass, take Route 72 south one-half mile; turn east on service road next to Jones Pontiac.

January 7 Chambersburg, Holiday Inn (Southside) Take Wayne Avenue Exit of Interstate 81 to intersection of Route 316.

January 12 Edinboro, Holiday Inn Motel is two miles east of Route 79 on Route 6N.

January 13 Butler, Garden Gate Restaurant, five miles west on Route 422.

January 14 DuBois, Holiday Inn.

Take exit 16 south off Interstate 80 to U.S. 219.

January 18 Lewisburg, Country Cupboard Restaurant. Restaurant is located on Route 15, 1 1/2 miles north of Lewisburg.

January 19 Tamaqua, Leibys Ice Cream House. Continue three miles south to the intersection of Routes 443 and 309.

January 20 Tunkhannock, Cleaverack Electric Building. The electric building is one mile west of town on Route 6.

January 21 Mansfield, Tri-County Rural Electric Cooperative Building, Main Street.

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