

## Chris Gitt wins Holstein distinguished junior honors

ERIE — Chrissy Gitt, Littlestown, was named the distinguished junior member during awards ceremonies at the Pennsylvania Holstein Association's annual state convention, held here at the Hilton Hotel.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gitt, Penn Gate Farm, Chris has been breeding and exhibiting her registered Holsteins for 12 years. She owns a herd of 33 animals, two-thirds of them bred by her during project work in Junior Holstein and the Adams County 4-H dairy club.

A graduate of Littlestown High School, Chrissy is a senior at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. She's a member of the Virginia Tech Dairy Club and Alpha Gamma Rho, the agricultural

fraternity, and chaired the dairy club's annual cheese sale which grossed over \$30,000.

In 1981, Chrissy won a seat on the Virginia Tech dairy judging team, which placed first overall at the Eastern States Exposition. She took top honors in presenting oral reasons. The VPI team also placed second overall at the Eastern National judging the the Central National.

Chrissy's cattle have won numerous championships over the past several years and earned her Junior All-Pennsylvania competition honors.

As winner of the senior division, Chrissy's Junior Member records and scrapbook will be entered for national competition, with winners to be announced at the 1983 National Holstein Convention in

Norfolk, Va. during June.

In the junior division, Perry County's Irene Benner took top girl honors, while James Houser and Ross Hershberger tied in the boy's competition.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Benner, Irene owns 13 head in the family's Santee Acres herd at the Millerstown R2 farm. She's a member of the Perry Dairy 4-H club, the Junior Holstein club and an eighth grader at Greenwood High School.

In 1980, Irene won first place in an essay contest on "Why the Family Farm Should Last Forever," and was cited by Penn State's television "What's in the News" contest.

Ross Hershberger is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hershberger of Martinsburg. A six-year veteran of working with Holsteins in Junior project and 4-H work, the young Bedford Countian has bred six of the 14 registered animals he owns in the family's Eldacross herd.

He's a ninth grader at Northern Bedford High School, is active in agriculture, community events, and an enthusiastic exhibitor at cattle shows.

James Houser is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Houser of Spring Mills in Centre County. After six years of working with registered cattle in 4-H and junior Holstein projects, he owns eight animals, half of them bred by him in the family's Penn Dell Farms.

A ninth-grader at Penns Valley Area High School, Jim is taking agriculture as his major and is a member of the school's FFA chapter. He's a veteran cattle exhibitor and his Penn-Dell Elevation Rose took reserve grand champion and best udder honors this year at the Centre County

Grange Fair.

Other finalists in the senior division were Heather Green, Sandra Houser, Kim Kriebel, William Leshner, Constance

Ohlinger, Burton Staman, Jr., and Randall Yost. In the junior division, finalists included Jennifer Kriebel, Judith Kriebel and Sandra Moser. — JB



Chrissy Gitt, the Pennsylvania Holstein distinguished junior member, will represent the state in upcoming national competition at the Virginia convention in June.

## Holstein juniors honor top milk, fat producers

ERIE — Junior - owned milking cattle take a back seat to no one, as awards presented during last weekend's Pennsylvania Holstein Association's junior convention indicate.

Several winners in the junior milk and fat production competition came in with records over 25,000 milk and 1000 fat, earning their youthful owners recognition from the state junior group.

John Burket of East Freedom took three awards, one with his four-year-old for milk production, and both milk and fat honors in the five-year division with Burket Falls Elevation Sophia.

The Ohlinger sisters of Berks County claimed three awards between them, with Cathleen's entries winning in the two-year milk and fat divisions, while Constance's entry topped the three-year-old fat production category.

A listing of the top three winners in each category follows:

- 2 YEAR OLD - MILK
1. Cathleen J. Ohlinger, R2, Mohrsville, Berks County, Reu-Hel Farms Glendal Fuzzy, 2-01 305d 25,646m 3 4% 865f
  2. Bobbi Jo Hoover, RD 185, Martinsburg, Blair County, Hi-De-Ho Sensation Connie, 2-04 305d 23,214m 3 8% 876f
  3. Jonathan Keener, 544 Hunsicker Rd., Telford,

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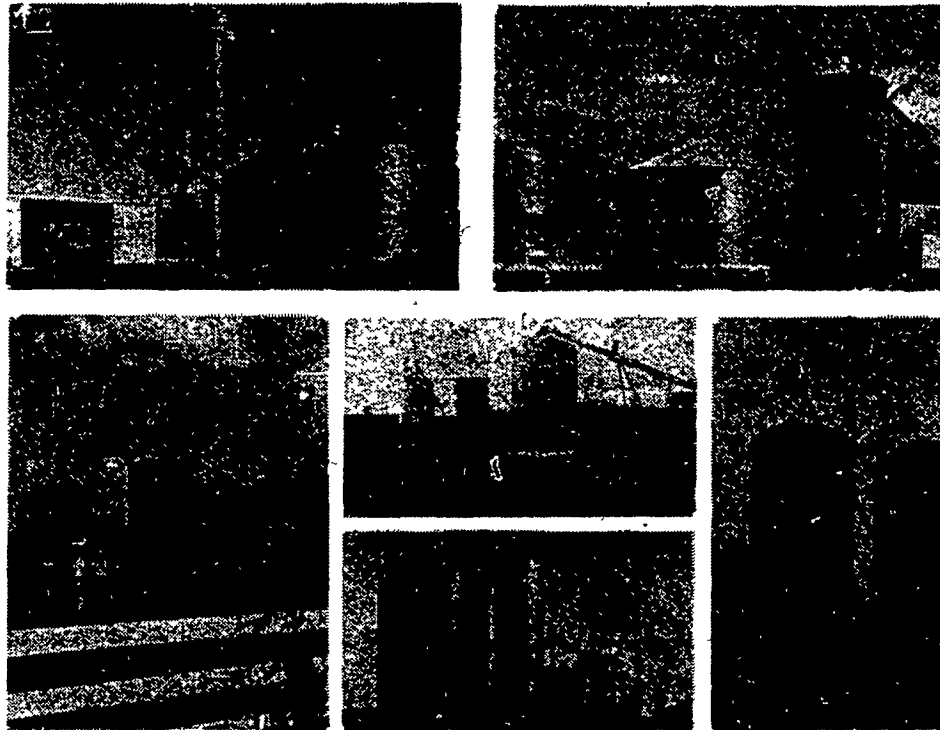
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