

Distinguished junior members named during Holstein Convention

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ALTOONA — Sandra Houser, Spring Mills, and John Burket, East Freedom, were named senior division distinguished junior member winners during Thursday's awards presentation at the Pennsylvania Holstein Convention in Altoona.

The pair will represent Pennsylvania in the national distinguished junior member contest, with winners to be announced at the annual convention in St. Louis in June.

Other finalists in the senior division were: Barbara Green, Warriors Mark; June Bechtel, Curryville; Constance Ohlinger, Mohrsville; Bradley Ludwick,

Sugar Grove; William Leshar, Bernville; and Scott Troutman, Myerstown.

Sandra Houser, age 20, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Houser, Centre County. A junior at Lock Haven University, Sandra is majoring in secondary English education and is a member of the Dean's List.

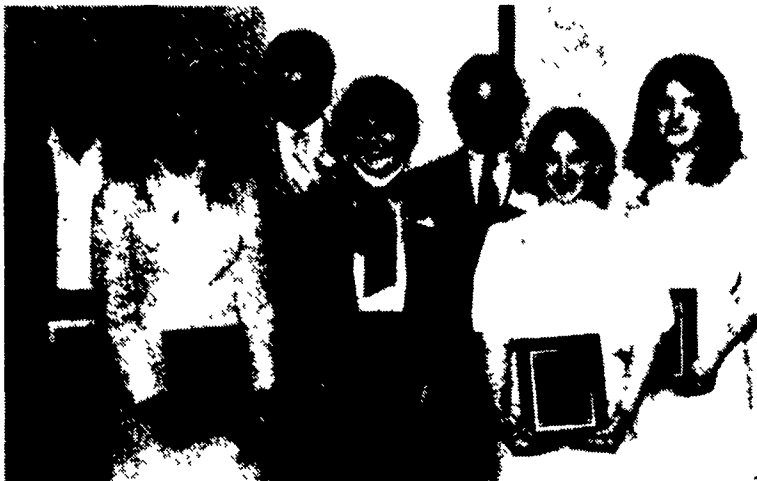
In addition to her college activities, Sandra is a vital part of her parents' Penn-Dell operation. She is an active part of the Centre County Dairy Princess Committee and currently owns 15 registered Holsteins. Sandra has been involved in the Junior All-Pennsylvania Contest, and the PJHA Production Contest.

The other senior winner was

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Executive members of the Pa. Holstein Junior Association met during the Altoona Convention to finalize plans for 1984 programs.



Holstein junior milk and fat production awards went to from left, Irene Benner, Sandra Houser and Sandy Shuman, rear left, Connie Ohlinger, Jim Houser, Matt Castrogiovani and Bill Davis.



Finalists in the junior division distinguished member contest were, seated, left, Beverly Myers, and winner Jennifer Weimer, and rear Fred Hoch, winner, and Tom Eckstine.

John Burket, the 1983-84 president of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association. He is an active member of the family at Burket-Falls Farm, East Freedom, Blair County.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. David Burket, this 19-year-old owns 20 registered Holsteins, 18 of which are homebred. He has sold or leased nine bulls into AI service in the United States or Canada.

This was not the first honor won by Burket. He is probably the only person to have the grand champion Holstein for 4-H for three years in a row at the State Junior Dairy Show. He has had many Junior All-Pennsylvania and All-Pennsylvania recognitions and All-American nominations.

John is currently a sophomore at Penn State.

Junior division winners were Jennifer Weimer, New Oxford, and Fred Hoch, Shippensburg. Other junior division finalists were Beverly Myers, Chambersburg; Patricia Bupp, Seven Valleys; and Thomas Eckstine, Mercersburg.

Jennifer Weimer is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Weimer, New Oxford, Adams County. Jennifer presently owns nine Holsteins and is an important part of the Weim-Sharr Holstein Operation.

Jennifer is a sophomore at New Oxford Senior High School where she is enrolled in vocational agriculture. Winning comes naturally to Jennifer who took grand champion honors in both 4-H and FFA divisions at the State Junior Dairy Show.

Also winning in the junior division was Fred Hoch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Hoch, Shippensburg, Cumberland County. This 15-year-old is a sophomore at Shippensburg Area Senior High School. He is a member of the Shippensburg FFA Chapter where he was awarded the Star Greenhand Award in 1983.

He is the historian of his chapter and is on the judging team. Fred is also a member of the Blue



Holstein dairy quiz bowl top spot went to the Bedford County team of, from left, James Over, Angelique McDonald, Robert Mowry, captain, and Becky Mohre. Coach of the team was Steve Mowry.



Senior division junior Holstein finalists were, seated from left, Connie Ohlinger, June Bechtel and Sandra Houser, distinguished junior girl winner. Rear, from left are, distinguished junior boy winner John Burket and finalists William Leshar, Scott Troutman and Tom Eckstine.

Mountain 4-H Club and currently owns nine registered Holsteins.

Like the other winners, Fred has done well with his animals. This year he took the reserve junior champion at the South Central District FFA Show. He went on to place fourth with the same junior yearling at the State Junior Dairy Show.

Other winners in the junior division were the Bedford County team that won the Holstein dairy quiz bowl. They are: James Over, Angelique McDonald, Robert

Mowry, captain, and Becky Mohre.

The Perry County Senior Dairy Bowl team won state competition and will represent the Pennsylvania Holsteion Association at the national contest in St. Louis in June. They are: Joe Albright, Kim Kriebel, captain; Daniel Albright, Irene Benner.

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Minor, Baxter & Merwarth elected officers of PHA

BY TRISH WILLIAMS

ALTOONA — The slate of newly elected officers to serve the PHA with two-year terms was announced Thursday at the PHA annual meeting by Marion Alsdorf, retiring president. Elected to serve as president of the Pa. Holstein Association was Sam Minor of Washington County. Arthur Baxter, Mercer County was elected to the position of vice president. Timothy Merwarth was re-elected as treasurer.

In his parting remarks Alsdorf thanked the membership for the honor and privilege of serving as their president for the past two

years. He said that he was turning the organization over to Minor in good financial condition. Although PHA operated in debt in 1983, Alsdorf said that increased export sales in the last quarter of '83 has put the organization back in better balance.

Speaking on the present status of the dairy industry, Alsdorf referred to the Dairy Opportunity program as the "Disaster Order" and said he saw no permanent value in it.

"We have been our own worst enemies by not learning to sell more," he said.

Alsdorf said he would rather see

a base-quota system put in place similar to Canada's.

Newly elected president Sam Minor by contrast has contracted to reduce his production through the new dairy program.

Executive Secretary William C. Nichol, reported that milk promotion will receive major emphasis in 1984. PHA will support the concept of a Pennsylvania milk promotion program.

Nichol said the year ahead looks extremely promising for export sale of cattle. Shipments are already being planned. Nichol stressed that a strong junior program was essential for the long

range success of PHA.

John Cope was nominated in a caucus as Pennsylvania's nominee for national director. Don Seipt is retiring after eight years in the post. Cope was given the official vote of confidence as Pa.'s 100 percent supported nomination.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Chester Heim, in an address to the group, assured them that marketing Pa. products was the number one priority of the present administration. He also reported that the Pa. Department of Agriculture is working vigorously to design a Pa. milk promotion program that would allow

dairymen who are not presently in a promotion program a means to contribute. He gave no time table for the new program.

Steve Wilson, of Sire Power, was introduced as the new director of sales. He will be filling the position vacated by Mike Weimer. Wilson grew up on a registered Holstein farm in Iowa and is a graduate of Iowa State University.

Members voted to accept a resolution to support a voluntary milk promotion program in Pennsylvania to be administered by a board of dairy farmers representative of those contributing to it