

Honors announced at Butler Holstein banquet

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PROSPECT — Butler County Holstein Club recently held their annual buffet-style banquet at Garden Gate Restaurant, Prospect. Howard Halstead, president, conducted the afternoon business meeting, highlighting the youth achievements. Each Butler County 4-H member "delighted" the audience by reporting on their past years project work.

Jean Kummer, 13-year old daughter of Lee and the Rev. Rosalynn Kummer, Evans City, was cited the Butler County Holstein Girl. A junior Holstein member for five years, she has raised four registered Holsteins on the Lehearth family farm. A five-year member of the county dairy club she was selected the 1983 Outstanding Junior Member. Active in the club's activities she's also quite familiar with the show ring.

Five junior holstein members were recognized for their milk/fat records. Diane Hogg, Slippery Rock, had the top two-year-old fat record of 663 with "Altwi Optimist Happy Nicole" and the three-year-old top milk record of 21,178 with "Altwi Star Happy Stacey." "Nicole" produced 16,966 lbs. of milk with "Stacey" making 665 of butterfat, both in 305 days.

"Neely-Farms Topper Cotton", owned by Harold Rader Jr., Connoquenessing, took the two-year-old milk record with 17,435 in 305 days. Taking second in the fat of 572. Gary Wible, Butler, received the top three-year-old fat record of 722 with "Wible Farm Petty Abbey." She was second in milk production with 20,768.

Lona Rader, Connoquenessing, took both honors of milk/fat in the four-year-old competition with "Rader Bootmaker Lucille". Her completed record was 19,979 of milk and 677 butterfat in 305 days.

"Renault Joy Exceprion Jackie", owner Jackie Reno, Valencia, was the top five-year-old winner. In 292 days, she produced 15,669 of milk and 601 of butterfat, receiving both milk/fat honors.

Wendell Smith, Butler, was honored by Doug Hershey, of the Penna. Holstein staff, receiving the 1983 membership service award in the state for retaining sixteen new members.

Two directors were elected to each serve three year terms. Bradley Cooper, Slippery Rock and Wendell Smith, retained the position.

Directors appointed the following as officers and committee chairman: President, George Dean, Chicora; Vice President, Norman Graham, Connoquenessing; Secretary/Treasurer, John Bahme, Zelenople; Youth Director, Graham; Show Chairman, David Leslie, Connoquenessing; Sales Representative, Ken Scheidemantle, Harmony; Sale of Stars Chairman, Leroy Hogg, Slippery Rock; and State Representative is Lee Kummer, Evans City.

County Agent, Robert Rugaber announced the Twilight meeting set for Aug. 1 at Ro-Haven Farm, George and Peggy Dean, Chicora. Dairy tour on April 3 to Washington County is in progress.

Lee Kummer, state representative, gave few remarks on state association and concerning the new milk promotion program with the local McDonald franchise chains.



Doug Hershey presenting "membership service award" to Wendell Smith.



Jean Kummer being congratulated by Howard Halstead, club president.



Milk/Fat winners are front row - Harold Rader Jr. and Gary Wible. Back row Jackie Reno, Lona Rader, Diane Hogg.

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