



The 1983 Dairy Judging Team made history for Berks County and Pennsylvania with their judging skill. They are: Harold Dietrich, Hamburg; Charles Seidel, Lenhartsville; Patricia Dreisbach, Hamburg; and Todd Miller, Hamburg.

Dairy Judging Team Honored at Banquet

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FLEETWOOD — Berks County honored its outstanding 4-H achievers March 2 at the Fleetwood Grange Hall during the annual awards banquet of the Berks County 4-H Dairy Clubs. Families and 4-Hers from the five county clubs filled the hall as "cow talk" continued throughout the evening.

"We're real proud of this group," Carl Brown announced. He referred to the Dairy Judging team of Harold Dietrich, Patti Dreisbach, Todd Miller, and Charles Seidel who were each honored with an individual plaque for placing first in Pennsylvania and first in the All American contests. This was the first time that Pennsylvania had won at this level. Not only was this team best over 18 states at the Eastern National, they also were best in oral reasons. Although the first plaque the team won took some luck, Brown stated, the oral reasons award took a lot of practice.

Debbie Price was also honored for her receiving the \$1000 scholarship for her 4-H dairy goat project. Debbie is currently attending Penn State with hopes of a career in veterinary medicine.

Project book and blueform winners were also honored. In the 8 to 9-year age group, Michelle Troutman, R1, Richland, from the Stouchsburg club took the blue ribbon. In the 10 to 11-year age group Scott Youse, R2, Oley, from Eastern Berks, took first lace. Heidi Schlegel, R3, Boyertown, from the Eastern Berks Club, took first place for 12 to 13 years of age. Doris Stump, R3, Bernville, from Western Berks took the blue for 14 to 15-year-olds. Debbie Price, R2, Douglassville, from Eastern Berks, received first for 16 to 17-year-olds and Jan Adam, R2, Hamburg, from the Virginville club, took the blue for 18 to 19-year olds.

Blue from winners included: 10 to 11 years - Lisa Krick, R1, Lenhartsville, Virginville Club; 12-year-olds - Tammy Balthaser, R1, Bernville, Western Berks Club; 13-year-olds - Steve Rihrbach, Shoemakersville, Virginville Club; 14 to 15-year-olds - Mark Price, R2, Douglassville, Eastern Berks club, 16 to 17-year-olds - Debbie Price, R2, Douglassville, Eastern Berks Club; 18-year-old - Jan Adam, R2, Hamburg, Virginville Club.

This year a new contest was also initiated. Awards were given for the best secretary and treasurer's books. Tammy Balthaser, R1,



Farmers wives pair off for their turn at the questions during a Family Feud game during the Berks Co. 4-H Dairy Banquet.

Bernville, had the best secretary's book and Debbie Price won honors for the best treasurer's book.

LaVerne Moser, Bally, announced the formation of a new group of dairy promoters within the county. Called the Southeastern Dairy Promoters, this newly formed group is seeking support from local dairymen to buy advertising time on radio to sell milk.

"Right here at home, let's get those sales going. Let's help ourselves from the bottom up," Mrs. Moser stated.

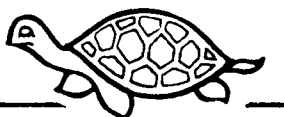
For approximately \$20, a dairyman can support the group and have his name announced after the promotion on the radio. People to contact for more information on this program are: Robert Dreisbach, R3, Hamburg;

Roy Christman, Shartlesville; and LaVerne Moser, Bally.

To enliven the banquet and test their own knowledge, the 4-H clubs selected two Berks dairy families to compete in the adaptation of the "Family Feud Game", popular on television. Labeled the "Farmer Feud", the families of Sandy Moser, Bally, and Tammy Balthaser, Bernville, pitted their dairy knowledge against each other.

Berks County Dairy Princess, Connie Ohlinger, Mohrsville, and the National Jersey Jug Queen, Patricia Dreisbach, Hamburg, were also on hand to present the awards. The awards were sponsored by more than 20 county businesses, and the banquet was catered by the Fleetwood Grange.

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