

Chester Co. honors 4-H dairy club members

ATGLEN — Chester County 4-H Dairy Clubs held their annual awards banquet on Saturday, Nov. 17, at the West Fallowfield Christian School near Atglen.

After a fine dinner was served, Susan Hostetter delivered some enthusiastic comments about her efforts in milk and dairy products promotion. Wayne Reisler, of Oxford, the evening's emcee, then recognized the time and effort that the dairy club leaders give every year to see the 4-H dairy programs succeed. Reisler also recognized the many sponsors who donated their time, facilities and financial support to help the 4-H Dairy program in the county.

Chester County dairy agent, David Swartz, stressed that a person's 4-H dairy experience should include much more than showing and fitting skills. Swartz challenged each club to have interesting educational meetings to increase each member's knowledge of dairy husbandry and production. Swartz commended the leaders for strong, active involvement with their clubs and said he was pleased with the overall vitality of the Chester County program.

One indication of a strong county program Swartz said, is the outstanding job the dairy judging team did this past year. The team placed third at 4-H State Days, and second at the All-American Dairy Judging Forum. Helen McCahon, of Downingtown, a member of the Chester County team, excelled at state competition and accompanied the Pennsylvania team to Madison, Wis. for national competition.

Swartz then presented the

awards for the past year's projects. The grand champion Ayrshire trophy went to Charles Young, of West Grove, while the reserve grand champion Ayrshire trophy went to Melissa Edwards of West Grove.

Noel Scherly, of Phoenixville, received a trophy for both grand and reserve grand champion guernsey.

Michael Hohl of Morgantown received a trophy for his grand champion Holstein. This three-year-old animal, Glen-moore Sexation Bo also earned him the Holstein Milk Production Award with a 305-2X-MG of 23,443 pounds milk and 877 of fat. The reserve grand champion trophy went to Phillip Stoltzfus of Morgantown.

The grand champion Jersey trophy was awarded to Anna Uhlman of West Chester. Helen McCahon received the reserve grand champion Jersey trophy for her Top-O-Hill Special Starlite. This animal also won the Jersey Milk Production Award with a 305-2X-ME of 11,211 pounds of milk and 531 pounds fat.

Andrew Mast of Elverson and Megan Burnett of West Chester received first year fitter champion and reserve champion respectively. Daniel Horning of Morgantown claimed his trophy for champion first year showman and Tiffany Parry of Oxford received her reserve champion first year showman. Lauri Hicks of West Chester was awarded the junior champion showman-fitter and reserve champion junior showman fitter trophy went to Kelly Huzzard of Spring City. Senior champion showman-fitter trophy went to Anna Uhlman while

Rodney Griest of Coatesville was awarded the trophy for reserve grand champion senior showman-fitter.

The Chester County herd production and 4-H Dairy Herdman Award went to Glenn Stoltzfus of Morgantown.

Swartz then awarded achievement trophies to the following individuals for superior project book work. Michael Hohl of Morgantown, Dwight Stoltzfus of Morgantown, Daniel Horning of Morgantown, Anna Uhlman of West Chester, Megan Burnett of West Chester, Matthew Edwards of West Grove, Melissa Edwards of West Grove, Wayne Reisler of Oxford, Tiffany Parry of Oxford, Beth Jenkins of Toughkenamon and Lynn Huzzard of Spring City.

After the awards were presented, the Tri-Community Dairy Club staged an entertaining and very professional puppet show. Tri-Community club also provided table centerpieces which were awarded to each volunteer leader and dairy judging team coaches.

In his closing remarks, Chester

Children need to learn to give as well as receive gifts

MEDIA — Boys and girls enjoy holidays, birthdays and other gift occasions. From an early age they are active gift receivers, enjoying the anticipation as well as the gifts themselves. They enjoy being asked to specify particular items they'd like and to make Christmas lists and birthday lists.

However, children need to experience gift giving too, says extension home economist Greta C. Vairo. Even preschoolers can participate in planning, making and shopping for gifts for family and friends. They need to learn why gifts are given.

Well-planned gift giving can be an enjoyable learning experience

for parents and children. Planning is the key. You need time if you want to include children in the process. A last minute rush to the stores to purchase a list of items won't do the trick.


The children can be involved in planning what would be just the right present for grandmother. They enjoy helping dad decide what to give mother, especially when they get to go on a shopping trip with him for the special gift. Older children can do their shopping in a semi-supervised way. One possibility is a family outing that includes lunch, or a snack in a restaurant. After eating, the family can break into groups to shop for each other. These groups can be re-formed until each child has shopped for parents, brothers and sisters.

Wrapping gifts can be fun too, with "secret" sessions going on in different corners of the home as surprises are readied by children who are givers as well as receivers.

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County Dairy Agent, David Swartz, thanked the Oxford and Tri-Community Dairy Clubs for arranging such a fine annual awards banquet, and encouraged all 4-H members to continue their active participation in their respective dairy clubs.

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