

Remembering Jim

Berks County Establishes A Memorial Fund In Honor Of One Young Man's Contributions To The 4-H And FFA Programs

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FLEETWOOD — The 1986 Kutztown Fair, held Aug. 11 to 16, is now history. There were new faces and familiar faces; first time winners and repeat winners. But there was someone missing.

Well known in county and state 4-H and FFA circles, as well as an exhibitor at the Kutztown, Oley, Allentown and Reading Fairs, and also the Pennsylvania Farm Show, this friend was missing from the pictures and the laurels of the fairs. Jim Heffner, Fleetwood, lost his life in a swimming accident in May of this year. He was 19 years old.

Perhaps best known to the public for his winning efforts showing sheep, Heffner was well respected for his service to 4-H and FFA for the past ten years. Heffner was named champion sheep showman of the 1985 Pennsylvania Farm Show and also won sheep titles at the county roundups as well as all the county fairs.

Jim Heffner began showing market lambs in 1977 and added Dorset breeding ewes to his herd in 1978. He also raised a few Hampshire, Suffolk, and Shropshires in his 20-plus herd, and gained experience raising and showing a few steers, and goats.

The son of Wilson and Mary Heffner, Jim graduated from Oley Valley High School in 1984, and

remained active in both 4-H and FFA. As a member of the Oley Valley FFA and in the Berks County 4-H program, Heffner served on many committees, participated with success in many contests, and held numerous offices. He served as president of the Berks County FFA in 1983 and 1984. He was named Star Chapter Farmer in 1983 and in 1984 received the Keystone Degree. In 1984 he was selected as the DeKalb Award winner and was also named 1984 Outstanding FFA Boy of the Reading Fair.

After graduation, Heffner worked for a time for a contractor. When the opportunity arose to work with sheep, Heffner changed jobs and cared for sheep for WEY



Jim Heffner

Farms, Dryville.

"I'll remember Jim for his many admirable qualities, his academic abilities, the leadership he provided, his enthusiasm, and as a young man who cared for others," stated Jim Howe, Oley Valley FFA Chapter Advisor.

To further Jim Heffner's personal contributions to the Berks County FFA and 4-H programs, the Heffner family is establishing a memorial scholarship fund in memory of Jim.

To date, over \$1,010 has been collected and will, along with future contributions, be placed in a trust account. The interest will be used to sponsor student participation in the FFA Washington Conference Program and the 4-H

Citizenship Washington Focus. Both of these programs are designed to develop leadership and citizenship qualities. Students are provided with opportunities to work effectively in both their local clubs and communities.

Since Jim Heffner did participate in both of these programs, the Heffner family feels it is fitting that other Berks County youths have the same opportunities.

Contributions may be sent to the Oley Valley FFA Chapter, c/o Jim Howe, Oley Valley High School, Oley, Pa. The Heffner family and the Berks County FFA and 4-H organizations offer their sincere thanks for this show of support in memory of Jim Heffner.

New York Names Beef Council Members

ITHACA, NY — The New York Beef Industry Council is being incorporated as the state organization to be certified by The Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board to act as administrator and collector in the state of the national \$1 per head check-off assessments.

Eleven members representing all aspects of the beef industry from veal, dairy and beef to livestock marketing and meat processing will serve on this newly formed non-profit New York Beef Industry Council.

This state council will serve as the collection agency, beginning Oct. 1, for the \$1 paid by the seller each time cattle change ownership. Up to 50 cents per head may be credited to the New York Beef Industry Council to be used for in-state promotion or to be re-invested in national promotion through the Beef Industry Council of the National Livestock and Meat Board. It is estimated \$250,000 could be available to the New York Beef Industry Council with the first moneys received in December.

Henry Bono of Richmondville is

a member of the New York Beef Industry Council and one of the two New York Beef Cattlemen's Association representatives. He has also been named to the National Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board.

Bono is vice-president of the New York Beef Cattlemen's Association, chairman of the organization's legislature and by-laws committees and a member of the Bull Test and Direct Marketing committees.

Another member of the New York Beef Industry Council, Ralph

G. Mitzel of Lancaster, one of the New York Farm Bureau's two dairy representatives, is also a member of the National Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board.

He is a member of the New York Farm Bureau Dairy Committee, director of the Niagara Frontier Milk For Health Council and president of the Erie County Milk Producers Cooperative. He has a 450 acre farm and a 75 cow Holstein herd with a 20,000 pound herd average.

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Elizabethtown Fair Names Open Sheep Champions

BY JACK HUBLEY

ELIZABETHTOWN — This fair is noted for its large, competitive sheep shows, and 1986 was no exception. After wrapping up its junior competitions, the Elizabethtown Fair capped a busy week of livestock shows with open breeding sheep and market lamb shows last Friday, Aug. 29.

Shown by Elizabethtown's Mark Tracy, the event's grand champion market lamb managed to top the event on a full stomach. "The night before the youth show he jumped in with our Southdowns," said Mark, adding the 128-pound Suffolk helped himself to the chow meant for his other sheep. Even with the extra measure of feed, the Tracys were able to get their champ trimmed down to fighting weight by showtime.

The son of Gerald and Helen Tracy, Mark chalked up an enviable record at this year's sheep events, taking champion and reserve honors in both the youth and open Southdown breeding sheep shows. After showing the youth show's top sale lamb, he accepted a record bid of \$6 a pound.

At reserve in the open market show was a 106-pound Suffolk-Dorset cross named "Tiger." The lamb's owner, 10-year-old Carrie Groff, explained that the lamb's unusual name was a product of its

uncivilized behavior. "It jumps over the fence a lot," said the daughter of Joseph and Ginger Groff, of Elizabethtown. Evidently fence jumping was just what this lamb needed to get in shape for the fair.

Judge Don Witt of Champion Acres, Somerset County, also placed entries in five breeding sheep divisions before moving to the market classes. The top breeding sheep included •Champion Cheviot - John Martin, 12, son of John and Marilyn Martin, East Earl.

•Champion Dorset - Angela Schildt, 14, daughter of David and Bonita Schildt, Elizabethtown.

•Champion Hampshire - Tracy Kauffman, 15, Reinholds.

•Champion Suffolk - Carey Donches, 15, daughter of Joseph and Susan Donches, Manheim.

•Champion Southdown - Mark Tracy

Results of the market lamb show are listed below

Breeding Sheep
Cheviot Champion: Doug Martin
Cheviot Reserve: Doug Martin
Dorset Champion: Angela Schildt
Dorset Reserve: Darryl Coble
Hampshire Champion: Tracy Kauffman
Hampshire Reserve: Ellen Lewis
Southdown Champion: Mark Tracy
Southdown Reserve: Mark Tracy
Suffolk Champion: Carey Donches
Suffolk Reserve: Carey Donches
Market Lambs
Lightweight Div
Class 1

- 1 Ryan Tracy 2 Jane Endslow 3 Diane Musser
- Class 2
- 1 Ryan Tracy 2 Phil Yeagley 3 Joelle Boll
- Class 3
- 1 Tricia Musser 2 Carrie Groff 3 Aaron Groff
- Lightweight Champion**
Ryan Tracy
- Reserve Champion**
Tricia Musser
- Mediumweight Div**
Class 4
- 1 Jane Endslow 2 Andrea Mylin 3 Ellen Lewis
- Class 5
- 1 Peter Hoffines 2 Tracy Bollinger 3 John Martin
- Class 6
- 1 Tim Engle 2 Gary Crills 3 Gary Crills
- Class 7
- 1 Carrie Groff 2 John Martin 3 Lisa Sadler
- Mediumweight Champion**
Carrie Groff
- Reserve Champion**
John Martin
- Heavyweight Div**
Class 8
- 1 John Martin 2 Lorie Boll 3 Scott Mylin
- Class 9
- 1 Mark Tracy 2 Curt Engle 3 Chrys Horning
- Class 10
- 1 Mark Tracy 2 Kathy Esbenshade 3 Gretchen Frederick
- Class 11
- 1 Mark Tracy 2 Janetta Shirk 3 Jeff Martin
- Heavyweight Champion**
Mark Tracy
- Reserve Champion**
Mark Tracy
- Grand Champion Market Lamb**
Mark Tracy
- Reserve Grand Champion**
Carrie Groff
- Pen of 3**
Class 1
- 1 Tim Engle 2 Gary Crills 3 Kathy Esbenshade
- Class 2
- 1 Mark Tracy 2 John Martin 3 Tricia Musser
- Class 3
- 1 Jeff Martin 2 Phil Yeagley 3 Jane Endslow
- Champion Pen**
Mark Tracy
- Reserve Champion Pen**
Carrie Groff



Mark Tracy's homebred Suffolk took grand champion honors in the Elizabethtown Fair's open sheep show Aug. 29.



Carey Donches



Tracy Kauffman



John Martin



Angela Schildt



Mark Tracy