

Livestock Association

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Animal Husbandry program, Krall is currently farm manager of Willow Brook Farms, a 1,200-acre estate in Catasauqua. Willow Brook is the largest breeder of Quarter Horses on the East Coast.

"He's the kind of a guy who does things behind the scenes," said PLA board member Henry Gruber, who made the presentation. Krall has been an active supporter of the 4-H program,

serving as auctioneer and soliciting buyers for youth beef and lamb sales in the Allentown and Harrisburg areas.

Krall also serves as chairman of the Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Agriculture Committee. He has been a PLA member since 1960.

The banquet, held at the Harrisburg Sheraton, also gave the association the opportunity to showcase up-and-coming leaders in the livestock industry through

its outstanding youth awards program.

One of two honorees in the Outstanding FFA Youth category was Fritz Frey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frey of Quarryville. Frey was a 1984 recipient of the Keystone Farmer Degree and was also named Eastern Regional Star Farmer during the same year. Last year he earned a second-place gold medal at the national level in the FFA's Beef Production Proficiency program.

Since his graduation from Solanco High School last year, Frey has been in charge of the show cattle at Twin Oaks Farms, the family's beef operation.

Named the association's Outstanding FFA Girl was Kim Hopple, daughter of Terry and Peggy Hopple of Mechanicsburg. A senior at Cumberland Valley High School, Hopple is president of

the Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry Area FFA. A regular exhibitor at many local and state fairs, she showed the national junior champion Corriedale ram at last year's Eastern States Expo in Massachusetts. Hopple recently placed second in individual competition in the Virginia State Fair's livestock judging contest.

In the 4-H category, Lee Ann Kimmel, 17, was named Outstanding 4-H Girl. The daughter of Robert and Doris Kimmel of Home, Pa., she is a member and has held numerous offices in the Dayton 4-H Livestock and Dairy Clubs. A senior, she plans to attend a technical school and major in livestock production. Kimmel has completed many 4-H projects, including swine breeding and marketing, and dairy.

Thomas Dunchack, of Littlestown, was the recipient of the

Outstanding 4-H Boy award. The son of Thomas and Cecilia Dunchack, he attends Penn State's Mont Alto campus, where he is majoring in Agriculture Business. Dunchack has carried market lamb, breeding sheep and conservation projects during the past six years and is a member of the Adams County 4-H Sheep Club. In December he will represent Pennsylvania as the state's recipient in the National Career Scholarship 4-H Awards program.

One of the primary sponsors of the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, PLA represents the Commonwealth's \$1.2 billion industry. The association supports the Pennsylvania Meat Marketing Program, with its \$3,500 in annual contributions earmarked for red meat promotion throughout the state.



Recipients of PLA's outstanding youth awards included (from left) Thomas Dunchack, 4-H; Kim Hopple and Fritz Frey, FFA. Not present is 4-H honoree Leigh Ann Kimmel.

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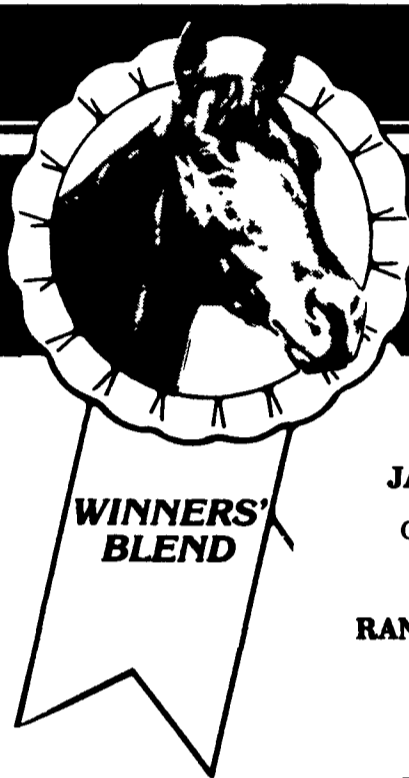
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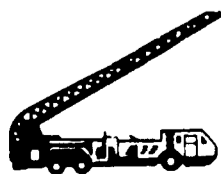
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