Maryland Holstein Club **Honors Junior Members**

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FAIRPLAY, Md. Washington County Holstein Association, home to Maryland State Dairy Princess, Kaylena Martin, held its annual banquet recently. Kicking off the evening with a toast to her home club, Kaylena lifted a goblet of milk declaring, "We have a great breed of cattle and a great industry.

Maryland Holstein Association President, Joseph Schwartzbeck, announced that the state Holstein convention will be held in Carroll County in February. He also reported that Maryland may host the national Holstein convention in the year 2007.

Thomas Dum, Holstein consultant for the area, said that a computer mating program is scheduled for implementation in January. "The classifier feeds the bull information into the computer," said Dum, "which cost less than having a consultant come to the farm." He added, "The market is going to be playing an ever increasing part of what the consultant does. I hope to sell to you and for you.

President of the club, John Shank II, and secretary-treasurer Marlin Martin, presented awards for achievement. "Each year we seek to recognize young people who are outstanding achievers,' said Martin. "This year we have chosen Jason Hose because of his performance at Ag Expo." The plaque that Hose received was inscribed with, "Exemplifying Outstanding 4-H Character; In Memory of Kraig Martin."

Smoker Farm **Tops** Potter DHIA

COUDERSPORT - Ivan Smoker and Sons, Genesee, owned the high herd for fat in Potter County for the 1986 testing period.

The Genesee herd averaged 20,328 pounds of milk, 743 pounds of fat and 666 pounds of protein on 109.8 cows. This production ranked their herd fourth for protein and fifth for milk.

Snyder Farms, Westfield, followed the Smoker herd and ranked second in fat production. Snyder's herd average of 21,376 pounds of milk, 727 pounds of fat and 679 pounds of protein on 41.7 cows garnered the top spot for milk and second for protein production.

Third high herd honors for fat production went to Dale Hoffman, Shinglehouse. His 71.2 cows produced an average of 20,378 pounds of milk, 717 pounds of fat and 658 pounds of protein.

Gene Thompson received the third high herd for milk production award and fourth for fat. He maintained an average of 21,354 pound of milk, 713 pounds of fat and 693 pounds of protein on 86.4 Holsteins. This record earned him the top award for protein production.

A cow owned by George Barker, Quasar, produced the best milk record in the county, 30,293 pounds. Ivan Smoker and Sons' cow produced the second best effort with 29,946 pounds of milk. Rounding out the top three for milk was "Darla," a 4 year old owned by Titus Risser. She produced 29,736 pounds of milk.

Ivan Kibbe Jr.'s 4 year old made the high fat record for the county with 1,162 pounds of fat. Second high cow honors for fat went to "Spice," a 5 year old with 1,134 pounds. She is owned by George Barker. Another Barker cow stood third in fat production with a record of 1,124 pounds.

Recognized for showing champions this summer were: Kevin Martin, Tom and Judy Shaw, Matt DeBaugh, Marie Worthington and Kelli Winters. Curtis Fiery was recognized for showing the highest placed junior 4-H, FFA Fitting and Showing at the 1986 Ag Expo.

4-H record book awards went to Brian Shaw, junior division and Matt DeBaugh, senior division.

William Price's herd garnered the 1986 registered Holstein production awards for milk and fat. Herds with 50 percent or more registered cows are eligible. Price's cows produced an average of 20,263 pounds of milk and 752 pounds of fat.



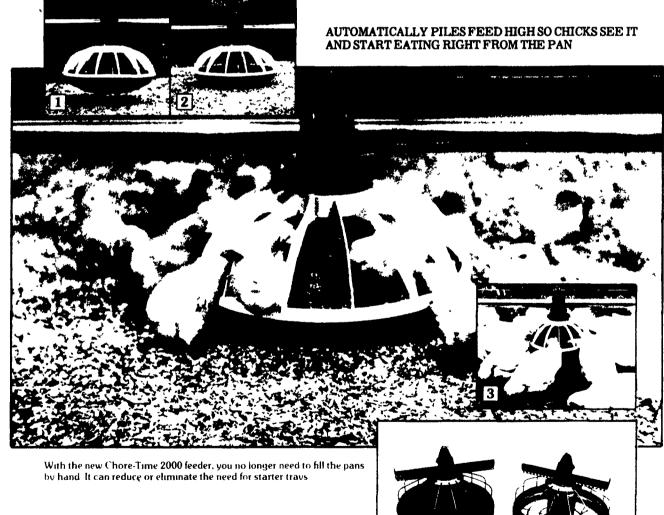
Receiving awards at the Washington County Holstein banquet were: from left, William price, Kaylena Martin for her brother Kevin, Tom Shaw, Curtis Fiery, Brian Shaw, Matt DeBaugh, Marie Worthington and Kelli Winter.

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