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Second-Grade Class Wins Award For Dairy Farm Project

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DELTA (York Co.) — A project on dairy farming has won local, state, and national honors for a second-grade reading class at the Delta-Peach Bottom Elementary School.

Students in Mary McGraw's reading class entered a local competition earlier this year sponsored by the Castle Finn Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. The contest called for class projects on an occupation that had spanned the last century. A Frank Joseph story they had read in class and a homeroom social studies unit inspired the second graders to work on a dairy farming theme.

"Dairy Farming 1890-1990: A Century of Living and Service" the students and Mrs. McGraw called their project. Dan and Patti Hushon, parents of class member Jacob Hushon, and dairyman

Ramsay Cooper, visited the classroom to talk about dairy farms and dairy products. On a field trip to the Hushon farm, the class got the chance to see milking equipment and dairy barns and silos.

After learning about cows and dairy farming, the class created posters, did special projects, wrote individual stories about dairying, designed and made a banner and produced a video showing the different parts of their project.

The class' banner and video won awards from the local chapter, state, Eastern district and national levels. Their scrapbook was also a state winner.

Six of the students won individual prizes. Thomas Hebert, Laurie Hutton and Sarah Johnson earned honors for their posters and Jacob Hushon, Ellen Lovelidge and Janah Richards were named winners for their special project booklets.

Awards were presented to the class and individuals at a special assembly. A \$75 award was used to purchase a dogwood tree that was planted on the school grounds.

Each student wrote a story for the scrapbook on what they learned about dairy farming. Adrienne Blizzard wrote, "I learned how cows are milked. I learned how bales of hay are wrapped. I learned what cows eat. They drink water. I saw a milking machine. I saw a big tank that can hold 100 gallons of milk it was big."

Bryanna Manning wrote: "Once upon a time 100 years

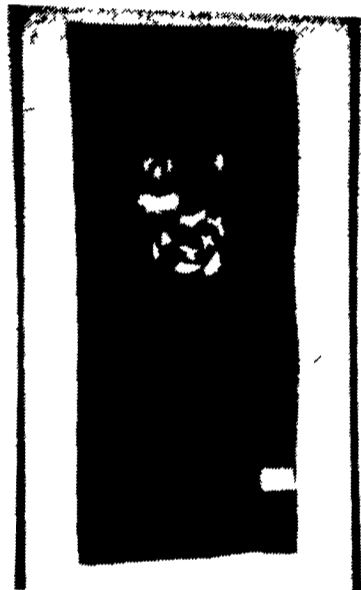
before on a dairy farm they milked by hand and did not use milk machines and that's how they milked the cows. They used hooks to carry the hay. They stacked the hay. A dairy farm is big. A farm has a barn. It has a milk tank. It is a big one, a very, very big tank. They can make buttermilk. I like Jersey cows and Holstein cows and Guernsey cows. I like farms."

And Laura Powers titled her story "How Jacob drank the sun." She wrote, "One day a chunk of the sun fell on the grass. A cow ate the grass. Then the farmer milked the cow. Then Jacob's mother went to the store. She bought some butter and ice cream and yogurt. Last she bought the milk, Jacob's family drank the milk for dinner that night. Then Jacob said 'Thank you sun for this delicious milk.'"

Arika Stump wrote about her own farm experiences. "My uncle lives on a dairy farm. He has 30 cows. They raise the hay on the farm to feed the cows. Around 4:00 p.m. they bring in the cows for milking. They go into the stalls where they are fed and milked. The milkers look like a big metal octopus. The milk is then put into the cooling tanks to wait for the big milk tanker truck. They get \$14 for each 100 pounds of milk they sell. It is a lot of work to run a farm. I help when I go there. I feed and meal the cows or give the calves a bottle. Inspectors come to visit the farm to make sure it is sanitary and up to the U.S.D.A. standards."



Little brother Joseph helps display Jacob Hushon's prize-winning poster on dairy farming to his second-grade reading class. Dan, the boys' dad, is on hand to answer questions.



The class won national honors with this banner.

Ryan Prepares Animals For Show

Ryan Boggs lives on his family's farm off Route 819 in Greensburg and has all sorts of animals. Dogs, cats, chickens, guineas, ducks, rabbits, a parakeet, and fish are a few of what you'll find on this farm.

Ryan is a second grader at Metzgar Elementary School in New Alexandria and a member of the New Alexandria Outback Ag 4-H Club. Last year, Ryan won several first- and second-place ribbons with his chickens and rabbits at the Westmoreland County Fair. He also won first place in the state PFA poster contest and received a one hundred dollar savings bond.

When asked what he liked best about rabbits Ryan said, "I really enjoy getting them ready for the fair and showing them. Each rabbit has its own personality. Some like being held and brushed but some are very temperamental." Ryan's 4-H demonstration this year is "Getting Rabbits Ready For Show."

Ryan will be showing his rabbits this year at the Westmoreland County Fair along with his chickens, ducks and other 4-H projects.



Ryan Boggs holds a rabbit that has been brushed and ready for competition.



Delta dairy farmer Ramsay Cooper talked to Mrs. McGraw's class about taking care of cows and the milking routine.



Patti and Jacob Hushon tell the class about what cows and calves eat.

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