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Aged Cow Wins Lancaster Holstein Show

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QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — An aged cow entry in the Lancaster County Holstein Show took grand champion honors Thursday, edging out some quality show cattle in the younger classes.

Dale Olver, Penn State Dairy Extension, was judge for the show, naming New Direction Ijon Desire-ET grand champion.

Thomas McCauley, who showed the 7-year-old Holstein for his father Alan, said it was the first time she was shown in a milking

class, always being dry at show time.

According to McCauley, Desire represents the last of a group of embryo transfer sisters which were flushed from the same dam, Blair BR Carmel Delight. Desire is a daughter of Sterk Ra Ijon.

Although Desire's sire's name isn't as common as some of the contenders in the show (which saw a number of Hanover Hill pedigree and other daughters of well-known Holstein sires chosen for class winners), the aged cow comes

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Young Farmers Learn Significance Of Valley

ANDY ANDREWS

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SUMMIT STATION (Schuylkill Co.) — It's possible you may have a bit of history in your barn.

Items on several farms located in the Mahantango Valley — a centerpiece of 19th century Pennsylvania Dutch life — could contain "elements of the past that should be preserved," said Rev. Carl Shankweiler.

Shankweiler spoke to more than 200 young farmers here at a ban-

quet during the Pennsylvania Young Farmers annual Summer Conference last week.

Shankweiler, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Valley View, said that the Mahantango Valley was a center of Pennsylvania Dutch Culture in the early 1800s. Many hand-crafted furniture and other items built during that period are eagerly sought after by museums and collectors.

And many of the items of the

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York Swine Breeders Protest Pseudorabies Inaction

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York Co. Correspondent

YORK (York Co.) — Purebred swine breeders in York County are not a happy group of producers these days.

They want Pennsylvania animal health officials to pork up measures to deal with the spread of pseudorabies.

Some 80-plus producers and swine industry representatives turned out recently for a York

meeting addressing the spread of pseudorabies into the county. As part of that meeting, the York Pork Producers offered a resolution calling for Pennsylvania to move into a mandatory pseudorabies cleanup program.

"We would like to see Pennsylvania move into the second stage of the federal government's cleanup program," said purebred breeder Steve Wilson, New Freedom. The program would include test-

ing of all herds within a mile and one-half of a pseudorabies-quarantined herd.

Several of the relatively small, family farm swine breeding herds in York County are state and nationally known for their outstanding bloodlines and show herds. And, while most have regularly tested and worked toward maintaining pseudorabies-free herds, the increasing rate of dis-

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From the left, Thomas McCauley holds the halter of the grand champion of the Lancaster Holstein Show, an aged cow he showed in a milking class for the first time. Duane Stoltzfus shows his father's reserve grand champion.

Various Groups Support Vet School

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Scientists, companion pet owners, animal rightists, and bankers joined farmers in a common cause Thursday. No one wants to see the University of Pennsylvania's

School of Veterinary Medicine close.

State government recently enacted the 1992-93 budget that completely eliminated \$15.3 million in appropriations to the school. The school had been receiving 40 percent of its operating income from the commonwealth. The termination of state funding has placed the school in serious jeopardy of having to close its doors.

The meeting sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farmers Association at the Harrisburg Community College showed great support from a wide variety of special interest groups. Dr. Marna Whittington, senior vice president of the University of Pennsylvania, said restoring of funds for the school was top priority. "We have put hundreds of millions of dollars into the interstructure of the school," she said. "And we have every intention to continue to do that. Our Veterinary School is the best in the country and a very valuable asset to the

University."

Roger Caras, president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was even more forceful in his comments.

"Frankly, I find it difficult to believe that I flew here from Montreal to even discuss such a plan to close your vet school," Caras said. "This seems out of joint with reality, intellectual vandalism, and a denial of the future not to mention the fiscal folly involved in the state that has its number one industry dependent on veterinary medicine to sustain its present and future."

"Why are you inviting back the dark ages?" Caras asked. "Because someone has said that the school is private? If a great, great school serving a state with billions of dollars of agriculture and animal husbandry can ever be considered private — nonsense."

William Nichol, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Holstein

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The 1993 regional Young Cooperative Leaders are, from left, John and Edith Carpenter, chair couple from Linden; Jere and Angela Hlssong Jr., south central region leaders from Greencastle; Jeffrey and Beth Kelchner, northern region leaders from Watsontown; F. Leslie and Lois Hershey, southeastern region leaders from Kirkwood; and Robert and Joy Jackson, western region leaders from Brownsville.

Cooperative Leaders Meet

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — More than 40 cooperative members representing 13 cooperatives and two co-op councils attended the 18th annual Pennsylvania Council of Cooperatives (PCC) Young Cooperative Leaders Conference at the Days Inn-Penn State in State College.

The purpose of the conference was to further educate conference attendees about the importance of the cooperative way of doing business and emphasize the need to become involved in the leadership opportunities offered by agricultural cooperatives.

William Perry, manager of governmental affairs for Milk Marketing, Inc., a marketing cooperative based in Strongsville, Ohio,

reminded the participants that farmers and farm-related businesses organized the first cooperatives more than a century ago in order to do business more effectively as a group. Today, cooperative members must consider the important role that cooperatives play in the agricultural economy and support them for that fact.

"Cooperatives are people," said Perry, "and we are the ones that must remind the public that we have an important way of doing business."

Perry said countries in Eastern Europe will turn to cooperative principles in establishing their free form of business enterprise. "We must consider business on a global

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