

Lancaster Holstein Club Offers Tour

ELIZABETHTOWN (Lancaster Co.) — Lancaster County Holstein Club is sponsoring a tour of four dairy farms in Bucks, Northampton, and Berks counties on March 16, and the bus is scheduled to leave the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, promptly at 7:45 a.m.

The cost of the tour is \$12 per person. No meal is included in the price. Lunch is to be brought along by each participant.

The deadline for reservation is March 9.

The first site to be visited is Delaware Valley College, in Doylestown. It has a herd averaging more than 26,500 pounds of milk and almost 1,000 pounds of fat. In addition to the Holstein herd, they also house Ayrshires, Brown Swiss and Jerseys. They have a freestall-parlor setup with a unique heifer barn.

At noon, the tour is to visit Keystone Farm, owned by the Donald Seipt family, in Easton. This herd is well known in Pennsylvania. They have bred a good "type" herd with a BAA of 108.6. Out of 90 head classified in December, 21 rated Excellent. However, the herd also produces, with a rolling herd average of about 25,000 pounds of milk.

At 2 p.m., the tour is to stop at Rothrock Golden Holsteins, in Kempton. At this farm, tour participants are to see many cattle representing family lineage to Leadman, including his dam, a number of siblings and their offspring.

Of note is the barn's ventilation system which includes water-cooled air. There's also a unique calf-raising facility.

The tour is to visit Hidden View Farm, in Robesonia, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Hidden View is owned by Tim and Teresa Kissling, who have a number of cattle genetically tied to the Eric-Dew Mars Marcy family, and they have an outstanding Micheal daughter.

The herd produces an average of more than 25,000 pounds of milk. In addition to also showing their new calf and heifer raising facility, Tim Kissling is to discuss his nutritional consulting business.

The tour returns to the Farm and Home Center from Robesonia.

For a reservation, fill out a form and mail it and a check for \$12 per person to: Stephen L. Hershey, 2661 Bossler Rd., Elizabethtown, 17022.

Lebanon 4-H Livestock Holds Banquet

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According to Kenneth Winebark, extension agent, the Agway award program is set up so that a \$100 savings bond goes to the owner of the top bred and owned animal for each of the three respective animal species.

In addition, a \$50 bond is awarded to the top three youth with owned and bred animals in the champion commercial market lamb, and champion commercial market swine contest and to the youth whose animal was judged reserve champion complete market animal.

Of the beef producers, Jon Harnish received a \$100 savings bond for showing the champion bred and owned animal during the county fair.

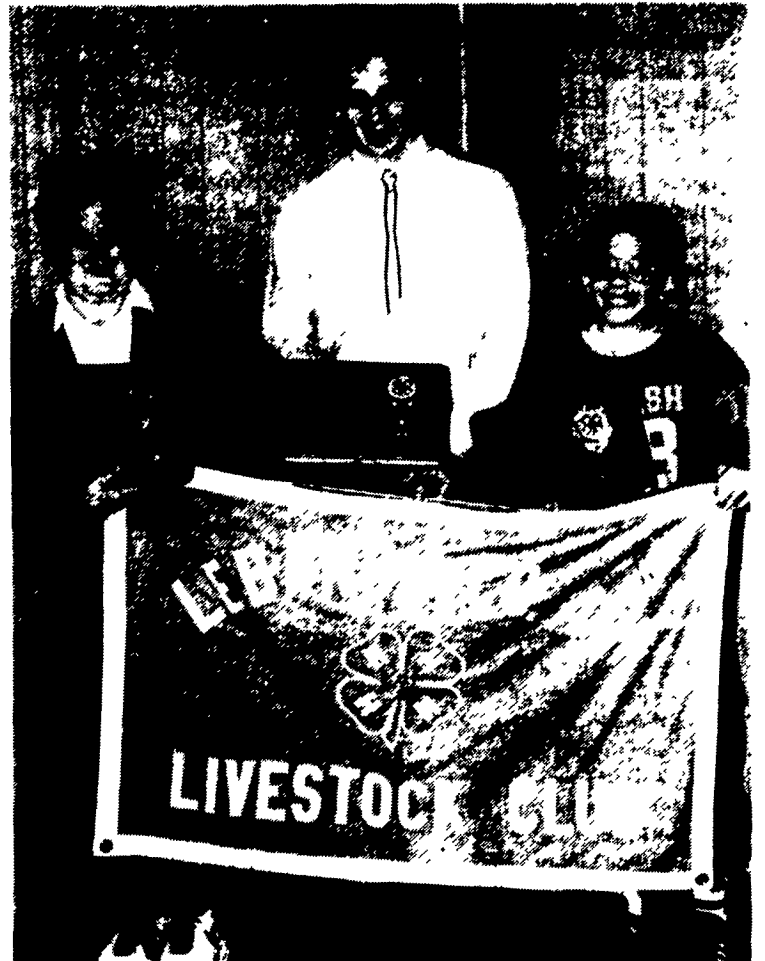
The awards are in the swine division, the bond recipients were Josh Heagy, Lydia Heagy and Roxanne Kirst. In the sheep division, it was Daniel Atkins, Wendy Atkins and Joe Tice.

In other awards, the outstanding rookie of the club was Nathaniel Artz, 8, who as a first year member attended all the swine club meetings, participated in judging and showmanship and blocking at the county fair and showed two market hogs, a carcass hog and a Derby hog. He also showed a hogs at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition, two at the club's Winter Roundup, and one at the Farm Show.

In his spare time, he helped with a promotion at Fox's Market, At Dutchway, with the county Farm-City program, helped with the fair refreshment stand, barn cleanup, and painting the new pole barn at the fair grounds.

He also participated in a number of other related club events.

Receiving the club's Outstanding Junior Member Award was 11-year-old Jason Shirk. Jason was involved with beef and swine



From the left, outstanding members of the Lebanon County 4-H Livestock Club are, from the Jason Shirk, Daniel Atkins and Nathaniel Artz.

projects and participated heavily with his club's activities, showed animals and was also involved in school sports activities.

Daniel Atkins, 17, received the Outstanding Senior Member Award. Atkins was a member of the sheep, swine, and beef clubs, showing at the county fair, Farm Show, KILE, S.E. Pa. Hog Derby, the Eastern National Livestock Show at Timonium, Md., the Roundup and carcass show.

He had been breeding hogs, but stopped mid-May, but still continues his beef cattle breeding pro-

jects raising Charolais, and raising extra hogs from shows.

He has been involved in a number of judging contests, helped out with promotions, helped with fund raising and was a member of the champion pork bowl team.

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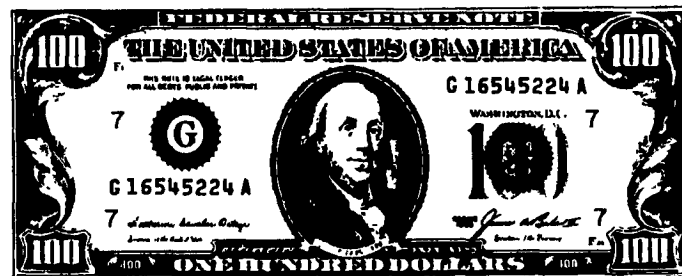
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