

Chester County Cooperative Extension Agent Cheryl Fairbairn, left, presents the Donald Nichols family with a plaque for Outstanding Family of the Year at a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Angus Association. The award was given in recognition of the family's service to the Angus Association. Also shown are Don and Judy Nichois, Will, age 4, and John, age 10.

Nichols Become Family Of Year

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Angus Association recently named Don Nichols, his wife Karen, and their two sons, John and Will, Outstanding Family of the Year. The award was given in recognition of the family's service to the Angus

According to Association Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Chapman, the Nichols family helps with the annual Angus sale at Penn State's Beef Expo, the Pennsylvania Angus Breeders Show in July, and provides cattle for the Ag Progress Days Angus exhibit.

The family's Angus herd has been recognized for performance. Ten-year-old John will show cattle at the July breeder's show for the third time this summer, and Will, age 4, for the second year. Chapman said the family contributes many long hours making



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

Before spring arrives, my husband and I decided to take a day trip to the New Jersey State Aquarium. As we signed up rather late for the bus trip, we were assigned a back seat. On the way we stopped for lunch at a steak

We were on our own for a few hours to explore the second largest open ocean tank in the entire United States. More than 80 percent of the fish in the salt water tank were caught in and around

sure everything is ready for the show at Centre Hall every summer.

In addition, Don has served for 10 years on the Angus Association's Board of Directors, providing "uncountable services" to the association.

Chapman said the award was 'long overdue," given the family's history of service and ongoing interest in Angus activities. "Their contribution is immeasurable," he said.

Don Nichols also manages the purebred beef cattle operations at Penn State University.

the waters of New Jersey. Even the rays, sharks, and skates are native to New Jersey waters.

There was a tank of tiny fish that have no eyes as they live in dark caves and survive with their other senses. What I like to watch are the small brightly colored fish from tropical waters. They look just like the ones that I saw when I went snorkeling in the Caribbean. There were giant lobsters and sea turtles too. Even a trout stream greeted us as we entered the aquarium. Another large tank held harbor and gray seals that are native to nearby waters.

The next day was a change of pace as I helped to sew at the Lancaster General Hospital. Their large sewing room is in a corner of the basement and holds many sewing machines and is a place to store lots of material. Our church did not have a good turnout as some machines were not used. However, those of us who did come kept very busy sewing and talking. Later in the month I won't have time for these kind of activities as it will be time to start the gardens.

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