

# Berks Dairy 4-H Members Cap Year-Long Efforts With Honors

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LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Berks County dairy 4-H'ers were honored for their efforts last year during a recent banquet here at the 4-H Community Center.

Capturing dairy project book awards were Greg Davis of the Northern Berks 4-H Club; Lynette

Heffner of the Eastern 4-H Club; Erica Davis, Northern Berks; Susie Luckenbill of the Western Berks 4-H Club; Michael Hix of Northern Berks; and Randy Balthaser of Western Berks.

Hix also won the blue form for youth aged 15 and older, and Luckenbill also won the Dairy Club officer's books award for the

secretary's book. Erica Davis also won the officer's books award for the treasurer's book.

Other blue form winners were Andrew Youse of Eastern Berks 4-H Club in the age 8 to 12 category and Janice Youse, also of Eastern Berks, in the 12 to 14 category.

Jessica Haag of Northern Berks won the officer's books award for club scrapbook.

Representatives to the Dairy Bowl last year were Michael Gross, Sandra Gross, Angela Werley, and Melissa Werley in the senior division. In the junior division were Erica Davis, Jennifer Neiman, Michael Neiman, and Janice Youse.

Senior dairy judging representatives were Jennifer Grimes and Michael Hix.

Representatives to the All-American Dairy Judging Forum were Erica Davis, Gregory Davis, Jennifer Grimes, Lynette Heffner, Michael Neiman, Angela Werley and Melissa Werley.

Jennifer Neiman also represented Berks in the Junior Dairyman's Contest.

Gary Kurtz, 4-H Council president, announced the awards while Sandy Gross, the Berks County Dairy Princess, and Katie Hartman, the L'il Miss Dairy Princess, presented the trophies.

Mistress of ceremonies was Sarah Johnson, alternate dairy princess. As such, she sometimes fills in for Sandy for the school promotions the Dairy Princess does every winter.

Recently, Sarah related during the entertainment portion of the evening, while she was talking to kindergarteners, one little boy demanded to know where "baby calves" come from.

Caught unawares, Sarah said she hemmed and hawed for a few seconds and finally said, "Their

mothers."

"I didn't want to get into specifics," Sarah said. "I thought their parents could do that."

That quieted the little boy for a few moments until he, apparently

still curious, again asked where "baby calves" come from.

Suddenly, Sarah thought of the answer.

"The Leesport Farmer's Market and Auction," she said, nodding. "He understood that."



Dairy roundup winners are, front row, from left, Jill Vall, accepting for Jed Vall, Aryshire; Janice Yost, Milking Shorthorns, Mark Hix, Jerseys. Back, from left, Stacey Gelst, Holstein and Jason Balthaser, Brown Swiss.



Blue form winners are, front row, from left, Greg Davis, Erica Davis, Lynette Heffner. Back row, from left, Randy Balthaser and Susie Luckenbill.



Leadership awards, front row from left, Andrew Youse, Erica Davis, Jessica Haag. Back, from left, Susie Luckenbill, Janice Youse, and Michael Hix.

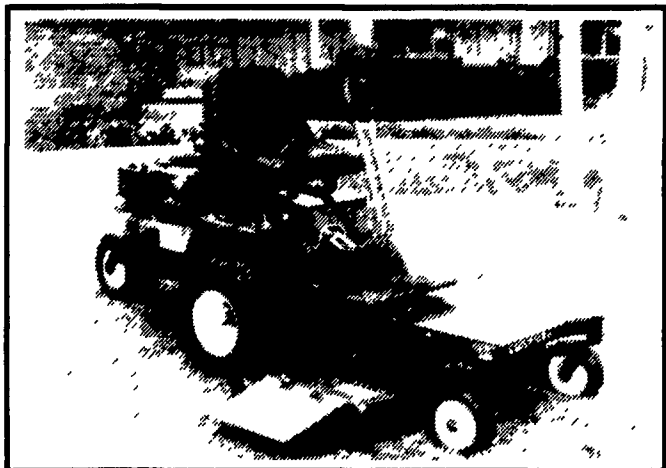


Alternate Berks County Dairy Princess Sarah Johnson, with the aid of Jared Houseman, 5, of Oley, announces winners of the door prizes.

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