

# Oberholtzer Wins Calf At Lancaster Holstein Banquet

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**LANCASTER** (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County Holstein Association held its annual banquet at the Family Style Restaurant in Lancaster Tuesday evening, recognizing outstanding production and electing new officers.

The purpose of the meeting, in addition to business is also to develop and maintain comradery.

The members of the organization also hold a distinguished junior member competition.

In the under 12 bracket, Denise Bollinger, of Manheim, was the club's distinguished junior member and received a full-sized, sturdy show box.

In the senior division, ages 17 and older, Dan Geissinger won a Pa. Holstein Association jacket and a trip to the state convention, scheduled for February in Gettysburg.

The intermediate-aged youth group competes for a show-quality calf. This year Heather Oberholtzer, daughter of Clair and Laverne Oberholtzer, of Elizabethtown, won the calf, donated by Lowell Brubaker, of Manheim.

The calf is Hilltop Heritage Star Gift, a Blackstar daughter out of a Good Plus 82 dam as a 2-year-old.

Heather said she has three other Holsteins — a 3-year-old, a senior calf and one that will be a summer yearling for the next show season. She said she intends to show her Gift calf at local Holstein shows and in 4-H competitions.

In other business, three members were elected to the board of directors. Elected were Daryl Mills and Robert Balmer. Re-elected was Lynn Royer.

During a post-banquet business meeting, the board reorganized with Jack Coleman as president, Lynn Royer as vice president, Ler-

oy Welk secretary, and Dale Hershey as treasurer.

Speaking to the group, John Howard, a local member and also a director with the national Holstein Association, told the group that contrary to what some people may think, the national association "has been opening its mail."

Howard said some members have voiced concern over delays in getting registrations completed and returned. He explained that what the association does is open the registrations, annotate when they were received and then set them aside for completion as manpower is available.

According to Howard, the association was faced with hiring extra people to get the turnaround on the registration paperwork, or to allow a backlog to develop.

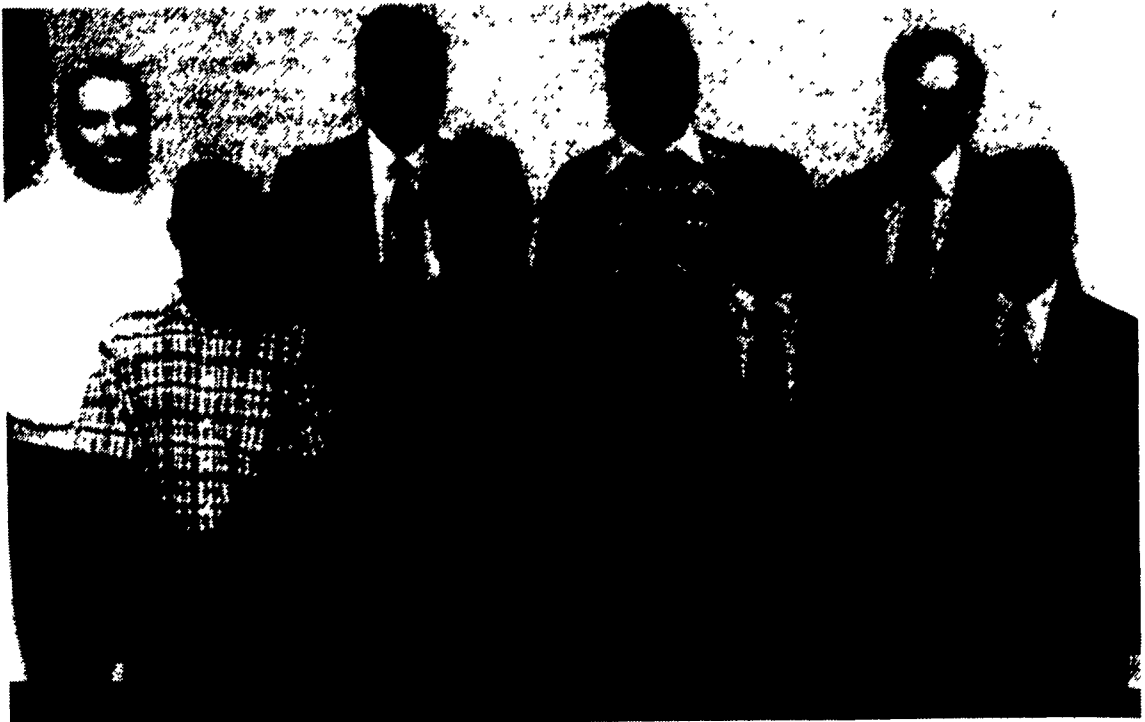
On the advice of a consultant, who reviewed the organizational flow last year, the association opted to allow a backlog to develop over the summer, while the administration was understaffed because of vacations.

Howard said that anything other than registration gets processed immediately, while registry waits for processors to become available.

He said that the backlog is about two weeks worth, but breeders shouldn't worry about paying more for registration. He said fees are based on the date the applications are received.

Also, Howard said that recipes are being sought to help put together a cookbook to raise money for the Holstein Women's Scholarship Fund.

Specifically, Howard said he is looking for Pennsylvania Dutch chocolate recipes from this area. The recipes are needed before Christmas. Those with recipes can send them to: Susan Howard, 1831 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street,



The board of directors of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association are, in the front row, from the left, Daryl Mills, Larry Kennel, Jack Coleman, president, and Steve Hershey. In the back row, from the left is Robert Balmer, Dale Hershey, Leroy Welk, and Lynn Royer.

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Production winners for 1993 were Em-Tran Inc., of Elizabethtown in the junior 2-year-old division with a record of 30,449 pounds of milk, and a combined component production of 2,697 pounds, which was the highest component production of all cows entered.

In the senior 2-year-old division, a cow owned by Calvin Beiler made 29,421 pounds of milk, while a cow owned by Lenewood Farm made 1,796 pounds of components.

In the 3-year-old production division, a Walnut Run Farm animal led in milk production with 33,756 pounds, while an Em-Tran animal made 2,208 pounds of protein and fat.

Of the 4-year-old cows, one owned by Marvin Stoltzfus made 33,669 pounds of milk, while a Holstein owned by Robert and Linda Sensenig made 2,244 pounds of fat and protein.



Heather Oberholtzer smiles and checks out Hilltop-Heritage Star Gift, a show calf donated by Lowell and Deb Brubaker of Manheim that Oberholtzer won as a distinguished junior member of the Lancaster County Holstein Breeder Association.

In the aged cow division, a cow made 33,536 pounds of milk and owned by Robert Kauffman Jr 2,287 pounds of protein and fat.

## Council, USDA Sign Cleanup Pact

**ANNAPOLIS, Md.** — The Chesapeake Executive Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) signed an historic agreement aimed at accelerating the Bay cleanup by ensuring a broader and more coordinated approach to controlling agricultural runoff.

The agreement increased the role of the USDA in the restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. The agreement was signed by Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer, chairman of the Chesapeake Executive Council, and James Lyons, the USDA assistant secretary for natural resources and environment.

"This is a great day for agriculture in the Chesapeake Bay," said Governor Schaefer, "Partnerships and cooperation among federal, state, and local governments have been the key to our progress in restoring the Bay. This agreement will ensure that the USDA is involved at the outset in the decision-making process."

"Farmers in the Bay region have a strong commitment to the Chesapeake cleanup effort," said Assistant Secretary Lyons. "The USDA is poised to help them become even more effective partners in the restoration."

The Chesapeake Executive Council — comprised of the gov-

ernors of Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania; the mayor of the District of Columbia; the chairman of the Chesapeake Bay Commission; and the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency — directs the Bay cleanup program. In 1987, Executive Council members signed an agreement that pledged to reduce Bay nutrient pollution 40 percent by the year 2000.

Although nutrients enter the Chesapeake from many sources, studies have shown that agricultural activities, such as crop production and livestock operations, are a chief source of Bay pollution.

In 1992, armed with this knowledge, the Executive Council launched the Agricultural Nonpoint Source Initiative to address the challenges that farmers face in reducing agricultural runoff. The expanded USDA role is the direct result of recommendations made by the Nonpoint Source Initiative. Under the new agreement, the USDA will:

- Implement a new program, total resource management on agricultural lands. USDA will direct its agencies — including the Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, and Extension Service — to work with the Bay jur-

isdictions to develop and implement this planning process. It will provide an integrated approach to farm management featuring a wide range of best management practices to help farmers protect natural resources while maintaining production goals.

- Develop innovative methods and research to protect the Bay. Work with the Chesapeake Bay Program to spearhead research crucial to providing farmers with innovative methods to help protect the Chesapeake Bay.

- Coordinate federal agricultural efforts on behalf of the Bay by participating in various Bay Program committees.

- Cooperatively implement federal and state agricultural pollution prevention programs to help stop pollution before it starts.

- Secure appropriate funding and staffing resources to carry out its goals.

In commenting on the agreement, Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Robert L. Walker, who served as chair of the Nonpoint Source Agricultural Initiative, said, "I am pleased to see one of our major recommendations now underway. The expanded USDA role will go a long way toward helping agriculture meet its nutrient reduction goals."



Lancaster County Holstein Breeders Association distinguished junior members are Denise Bollinger, who sits on a show box she won, and Dan Geissinger, who displays the jacket he won. Geissinger also won a trip to the state convention in Gettysburg.