

# Boyer Named

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ran a small milk route through the town, raised Shetland ponies, and dealt in horses. Ira and the former Cass Anthony, a neighbor, were married in 1941. They dairied for a few years on a farm near their homes, then operated a rented farm near Hanover for a decade.

In 1956, the couple moved their two dozen-head dairy herd to a farm they had purchased near Thomasville, today the home of Sunnybend Holsteins. Through the years, Boyer was active in leadership roles with the county Holstein club, Dairy Herd Improvement Association, and the York County Farmers' Association.

The Boyer's herd was consistently near the top of DHIA production lists over the years and one of the first in York County to break the 600-pound butterfat barrier. Their first herd-test year, beginning in 1947, average 7,888 pounds of milk and 309 pounds of butterfat on 23 head.

By 1975, when the Boyers dispersed their 44-head herd, that average was 16,390 pounds milk and 604 pounds of butterfat, with the fat average having passed the 600-pound level a decade before. Their sale average was the third high in Pennsylvania that year.

Animals from the Boyer's breeding were a significant part of the foundation stock for two of York County's top milk-production herds today, operated by their children. Daughter Gerry, her husband Lynn Wolf, and their three children maintain their dairy farm just east of Abbottstown. Son Tom, his wife June, and their two daughters continue the family dairying tradition on the Boyer home farm.

Following his retirement from milking cows, Ira Boyer became a sales representative for American Breeders Service, a second career he and Cassie continue today as a team. They handle semen sales and tank servicing for more than

80 farms in northern York and Adams counties.

Holstein breeders marked the annual meeting with a \$500 contribution to the York County 4-H Center Exhibition Area fund-raising drive. The expansion program, now in its first phase, will add a show and sale ring, expanded parking, outdoor arena, gardening, archery, fitness trail and playground facilities to the existing 4-H Center near the town of Bair. The fund-raising to date has generated more than \$53,000 toward the \$200,000 project goal.

Junior Holstein milk, fat, and protein awards were presented to winners at the county level. County winner records have been forwarded for competition in the state Junior Holstein production awards recognition program in February 1994.

In the 2-year-old category, awards were split between three contenders. Winning 305-day milk record went to Dar-Dale Leader Drissle-Red, owned by Shannon Doll, Glen Rock, with a production of 23,198 pounds. Brad Walker, New Freedom, won the fat production category with Wams Sexy Lady's production of 837 pounds of butterfat. Protein winner, with 738 pounds, was Coredale Symbol Tootsie, owned by Chad Trimmer, East Berlin.

Three-year old honors for both milk and protein were won by Brad Walker with Walk-Le Marvel Skip, with 29,573 milk and 916 protein in 305-days. Winner for butterfat was Dar-Dale Ryan Rita, owned by Shannon Doll, with a 837-pound record.

Brad Walker took all honors in the four-year-old category with Coldsprings Levi Taffy, producing a 305-day record of 29,676 milk, 826 fat, and 1,009 protein.

Three directors were named to the county board following an election during the annual business meeting. Elected for three-year terms were Darla Doll, Glen Rock, Phillip Laughman, York, and Leroy Walker, New Freedom.



Larry Amspacher, secretary-treasurer of the York County Holstein Association, presents a \$500 check from the organization to York extension director Roxanne Price for the county's 4-H center expansion program.

## Farm Calendar

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caster, thru Nov. 19.

Vegetable Growers' annual meeting, Arena Restaurant, Bedford, 9:30 a.m.

Elk/Cameron Counties Farmers Breakfast Ag Advisory Group meeting, Anthony's Restaurant, Ridgway, 9 a.m.

Northampton County DHIA-Holstein Assoc. annual meeting and banquet, Stockertown Memorial Hall, 7 p.m.

Penn/Jersey Director Marketing Beef-Sheep-Swine for producers tour, arrive Hatfield Packing, 9:30 a.m., sponsored by Rutgers Extension, Somerville, N.J.

Clarion/Venango Holstein Association annual meeting, Salem Community Building, Larmartine, 7 p.m.

Bradford County Quality Assurance Meeting For Dairymen, Towanda Rod and Gun Club, 10 a.m.

Friday, November 19

Adams County Farm-City banquet, Bonneauville Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m.

York County Extension annual meeting, Shrewsbury Fire Hall, 7 p.m.

Farm-City Week, thru Nov. 25. Agronomy Ag-Service School, Arena Restaurant, Bedford, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wayne County Holstein Association annual meeting, Bellmont Corners Fire Hall, Bellmont Corners, 7:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 20

Grain Management Clinic, Mahantongo Fire Company, Pitman, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Mercer County Holstein Association annual meeting, Mercer

Extension Office, 7:30 p.m. Huntingdon County DHIA annual meeting, Shaver's Creek Community Building, 7:30 p.m. Lancaster County farm tours, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, November 21

Monday, November 22

Tuesday, November 23

PFGC/Penn State Forage Conference, Ramada Inn, West Middlesex.

Lancaster County 17th annual Agriculture Industry Banquet, Lancaster Host Resort, 7 p.m.

Swine Health, Profitability, and Pseudorabies, Bergstrasse School, Ephrata, 7:30 p.m.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission meeting, Woodlands Inn and Resort, Wilkes-Barre, 9 a.m.

Wednesday, November 24

Thursday, November 25

Thanksgiving Day

Tuesday, November 30

USDA's 70th Ag Outlook Conference, USDA Headquarters, Washington, D.C., thru Dec. 1.

Wednesday, December 1

Thursday, December 2

Friday, December 3

National 4-H Congress, Chicago, Ill., thru Dec. 10.

Estate Planning Seminar, Carroll Co. Extension Office, Westminster, Md., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saturday, December 4

Estate Planning Seminar, Holiday Inn, Hagerstown, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Maryland Pleasure Horse Seminar, South Carroll High School, Winfield, Md., 8:30 a.m.

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