

# Chester County Holds 4-H Dairy Awards Banquet

ATGLEN (Chester Co.) — The Chester County 4-H Dairy and Dairy Goat awards banquet was held last week at the West Fallowfield Christian School. A dinner was served to 100 4-H'ers and their families and friends.

The Oxford and Manor 4-H dairy clubs were in charge of the affair and various 4-H members of the clubs conducted the meeting with Michael Troop, Cochranville

serving as the emcee. Theresa Imhoff, Chester County dairy princess, gave a talk about dairy farming.

Rus Albright, Keystone Farm Credit, gave the group an update on the Chester County 4-H Center. Settlement for the 20 acres of land along Rt. 322 will take place on November 24 and the drive to raise funds for building construction and ground improvement is

progressing but more support is needed. He urged all 4-H members and their families to contribute to the fund with whatever money they can afford and he also displayed the tentative development plan for the site. John St. John announced that there will be a sale of donated dairy animals in the spring of 1994 as the dairy industry's means of raising funds for the 4-H center, and he asked for support from dairy farmers throughout the county.

The Tri-Community 4-H Dairy Club had the entertainment at the end of the meeting which was a pantomime skit with two of the members reading an amusing narrative.

The 4-H Dairy Goat awards were presented first. Trophies were presented to the high individual project book scores in each club based on the quality and completeness of their book and their performance at the county round-ups in July. Theresa Holz, Phoenixville captured the high Achievement Award for the Chester County Kids Club, while Melissa Wertz, Phoenixville was the best first year member. In the New London Club, Laura Anderson, Landenberg, had the top project award. Awards were also presented to the fitting and showing champions from Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup this past summer. Show halters were given by the Holz family to Becky Hendricks, Phoenixville, and Kathleen Anderson, Landenberg, for being the top fitter and showperson, respectfully, of the show.

The top Achievement Award for dairy based on the total project score was won by Erica Lloyd, Pottstown, with her Jersey cow

project on Patrick Joyce. Other Achievement Award winners were Krystal St. John, Lincoln University of the Oxford Dairy Club with her sister, Kasey St. John having the best first year project book. In the Manor Dairy Club, Kathryn Young, West Grove was the winner. Erica Lloyd, Pottstown captured the award in the Tri-Community Club while Crystal Kolb, Pottstown was the first year winner. In the Chester Valley Dairy Club, Theresa Holz, Phoenixville had the top award.

Production awards, based on M.E., 305 day records, 2X were given to the top entries in three breeds. The Ayrshire winner for milk and fat was Dreamnol Johnny's Snow with 25,716 pounds of milk and 1016 pounds of fat entered by Kevin A. Nolan, Cochran-

ville. Kevin Nolan, Cochranville also had the high Holstein for milk and fat, PA-Dot Bell Jesse Paulette-ET with 33,746 pounds of milk and 1073 pounds of fat. Hewitts Brass Rosalinda, owned by Vicky Hewitt, Spring City, was the high Jersey cow for milk with 19,567 pounds. Ben Hendricks, Phoenixville was tops in the Jersey breed for fat with TOH Silver Beacon Twinkie, who had 1,117 pounds fat.

Farm Credit awards to dairy members for excellence in a wide variety of 4-H activities went to Robert Bari, Phoenixville for the Senior Award, a \$50 savings bond, and a \$25 cash award went to Erica Lloyd, Pottstown as the junior winner. In the 4-H Dairy Goat division, Jason Wagner, Spring City received the \$50 savings bond and Melissa Wertz won the \$25 junior award.



4-H dairy goat awards, left to right, Jason Wagner, Melissa Wertz, Tammy Yeager, Ben Hendricks and Becky Hendricks.



Dairy achievement awards, left to right Krystal St. John, Kasey St. John, Crystal Kolb, Erica Lloyd, and Kathryn Young.



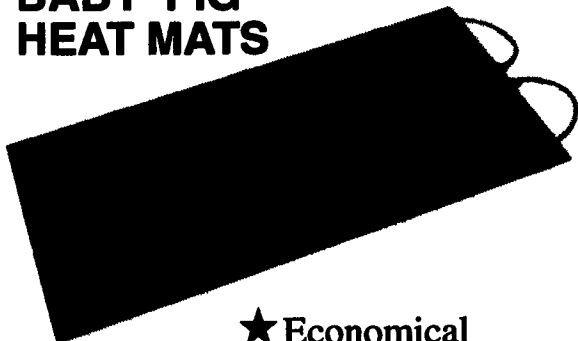
4-H dairy fitting and showing awards, left to right, Amy Hewitt, Crystal Kolb, Kelly Young, Erin Brobst, Ben Hendricks and Tarik Gaffney.



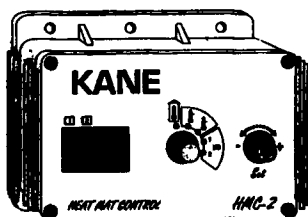
Chester County 4-H dairy production awards, left to right, Kevin Nolan - Ayrshire & Holstein; Vicky Hewitt - Jersey (milk); and Ben Hendricks - Jersey (fat).

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