Awards Night Honors Kutztown Young Farmers

KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.) — The Kutztown Young Farmers awarded some of their members for their outstanding achievements.

David and Kathy Schantz of Alburtis received the Community Service Award. David and Kathy have three children — Megan 8, Matheu 6, and Nathan 1. They farm in partnership with David's parents, known as Showtop Farms. They have 350 registered Holstein cows and heifers. They raise grain and forage to feed the cattle.

The Schantz family won this award for services conducted in the community and surrounding area. David is president of Kutztown Young Farmers and the past two years he served as vice president. He chaired many committees this past year, including fundraising for the 1993 state convention held in Reading.

At the same time, David is president of Berks-Lehigh Sire Power district. David belongs to many organizations including the Holstein Association, young farmers, DHIA, Atlantic Breeders Cooperative, Agway Inc., and Oley Valley Fair Assn.

Jon and Holly Stutzman won the Outstanding Young Farmer Award Under 30 at Hesston College in Kansas and obtained his degree in agriculture science at Penn State. Jon is employed by Brubaker Agronomics Consulting Service.

Holly graduated from Penn State as a registered nurse. She has worked in the operating room in Allentown Osteopathic Hospital. They both are Sunday School teachers at Oley Mennonite Church, and Jon served as a council member.

Gerhard and Carol Winkler received the Outstanding Youth Farmer Award Over 30. They live outside of Lyons in a 1780 farm house which they restored. They have three children — Jama 26; Daniel, 24; and David 18.

Carol is a sales person who sells contemporary mirror art for a New York firm.

Gerhard and his brother Rudolph farm 500 acres of corn, wheat, soybeans, and hay. They dry and store all grain in large bins, so they can sell when the prices are up. They also have 35 head of beef cattle. Gerhard is treasurer of Kutztown Young Farmers.

The Kutztown Young Farmers gave other awards at this event. A Donald Reinert Scholarship Fund was started when Donald retired

as a Voag teacher. The YF gives an annual scholarship to an outstanding senior in FFA who is continuing an education in agriculture. This year the award went to Monica Queman.

There were other members who were recognized in outstanding corn production. David Schantz, in corn silage, 36 tons per acre; Kathy Schantz in corn yield, 229 bushels per acre; and Kermit Schlegel in corn quality. A special recognition was given to Noel Schlegel for the work he put into a corn test plot, comparing yields, variety, and herbicides.

The Kutztown Young Farmers program won the outstanding chapter of the year given by the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association at the 34th winter convention recently in Lancaster.

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Awards were presented at the recent meeting of the Kutztown Young Farmers. From left, David and Kathy Schantz, Community Service; Holly and Jon Stutzman, Outstanding Young Farmers under 30; and Gerhard Winkler, Outstanding Young Farmer over 30.

Engle Honored

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The American Sheep Industry Association presented Clair C. Engle its Camptender Award at its 1994 Convention in Reno last month.

The Camptender Award recognizes Engle, Penn State associate professor of animal science, for his leadership and service to both the Pennsylvania and the national sheep industries. As sheep extension specialist, Engle's educational responsibilities have centered on a variety of production and commodity value-based marketing programs at regional, state, and multistate levels.

Engle works closely with the Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association and allied industries in identifying industry needs and conducting applied studies and educational activities that address these needs. He has conducted several annual Shepherd Symposiums and has participated in regional shows and sales, statewide youth programs, field days, and management workshops.

"Over the years, Clair Engle has been someone the national sheep industry could work with. He's always been willing to cooperate in getting things done at the national and state levels," said E. William Hess, past president of American Sheep Producer's Council (now the American Sheep Industry Association). Hess says Engle was responsible for many ASI-sponsored seminars for the Pennsylvania sheep industry that were both well attended and well organized.

"Receiving this award was made possible through the collaborative efforts of many extension

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educators and sheep producers. It truly is a honor and something I share with those who have similar goals and aspirations for the Pennsylvania as well as the American sheep industries," said Engle.



Gene Brune, president of the American Sheep Industry Association, right, presents the Camptender Award to Clair C. Engle, Penn State associate professor of animal science.

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