

Perry Holstein Club Holds Meeting

ELLIOTTSBURG (Perry Co.)

— Even though we often believe we are over-regulated in America, we still live in a land of tremendous opportunity, where hard work and responsibility pay off.

This was the message delivered to the Perry County Holstein Club annual meeting by Dieter Kreig, editor of a farming weekly newspaper, and native of the former Communist country of East Germany.

A crowd of over 80 Holstein enthusiasts attended the Perry County Club's annual meeting which was held recently at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Elliottsburg.

Saying that he could recall childhood memories of the police arresting his dad in their living room for refusing to turn over the farm to the East German state, Kreig went on to tell of his family's escape to the West, their journey to America, and the settling on a farm in York County in the early 1960s. Kreig said he remembered the brainwashing he received each day at school in East Germany, and how his parents would correct that teaching each evening.

He said that the greatest damage done by the communist states was the removal of private property rights.

"When a man cannot own property and improve his lot by hard work and motivation, a part of his spirit dies," said Kreig.

Since the collapse of the Berlin Wall, Kreig has returned for visits to his homeland each year. He commented on the neglected state of the farm buildings of his home farm when he first saw them in 1990, after leaving the farm as a child under the cover of darkness almost 30 years earlier. Kreig said, "Buildings everywhere are falling down and without needed coats of paint. The people are so poor, they can not afford to fix the buildings up. The only buildings that are receiving needed repair

are the churches."

Kreig said he finds this fact ironic, since the renovated churches are a clear sign that the communists failed in one of their primary goals — to obliterate a faith in God among the people. Kreig concluded his speech with a challenge to appreciate the opportunity that America affords, and to watch carefully that our country does not slide towards the socialism and communism that so ruined his native land.

During the business meeting, chaired by club President Ben Dum, Elliottsburg, Dan Rice, Blain and Brian Fleisher, Newport, were reelected as club directors.

Jane Benner, Pa. Holstein director from Millerstown, gave a report. Peggy Raub, Duncannon, presented the 1993 National Champion Dairy Bowl Team with commemorative crocks denoting their accomplishments.

Dave Swartz, Extension agent, presented the 4-H Achievement Awards for success in record book work.

Winning the Junioir Achievement Award was Cole McLaughlin, Elliottsburg, while Joe Haas, Millerstown won the Reserve Junioir Achievement Award. Marel Raub, Duncannon, won the Senior Achievement Award, while sisters Trisha Haas and Liza Haas, Millerstown, tied for Reserve Senior Achievement Award.

Marel Raub, 1993-94 Perry County Dairy Princess, gave a talk on the facts of BST use and encouraged the dairy farmers present to learn all they could about the technology so they could be equipped to answer any question that non-farm folks might have



From the left, recipients of Perry County Holstein Club's junior achievement award are Trisha Haas, Joe Haas, Liza Haas, Marel Raub, and Cole McLaughlin.

about the technology. The 1994 Perry County Holstein Board of Directors are Jane

Benner, Millerstown; Ben Dum, Elliottsburg; Brian Fleisher, Newport; Allen Kretzing, Loysville;

Bob Loy, Loysville; Dave McLaughlin, Elliottsburg; and Dan Rice, Blain.

Arboretum Walking Tour

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Attend the informal reception and tour of the Tanger Arboretum on April 25, at 4 p.m. The Arbore-

tum was designed in 1956 by noted local landscape architect Gustolf Malmberg for Louise Arnold Tanger, a well-known Lancaster

botanist, conservationist, and ornithologist. More than 100 mature plant specimens may be seen at the Arboretum located at 230 N. President Avenue next door to Wheatland.

The tour is free. For more details, call (717) 392-4633.

Herb Festival Set

SYKESVILLE, Md. — The second annual Herb Festival at Piney Run Park, Carroll County, Maryland, will be held on Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cooking demonstrations, herb lecturers, guided walks, wandering minstrels, and a Maypole dance are some of the activities offered.

Items for sale include fresh herbs and perennials, dried herbs

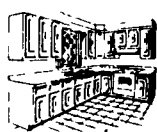
and everlasting; herbal vinegars and butters, potpourri items, herbal wreaths, soaps, books, baskets, breads, garden accessories and garden furniture and ornaments.

No additional fee is charged for the Herb Festival but regular Park entrance fees will be collected.

For more information, call (410) 795-3274.

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