

Lebanon DHIA Members Meet

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MYERSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — About 150 people attended the annual meeting of the Lebanon County Dairy Herd Improvement Association, held Tuesday at the Myerstown Church of the Brethren to review the organization's activities over the past year and elect directors.

An affiliate of the Pa. DHIA, the county organization's president Ken Sellers, of Annville, introduced members and helped present production awards.

Elected as directors were Jay Good, Phares Musser, and Jay Weaver.

Dale Hoover, with a farm near Sellers, is on the 14-member state board of directors.

Hoover talked about the efforts of the state organization to provide premium services at competitive costs, while at the same time attempting to reduce overhead costs.

The state organization has had a number of personnel changes, including the hiring of Ted Brown as state director of finance and personnel, and with Dixie Burris being named to head the state laboratory, located in State College.

Other significant changes include paying off the property debt at the main state office/laboratory at State College, which it had been renting from Penn State University.

He also announced "fee adjustments" that went into effect Oct. 1, "Because the last two years, we've been operating at a deficit," and

also because, "A detailed analysis showed that most rates were not reflecting costs," Hoover said.

In particular, Hoover said that mostly the twice-day testing program users would get the biggest adjustment, while not much change would affect those using the AM-PM program.

He also announced that the state annual meeting has been set for March 10 in State College (more details to be announced later) and has been planned as a one-day event, rather than a two-day event, as had been the tradition.

David Shenk III, regional manager, told the group that they should stay in touch with their technicians, especially with respect to scheduling testing times. He said that communications of information such as times that are inconvenient for testing, is important to maintaining efficiency and service.

He also announced that the state is offering a Westfalia Dairy Plan computer program for use in dairy herd management.

He said it is a good software package, although more training programs are to be held.

Previously, before significant changes in personnel at the state level, Pa.DHIA had promoted the use of another computer program. This new program is being offered for sale to members with a free-trial period. Shenk said members should ask their technician about the program, or call the state office at (800) 344-8378 and ask for Dan Smith, or Pat Torrelli.

In other business, Kenneth Winebark, county extension agent,



From the left, in the front, Vincent Wagner of Ju-Vindale Holsteins, holds his two DHIA production awards earned for low herd somatic cell count and high protein, while Curvin Good holds two awards he received for high milk production and protein production by a individual cow, which also topped the state for milk production. In the back row, from the left, are county directors Dale Hoover and George Ungemach, Pa. DHIA Director of Finance and Personnel Ted Brown, county board chairman Kenneth Sellers, and Kenneth Winebark, county extension agent.

announced to the group that he would be leaving extension service after 10 years working in the county, with an emphasis on helping develop its youth programs.

In a farewell address, Winebark

told the group that he is going to continue to work with youth, but through a youth ministry. For some time, Winebark has been working with troubled children.

He said his plan is to devote himself to doing as much as he can to helping these children that most agencies or organizations can't attract or don't want.

National Show Lamb Title

MIDDLETOWN, Md. — Paula Davis, 18, was awarded the Eastern National Livestock Show junior market lamb title.

Paula is a member of the Middletown FFA livestock judging team that placed first in the state and went to Kansas City for national competition.

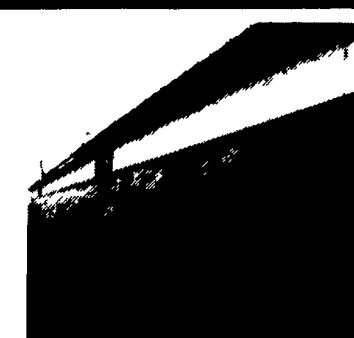
Paula is active in Frederick County 4-H for 11 years and is a member of the Middletown FFA. She is attending Frederick Community College with a major in veterinary science.

She has won many champions in classes such as breeding sheep, market lambs, and leadline showing from county fairs to state and

national competition. She has a sheep farm of about 90 head of registered Hampshires and registered Suffolks.

Paula is also a National 4-H Youth Congress delegate for Maryland and sells club lambs to help with college funding. She works at Glade Valley Animal Hospital.

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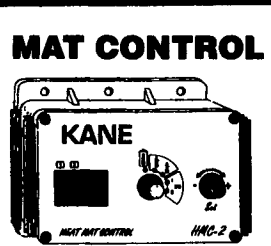


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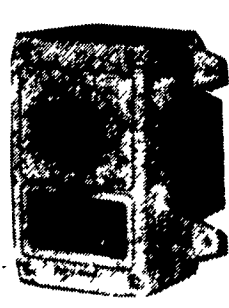


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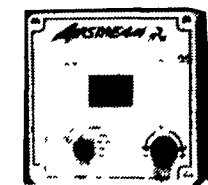
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