

# Chester County Holds 4-H Dairy Awards Banquet

GUTHRIESVILLE, (Chester Co.) — The Chester County 4-H Dairy & Dairy Goat Awards Banquet was held on Thursday, Nov. 3, at the East Brandywine Fire Hall. A fine ham dinner was served to 100 4-H'ers and their families and friends.

The Tri-Community Dairy Club were in charge of the affair and various 4-H members of the clubs conducted the meeting with Julie Sollenberger, Spring City, serving as the emcee. Karen Inhoff, Chester County dairy maid, talked to the group about milk promotion.

Russ Albright, Keystone Farm Credit, gave the group an update on the Chester County 4-H Center. All the approvals for development of the site have been cleared and the construction of a pole-

barn for animal housing and showing plus access lanes will begin soon. So far, \$325,000 have been pledged or donated toward the total goal of \$750,000 and he thanked the dairy community for the fine job they did in raising \$29,000 at their cattle sale in April. He urged all 4-H members and their families to continue to seek sources of funds.

The Chester County Kids Dairy Goat Club and the Tri-Community 4-H Dairy Club presented an outstanding music program at the end of the meeting, including 4-H alumnus Tiffany Yeager's singing and dancing and musical instrument numbers by several of the club members. The program concluded with a six-piece band featuring Amy Hewitt on drums.

The awards section of the pro-

gram began with the 4-H Dairy Goat awards. 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. Melissa Wertz, Phoenixville, captured the high achievement award for the Chester County Kids Club. In the New London Club, Laura Anderson, Landenberg, had the top project award with Jessica Bohmier, New London, receiving the First Year Club award. Awards were also presented to the fitting and showing champions and the breed champions from the Chester County 4-H Dairy Goat Roundup this past summer.

The top achievement award for dairy based on the total project score was won by Tarik Gaffney, Downingtown, with his Jersey cow project on Top-O-Hill Juno Taco. Other achievement award winners were Melissa Wertz of the Tri-Community Dairy Club with Christy Guest taking the first year trophy. In the Manor Dairy Club, Rebecca Nolan, Cochranville, was the winner. Tarik Gaffney, Downingtown, captured the award in the Chester Valley Club while Allison Krain, Unionville, was the first year winner.

Production awards, based on M.E., 305 day records, 2X were given to the top entries in four breeds. The Ayrshire winner for milk and fat was Dreamnol Johnny's Snow with 27,171 pounds of milk and 1,040 pounds of fat entered by Kevin A. Nolan, Cochranville. Michael Beaton had the high Holstein for milk and fat, Highs Kaz-A-Lean Basic,



Chester County 4-H dairy awards banquet, dairy goat winners, from left, Christine Anderson, Jessica Bohmier, Melissa Wertz.

with 23,038 pounds of milk and 728 pounds of fat. Hewitts Brigadier Rosetta, owned by Jody Hewitt, Spring City, was the high Jersey cow for fat with 983 pounds. Tarik Gaffney, Downingtown, was tops in the Jersey breed for milk with Top-O-Hill Juno Tootsie Roll who had 18,903 pounds. Julie Sollenberger, had the high Guernsey for milk Warwick Manor Fayette Audrey with 15,888 pounds and also had the top Guernsey for fat, French Creek Fayette Daisy at 692 pounds.

Farm Credit Awards to Dairy members for excellence in a wide variety of 4-H activities went to Jody Hewitt, Spring City for the Senior Award, a \$50 savings

bond, and a \$25 cash award went to Julie Sollenberger, Spring City as the junior winner. In the 4-H Dairy Goat division, Melissa Wertz received the \$50 savings bond. They were presented by Russ Albright from Keystone Farm Credit, Avondale.

Trophies were given out to the 4-H Dairy Round-Up Show winners and fitting and showmanship champions. Also at the banquet, plaques for champions at the Unionville Fair were presented by Charles Wollaston. The James Wertz family gave rope halters to six new 4-H dairy members for 1994 — Angela Barlow, Meredith Baily, Jen Hess, Christy Guest, Allison Krain, and Becky Nolan.



Production winners at the banquet were, from left, Kevin Nolan, Ayrshire; Julie Sollenberger, Guernsey; Tarik Gaffney, Jersey; and Jody Hewitt, Jersey.



Achievement awards, from left, Melissa Wertz, Becky Nolan, Tarik Gaffney, Christy Guest, and Allison Krain.



Awards banquet, show champions, from left, Betsy Brown, Julie Sollenberger, Betsy Young, Tarik Gaffney, Meredith Baily, Kate Young, Allison Krain, and Erica Lloyd.

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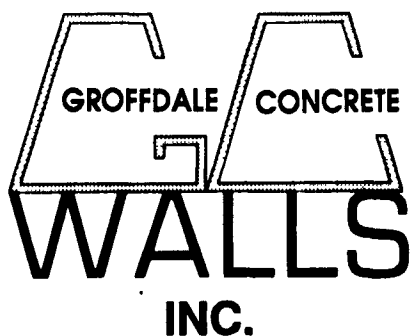
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