

Myers Named York Beef Club Citation Winner

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— "A rescuer of county agents in distress" was one of the more lighthearted reasons cited in a presentation to the newest York County 4-H Beef Club's Citation Award winner.

That was just one of the descriptions made of Dale E. Myers Sr., Wellsville, recipient of the club's annual salute to an adult or leader who has given of themselves to benefit the youth livestock program. The honor was bestowed as a highlight of the club's annual award dinner, held January 28 at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall.

In making the presentation, extension livestock agent Tim Beck further noted that Myers is always there to support and help make a success of the activities undertaken by the beef club, doing whatever job needs done and usually staying quietly in the background in the process.

A salute to Myers in the club's awards program states: "For the



Winners in the York 4-H beef club's Roll Call competition were from left, front, Jodi Dutrey and George Dutrey, and rear, Jason Baer and Suzanne Bishard.

past 15 years, Dale has been a hard-working behind-the-scenes leader in the Livestock Clubs. Even after his children have graduated from the 4-H program, we can count on him to bring his muscle to help weigh in and nose print at the Preview Show. When we went to the Junior Sale at the York Fair, Dale was there to help

out wherever he was needed. Most notably, he is responsible for getting base bids on some of the livestock and it doesn't stop there. When the sales are over, Dale becomes the 'cowpoke' leading out those animals that definitely have an agenda that is contrary to the one Dale has in mind. And it is on his trailer that many of those animals ride to the packing plant."

While Myers declined to learn to fit and clip the animals shown by their children during their 4-H years, believing they needed to do that themselves, he was "always there to help us in any way," according to daughter Julie.

Myers and his wife, Jean, have three children, Dale, Jr., Julie and Dave, and six grandchildren. A dock worker and driver for Preston Trucking, he also farms field crops, and with son Dave, raises cattle, sheep and hogs. The Myers' farm at Wellsville often hosts livestock judging practice and competitive activities. Along with his 4-H leadership, Myers is active with the Wellsville Fire Company and enjoys hunting.

A second plaque went to Myers as the club honored "benchmark" years of service by leaders. Gordon Shive, Seven Valleys, is a 30-year beef club leader, and Myers has 15 years of leadership.

Five beef club members were honored with the Roll Call awards. For Roll Club competition, members are graded by leaders on their project update presentations given at each meeting, as well as on management skills. Winners were Jason Baer, first, Suzanne Bishard, second, and Jodi Dutrey, third. Rookie, or first-year, member awards were earned by Amy Sweitzer, first, and George Dutrey, second.

Steer of Merit awards went to three members in a carcass-value



Long-time York 4-H beef club leader Dale Myers, left, is the club's 1995 citation award winner. Myers accepted his award from Tim Beck, extension livestock agent, during the club's annual awards dinner.



Saluted by the York 4-H beef club for their service as club leaders were Gordon Shive, left, 30-year leader, and Dale Myers, 15-year leader.

competition sponsored by the South Central Pennsylvania Cattlemen Association. Philip Baer, Travis Reid and Jason Sweitzer were recognized for their steers

which met marketability merit standards based on live conformation, hot carcass weight, yield and quality grades and average daily gain.

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ler, Netec Design, and Paul Mills, Hellam area horse breeder; Carol Kearney, Agricultural and Industrial Museum of York and Rodger Perry, Perrydell Dairy Farm, York; Mike Waugh, 93rd District State Representative and Brian Ted Miller, poultry producer, Brodbeck's; and Julie Miller, BMY-United Defense Limited and Glen Shaw, Shaw Orchards, Stewartstown.

Entertainment for the ag recognition banquet was the living history impersonator, James Getty, who performs as President Abraham Lincoln. Getty reviewed the

important agricultural achievements of the Lincoln-era, including implementation of the Land Grant College structure, the Homesteading Act, and Lincoln's friendship with the early visionary of the Grange.

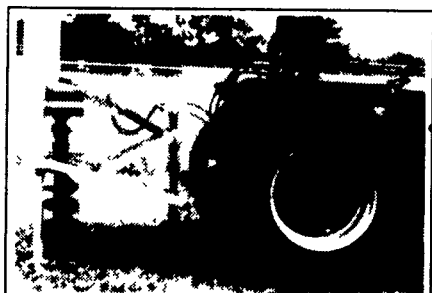
Getty recounted how Lincoln knew many of the early farm equipment inventors, including John Deere. He further noted that lawyer Abraham Lincoln was one of six Illinois attorneys called in on a case which involved Cyrus McCormick, the inventor of the reaper, forerunner of today's modern grain harvesting combines.



Steer of Merit awards were presented at the York 4-H beef awards program to Phillip Baer, left, and Travis Reid.



Accepting trophies for York Fair 4-H beef fitting and showmanship excellence were, from left, Jennifer Altobelli, champion fitter, ages 15-19; Suzanne Bishard, champion showman; and Tammi Grubb, champion fitter, ages 9-14.



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