

Somerset Holstein Club Names Directors, Honors Youth

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ROCKWOOD (Somerset Co.) — About 150 people attended the Somerset County Holstein Club annual banquet and business meeting held recently at the Rockwood Fire Hall.

The purpose of the annual meeting was to elect officers, recognize members' outstanding achievements and hear reports on the organization and industry.

In elections, Willard Maust, of Meyersdale, Scott Foreman, of Rockwood, and Ben Miller, of Boswell, were elected to three-year terms on the county club's board of directors. Maust was re-elected.

Also, in award-winner recognitions, plaques were distributed to junior members. All production awards were based on milk and milk component production during a 305-day lactation and twice-per-day milking.

Among the 2-year-olds, cows owned by Mathew and Nicholas Hunsberger, of Davidsville were

the high producers.

The top producer of milk and protein was BJ-Line Glow Veronica, owned by Matthew Hunsberger. Veronica produced 24,861 pounds of milk, with 859 pounds of butterfat and 794 pounds of protein. Her butterfat production was second in the county among registered Holsteins entered.

The top butterfat producer was BJ-Line SW Ragheeb, owned by Nicholas Hunsberger. Ragheeb made 22,219 pounds milk, 919 pounds butterfat, and 786 pounds protein. She was second for milk and protein.

Two Hillegass youth, of Berlin, received awards for owning the top producing 3-year-old, 4-year-old, 5-year-old, and 6-year-old cows.

Among the 3-year-olds, the top producer was Antrim-Spring Inspiration Reina-ET, owned by Justin Hillegass. Reina made 26,323 pounds of milk, 1,040 pounds of fat, and 820 pounds protein.

The top milk-producing 6-year-old cow was also owned by Justin.



From the left, Justin Hillegass, Desirae Hillegass, and William Mosholder receive awards in recognition of the high milk and milk component production of their registered Holsteins. Not shown are Matthew and Nicholas Hunsberger.

Hill-A-Way Mandingo Fancy made 29,205 pounds of milk, 997 pounds of butterfat, and 843

pounds of protein.

Desirae Hillegass not only had the top producing 4-year-old, but also the top 5-year-old.

Her top producing 4-year-old for milk and components was Miss Hill-A-Way Ryan Kacy. Kacy made 28,162 pounds of milk, 840 pounds of butterfat, and 803 pounds of protein.

Desirae's top producing 5-year-old was Hill-A-Way Mark Pansy, with production of 28,396 pounds of milk, 1,006 pounds of butterfat and 855 pounds of protein.

William Mosholder, of Rockwood, received awards for the production from two of his cows. In second place among the 3-year-old cows for milk and milk component production was Double-Ott Mossys Dee Dee, with 22,496 pounds of milk, with 847 pounds butterfat, and 780 pounds of protein.

The high producing 6-year-old for milk components was Mosholder's Fra-Jan Valiant Miracle, with production of 28,629 pounds of milk, with 1,077 pounds of butterfat, and 863 pounds of protein.

It was also announced that Jeff Smiley, a Junior member from

Berlin, was honored as the owner-breeder of an Excellent cow, during the state Junior Holstein Association, held in February this year.

Also in connection with that convention, Brian Deal reported that, for the third straight year, Somerset County was honored for having the most members attend the convention.

There were other highlights during the banquet.

The county Junior Holstein Club held an auction of dairy items — such as food, a calf, semen and service, milking services, clipping services, and specialty items — to raise money so club members can attend the national Holstein convention, scheduled for June.

According to Connie Welch, auction committee member, the \$567 raised during the banquet exceeded the goal members set. She said the support is greatly appreciated, as some of the planned activities come with great expense, such as a boat cruise on the popular Gateway Clipper.

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From the left, Willard Maust, Ben Miller and Scott Foreman are elected to the board of directors of the Somerset County Holstein Club.

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