

DeHarts Appreciate Docile Nature Of Herefords

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 ing with a steer. Some of the other breeds are a little more rambunctious," Sheetenhelm said.
 The generally docile nature of the Polled Herefords makes them an excellent introduction to animal agriculture for youth who may not have previous experience working with livestock, Sheetenhelm said. "A lot of juniors were never raised on a farm. Their mom and dad look at the animals and say, 'What do I do next?' With our juniors, there are a lot that just have maybe four or five acres. Well, here is something they can get involved in. I like the Polled Hereford cattle myself. They have a gentle, good disposition."
 He sees involvement with the

association as an excellent way to instill confidence and self esteem in the youth, while at the same time teaching families about the importance of farming.
 "Nobody is getting by the breakfast table, or the lunch table, or the dinner table," said the Hereford enthusiast. "You've gotta eat."
 By raising beef, Sheetenhelm believes youth can have a hands-on experience with agriculture that will be educational to them and to their families.
 "Maybe then, when they see a piece of meat on their table, they'll know it didn't just fall out of the sky," he said.
 Sheetenhelm has been a tireless

crusader for the Polled Hereford breed since the 1970s. He is a familiar face at MPHA events throughout Maryland. Those fortunate enough to make his acquaintance never turn away empty-handed; in addition to

literature, on the breed, Sheetenhelm is widely known for the trademark horse chestnuts he passes out for good luck.
 Sheetenhelm's faithful support of MPHA was recognized recently at the Eastern National Livestock

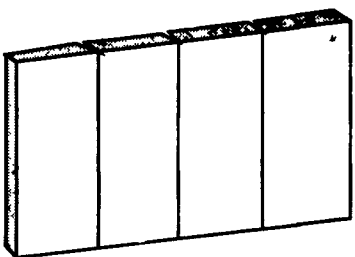
show held at Timonium. He was honoree of the Standard of Perfection Show held Sept. 30 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds, which was dedicated as a salute to him for his promotion of the breed.



A love of Polled Herefords keeps the DeHart family close. Shown here with steer "Fred" are Jack and Nancy with two of their children, Kathy and Kenny.

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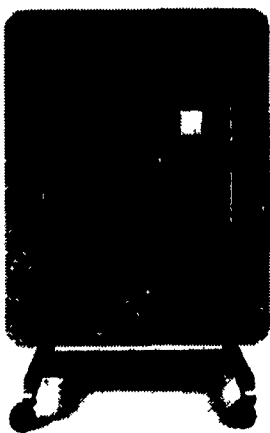
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