

Heavy Hitch Classic Set for Kile

On Saturday, October 5th, the Farm Show Arena will come alive with the sound of thundering hoovers. The Heavy Hitch Classic will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Arena of the Farm Show Complex. An admission fee of \$5.00 per person will be charged at the gate.

At the 1995 Show, the 8-Horse hitch classes were added and we are pleased to again present them this year. They come from five states and represent four major draft horse breeds. Entrants include Rocking Horse Ranch Resort, Highland, NY; Sunny Hill Farm, Myerstown, PA; Pennwoods Percherons, Centre Hall, PA; Knapp Tyme Percherons, Finlay, OH; Grandview Clydesdales, Huntingdon, IN; Bartlett Family Clydesdales, Manlius, NY.

In 1996, over 200 six-horse hitchers were entered in the 45 qualifying shows across the United States and Canada. The Keystone International Livestock Exhibition is again a qualifying show for the 1996 year. Prize money will be awarded at the KILE Show.

The North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series is the ultimate driving event in the heavy horse world. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition has been chosen as one of 45 recognized Qualifying Shows on the Classic Series Show circuit. Each year all across America, six-horse hitches perform at state fairs and agricultural exhibitions to accumulate points for their region and beyond competing at Qualifying Shows spread across Canada and the United States. The competition builds to a climax at the end of the year when the high-point hitches are invited to compete in the final competition, the Classic Series. The winner of the Classic Series All Breed Trophy is considered by many to be the best six-horse hitch in the world.

The stated goals for the Classic



An eight horse hitch in action at the 1995 KILE.

Series are "to increase the number of draft hitches on the show circuit" and to "increase public awareness of the sport of driving heavies, thereby expanding development of the draft breed industry."

The four major draft horse breeds that compete in the Classic Series are Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales, and Shires. Hitches are judged on conformation, man-

ners, the proper fit and cleanliness of the harness, the appropriateness of the waton, and the hitch's way of going. The stride of a draft horse at the walk should be long, one that covers ground, with plenty of snap. The trot should be stylish, giving the distinct impression of power and energy.

The sport of driving draft horses is continuing to grow and find favor with audiences across

the continent. The Classic Series competition offers incentives for exhibitors and encourage breeders of quality hitch horses.

The stylist driving horses seen in the ring today are the result of countless hours of preparation and care that culminate in the brilliant performances you will witness during the Classic Series Qualifying Show Competition.

The real winner of the Classic

Six-Horse Hitch Series is the spectator. Over 400 draft horses will be on display and it is expected that over fifteen six-horse hitches will be in competition for the Classic.

The Keystone International Livestock Exposition will be held October 2-7, at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. Why not plan to spend some time in the country at the Keystone Show.

Youth Contest Featured At KILE

The 19th Annual Keystone Stockmen's Contest, a youth activity in the program of the KILE Show, is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 1996. The contest is open to all 4-H and FFA members. Each county or chapter is invited to enter one or more teams of three or four members. These members will also compete as individuals.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the contest concludes at 4:30 p.m. This allows a group to participate in the contest, view the livestock and horse shows in progress and return home the same day.

Prizes are awarded for the winners. The high scoring team wins \$100.00 as well as ribbons. The individual high score wins \$75.00, with prizes going to the top 30 participants. All others will receive participation ribbons. The five highest placing contestants in the over-all individual scores are interviewed by a committee of three officials. The interview consists of questions on management, health, showing and current events concerning the livestock industry. The winner of this award will receive \$250.00 and a perma-

nent trophy. For more information on the contest, contact Charles Itle, manager of the KILE Show. He can be reached at 717-787-2905.

The Fourth Annual Keystone Arabian Horse Judging Contest will also be held. Prizes for this

show are provided by the International Arabian Horse Association. The contest will be held on Monday, October 7th beginning at 8:00 a.m. For more information on this contest, contact Fred Metcalf, 717-888-7766, ext. 224.



PLA Youth Awards

The Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) has recognized outstanding 4-H and FFA Youth for the past 20 years.

The male FFA Youth Award recipient is Mr. Luke Zerby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nevin Zerby of Beavertown, PA. Luke is 16 years old and is a member since 1994 of the West Snyder FFA Chapter. Luke's FFA projects have included beef, sheep and swine production. He has held the office of vice-president of membership this year and has participated in the state winning Parliamentary Procedure Team as well as the livestock judging team. Extra curricular activities he participates in include marching band, stage band, chorus, honor society and varsity soccer. He is a 4-H member and his future goals include college with a major in agriculture.

Michelle Cornman is the female recipient of the FFA Award. Michelle is 18 years old and is the daughter of Melvin & Betty Cornman of Carlisle, PA. She has been an FFA member since 1994 at the Big Spring High School. She has served as president, vice-president and secretary of her chapter. Her projects have mainly been in the sheep, goats, beef and hog area. Michelle will graduate from high school in the spring and plans to



Luke Zerby

pursue a career in large Animal Science with a minor in Agriculture Extension. Other activities which Michelle has been active include 4-H, where she served as president during the 1994-95 year. She is an honor student and is listed in the Who's Who among American high school students.

The male 4-H winner is Michael Fedor, son of Richard & Lola Fedor of Palmerton, PA. Michael is 16 years old and a 4-H member for nine years. His projects included swine and a new



Michelle Cornman

project this year dairy beef. He is presently serving as President of the Carbon County 4-H Livestock Club and treasurer of the Carbon County 4-H Exchange Club. This past summer, Michael attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School in Ag at Penn State University. His school activities include marching band, concert band, track, FBLA, drama club and National Honor Society. His future plans include attending Penn State next fall and hopefully becoming a large animal



Michael Fedor

veterinarian.

Jessica Abel is the female 4-H Winner. She is the daughter of Mrs. Joyce Able of Creekside, PA. Jessica is 16 years old and has been a 4-H member for the past five years. A junior at Marion Center High School, Jessica plans to attend college after graduation and major in agriculture. Her goal is to be an animal research geneticist. Her 4-H projects have included beef, sheep and swine. She has been involved in livestock judging as well as lead line com-



petition. As an FFA member, she attended the National Convention in Kansas City last year. Jessica serves as secretary of her 4-H Club as well as a very active teen leader.

These very deserving young people will be recognized at the Keystone International Livestock Expo Opening Ceremony at the Small Arena of the Farm Show Complex on Thursday, October 3, 1996 at 4:00 p.m. They will receive a plaque and a monetary award.