

# Beef Show Honors 4-H Champions



Adams County 4-H Beef Show champions. From left, Ashley Stine, East Berlin, holds the reserve grand champion steer; Heldl Miller, Adams County Beef Producers queen; and Bert Martin, Orrtanna, with the grand champion steer.



Champion fitter/showman trophies were awarded at the Adams County 4-H Beef Show. From left, Ashley Stine, advanced division co-champion; Ben Stine of Stoney Point Limousin, trophy sponsor; Bert Martin, advanced division co-champion; Donald Stine, trophy sponsor; Cami Topper, senior division champion; Charles Sherman of KC Acres, trophy sponsor; Catie Paxson, Intermediate division champion; Mary Lynn Martin of Hickory Bridge Farm Restaurant, trophy sponsor; and Derek Byers, junior division champion.



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GETTYSBURG (Adams Co.) — Recently, champions of the Adams County 4-H Beef show and sale were named.

The grand champion steer was shown by Bert Martin, Orrtanna.

The steer was purchased by Hoss's Steak and Sea House for \$2.70 per pound. The steer was resold to benefit Adams County 4-H Beef Club activities. Steve Waybrant, representing J.F. Waybrant, purchased Bert Martin's champion steer for \$1.10 per pound.

Ashley Stine, East Berlin, showed the reserve grand champion steer. The steer was purchased by Donald Stine for \$1.50 per

pound.

Champion fitter/showman awards at the beef show were presented to Ashley Stine, advanced division co-champion; Bert Martin, advanced division co-champion; Cami Topper, senior division champion; Catie Paxson, intermediate division champion; and Derek Byers, junior division champion.

Reserve champion fitter/showman awards were presented to Chris Seymore, senior division reserve champion; Melissa Jeffcoat, intermediate division reserve champion; and Stacey Kibler, junior division reserve champion.



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## Conservation District Presents Annual Awards

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — The Lehigh County Conservation District presented its annual awards at a dinner held on Oct. 12 at St. Joseph's Parish Center in Limeport.

The occasion also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the formation of the conservation district by vote of the Lehigh County Commissioners on Sept. 26, 1946. This vote was in response to numerous petitions by Lehigh County farmers and landowners who desired to conserve their soil and water.

Rena Garrity of Slatington was honored as "Conservation Educator of the Year." A teacher at Mosser Elementary School on Allentown's East Side, Garrity was selected for her efforts to incorporate environmental education into all aspects of the curriculum.

She was also recognized for her efforts with the Mosser Woods Project, in which 20 acres of woodlands adjacent to the school are being developed into an environmental education laboratory. She has been highly instrumental in involving the students in the clearing and planting and the

neighbors in cleaning up the woods.

Through her efforts, the school has received assistance from various government agencies and private industry in developing trails and a pond and wetlands area. She also initiated the idea of a Mosser School Envirothon, an event patterned on the environmental competition for high school students co-hosted by the conservation district and the Wilklands Conservancy.

Hubert and Grace Sell, owners of Crystal Spring Farm in North Whitehall Township, were honored as "Conservation Farmers of the Year." They were selected not only for their use of soil and water conservation practices on their 300 acres of owned and rented land, but also for their efforts to manage manure and other nutrients.

Located in a rapidly developing area, the Sells know the challenge of being good stewards and neighbors while operating a successful dairy farm and the county's only milk jugging operation.

They are utilizing the Whole Farm Management concept, in which they consider the farm's to-

tal resources as well as their management goals. In this plan, items such as nutrient management and soil conservation merge together instead of possibly conflicting with each other.

The Sells have installed 200 feet of streambank fencing, put in protected crossings, and three livestock watering troughs. This will keep the cows out of Coplay Creek, which flows through the farm.

A cooperator with the Conser-

vation District since 1967, Crystal Spring was also recognized for serving as a host farm for the District's Kids to Farms program, whereby inner city school students from Allentown visit farms to learn about agricultural production.

In celebrating the Lehigh County Conservation District's 50th anniversary, Congressman Paul McHale presented a form the U.S. Congress citing the District's accomplishments over the years. Proclamations were also received

from the Pennsylvania Senate and House of Representatives.

The Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry and the Wildlands Conservancy made presentations recognizing years of partnership with the conservation district. Former district directors as well as former district staff and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff were asked to stand and be recognized for their achievements throughout the conservation district's first half century.

## Walk-A-Bout In Frederick

FREDERICK, Md. — The first Frederick County Walk-A-Bout will be held Monday, Nov. 25 from 10 a.m. until noon. Gary Grossnickle will be hosting the event.

Grossnickle Farm Inc. is milking 230 cows in a recently renovated flat parlor. Animals are housed in a six-row drive-through freestall barn.

The purpose of the Walk-A-

Bout is to allow dairy producers a chance to learn more about dairy practices that are being implemented on other farms in the area. The informal atmosphere of these sessions will allow producers to pick up management tips, equipment and facility ideas, and provide a way for farmers to share success stories with other farmers in the community. Most of the time will be spent walking the facilities and discussing the com-

ponents of the operation and how they contribute to the success of the dairy business.

Grossnickle Farm is located at 8816 Devilbiss Bridge Road, Walkersville, approximately midway between Route 15 and Walkersville.

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