

Preston Chronister Named To York Holstein Hall Of Fame

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SHREWSBURY (York Co.) — Retired Holstein breeder Preston Chronister is the newest inductee into the York County Holstein Association's Hall of Fame.

The honor was announced during Holstein group's annual meeting and dinner, held January 24 at Shrewsbury Fire Hall.

Chronister, a York County native, was a prominent breeder and exhibitor of registered Holsteins in the 1950s and 1960s. His family won numerous show awards with his Pleasant Site showstring, with the herd bloodlines heavily influenced by the legendary Osbornedale Ivanhoe.

One of Chronister's best know homebreds was an Ivanhoe son, Pleasant Site Ivanhoe King, EX-4E. Shown from the time he was a junior calf until full-grown at two years, King was never beaten in a show. His dam, Pleasant Site King, was named a Gold Medal Dam in 1970.

Chronister and his wife, the former Evelyn Markey, married in 1941 and moved to Mechanicsburg, where he was employed on the Emmanuel Zeigler Holstein farm. In 1945, they moved to Dr. Herman Gailey's Pleasant Valley Farm, east of York. Under Chronister's influence, the farm's 13-head of milking Guernseys were gradually replaced with Holstein animals.

Over a period of years, the Chronisters purchased the herd, and in 1945, acquired the farm with its several historic buildings, including a log home and stone barn. Herd size eventually grew to 60 animals, with 36 in the milking string. The Chronisters and their seven children were active in various 4-H, cattle and dairy activities. The Pleasant Site herd was dispersed in 1971 by the Chronisters, after 28 years in the dairy business.

In addition to his beloved dairy animals and other domestic livestock, Chronister raised pedigreed beagles, Mexican burros and pheasants. He enjoyed riding and showing horses and competed for many years in regional horse open and hunter competitions.

During a three-month hiatus from farming due to a back injury, Chronister took up auctioneering. After a two-year apprenticeship, he formed his own service, Pres-

ton Chronister and Sons Auctioneering. His son, Keith, also earned his auctioneering license and along with other members of the second and third generations, continue the sale service.

Due to declining health, Chronister was unable to attend his induction into the Hall of Fame. Evelyn and five of their children were on hand to accept his award. The couple has 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Youth members were also saluted during the annual meeting, with awards presented to winners in the county's Junior Milk, Fat and Protein contest.

In the two-year-old category, honors were shared by siblings Greg and Michelle Walker, Thomasville. Milk production winner was Greg, with Walk-Le Star Marker Star and 2-05 305-day record of 20,757 milk, 671, fat and 633 protein record. Walk-Le Signal Buffy took the fat and protein honors for owner Michelle Walker, with a 1-11 305-day record of 19,536 milk, 787 fat and 636 protein.

Brad Walker claimed the three-year production awards with a pair of entries. Milk and protein winner was Strawberry-Acres EQM Kelly, 3-07, 305-day, 28,692 milk, 938 fat, 863 protein. High fat production honors went to Walk-Le Demand Dawn, 3-03, 305-day, 26,402 milk, 944 fat, 782 protein. Walker also took the 5-year-old honors with Warns Sexy Lady and a 5-11, 305-day lactation of 29,036 milk, 1239 fat, and 935 protein.

In the 4-year-old category, Delta junior member Jacob Hushon's White Oak Vue Leadman Jamaca made a sweep of all three categories. In a 4-06, 305-day lactation, she produced 24,585 milk, 921 fat and 776 protein. Dixie Doll, Glen Rock, received special recognition for the accomplishments of her homebred junior animal, Dar-Dale Nittany Pepsi. Pepsi was the 1995 Junior All-Pennsylvania Spring Yearling, tied for All-Pennsylvania honors and was nominated Junior All-American.

In his report to the club, state Holstein director Frank Feeser noted upcoming export orders for animals and related discussions on a possible state-level dues structure change. Patty Hushon, representing the national association,



The family of York Holstein Hall of Fame winner Preston Chronister accepted his induction award. Seated is Evelyn Chronister, and standing from left are children, Judy Moul, Karen Browning, Tim Chronister, Keith Chronister, and Audrey Weaver. Sons Preston, Jr., and Mike Chronister, were unable to attend.

AJCA Youth Contests Deadlines

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio — The deadline for entering the American Jersey Cattle Association's Jersey Youth production contest and Jersey Youth achievement contest is March 1 and March 15 respectively.

The National Jersey Youth Production Contest is designed to en-

updated members on proposed changes to the herdbook and registry fee increases.

These directors were elected to the seats of retiring board members Phil Laughman, York, Leroy Walker, Thomasville, and Darla Doll, Glen Rock. Seated for three-year terms on the board are June Boyer, York, Leroy Bupp, Seven Valleys, and Roy Thompson, East Berlin. Other members of the nine-person board are Tom Taylor, Delta, president, April Cooper, Delta, vice president, Bridgette Bortner, Seven Valleys, secretary-treasurer, Edwin Calhoun, Glen Rock, Cindy Hall, Airville, Norma Lucabaugh, Spring Grove.

courage juniors to maintain production records on their animals.

The age limits for this contest are the same as those for the youth achievement contest. Records submitted for this contest are adjusted to 305-day, twice-a-day milking, and for age and month of calving. The adjusted records are then ranked by using multiple component pricing formulas to figure product value.

The achievement contest is open to youth who own one or more registered Jerseys, who are at least nine years old but not more than 19 years old. Juniors are nominated by their state Jersey organization each year.

Any Jersey junior who has competed in previous years, has not placed first, and is still eligible agewise, may also compete again.

The top 10 winners in the contest are presented with cash awards totalling \$2,000 at the All American Banquet and Fun Fest held during the All American Jersey Show in Louisville, KY, in November.

For complete information on entering these contests, contact Sara Gaetz, at the AJCA office, 6486 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068, phone 614/861-3636.

All entries in the Jersey Youth Production Contest must be postmarked by March 1 to be considered. All entries in the Jersey Youth Achievement Contest must be postmarked by March 15 to be considered.

•The Jacobs Farm, Paul Jacobs and Alma Stambaugh, 4851 Davidsburg Road, Dover.



York County Junior Holstein award winners are from left, Greg Walker, Michelle Walker, Brad Walker, Dixie Doll, And Jacob Hushon.



Lancaster DHIA Staff

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — Lancaster DHIA Board recently received the good news that there were no technician changes for almost two years. Manager Jay Mylin reported, "This is the most dedicated staff we have ever had in the 26 years I have been with DHIA. In addition to our excellent veteran technicians, we have a great staff of young technicians who put forth tremendous effort to help dairymen understand their re-

ports. While it takes extra time to provide 'How Does My Herd Compare' sheets the extra effort is appreciated by the members." The average years of service for technicians is 15 years.

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