

Victory Reigns For 4-H'ers At Beef And Lamb Banquet

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 — "Four-H has taught us how to reign in victory and accept defeat," Regina Landis, president of the Woolies Club, said at the Lancaster County 4-H Livestock Banquet on Thursday evening.

She spoke of participating in show competitions with her heart pounding and adrenalin flowing, "not always with victory, but sometimes with anger."

Learning to control these emotions, Regina believes, prepares members for a successful life.

The annual banquet was no exception. Numerous members received trophies and awards, but not everyone who worked hard won the top awards.

About 200 attending the banquet applauded the achievements of both the Red Rose Beef Club and the Woolies Club.

Some of the outstanding

achievements included the following. Jessica Schmidt won the traveling trophy and \$150 savings bond as the winner of the Shepherd of the Year. The daughter of Pete and Laurie Schmidt of Holtwood, debuted in sheep competition with two Dorsets lambs. Later, she added Montadales, which she had won at the 4-H Fair. Over the years, she has won numerous trophies for her sheep and in leadline competition. She is also treasurer for both the Beef and the Sheep Club.

Gerald Boyd received the annual \$250 scholarship given by the Gerald Engle Family. Gerald, the son of Kerry and Deb Boyd of Ephrata, has participated in many 4-H projects and was a Polish 4-H exchange student. He plans to major in elementary education at Millersville University.

Dale Livengood, vice president for the Beef Club, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Livengood of Lan-



Again this year, a countian has been awarded the J. Ira Coble award. The award is named after J. Ira Coble, a cattle breeder from Harrisburg who always maintained a strong interest in 4-H. After his death, the family created the award to recognize an outstanding 4-H leader annually. The honor is awarded at the Pennsylvania Farm Show and is selected from leaders throughout the state. Above are the five countians who have received this prestigious honor, since its inception. Front, from left, are Lester Weaver, Harvey High, and Mylin Good. Back row, from left, are Elvin Hess and William Dean Jr.



Outstanding award winners, front from left, are Gerald Boyd, Woolies Club scholarship; Jessica Schmidt, Shepherd of the Year; and Dale Livengood, Jason L. Weaver Memorial Leadership Award. Back row, from left, Joelyn Donough, Novice Shepherd Award; Ashley Funk, 2nd year Novice Shepherd Award; and Sarah Nolt, Red Rose 4-H Rookie Award.

caster received the Jason L. Weaver Memorial Award for showing outstanding leadership qualities for inspiring younger 4-H members.

Joelyn Donough, daughter of Ed and LaRue Donough of Manheim, received the Novice Shepherd Award for her success in showing the first year.

Second year Novice Shepherd Award went to Ashley Funk of Millersville.

Sarah Nolt received the Red Rose 4-H Rookie Award, for her hardworking enthusiastic first year as a 4-H member.

Awards for best record books for the sheep club went to Gerald Boyd, Ashley Funk, Sara Strickler, Rachell Newcomer, Bobbi Bentzel, Tiffany Dean, Allison Hughes, and Richard Musser.

Loren Hershey won awards for best junior record book for both the Woolies Club and the Red Rose Beef Club.

Abraham Smith won the Beef Club's Go-Getter Award, for "always sticking with it," as a responsible member.

Numerous other awards were also given, but not all awards went to youth. Contributing to the success of the 4-H program are volunteer leaders who work tirelessly with the members. Bud Dean of Strasburg was recognized for win-

ning the J. Ira Coble Award, which is actually presented on the state level. Dean is the fifth countian to receive this prestigious award. J. Ira Coble was a cattle breeder from Harrisburg who believed in the promotion of the 4-H program. Family members established the award after his death.

Since its inception, five of the winners have been countians. All attended the banquet and were honored. In addition to Dean, the winners included Elvin Hess of Strasburg for 36 years of service; Harvey High of Leola for 29 years of service; Lester Weaver of New

Holland for 34 years of service, and Mylin Good of Manheim for 41 years of service.

Lancaster Farming and The Intelligencer Journal received 4-H Appreciation plaques for outstanding reporting of 4-H livestock events.

Travis Donough, president of the Red Rose Beef Club closed the meeting by stressing that all the success that members received would not have been possible without the hard work of livestock agent Chet Hughes, 4-H leaders, buyers, and parents.

Teleconference Focuses On Cooperative Advisers

ITHACA, N.Y. — Cooperative Extension educators and other USDA staff from across the Northeast are set to downlink a live satellite teleconference broadcast from Cornell University this spring that focuses on the role advisers play in cooperative development.

The teleconference, sponsored by the Northeast Center for Sustainable Agriculture Education and Research, the Cornell Cooperative Enterprise Program and the Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture, is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2. Satellite downlink sites are located throughout the 11-state Northeast region.

The broadcast program, "Cooperating for Sustainability," is a regional project developed to provide training for cooperative organization advisers and leaders. It takes a close look at three new cooperatives in the Northeast and investigates key components involved with their successes and failures.

Brian Henehan, senior extension associate with the Cornell

Cooperative Enterprise Program, said, "We really want this program to target the current needs of USDA staff in advising new cooperative leaders."

He said that farmers are actively re-inventing the concept of cooperation to discover new, efficient ways to increase farm profitability.

"Producer members of these new and emerging cooperatives are demanding the best advice available to build their organizations into viable enterprises in an increasingly complex marketplace," Henehan said.

Historically, USDA agencies have played key roles in cooperative development, and that role today has become even more important.

For more information about the teleconference, contact the Cornell Cooperative Enterprise Program at (607) 255-8800. There is a site on the world wide web set up to offer information and updates on the conference. The address is <http://www.cals.cornell.edu/dept/arme/cooperatives/flyer>.



Other award winners included front, from left, Richard Musser, Kathy Musser, Adam Zurlin, and Allison Hughes. Back, from left, are Tiffany Dean, Amy Haines, Radell Peters, and Bobbi Wentzel.

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