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## Many Junior Holstein Members Honored At Convention

UNIONTOWN (Fayette Co.) — The Junior Holstein Convention was held last weekend, and along with a great time to learn more about the Holstein cow and socializing with friends, members were recognized and rewarded for their accomplishments through the year.

For example, the Distinguished Junior Member awards were given. The four finalists each completed a scrapbook listing their accomplishments in Holstein activities, school work, community in-

volvement, leadership and their ideas of the future in agriculture and the Holstein industry.

Each finalist was also interviewed by a panel of judges, who then combined their scrapbook achievements and interview scores to select two winners.

The finalists named were Vicki Ansell, Scottsdale, Westmoreland County; Chris Connelly, PA Furnace, Centre County; Jonathan McMurray, Eighty Four, Washington County; and Jason Ruffaner, Worthington, Armstrong

County.

The winners are Christopher Connelly, son of Ronald and Denise Connelly and Jason Ruffaner, son of Ronald and Beth Ruffaner. These two outstanding young people will represent Pennsylvania in the National Distinguished Junior Member Contest to be held in June at the National Holstein Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Each of the winners as well as all the finalists are to be congratulated on a job well done.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION

In the intermediate division there were six finalists. They were chosen from a field of 12, completed scrapbooks listing their accomplishments in Holstein activities, school work, community in-

volvement and leadership positions. They were also interviewed by a panel of judges who discussed with them the future of agriculture and the Holstein breed.

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## Milk Price Reform May Improve Farmer Pay, Not Understanding

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — A recent proposal by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman may make milk pricing more equitable and fair, though the new system may be even harder to understand.

Robert Yonkers, Penn State University professor of agricultural economics and rural sociology, has been a featured speaker at a number of agricultural seminars this meeting season, and during a recent talk, he was able to provide a preliminary overview of the just released proposal by Secretary

Glickman.

Dr. Yonkers reported on the dairy situation and outlook, discussing some of the initial summary explanations from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Secretary Glickman's proposal for reducing federal milk marketing

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## Lititz Man Receives Honorary Young Farmer Award

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STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — A Lititz man accepted an honorary award at the 38th annual Pennsylvania Young Farmer Convention last week at the Ramada Inn on Atherton Street in State College. Forney Longenecker received the award for being active in the organization since its inception in 1955.

Longenecker has held most, if not all, offices at the local and state levels and was instrumental in starting the national organization. He pioneered the first 12-page state newspaper for the organization. He has attended nearly all of the Manheim Young Farmer meetings for the past 35 years. His interest in the organization stems from its purpose to educate and promote environmentally

appropriate production, marketing and processing of food and fiber.

"We learn from each other through this organization. It promotes leadership. Farmers are so independent. It gives them a chance to make friends too."

The association recognized several others at the banquet. Dale Herr, Jr., of Kirkwood received

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The senior division distinguished junior member winners at the Junior Convention of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association held last week in Uniontown are, seated, Jason Ruffaner and Christopher Connelly. Finalists also included are, standing, Vicki Ansell and Jonathan McMurray.

## At Pork Expo, Attorney Shows Farmers Ways To Control Nuisance Lawsuits

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NORTH CORNWALL (Lebanon Co.) — Greg Andrews has seen his share of nuisance lawsuits.

Andrews, an attorney from Grimes, Iowa, remembered one lawsuit that involved a farm operator who used a dirt lane to transport a manure spreader to several fields.

The plaintiff argued that "dust" kicked up by the spreader's wheels damaged rows of sweet corn. The defendant lost the case — to the tune of \$40,000.

The plaintiff was a guy who wanted to "settle disputes in litigation," Andrews noted. As for suspected "kooks" who will claim any kind of damage from swine farms at any given time, Andrews said, "you should take them seriously."

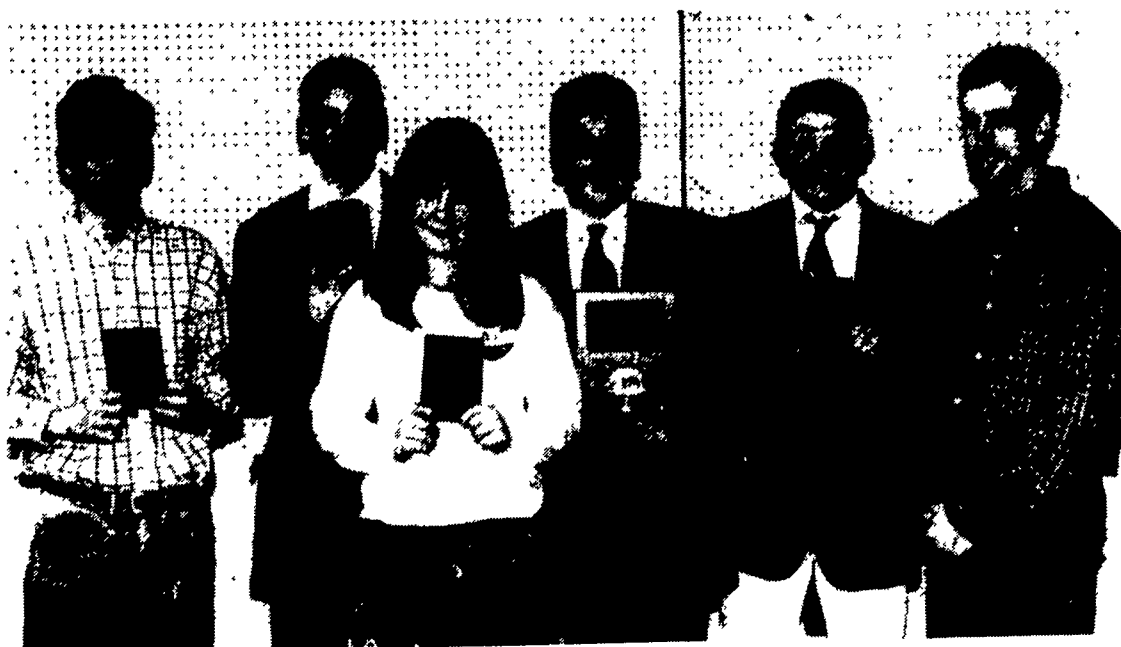
Andrews spoke to swine producers and agri-industry represen-

tatives Wednesday morning during the seminar portion of the 20th annual Keystone Pork Expo at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center at the Lebanon Fairgrounds.

Andrews represents clients and coordinates the Pork Producers Environmental Law Education Network, a project funded by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC). He has spent the past three years studying environmental nuisance-type lawsuits and "learning a new vocabulary," he said, regarding the swine business. In that time he has seen how the NPPC has promoted efforts to improve swine environmental quality and to provide information to assist in environmental quality in pork operations.

Since that time, Andrews thought the problem of environmental nuisance lawsuits would die down. In some places, it has.

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First place team at the Keystone Pork Bowl was the Lebanon County 4-H. Members included, from left, Nate Artz, Tim Schaeffer, B.J. Atkins, Jason Shirk (captain), Blaine Brown, and John Risser, coach.