



John Matilio, left, president of Lancaster County Poultry Association, and Dr. John Schwartz, right, present Lifetime Poultry Achievement Awards to W. Dale Anderson, second from left, and Dr. Wilson Miller.



Tops in poultry judging is this team from Elizabethtown FFA, who will compete in national competition next month. From left are Ladd Robinson, Denise Bollinger, and Jason Wagner.

Poultry Association Faces Challenges

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Ambassador, for both county and state events.

The 17-year-old has received publicity for her egg research pasteurization project, for which she has received awards from the Science and Technology Engineering Fair and from the Navy and Army for applied science.

Sarah's research also opened the door for her to attend the Pa. Governor's School held at Penn State during the summer.

Sarah was pleased and challenged by the opportunity to work in a real college lab. The experience is steering her toward food science and poultry studies after high school graduation.

Sarah believes that media coverage of Salmonella Enteritidis has caused more concern among the public than necessary.

"I want to reassure people that eggs are safe to eat as long as handled properly," Sarah said.

She also looks forward to educating children about the industry. "Children are the future of the world and of the industry. Before I was a teen, I knew nothing about eggs and I have gotten so excited through my research," she said.

Sarah said that the Association deserves the respect of the public. "I want to give back into the industry by supporting your causes as you did mine," Sarah said of the industry's help with her egg research project.

On behalf of the board, George Georges presented Sarah with a \$1,000 scholarship for her work as ambassador.

The poultry food stand at the Ephrata Fair raised \$4,377 in profits for the Association this year. The profits were lower than other years because of weather-related problems. A golf outing also raised funds for the association.

The Association's annual banquet was attended by about 350 producers and industry-related people. Matilio encouraged both sides to work together for the good of not only the industry but also the individual.

While a business must be profitable and 30-year-old chicken

houses are hard to compete with a new facility, Matilio reminded the audience that both sides are in the business to make money and do what's right.

"Keep lines of communication open. You have an obligation to give sufficient notification of any changes being made," Matilio said of contract agreements.

Matilio, who works as a loan officer for First Union National Bank, will continue a second term as president of the organization. Appointed to help him are Rich Roenigk of York Ag Products, vice president; Doug Metzler of Melhorn Sales and Service, secretary; and Andy Long of Biomune, treasurer.

Newly elected board members include Nelson Groff, Heritage Poultry; Dan Heller, Flint Rock Farms; Roni Clark, C&M Farm Services; Troy Eckert, Wenger Feeds; and Jay Sahannon, Keystone Farm Credit.

For lifetime achievements for the poultry industry, two men received awards. The first was Dr. Wilson Miller, the county's only private practice poultry veterinarian. Dr. John Schwartz, director for Lancaster County Extension, said that Miller has provided 48 years of leadership in fighting avian diseases and has established better working conditions between the poultry industry and the vet profession.

The other lifetime achievement award winner was W. Dale Anderson, who worked years in the grain and feed business and was the first to introduce liquid feed to this area. After Anderson established York Ag Products, he developed the calcium chip, which has been a mainstay for the poultry industry. In addition, Anderson has always been a strong supporter of many events for poultry groups in the state.

The Elizabethtown FFA Poultry Judging Team was honored for winning state competition and advancing to national competition.

Team members attending the banquet included Ladd Robinson, Denise Bollinger, and Jason Wagner.



Leading the county Poultry Association during the upcoming year is this team, from left, John Matilio, president; Rich Roenigk, vice president; Doug Metzler, secretary; and Andy Long, treasurer.



Lancaster County Poultry Association's newly-elected board members are, from left, Nelson Groff of Heritage Poultry, Dan Heller of Flint Rock Farms, Roni Clark of C&M Farm Services, Troy Eckert of Wenger Feeds, and Jay Shannon of Keystone Farm Credit.

Program To Hold Horse Show

DENVER (Lancaster Co.) — The Lancaster County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program will be holding its end-of-the-year horse show on Saturday, Oct. 31, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. here at the Friendly Horseman's Club.

Lunch will be available at the show.

For more information about the show or directions to the club, contact Nancie Doyle at (717) 687-8547 or Libby Craver at (717) 569-7734.

The Lancaster County 4-H

Therapeutic Riding Program is available to children and adults with a variety of disabilities. Therapeutic riding offers many benefits to the students, including an improvement in their balance, strength, range of motion, coordination and self confidence.

The program has four sessions which run from spring

through fall in sessions of six weeks with approximately 30 students in each session. Lessons are individualized to the needs of the student. Riders range from age 3 to age 60. Riders are referred to the club by several organizations, including Schreiber Pediatric Rehab Center of Lancaster, the S June Smith Center, Community Services, the Lancaster MH-MR program. Some students receive

a referral from their doctor or physical therapist.

The end-of-year show provides the students an opportunity to demonstrate to their family and friends the progress they have made over the course of the sessions. Riders demonstrate their skill in an equitation class and also in an obstacle course which involves a variety of turns and stops that the rider must ask their horses to do.