

# Mercer County Honors 4-H Members At Awards Night

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MERCER (Mercer Co.)—4-H members and their families gathered at the Leslie N. Firth Learning Center in Mercer to celebrate the past year's achievements and look ahead to next year.

Outstanding 4-H Boy honors went to Tom Uber of Harrisville. Tom, is the 19 years-old son of Deb Uber, also of Harrisville, has been a member of Hayburners 4-H Dairy Club, County Council club, and parts 'n' Pieces Veterinary Science Club. He has held several offices and has been active in showing dairy cattle, winning a number of showmanship awards during his years in 4-H.

Mindy Tavares captured outstanding 4-H Girl honors. Mindy

is 17 and is the daughter of Paul and Karen Tavares of Grove City. Mindy has been very actively involved in the 4-H sewing project. She has been to states in fashion review and was a state finalist in 1996. Mindy is also a member of the Parts 'n' Pieces where she has held every office at one time or another.

4-H Club Officers who did an outstanding job received awards for their work. They are: Roxanne Green, Katie Carr, and Lisa Abernathie, secretary; T. Wane Ward, newsreporter; Marsha Crosky and Rotasha Gunn, treasurer.

4-H member who did an outstanding job on the project books competed for the Pennwest Farm Credit Awards. The winners were: Tammy Menke, dairy; Jason McGhee, beef; Pam Warner, swine; Sara Kish, horse

production; Jason Hewitt, sheep; and Marsha Crosky, goat. The award for Outstanding Agricultural Project Book went to the dairy winner Tammy Menke.

Quality Farm and Fleet sponsored awards for the non-agricultural project books. Winners were: Ashley Unagst, horse performance senior; Sara Kish and Amy Bartholomew, horse performance junior; Mindy James, pet goat; Jen Christianson, foods and nutrition; Mindy James, dog and cat; Kim Powell, rabbit; Michele Lentz, llama; Heather Blair, entomology; and Brad Graham, dairy goat.

Marsha Crosky earned the teen leader award. Regional camp counselors Holly Braho, Sara Bollyard, and Kim Voorhies were recognized for

their efforts. Also members who competed at Penn State 4-H Achievement Days received ribbons for their achievements. They were: Megan Barber, Amy Bartholomew, and Sara Kish, horse judging junior; Mindy Tavares, fashion review, and David Chess dairy judging.

Outstanding Equine member honors went to Megan Barber.

Finally, the Mercer County 4-H members who have reached the age of 19 and are moving on were presented with the "Over the Hill Awards." Twenty-five members received the award this year. They were: Kelly Clark, Angela Blake, Tom Cusick, Doug Barber, Matt Barber, Holly Braho, Keyuina Cameron, Amber Amon, Thomas Courtney, Paul Critchlow, Shana Derranger, Christine Elder, Terra Ferris, Nicki

Hancock, Gwen Medic, Tom Uber, Lisa Werger, Jessica Williams, Tom Wolf, Beth Herman, Ashsa Novac, Jamie Dangrow, Holly Paden, Jamee Philson, and Robert Shellenburger.

## ARA Honors Legislators

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Agricultural Retailers Association (ARA) announced Dec. 9, at its annual Convention & Expo, Sen. Conrad Burns (R-Mont.) and Rep. Steve Buyer (R-Ind.) are the association's legislator of the year.

Both Burns and Buyer worked diligently with ARA to secure provisions on HM-200 Hazmat requirements. Their efforts ensured the retailer perspective was included in discussions surrounding new placarding and transportation requirements.

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3260	DEKALB	DK618	6	183.7	171.5	12.2	21.7	-2.8	\$14	1.8
3260	DEKALB	DK642	6	170.5	152.4	18.1	22.3	-2.3	\$27	3.1
3260	DOEBLER'S	746XY	7	157.2	144.0	13.3	24.3	-0.8	\$23	3.0
3335	DEKALB	DK618	9	191.4	173.3	18.2	18.3	-1.0	\$30	1.1
3335	DOEBLER'S	746XY	8	186.6	168.8	17.8	22.3	2.1	\$40	2.4
3335	NK BRAND	N7639BT	7	198.5	178.7	19.7	18.7	2.0	\$45	1.3
3394	DOEBLER'S	746XY	8	169.2	152.8	16.5	21.6	3.0	\$39	3.1
33A14 (BT)	DEKALB	DK618	9	171.9	162.5	9.4	20.0	-1.2	\$14	0.8
33A14 (BT)	NK BRAND	MAX496	14	188.2	168.1	20.2	20.2	-0.5	\$36	0.3
33A14 (BT)	NK BRAND	MAX607	7	167.3	145.6	21.7	21.7	1.8	\$44	1.2
33A14 (BT)	NK BRAND	N7639BT	16	179.0	170.1	9.0	21.0	1.7	\$22	1.3
33G26	DEKALB	DK595	6	143.0	139.5	3.5	18.0	-0.4	\$6	2.3
33G26	DEKALB	DK618	13	166.1	154.0	12.1	19.8	0.0	\$23	1.7
33G26	DEKALB	DK626	8	146.0	136.1	10.0	17.9	-0.1	\$20	3.7
33G26	DOEBLER'S	746XY	6	135.9	118.9	17.0	18.6	1.1	\$37	3.8
33G26	NK BRAND	N7639BT	11	166.0	163.9	2.1	21.2	1.0	\$8	2.4
33V08 (BT)	DEKALB	DK595	10	164.7	159.3	5.4	21.4	-1.5	\$7	1.1
33V08 (BT)	DEKALB	DK618	8	187.8	159.8	28.0	21.9	-1.1	\$49	2.7
33V08 (BT)	DOEBLER'S	746XY	6	148.4	132.9	15.4	19.2	2.6	\$37	1.8
33V08 (BT)	NK BRAND	MAX454	7	147.5	136.7	10.8	18.4	0.7	\$18	1.6
33V08 (BT)	NK BRAND	MAX496	11	144.1	129.1	14.9	20.7	0.2	\$29	1.1
33Y09 (BT)	DEKALB	DK595BTX	8	164.6	148.7	15.9	21.3	-1.5	\$26	1.5
33Y09 (BT)	DEKALB	DK618	22	172.1	164.0	8.1	20.0	-0.6	\$14	1.4
33Y09 (BT)	DEKALB	DK626	10	148.6	137.3	11.3	20.9	-1.5	\$18	2.9
33Y09 (BT)	DEKALB	DK626BTX	12	166.4	160.5	5.8	18.5	0.2	\$11	3.2
33Y09 (BT)	DEKALB	DK642	12	159.1	145.7	13.4	19.6	0.3	\$27	2.4
33Y09 (BT)	DEKALB	DK668	7	149.5	140.1	9.3	19.1	3.2	\$25	2.3
33Y09 (BT)	DOEBLER'S	746XY	11	172.9	163.3	9.6	20.3	1.8	\$25	3.3
33Y09 (BT)	FIELDER'S CHOICE	8510	6	168.6	148.6	20.0	18.9	-0.7	\$37	1.8
33Y09 (BT)	NK BRAND	MAX21	13	133.4	123.3	10.1	21.9	-2.5	\$13	0.0
33Y09 (BT)	NK BRAND	MAX496	18	157.9	146.4	11.4	20.9	-0.3	\$22	1.2
33Y09 (BT)	NK BRAND	MAX607	16	152.5	146.5	6.0	21.1	2.2	\$18	1.8
33Y09 (BT)	NK BRAND	N75-T2	12	159.4	149.5	9.9	21.5	1.6	\$23	1.9
33Y09 (BT)	NK BRAND	N7639BT	34	156.5	153.0	3.5	20.6	1.3	\$11	1.5
33Y18	DEKALB	DK595BTX	7	165.5	149.8	15.7	20.6	-0.1	\$30	2.3
33Y18	DEKALB	DK618	17	170.9	159.8	11.2	19.6	1.2	\$25	2.2
33Y18	DEKALB	DK626	15	151.6	140.4	11.2	18.9	0.3	\$23	4.0
33Y18	DEKALB	DK642	10	157.3	139.4	17.9	17.6	2.0	\$41	4.3
33Y18	DEKALB	DK668	6	156.5	145.5	11.0	17.1	4.3	\$33	4.0
33Y18	DOEBLER'S	636XY	6	167.7	158.4	9.4	19.3	1.3	\$22	4.0
33Y18	DOEBLER'S	746XY	8	144.3	129.9	14.4	18.0	3.1	\$38	4.6
33Y18	DOEBLER'S	75X2	7	153.5	139.6	13.9	20.7	3.5	\$36	3.7
33Y18	NK BRAND	MAX496	6	173.2	163.5	9.7	19.6	0.3	\$20	0.6
33Y18	NK BRAND	MAX607	6	146.5	141.4	5.1	20.8	4.5	\$22	2.7
33Y18	NK BRAND	N6800BT	7	151.2	133.4	17.8	18.1	2.1	\$39	0.7
33Y18	NK BRAND	N7639BT	12	172.7	162.4	10.3	20.8	2.6	\$29	3.0
34G81	DEKALB	DK595	14	148.2	140.5	7.7	21.7	0.5	\$16	0.3
34G81	DEKALB	DK618	6	189.1	177.0	12.1	18.8	2.1	\$30	0.6
34G81	NK BRAND	MAX21	8	126.5	121.1	5.4	20.9	-0.3	\$9	-0.1
34K77	DEKALB	DK546	6	147.6	138.2	9.4	22.0	-0.6	\$15	0.4
34K77	DEKALB	DK595	20	142.2	136.9	5.4	19.5	0.6	\$12	1.3
34K77	DEKALB	DK595BTX	6	154.7	144.7	10.0	20.1	-0.4	\$17	1.2
34K77	DEKALB	DK618	7	150.2	143.4	6.8	18.5	0.4	\$14	1.7
34K77	NK BRAND	MAX21	6	138.3	130.9	7.5	21.5	-1.1	\$11	1.4

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