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Pa. Junior Holstein Association Convention Reminder

STATE COLLEGE (Centre Co.) — The Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association has announced that its annual convention is to be held Feb. 5-7 at the Ramada Hotel in Wilkes-Barre, with the Northeast District serving as host.

The theme of the convention is, "Holsteins Shine in '99," and meetings, tours, games, contests, workshops, and an awards program and speakers are all part of the entire convention package.

The deadline for ordering convention tickets and T-shirts is Jan. 15.

The deadline for reserving rooms at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Wilkes-Barre is Jan. 5.

To make convention activities tickets, reservations, and T-shirt orders, complete an order form and submit with payment to Michelle Comman, P.O. Box 774, Tunkhannock PA 18657. Call her at (717) 836-7261.

Checks should be made payable to: 1999 PA Junior Holstein Convention.

To make hotel reservations, call the Ramada at (717) 824-7100 and indicate that the reservations are being made in conjunction with the convention. Lodging rates are \$70 plus tax for a single, double, triple or quad room.

As always, there are six strict rules of conduct that must be followed by junior members, or else the violator will be sent home at the cost of the parent(s), and the violator will not be eligible for any state awards for one year.

A statement of the convention rules must be signed by the Junior member and a parent, and should accompany the convention reservation form.

Parents with questions may contact Kenneth Raney, executive director of the Pennsylvania Hol-

stein Association at (814) 234-0364.

The event begins Friday, Feb. 5 with starts with registration from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the hotel lobby.

From 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., commercial exhibits and a dairy bar are to be open in the Tiffany Room of the hotel.

From 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. the Dairy Bowl Seeding Test is to be given in the Ballroom of the hotel.

The annual meeting is scheduled from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Ballroom.

From 9:15 p.m. until midnight is to be fun night in the Ballroom of the hotel with games, food and fun.

Saturday, Feb. 6 starts at 6:30 with breakfast on your own.

Commercial exhibits and the dairy bar are to be open from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Tiffany Room, while registration continues from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the lobby.

The junior-age division of the dairy bowl contest is to run from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., while the senior division is to start at 11:30 a.m.

Workshops for others are to be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Jefferson Room, while a senior-age division speech contest is to be held concurrently in Room 218. The junior-age division speech contest is to start at 11:30 a.m.

Also available for convention-goers is a tour of the Coal Mine Museum. The tour is to depart the lobby at 12:30 p.m. and return 3:30 p.m.

Dairy bowl finals are set to be held Saturday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A buffet dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the Ballroom with speech contest winners presenting their entries, followed by a Holstein Feud Game.

A dance in the Ballroom is scheduled from 9:30 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.

The agenda for Sunday, Feb. 7 is

brief, but full. At 8:30 a.m., a breakfast awards program is set to be held in the Ballroom, followed by a guest speaker.

The Adam's family of Bradford County are in charge of the Friday night entertainment with a hypnotist tentatively planned, followed by a dance and a variety of different foods served.

Amy Packard of Bradford

The Northeast District of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association will hold a meeting on January 19, 1999 to nominate members to serve on the Executive Committee. The meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Edgewood Restaurant, Route 6, Troy, PA.

Clyde Bishop has served for

The Central District of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association will hold a meeting on January 21, 1999 to nominate members to serve on the Executive Committee. The meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. at the Pennsylvania Holstein Office, Route 150, State College, PA.

John Burket has served for three years. Nominations can be made by any Pennsylvania Holstein Association member from Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clinton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. Up to three nominees can be submitted to the State Directors for election to the Executive Committee.

The group will also discuss

County is in charge of the tours and workshops on Saturday. Workshops on marketing and farm safety have been planned. Later, after a tour of an old coal mine, David Lentz from Holstein USA is to give a demonstration on using Red Book Plus.

Heather Wood of Tioga County is in charge of Saturday's enter-

tainment. Colt Cooney and Rachel Bachman from Potter County are in charge of the Sunday breakfast, while the Junior Executive Committee is in charge of the awards program.

The program speaker is "Big O" from Michigan, billed as a comic, inspirational speaker, who also plays the trumpet.

Holstein Northeast District Meeting

three years. Nominations can be made by any Pennsylvania Holstein Association member from Bradford, Columbia, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Potter, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Wayne and Wyoming counties. Up to three nominees can be submitted from this meeting to the State Directors for election

to the Executive Committee.

The group will also discuss the 1999 Northeast Championship Show and other state issues, members may wish to address.

All Holstein members from Northeast Pennsylvania are invited to this nomination meeting set for January 19, 1999.

Holstein Central District Meeting

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All Holstein members from

Central Pennsylvania are invited to this nomination meeting set for January 21, 1999.

Public Hearing

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The center for Rural Pennsylvania, an agency of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, will hold a public hearing to examine commodity prices for Pennsylvania agriculture on Friday, January 8, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. here at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Room B.

Representatives from more than 15 statewide public and private organizations and individuals have been invited to provide more information on how commodity prices are affecting the state's farmers and agriculture sales.

"Declining commodity prices have been putting great strains on the commonwealth's farmers," said Rep. Sheila Miller (R-129th), chairman of Center for Rural Pennsylvania. "In the past month, I have talked to many farmers who have been severely impacted by prices that

are reaching a critical low point. Many farmers are struggling to keep their farms operating.

"Through this hearing and from the testimony provided, the Center for Rural Pennsylvania's board of directors may better analyze the current situation and possibly determine what policies and programs should be reviewed to deal with this issue," Miller said.

The Center for Rural Pennsylvania is a bipartisan, bicameral legislative agency that serves as a resource for rural policy within the Pennsylvania General Assembly. It was created in 1987 under Act 16, the Rural Revitalization Act, to promote and sustain the vitality of Pennsylvania's rural and small communities. The hearing will assist the Center in fulfilling its mandate to develop and maintain an appropriate base of knowledge and information about rural conditions and needs.

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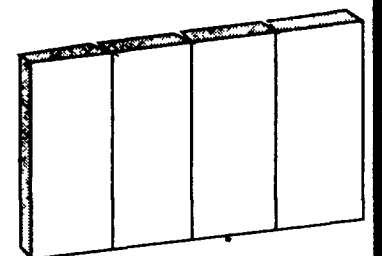
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