Several, Name Queen Beef Producers Honor

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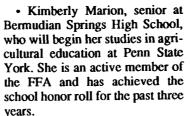
and enjoys showing his cattle. • Miranda J. Leese, sophomore at Wilson College, Chambersburg, majoring in veterinary medical technology and is employed by the Finksburg Veterinary Center, Finksburg, Md.



Ray and Mary Grimes of McKnightstown were honored by the Adams County Beef Producers for their work in the beef industry.



The Adams County Beef Producers will donate \$10,000 over three years for the construction of an Adams County Agriculture and Natural Resources Center. Faith Peterson, left, capital campaign co-chair, accepts a check from Bill Huffman, representing the beef producers.



Mary and Ray Grimes of Mc-Knightstown were honored for their work for the beef industry.

Mary said the couple helped develop the Keystone Ribsteak Sandwich using all Adams County products. "We ate a lot of ribeye steaks" developing the sandwiches, she said.

Elmer Smith, a New Oxford area grain farmer and a former beef producer, was given the conservation award. Smith has instituted a number of conservation practices including the installation of tile waterways, three terraces, two retention ponds and extensively uses no-till farming.

"The terraces allow him to continuously grow corn and soybeans, and double crop barley/late soybeans.

He started his no-till practice in 1977 and has successfully done so in some of his fields for 12 years. Recently he has further fine-tuned his methods using an aerway tiller to loosen up compacted soil and aid in water retention. This practice helps prevent run-off and keeps moisture in the field.

Smith farms 152 acres near New Oxford.

Janel Keller, 16, of 2315 Old Harrisburg Road, the daughter of David and Karen Keller, was named the Adams County Beef Producers queen. She is a student at Gettysburg High School and will graduate in 2001. She is a member of the Adams County Beef Club and the 4-H senate.



B.J. Wagner, 17, son of George and Sonja Wagner of Orrtanna, was named Adams County Beef Producers Ambassador. He is a student at Gettysburg Area High School and will graduate in 2000. He is a member of the high school's Outdoor Club, the National Honor Society, the Adams County 4-H Swine Club, and is active in 4-H Senate.

Andrew Seymore, son of Lois Seymore of York Springs, is a student at Bermudian Springs High School and will graduate in 2000. He is president of the Bermudian FFA and a member of the Adams County Beef Club.

Keller and Wagner will serve as a team representing the beef producers at various functions. Seymore will act as alternate and fill in if the others can not attend an event.

The organization also donated \$10,000 over three years to the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center expected to be built starting in June.



Eimer Smith, a New Oxford area grain farmer and former beef farmer, was given the 1999 Conservation Award by the Adams County Beef Producers.



The Adams County Beef Producers announced achievement awards winners for 1999. Pictured are, left, Miranda J. Leese, a sophomore at Wilson College, Chambersburg, majoring in veterinary medical technology, and Kimberly Marion, a senior at Bermudian Springs High School, who plans to study agricultural education at Penn State York. Absent when the awards were given were Allyson Anne Cole and Wayne Flickinger.



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