

Pasto Museum To Conduct Silent Auction At Ag Progress Days

ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Penn State's Pasto Agricultural Museum will conduct a silent auction during Penn State's Ag Progress Days, Aug. 15-17, to help generate funds to preserve the rich heritage of agriculture and rural living.

Proceeds will benefit the Penn State Ag Alumni Endowment for the Pasto Agricultural Museum.

So far, more than 40 items have been donated for this first-time auction, according to Darwin Braund, volunteer curator.

Items include a John Deere lawn tractor, special edition F-20 Farmall toy tractors, a year's supply of Penn State Creamery ice cream, meat from the University Meats Lab, sought-after Penn State College milk bottles, antique tools and signs, a ton of Agway textured calf-starter, dinner at The Tavern restaurant in State College, a pedal tractor and doll bed painted and accented in Penn State Nittany Lion colors, and ten units of Holstein bull semen.

Items for the young and young-at-heart include collector's dolls; T-shirts with butterfly and insect motifs; "Got Milk?" shirts, hats, and glasses; "Bizarre Bugs" books; framed artworks; a framed 1936 "Sheep and Wool Map of the World"; a 100 Mhz Pentium computer with components; and a volleyball signed by the 1999 NCAA National Champion Penn State Women's Volleyball team.

A hand-carved matching pair of draft horses depicts the museum's current theme, "The Role of Animal Power in 19th and 20th Century Agriculture." Carved by Don Ace, professor emeritus of dairy and animal science, the team is complete with leather harness and is hitched to a wood beam walking plow in an active plowing scene.

Donations for the auction catalogue will be accepted through

June 30. For information and donor forms, call the museum office at (814) 863-1383. Items from individuals should have a minimum value of \$50 and from companies, a \$100 value.

Auction items will be on display at Ag Progress Days, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 15-16, in the tent beside the museum. Bidding will close promptly on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Successful bidders can pick up their items after payment is processed Wednesday evening

or make arrangements for shipping.

For more information, contact Darwin Braund, volunteer curator, 236 Ag Administration Building, University Park, PA 16802, (814) 863-1383.

Penn State's Ag Progress Days features more than 500 acres of educational and commercial exhibits, tours, and machinery demonstrations. It is conducted at the Russell E. Larson Agricultural Research Center at Rockspring, nine miles southwest of State College on Rt. 45. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5



p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, call

(800) PSU-1010 toll-free from July 10 to Aug. 17 or visit the Ag Progress Days site on the World Wide Web at <http://apd.cas.psu.edu>.

Research Plan Meets Consumer, Industry Needs

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Dairy farmer-funded research is making major breakthroughs in meeting consumer and food industry needs to expand demand for milk and its many components, according to Dairy Management Inc.™ (DMI).

"We've always said milk is nature's most nearly perfect food," says Bill Haines, vice president, business to business marketing for DMI. "Thanks to farmer-funded research, we are finding out how true that is, as we find new uses for the proteins and other components of milk."

Ongoing dairy farmer-funded research programs include developing ways to improve product performance, flavor and storage life of domestic cheeses; improving quality, taste and appearance of lower-fat milk products; improving consistency, functionality and stability of milk and whey proteins and identifying new uses for dry ingredients; and developing and improving ways to enhance dairy product biological and chemical safety.

According to Haines, dairy farmers are working with industry partners to develop new

product applications and identify additional market needs for these dairy products and ingredients.

American Dairy Association Middle Atlantic (ADA/DC Middle Atlantic) and Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Program (PDPP) work together with the national promotion group, Dairy Management Inc. to gather information from all parts of the dairy industry," says Haines.

These research efforts address the needs of dairy processors, cooperatives, food manufacturers, academic researchers, nutritionists and health professionals, he adds.

Farmer-funded research also helps the dairy industry better understand the nutritional and functional attributes and the composition of dairy products, and, most important, how dairy can fit into the lives of consumers and the business of food manufacturers, says Haines.

One research success story is how dairy has made improvements in the appearance and appeal of fat-free milk. "Consumers associate the appearance of full-fat milk with quality and

freshness and want those same characteristics in lower-fat versions. Researchers have developed ways to improve the appearance of lower-fat milk, leading to increased consumer demand," says Haines.

Cheese research successes include the development of do-

mestic varieties, such as Havarti, lower-fat Cheddar, Baby Swiss and Queso Blanco, to compete with imported cheeses. Other successes include improving the melting functions of pizza cheese and enhancing natural cheese flavors to better meet consumer needs.

Berks County Conducts Horse, Pony Roundup

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — The Berks County 4-H Center was the site of the recent Berks County Horse and Pony Roundup at the Gwen Schwoyer Memorial Horse Rings.

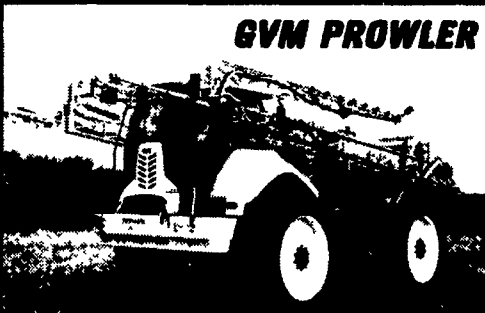
Following is a list of show placings:

BERKS COUNTY HORSE AND PONY ROUNDUP RESULTS

English Grooming And Showmanship, Senior: 1. Liz Ehrg. 2. Amanda Ruhl. 3. Kate Kocher.
English Grooming And Showmanship, Junior: 1. Elizabeth Dinich. 2. Chanelle LaBarre. 3. Sarah Schofield.
Hunter Seat Equitation (over fences), Junior: 1. Branna Cooper.
Working Hunter Horses: 1. Liz Ehrg.
Hunter Seat Equitation (on the flat), Senior: 1. Liz Ehrg. 2. Kristen McGowan. 3. Laura Krng.
Hunter Seat Equitation (on the flat), Junior: 1. Caitlyn Kaczor. 2. Chanelle LaBarre. 3. Elizabeth Dinich.
Western Riding: 1. Shanna Jones. 2. Rebecca Sobjak. 3. Courtney Miller.
Reining: 1. Rebecca Sobjak.
Pole Bending Ponies (14.2 hands and under): 1. Heather Seifnt. 2. Ashleigh Dunlap. 3. Charles Hertzog.
Pole Bending Horses: 1. Jessica Radcliff. 2. Stephanie Kendall.
Clover Leaf Barrel Race Ponies (14.2 hands and under): 1. Heather Seifnt. 2. Ashleigh Dunlap. 3. Charles Hertzog.
Clover Leaf Barrel Race Horses: 1. Jessica Radcliff. 2. Stephanie Kendall.
Raised Box Keyhole Ponies (14.2 hands and under): 1. Ashleigh Dunlap. 2. Charles Hertzog. 3. Brayelle Cooper.
Raised Box Keyhole Horses: 1. Stephanie Kendall.
Western Grooming And Showmanship,

Senior: 1. Jessica Sobjak. 2. Rachel Wolfe. 3. Sara Lynn Dissinger.
Western Grooming And Showmanship, Junior: 1. Kelly Strause. 2. Courtney Miller. 3. Elisha Yerger.
Walk Trot: 1. Tira Schiefley. 2. Gabnelle Hauseman.
Stock Seat Equitation, Senior: 1. Rachel Wolfe. 2. Amanda Reed. 3. Shanna Jones.
Stock Seat Equitation, Junior: 1. Courtney Miller. 2. Kelly Strause. 3. Katelyn Grumblng.
Western Pleasure Ponies (13 hands and under): 1. Charles Hertzog.
Western Pleasure Ponies (over 13 and not over 14.2 hands): 1. Kelly Strause. 2. Katelyn Grumblng. 3. Amanda Strause.
Western Pleasure Horses, Senior Rider: 1. Amanda Reed. 2. Rachel Wolfe. 3. Jessica Sobjak.
Western Pleasure Horses, Junior Rider: 1. Courtney Miller. 2. Elisha Yerger.
Hunter Hack Horses: 1. Chanelle LaBarre.
Hunter Under Saddle Ponies (14.2 hands and under): 1. Sarah Schofield. 2. Shannon Billings. 3. Ashton Tupper.
Hunter Under Saddle Horses (Junior Rider): 1. Caitlyn Kaczor. 2. Chanelle LaBarre. 3. Elizabeth Dinich.
Hunter Under Saddle Horses (Senior Rider): 1. Liz Ehrg. 2. Laura Krng. 3. Amanda Ruhl.
Pleasure Pony Driving (14.2 hands and under): 1. Kate Kocher. 2. Katelyn Grumblng.
Obstacle Driving Course: 1. Kate Kocher.
Pleasure Horse Pairs: 1. Elizabeth Dinich. 1. Chanelle LaBarre. 2. Jessica Sobjak. 2. Elisha Yerger. 3. Katelyn Grumblng. 3. Kelly Strause.
Open Trail Ponies (14.2 hands and under): 1. Kelly Strause. 2. Amanda Strause. 3. Katelyn Grumblng.
Open Trail Horses: 1. Jessica Sobjak. 2. Shanna Jones. 3. Rebecca Sobjak.

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