

## Franklin County Beef Club Begins Scholarship

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — Ronnie and Deb Hartman, Chambersburg, are announcing the start of a scholarship to be given each year to Franklin County baby beef club participants.

The award is in honor of their son, Aaron, or "AJ," a junior at Chambersburg Area High School when he passed away on April 23 in an automobile accident.

AJ owned both a project and companion steer that will be sold at the Franklin County 4-H Roundup's sale September 29 at Greencastle Livestock Auction.

Thirty-three head will be sold at the auction. Money from the sale of the steers will go into the scholarship fund, according to Deb.

Additionally, funds from possible re-sales of the animals would

also go to the scholarship account if the buyer prefers. Donations to the club in AJ's memory will be forwarded to the scholarship.

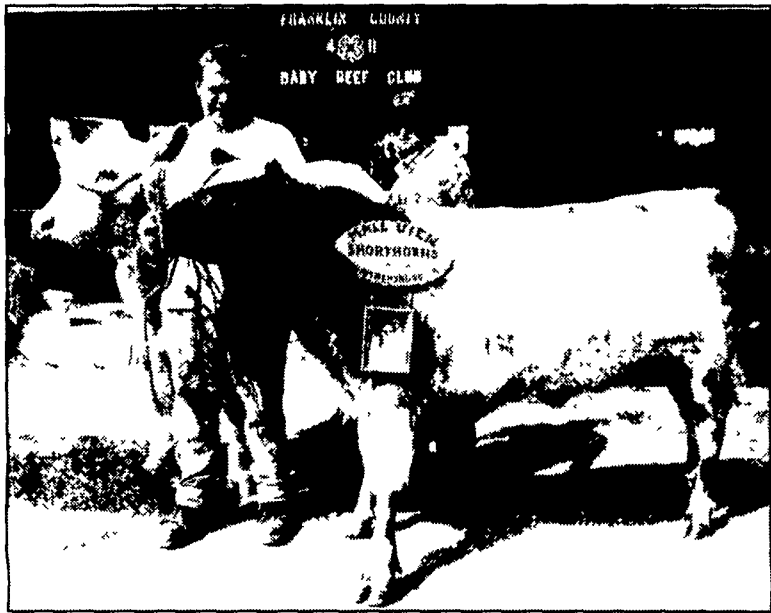
Interest from the fund will be the scholarship money that is awarded each year to an eligible baby beef club participant who is going to a college or trade school.

AJ showed steers and heifers, which were exhibited by members of the beef club during this year's show season.

The steers have been at the nearby Conner residence. The Conner family has taken care of and exhibited the animals during the show season.

The scholarship is to be awarded in AJ's memory.

"He always had a smile," said Deb.



Jordan Conner, left, exhibited Aaron Hartman's cattle during the recent Franklin County steer show. Aaron's father holds the sign and Aaron's picture. Aaron's steer took home reserve grand champion honors.

## Franklin County Beef Show Results

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — Recently Franklin County conducted its 4-H Baby Beef Clubs Market Steer Show Aug. 21 at the fairgrounds.

There were 22 exhibitors competing. Gary Dean from Strasburg was the judge, evaluating the exhibitors on their showmanship abilities in three different classes according to their age.

He also judged their market steers in five different classes according to their weight, sharing positive and negative comments on how to improve their techniques.

Matt Hawbaker, Mercersburg, was chosen as the champion steer. Jaelyn Upperman of Chambersburg showed the grand champion steer. Nicholas Wingert, St. Thomas, showed the reserve champion steer in the 4-H division.

In the open division, Nicholas

Wingert, St. Thomas, showed the grand champion steer. Reserve grand champion winner was Aaron Hartman. "AJ" Aaron passed away on April 23. He was the son of Ronnie and Deb Hartman of Chambersburg. His steer was exhibited by Jordan Conner.

Other placings of the show are as follows:

- FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP RESULTS**  
 Novice class: 1. Logan Miller. 2. Nicholas Wingert. 3. Nathan Johns.  
 Intermediate class: 1. Jaelyn Upperman. 2. Matt Stahl. 3. Kristina Dice  
 Senior class: 1. Matt Hawbaker. 2. Andrew Dice. 3. Eli Rotz
- CONFORMATION**  
 Lightweight: 1. Matt Hawbaker. 2. Jodi Meyers. 3. Kristina Dice  
 Medium weight: 1. Shawn Meyers. 2. Aaron Hartman (exhibited by Jordan Conner). 3. Lauren Cooper  
 Light heavyweight: 1. Nicholas Wingert. 2. Micah Hawbaker. 3. Andrew Dice  
 Medium heavyweight: 1. Logan Miller. 2. Lindsay Upperman. 3. Jared Lehman  
 Heavyweight: 1. Jaelyn Upperman. 2. Kevin Stahl. 3. Matt Stahl.

## Holstein Association Schedules Open Forum Meetings

BRATTLEBORO, Vt. — Holstein Association USA has scheduled a series of Governance Region Open Forum Meetings around the country to give members an opportunity to meet with members of the board of directors and association staff.

This year, each of the nine governance regions will have its own centrally located meeting to enable more members to attend. Members are not restricted to the meeting in their region and may attend any meeting which fits into their schedule. These meetings provide a forum for Association members to voice their opin-

ions on changes and issues facing the Holstein Association and the dairy industry as a whole.

Following are the dates and locations of the Governance Region Open Forum Meetings. Please visit [www.holsteinusa.com](http://www.holsteinusa.com) for more information on reservations and topics being discussed at the 2001 Governance Region Open Forum Meetings. If you are planning on attending you will need to make your own reservations with the hotels.

Region I: Friday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Holstein Association USA headquarters, Brattleboro, Vt., (800) 952-5200, fax (802) 254-8251.

Region II: Friday, Nov. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Four Points Sheraton, Harrisburg, (717) 561-2800, fax (717) 561-8398.

Region III: Tuesday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Days Inn Airport, Indianapolis, Ind., (317) 248-0621, fax (317) 247-7637.

Region IV: Thursday, Nov. 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Charlotte Airport Holiday Inn, Charlotte, N.C., (704) 394-4301, fax (704) 398-2225 (Refer to group 1128 when calling).

Region V: Wednesday, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Comfort Inn Madison, Madison, Wis., (608) 244-6265, fax (608) 244-1293.

## Vector Tobacco Tops 3,000 Acres In Lancaster County

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — Despite a persistent drought, tobacco continues to be a domineering crop in southeastern Pennsylvania.

This year, Vector Tobacco's contracted growing operations encompass about 3,000 acres in the county, according to Vector representative Larry Weaver, New Holland.

"For as little rain, we've gotten

along pretty good this season," said Weaver. About 70 percent of the tobacco is cut in the area.

Vector has about 600 growers in the county, making up about half the tobacco grown.

"For us, it was a banner year," said Jerry Winstead, president of Trileaf, an agent for Vector Tobacco in Pennsylvania. "Tobacco turned out really well. Most growers are really, really pleased."

According to Dennis Hess, president of the Pennsylvania To-

bacco Marketing Association, production of Maryland 609 is way down, he said. However, production of Pennsylvania Type 41 tobacco is up, with about 1,000 acres in, "more year than last," said Hess. Many Pa. 41 contracts were signed with Lancaster Leaf.

Pa. Type 41 makes up about 35 percent of the tobacco grown in Lancaster County, the number one county in the state in terms of tobacco production. Maryland 609 makes up only about 15 percent of the total tobacco grown.

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