

Lebanon Holstein Club Celebrates Youth, Great Cows

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RICHLAND (Lebanon Co.) — Holstein enthusiasts packed the Tulpehocken Trinity UCC hall here Oct. 26 for the annual Lebanon County Holstein Club banquet.

Highlights of the evening included production award presentations to Junior Holstein Club members. Youth were recognized for their top milk, fat, and protein producing cows.

Daniel Eberly took first place for milk and protein in the

2-year-old category, with Lindsay Horning winning for butterfat production.

In the 3-year old class, Dustin Lentz's cow, Dream-On Judge Holly, was tops for milk and protein, checking in at 35,603 pounds of milk and 1,006 of protein. Lindsay Horning's cow, Turnpike View Jubilant Britney, placed first for butterfat with a 4.8 percent test and a total of 1,209 pounds of fat.

Kole Reist's 4-year old cow topped the class in all three production areas.

In the 5-year old class, Daniel Eberly won for milk and protein, with Kendel Reist placing first in the butterfat category.

Youth senior and junior dairy quiz bowl teams were recognized for their achievements at the February Pa. Junior Convention.

The junior "A" team of Aaron Hoover, Kyle Seyfert, Chanelle Horst, and Joel Bomgardner, placed second out of 16 teams at the convention, while the senior team of Jared Zimmerman, Brad Hoover, Tim Getz, and Jeremy Meck took second place out of 13 teams.

Chanelle Horst was named outstanding bowl team member.

Junior club leader Duane Nolt also announced a \$500 scholarship to be awarded to Amy Habecker.

Nolt said the scholarship money will be well-invested in the third year ag major at Penn State.

"(Habecker) will be impacting the lives of many individuals" through her career and future actions, Nolt said.

Kirby and Sheryl Horst of Newmanstown were awarded for a breed age average (BAA) of 110.7 percent, the highest of any herd in the county.

Pennsylvania youth production winners from Lebanon Co. selected earlier in the year for milk, butterfat, and protein include Todd Getz, Rachel Krall, Katie Lentz, and Kendra Trago.



Lebanon County Holstein Club president Daniel Brandt presents high BAA herd award to Kirby and Sheryl Horst.



Lebanon County youth awarded for high producing cows were Daniel Eberly, Dustin Lentz, Kendel Reist, Lindsay Horning, and Kole Reist.



Lebanon County youth dairy quiz bowl team members, with coach Duane Nolt, are Chanelle Horst, Janelle Zimmerman, Joel Bomgardner, Jared Zimmerman, Jeremy Meck, and Nathan Heim.

History Recalled At Chester County Holstein Banquet

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ATGLEN (Chester Co.) — Stories about the rich tradition of Holstein dairying and breeding were highlights of the 50th anniversary banquet of the Chester County Holstein Club here Tuesday.

More than a dozen former dairymen who had spent a large part of their life working with the breed attended the banquet. Six members of a discussion panel shared their memories of challenge and success dating back to their first days in the Holstein business.

Furman Gyger Jr. said that as a young man in 1951 he was part of a group of dairy farmers that rekindled interest in a Holstein club in the county.

But the history of Holsteins in

the area is older than that, he pointed out.

"This goes way back before (1951)," he said.

Gyger said he took on the responsibility of tending his father's herd of Holsteins at the age of only 12, inheriting early on a lifetime interest in purebred cows.

Various members of the panel spoke of their good fortune working with Holsteins over the years. They thanked God and others who had influenced them and gave encouragement to young farmers who are carrying on the tradition.

Donald Hostetter said that Holstein breeders need to take some risks to succeed.

"I was willing to stick my neck out a little," he said. "Sometimes I lost, but more often than not (it

paid off)."

Hostetter said the happiest years of his life were spent on the dairy farm with his family.

Awards were also presented at the banquet to youth and adults for high protein producing cows, as well as for the top breed age average (BAA) herd, and for top lifetime production.

Betsy Brown was recognized for both the outstanding 4-H Holstein project and high protein 2-year old cow.

Erica Lloyd had the high protein mature cow in the youth category, while Nolan King swept high protein honors in the adult category for both 2-year old and mature cows.

High BAA herd went to Eric and Peggy Evans, with Glenn Ranck taking home the award for high lifetime production.



Veteran Holstein enthusiasts attended the banquet. From left, Harold Ranck, Jacob Stoltzfus, Glenn Freese, Ben Kauffman, Donald Hostetter, Bob Pepple, Harold Bare, Harold Umble, John Umble, Newton Evans, Furman Gyger, Paul Eby, Wilmer Hostetter.



Award recipients at the Chester County Holstein Club banquet. From left, Glenn Ranck, high lifetime production; Eric Cockroft (for Nolan King), adult high protein cows; Josh Spangler (for Betsy Brown), outstanding 4-H project and youth high protein 2-year old cow; and Erica Lloyd, youth high protein mature cow.



This panel told stories about their adventures through many years in the Holstein business. From left, Newton Evans, Donald Hostetter, John Umble, Harold Umble, Furman Gyger, Jr., and Jacob Stoltzfus.

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It's as good a time as any to look toward spring flower and bedding opportunities. *Lancaster Farming* has scheduled its *Grower & Marketer*, a section for the eastern U.S. vegetable, fruit, nursery and direct marketing industries in the Dec. 8 issue. Included will be information on floriculture and IPM, interviews with regional growers, and tips for the upcoming planting and marketing season.