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Va. Dairy Bowl Quiz Team Takes National Championship



The Virginia 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl Team won a national dairy contest recently. Seated from left, Coaches Dave Winston, Patty Leonard, and Julie Clemons. Standing, from left, Josh Clemons, Sarah Clemons, Brian House, and Sarah Leonard.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — It was a historic moment Nov. 8-9 when the 4-H Dairy Bowl Quiz Team from Virginia won the national championship for the first time in contest history.

The 21-team competition was conducted at the 2002 North American International Livestock Exposition Invitational 4-H Dairy Quiz Bowl.

Coach Dave Winston, extension dairy scientist, 4-H youth, from Virginia Tech was pleased with his team's performance and proud of its hard work.

"I knew this was a strong team before we went out there," said Winston, who was coaching his ninth team. "You wonder about what kind of questions you will be asked, but they were very well prepared.

"It was a nice accomplishment for the Dairy Bowl program," the coach said with satisfaction. On Jan. 22, at the State Dairymen's Convention in Staunton, he said the youths will be recognized again.

En route to the victory Virginia had seven wins and one loss in the double-elimination tournament. The wins were against Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, New York (twice), Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

The solitary loss came against Illinois. "It was a close match. We have a good rivalry," said Winston, a longtime friend of his opponent. Winston, however, was unable to recall the particular question which caused the upset.

Team members were helped by knowing each of their talents. The team consisted of Sarah Clemons and Josh Clemons, members of the Madison 4-H Dairy Club, and Brian House and Sarah Leonard, members of the Fauquier-Prince William 4-H Dairy Club.

In addition to their having studied hard in preparation for the challenge, Winston said it was their acquaintance with one another that created a team chemistry.

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Father, Son Team Up On Somerset County Beef Enterprise

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WELLERSBURG (Somerset Co.) — For four generations, the Korn family of Southampton Township has farmed full time off Palo Alto Road near Wellersburg. Most recently, a father-son team has endeavored to produce high quality beef calves for 4-H and FFA students.

Dave Korn and his wife Becky (Carpenter), their son Christopher and his wife Lisa (Mowery), and their daughter Samantha take on the daily responsibility of a beef farm with about 150 brood cows, Angus-based, and five bulls, Angus and Angus-Maine Anjou.

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Dave, left, and Becky Korn have been farming ever since they got married in 1969. Here, they are pictured with their son, Chris, standing, and his daughter Samantha Grace, 4. Chris recently returned from the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky., where he placed second in his class.

Photo by Sandra Lefley, Somerset Co. correspondent

Bowles Addresses Risk Management At Seminar

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NEW HOLLAND (Lancaster Co.) — "I'll never tell anybody that you must trade futures — but what I will tell you is that you must understand it," said Jonah Bowles, ag risk management coordinator, Virginia Farm Bureau Federation.

Bowles spoke to a group of almost 20 producers and beef in-

dustry representatives at a workshop conducted Monday at Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland.

Bowles, a former stock broker and commodity broker with experience in futures, emphasized that understanding futures is important. Futures markets determine the price of cattle and

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Glenn Shirk, center, receives the George C. Delp Award at the Lancaster Ag Chamber Banquet Monday evening. Joining Shirk, from left, are John Phipps, keynote speaker; Elliot Abrams, master of ceremonies; Jay Shannon, ag committee chairman; and Brent Landis, ag services coordinator. Photo by Dave Lefever

Ag Community Has Strong Showing At Chamber Banquet

Glenn Shirk Receives Delp Award

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LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.) — The insights and humor of a nationally known ag journalist, three new Century Farm family recipients, and presentation of the 14th George C. Delp Award highlighted the Lancaster Ag Chamber Banquet at Willow Valley Monday evening.

About 750 people from the ag community turned out for the 26th annual event. Elliot Abrams of AccuWeather was master of ceremonies.

Brent Landis, ag services coordinator, praised the group for their loyal support of agriculture in attending the "largest ag banquet in Pennsylvania," even in the face of hard challenges such as this year's drought and adverse market conditions.

Such large attendance helps show that "the vital role ag plays in our community should never be underestimated," Landis said.

Glenn Shirk, recently retired Lancaster County dairy agent,

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