

Dairy Organizations Unite To Honor Youth, Adults

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BAIR (York Co.) — Three York County dairy organizations have teamed up to host a joint honors program, recognizing achievements of youth and adults in the dairy community.

"Celebrating the accomplishments of York County's dairy families" was the theme of the first annual combined dairy banquet and awards program Nov. 22 at the York 4-H Center. Participating were the county's 4-H dairy clubs, the York Holstein club, and the DHIA program.

Special guest of honor was Raechel Kilgore, county dairy princess and reigning Pennsylvania state dairy princess, who offered a milk toast to the industry. In addition to being the county's first state dairy princess, Raechel was recognized for her achievements in the 4-H leadership program and the accomplishments which have earned her the opportunity to participate in the nation's highest 4-H achievement, the annual Congress.

Outstanding 4-H dairy member for the year was Susan



Central 4-H dairy club's award winners for outstanding achievement included, from left front, Amanda Thompson and Katie Baumgardner; rear, Cory Thompson and Amy Baumgardner.



Outstanding dairy members from the Milk-N-Money club included, from left, Kyle Miller, Trisha Knight, and Trevy Dehoff.



Recipients of the Justin LoBianco scholarship were York 4-H'ers Christi Knight and Beth Baer, center left and right. Presentation of the cash scholarships, awarded annually in memory of the young man killed in a farm accident, were made by his father, Rick LoBianco, and his grandmother, Gilda Stitely.

Richardson, daughter of Ruth and Charles Richardson, Fawn Grove. Susan, whose award marks her final year in the 4-H program, was not able to attend the honors program. She is a sophomore in dairy studies attending the University of Wisconsin. Susan has also been very active with the Ayrshire association's shows and youth programs through her junior showing career. Selections for the honors were based on entry books, personal interviews, and participation in the programs.

Runners-up for the 4-H outstanding award were Cory Thompson, Wellsville, and Trisha Knight, Airville. Both are longtime youth program members and active with the county's dairy activities, including junior dairy judging team. Cory was first-place individual in reasons at 4-H State Achievement days and Trisha was first high individual in placings. Also recognized for being on the first-place dairy judging team were Josh Miller and Shane Hall.

Each of the county's three dairy clubs honored outstanding individuals in several age groups. In the Central club, Amanda Thompson was the junior age winner; Amy Baumgardner, intermediate winner; Cory Thompson, senior winner; and Cloverbuds awards were presented to Katie Baumgardner and Helen Smith.

Airville's Milk-N-Money club honored Kyle Miller as its junior winner; Trisha Knight, intermediate; Susan Richardson, senior; and Trevy Dehoff, Cloverbud award.

Rookie award winner in the Southwest club was Wren Anderson. Sayde Anderson was named junior honoree; Lydia Eddinger, intermediate; Michael Bosley, senior; and Aaron Doll and Amber Thoman, Cloverbuds.

Two county 4-H'ers were honored as recipients of the Justin LoBianco scholarship, awarded annually to a dairy and/or livestock member for expanding their animal breeding base or knowledge. Two awards were presented this year, to dairy club member Christi Knight and beef club member Beth Baer.

Several junior Holstein members received recognition for production awards on their project animals. In the yearling category, Christi Knight's Woodbine Shark Rebel was named high individual, with a 305-day lactation of 21,528 pounds milk, 691 pounds fat, and 648 pounds protein. Two-year-old winner was Woodbine LM Elissa, owned by Trisha Knight, with a 305-day lactation of 23,642 pounds milk, 693 pounds fat, and 698 pounds protein.

Christ Knight also took 3-year-old honors with Woodbine Rudolph Ellie, completing a 305-day lactation of 28,751 pounds milk, 930 pounds fat and 911 pounds protein. The record also earned Christi her first step toward the National Holstein Association's junior progressive breeder award, presented to a junior member after five breeder-owned animals attain established levels of production and classification. Ellie is classified VG-86.

In the 4-year-old category, the winner was Stormi Greek with Ridge Hill Charles Landa and her 305-day lactation of 38,950 pounds milk, 1,133 pounds fat and 1,101 pounds protein. Shane Hall earned double honors in the 5-year-old division, with a pair of cows high in milk and in fat and protein. Woodbine NBA Shaq was first in milk, completing her 305-day lactation with 24,876 pounds milk, 789 pounds fat and 702 pounds protein. Fat and protein winner was Woodbine Starbuck Eva, in 305-days tallying a lactation of 23,738 pounds milk, 924 pounds fat and 716 pounds protein.

Topping the 5-year-and-over class was Coredale Chairman Toola, owned by Cory Thompson, and finishing her 305-day lactation in 30,481 pounds milk, 1,066 pounds fat and 881 pounds protein.

Three directors were elected to three-year terms on the county Holstein board. They are Bridgette Bortner, Daphne Doll, and Greg Perry.

In the annual DHIA awards presentations for the testing year just completed, the Smyser family's Richlawn

Farms swept top herd honors in milk, fat, and protein with a herd average of 27,843 pounds milk, 1,010 pounds fat, and 813 pounds protein. Others in the top five for milk were Rutter's Holstein, 27,086 pounds milk, Earl Fuhrman, 26,888 pounds milk, Walk-Le Holsteins, 26,789 pounds milk, and Leonard Greek, 26,297. In the protein category, Walk-Le Holsteins was second with 809 pounds, Leonard Greek third with 803 pounds, Rutter's Holsteins fourth with 801 pounds, and Fuhrman fifth with 785 pounds.

High cow for milk in a 305-day lactation was "Kinsley," a member of the herd of the Earl Fuhrman family, Hanover, with 41,340 pounds of milk production. In the high 305-day protein category, Scott and April Cooper's "Mist" took hon-



Honored for outstanding achievement in the Southwest dairy club were Amber Thoman and Aaron Doll, front; rear, Michael Bosley and Lydia Eddinger.



Cory Thompson and Tricia Knight were named runners-up for the county's outstanding 4-H dairy member award. Winner Susan Richardson was absent because she is pursuing dairy studies at the University of Wisconsin.



Recognized for top milk production honors in York County's DHIA program were the herds of Scott and April Cooper, represented by April Cooper, and Smyser's Richlawn Farm, represented by Brian Smyser.

ors with a record of 1,118 pounds protein.

High 2-year-old Holstein producer was "Bert" in the herd of Leonard Greek, Delta, with a 305-day lactation of 35,737 pounds of milk. High 2-year-old in the colored breed category was "Clancy," a Lineback from the herd of Glen and Dawn Anderson, Glen Rock, finishing her 305-day lactation with 22,305 pounds of milk.

Low somatic cell herd was My-T Farm, owned by the Pomraning family, Delta. Other top herds with low somatic cell averages included Tayacres Farm, 178,000 average; Leaspring Farm, 208,000 average; Glen and Dawn Anderson, 234,000 average; and Wayshar Farm, 248,000 average.

Top five herd management award winners were Earl Fuhrman, 103 points; Rutter's Holsteins, 97 points; Smyser's Richlawn Farm, 89 points; Leonard Greek, 89 points; and Wayne Myers, 83 points.

An auction of dairy-related crafts and items wrapped up the annual banquet, with proceeds of \$965 donated to the exhibit arena under construction at the 4-H center.