

## 'Adventures In Agriculture' Planned For Easton

NAZARETH (Northampton Co.) — Newborn baby chicks, prize winning rabbits, and live bees performing the complexities of life in their hive will be but a sample of what you will see at the Adventures in Agriculture community event at the Palmer Park Mall in Easton.

From Friday, February 7 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, February 9 at 6 p.m., the Northampton County Farm/City Committee and the Penn State Cooperative Extension will be sponsoring this event intended to raise awareness of city and suburban residents about the significance agriculture has in our county.

Master Gardeners will be on-hand to answer your home gardening questions, 4-H Clubs will show their projects, and wool spinners and rug weavers will explain their craft. Twenty-five exhibits will fill the Mall with displays about Farmer's Markets, a local vineyard, greenhouses, tractors, and even an engine club. There will be something to please everyone's taste.

Saturday evening entertainment will be provided by the Happy Boombadeers in two show-stopping performances at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The goal of Adventures in Agriculture is to show that when the farmer is tilling the soil, planting seeds, and raising farm animals, he is playing an important role in promoting a viable community by providing fresh, local food.

For additional information call (610) 746-1970.

## Junior Shorthorn Show Portrays Breed's Progress, Says Judge

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HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — "I'm really impressed with the progress that this breed has made in the past ten years," said show judge Jim Gilooly.

From the muscle and structure standpoint, the breed has improved, he said, and the cattle coming into the ring were sound and "big and strong in bone structure," he said.

In addition, "four of the very best (heifers) in the show came back for the bred-and-owned class, and that indicates that the program is working and that the youth know what they're doing," he said.

From the Shorthorn classes Gilooly picked out an animal owned by Nate Tice, Lebanon, for grand champion honors.

Nate, a 4-H and FFA member who has been showing livestock for 10 years and exhibiting cattle for five years, is the son of Tom and Deb Tice, Lebanon, and is a senior at Northern Lebanon High School.

Nate also showed a hog during Farm Show competition. He is from a 30-acre farm at home, has 15 head of cattle at home.

Tice also took home grand champion honors from the Farm Show's Junior Market Beef Show.

Jason Heinlein, 14, Aliquippa, Beaver County, and "SRF Charleene Rose," a homebred heifer, took home reserve champion placing.

He has been exhibiting animals



Nate Tice, right, took his heifer to grand champion honors during the junior show. Jason Heinlein, 14, and "SRF Charleene Rose," a homebred heifer, took home reserve champion placing.

for six years and two years at the Farm Show.

Jason is from Stony Ridge Farm, a 23-acre operation with 22 head of steers and show cattle. Their reserve champion was the first Shorthorn bred at the farm.

He plans to continue showing the animal, as he travels to junior nationals, the Pennsylvania Beef Expo, and Keystone International Livestock Exposition, among

others. He is the son of Ken and Terri Heinlein.

Sixty nine Shorthorn cattle were entered into the show.

The showmanship judge for the show was David Gordon, from a family farm that raises cattle and hogs. Gordon has an associate's degree from Butler Community College in Kansas, where he was on the livestock judging team.

Jim Gilooly, Washington, Ind., was the judge of the show. Gilooly produces purebred Angus and polled Herefords on his farm, besides seed corn.

He graduated from Purdue University and got his master's degree from Penn State. He has judged national shows for 12 breeds and several national junior shows.

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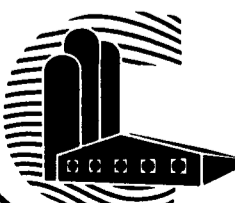
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