

At Convention, Kerrs Receive Virginia Distinguished Dairy Award

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Kerrs participate at several levels. They also work with local 4-H dairy judging training and the Hoards Dairyman contest, besides promoting dairy hospitality by conducting dairy farm tours for school children and hosting soil conservation field days.

As far as contributions of the Kerrs to their community, Donna is a Girl Scout leader and vice president of the school district PTA. At their church she serves as treasurer and the Fellowship chairperson. Jimmy is a church elder and Sunday School superintendent.

Rebecca Cornman and Catherine Peacock each received the Paul M. Reaves Award presented by Dr. Steve Nickerson. The dairy science students at Virginia Tech were selected based on the leadership abilities they have demonstrated, academic

achievement, and "love for the dairy cow."

Cornman additionally received the W. Ray and Ruby Murley Scholarship. She makes significant contributions to the activities of the Dairy Club, co-chairs milkshake sales at sporting events, co-edits a dairy publication, is active in dairy judging, and is a leader in the New River 4-H Dairy Club. After graduation, she will be employed by AMS Genetics.

Peacock has been a Dairy Club leader, chaired the A.R.E. dairy bar, and the Little All American Dairy Show. She has done reporting and had the first place production paper at national ADSA meetings and is a dairy judging team member. Peacock will pursue a graduate degree in reproductive physiology and has a goal to own a farm.

Eric Paulson and Charles Beau Leech V received the first schol-

arships from the newly established Jack and Leta Lester Scholarship Foundation for Virginia Tech dairy science students.

The following 2003 VSDA officers were made official at the convention. They are president — James P. Townsend, Manquin; first vice-president — Bobby Combs, Chilhowie; second vice-president — Joseph A. Houck, Culpeper; and executive secretary-treasurer — Dale A. Gardner, Bridgewater.

Directors for 2003 are Dist. 1 — Joseph A. Houck, Culpeper; Dist. 2 — Wayne W. Miller, Locust Grove; Dist. 3 — Daniel Lee, Dewitt; Dist. 4 — Robert P. Coffman, Harrisonburg and Steve W. Craun, Bridgewater; Dist. 5 — James Alexander, Fairfield; Dist. 6 — Tommy Motley, Chatham; Dist. 7 — Melvin Montgomery, Wirtz; Dist. 8 — Curtis

Sowers, Floyd; Dist. 9 — Maxie Aker, Wytheville; and Dist. 10 — Bobby Combs, Chilhowie.

Directors-at-large are Charles F. Moyer, Amelia; J.D. Hardesty, Berryville; and Allen Sisson, Shawsville.

At the banquet, Dr. James P. Wightman was master of ceremonies. Miss Virginia, Jennifer

Pitts, conducted the milk toast that opened the gala event.

The Wes Allen Trio was responsible for dinner music and Robert F. Earle, general manager of SUDIA, gave a report of SUDIA activities, as did Eric McClain.



Catherine Peacock is also an outstanding student at Virginia Tech in dairy science and maintained an in-major QCA of 3.5. She, too receives the Paul M. Reaves Award from Dr. Steve Nickerson. Peacock is from Stephen City.



Rebecca Cornman from Pennsylvania is pictured receiving the Paul M. Reaves Award from Dr. Steve Nickerson. Cornman has been an outstanding student for seven semesters at Virginia Tech with an in-major dairy science QCA of 3.4.

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