

Dairy Banquet Honors 4-H'ers, Leaders

VIRGINVILLE (Berks Co.) — The Berks County 4-H Dairy Banquet was recently conducted at the Virginville Grange Hall. During the evening many 4-H'ers, leaders, and coaches were recognized for their hard work and dedication to the 4-H program in 2002.

During the evening four young individuals were recognized for their dedication to the 4-H program in Berks County. Nathan Schantz, Katherine DeTurk, and Tyler Sattazahn were all recognized from their individual clubs as Rookie's of the Year. Nathan Schantz was then recognized as the Overall Charles D. Care Memorial "Rookie of the Year" for the county. Keri Houpp, was also recognized for receiving the Joyce Miller 4-H Career Advancement Award.

Each dairy club in Berks County nominated a first or second year member as their "Rookie of the Year" and then an overall winner was chosen for the Charles D. Care Memorial Award, which went to Nathan Schantz. Nathan, the son of David and Katherine Schantz of Alburtis, is a member of the Eastern Berks 4-H Dairy Club. Nathan attended all of his clubs' meetings and also participated in the business meeting discussions. He could also be found helping other 4-H'ers at his clubs activities and took an initiative with the club's good housekeeping at the local fairs.

Also recognized for the "Rookie of the Year" were, Katherine DeTurk of Mohrsville, who is a member of the Northern Berks 4-H Dairy Club, and Tyler Sattazahn of Womelsdorf, is a member of the Western Berks 4-H Dairy Club.

The Joyce Miller 4-H Career Advancement Award for 2002 was awarded to Keri Houpp, daughter of Gerald and Ilona



Award winners at Berks Co. 4-H Dairy Banquet. From left: Nathan Schantz, Katherine DeTurk, and Tyler Sattazahn received "Rookie of the Year" awards; and Keri Houpp received the Miller 4-H Career Advancement Award.

Houpp of Oley. Keri is a member of the Eastern Berks 4-H Dairy Club and is currently a sophomore at West Chester State University where she is studying keyboard performance and music education. Throughout her years in 4-H, Keri has served as the club treasurer for two years and vice president for one year. She also attended the Pennsylvania Governor School for Agricultural Sciences. Keri said, "though I am not pursuing a career in agriculture, my participation in 4-H has helped me to develop the essential qualities of responsibility, leadership, teamwork, and service that allow me to confidently pursue the career of my choice."

Record Book Awards were presented to the following: Large Herd — Jordan Rice (Northern Berks), Matthew Schantz (Eastern Berks), and Megan Schantz (Eastern Berks). Small Herd — Matthew Werley (Northern Berks), Melissa Harper (Eastern Berks), and David Sattazahn (Western Berks). Judge for the project books was Jerry Johnson,

a former Berks County 4-H parent.

Dairy Herd Journal Awards were presented to the following: Large Herd — Brittany Haag (Northern Berks), Brett Treichler (Eastern Berks), and Marisa Koinski (Northern Berks). Small Herd — Brittini Treichler (Eastern Berks), Melissa Schuler (Eastern Berks), and Kara Brendlinger (Northern Berks). Judges for the herd journals were Steve and Karen Mohn, former 4-H members.

Officer Book Awards were presented to: Treasurer book — Eric Troutman, Northern Berks Club, Secretary book — Rebecca Dietrich, Northern Berks Club; and Scrapbook — Brittany Haag, Northern Berks Club.

Many other 4-H members were also honored for participating in 4-H programs and events during 2002. Kellie Phillips, 2002-2003 Berks County Dairy Princess, presented her skit during the banquet and also played a dairy jeopardy game in which five 4-H members competed against five parents. The overall winners in a fun competition were the parents. Lindsay Fessler, 2002-2003 Berks County Little Miss Dairy Princess, sang her song, which says, "I Like Milk ... How About You?"

Other program participants were Kara Brendlinger and Kristy Gross, toastmistresses; Rebecca Dietrich; Brennan Johns; Debbie Dietrich, Berks County Extension Agent; and Linda Youse, 4-H Dairy Council President.

Seventh Annual Eastern Alpaca Jubilee Set

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Mid-Atlantic Alpaca Association (MaPACA) is hosting the seventh annual Eastern Alpaca Jubilee, April 25-27, here at the Farm Show Complex.

The MaPaca Jubilee has been the largest Alpaca halter show in the country for the last two years. This year, 265 Alpaca breeders from Maine to Florida, and to the Midwest, will be attending the show.

With more than 900 Alpacas entered in halter, agility, and showmanship classes, alpaca fiber will also be judged at the Jubilee fleece show.

The Jubilee also includes more than 30 vendors selling everything from alpaca supplies to products made out of alpaca fiber — sweaters, yarn, and teddy bears — to name just a few items. In addition, visitors can watch alpaca shearers at work as the alpacas get rid of their "winter coats."

Alpacas are originally from South America and are related

to llamas. They are a fiber animal that is shorn once a year to harvest its luxurious, cashmere-like fiber. Alpacas are an environmentally-sensitive option for the land since they have low water and forage requirements, and feet with soft pads that do not disrupt the soil. In addition to being gentle and intelligent, their manageable size and tidy habits make them perfect for small acreages and family involvement. There are approximately 50,000 alpacas in this country.

The MaPaca Eastern Alpaca Jubilee halter classes are scheduled for Friday through Sunday. The agility and showmanship classes and the fleece show will be Friday and Saturday. The public is welcome from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. all three days. Admission is \$4 for adults and children are free.

For more information about the MaPaca Eastern Alpaca Jubilee, go to www.mapaca.org or contact Nick Melfi (908) 369-3276.

Franklin County Dairy Calf Sale Set

CHAMBERSBURG (Franklin Co.) — The annual Franklin County Dairy Calf Sale will take place Saturday, April 19, beginning at 7 p.m. at the C.V. Antique Engine Show Grounds, Chambersburg.

Take Rt. 30 west from Chambersburg for five miles to Twin Bridge Road. Turn right onto Twin Bridge Road and proceed for about 1.5 miles. Turn left at the Twin Bridge Campground office onto Criders Church Rd. and proceed a short distance to Peckman Drive. Turn left onto Peckman Drive and the show grounds entrance will be on the

left. The sale, which is open to the public, will feature approximately 20 calves and several embryo selections. Franklin County 4-H Dairy Council sponsors the sale with the commission fees going to support 4-H Dairy Club educational activities in the county.

This year's sale chairman is David Koons, Waynesboro. Sale catalogues will be available at the Penn State Cooperative Extension Office in Franklin County. Call (717) 263-9226 for more information.

Contest Winner Selected

EPHRATA (Lancaster Co.) — Winner of a free one-year subscription to *Lancaster Farming* goes to Greg Hubbard, Belle-

fonte, from a drawing at the recent 2003 Pennsylvania Beef Expo. Congratulations!



Receiving Officer Book Awards at the Berks Co. 4-H Dairy Banquet were, from left: Eric Troutman, Treasurer book; Brittany Haag, Scrapbook, and Becky Dietrich, Secretary book.

Here's something *Lancaster Farming* subscribers have been waiting for: the 2003 *Lancaster Farming Fair Guide* booklet, scheduled to premier May 24. Thousands of our readers count on *Lancaster Farming* to provide them with the latest fair news during the summer and fall season. You can look toward the fairs with this extensive directory, covering an eight-state region. Planned is a list of fairs and fair association news. Will photos of your family turn up in the book from fairs around the region? Check it out!

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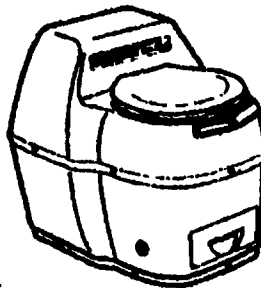
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