

# Chester County Holstein Club Spans Generations

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Lancaster Farming Staff

ATGLEN (Chester Co.) — Chester County's commitment to registered Holsteins started a long time ago, and several generations later it's still going strong.

Harold Umble, 84, was inducted into the Pennsylvania Holstein



Christy Guest shares her award-winning speech with the local crowd.

Hall of Fame earlier this year. He was honored again by his family and friends at the annual Chester County Holstein Club banquet Thursday evening at West Fallowfield Christian School.

Umble, Atglen, began building his registered Holstein herd in the 1950s with a cow he purchased from Canada. This cow lived to be 17 years old and produced 12 generations of Excellent and Very Good Holsteins.

By the late 1970s, Umble's herd had produced Glen-Valley Star, the top Holstein sire for type in the U.S. at the time.

Umble said none of his success would have been possible without the support of his wife Lena and their family. He spoke about the joy and grief he has experienced during his lifetime, including the pain of losing three of six children over the years.

His son Ken and family continue to keep the Umble's Holstein tradition thriving on their Atglen farm. Ken also serves as president of the Holstein club.

This year marked the first organized Junior Holstein Club in the county, with three quiz bowl teams going to the state convention.

Junior club leader Marilyn Hershey said 16 kids from the county traveled to the convention in Bethlehem this past February.

Christy Guest of Pottstown was a speech contest finalist in Bethlehem and went on to speak at the national convention in North Carolina in June.

Guest gave her speech on the hardships and crucial importance of dairy farming to the local group Thursday evening.

She talked about the long stretch of low milk prices and the widespread loss of farmland, noting that her family's dairy farm is the last one operating in East Nantmeal Township.

"I ask you, how are farmers supposed to pay 2003 bills with 1970s' milk prices?" she said.

Guest cited a survey from Britain which showed that 80 percent of consumers said they would be willing to pay more for food if they knew it would help struggling farmers.

The key is education — of the farmer, the youth, and the public, Guest said.

Meredith Baily, Chester County Dairy Princess, gave a short talk, pointing out that the county is one of the top 10 dairy producers in the state.

"Chester County sure helps to make Pennsylvania a top dairy state," she said.

The evening included production award presentations. Youth winners were Erica Lloyd, high lifetime production; Reuben

Bender, high production, first lactation; Brad Guest, high fat, first lactation; and Christy Guest, high production and fat for a mature cow.

Alvin Stoltzfus of Dunwood Farms posted the highest Breed Age Average (BAA) in the county, at 107.7 percent.

Production winners were Amos and Melvin Stoltzfus of Honey-Brite Holsteins, high lifetime production;

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## Milk Hearing Nov. 17

LaPLUME (Lackawanna Co.) — The National Family Farm Coalition, in cooperation with several farm organizations across the U.S. is conducting hearings for dairy farmers, consumers, and business people that deal with dairy farmers.

The first hearing in Pennsylvania will be at Keystone College, LaPlume, on Monday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. The hearing will be sponsored by the Pennsylvania Dairy Policy Development Committee of Family Farm Defenders (P.D.P.D.C. of F.F.D.) and the Progressive Agriculture Organization (Pro Ag), and will be hosted by Keystone College.

Arden Tewksbury, manager of Pro Ag said, "With the continued unorthodox prices received by dairy farmers, we feel it is time for dairy farmers to have a forum to speak out on the dairy issues."

Gerald Carlin, chairman of P.D.P.D.C. of F.F.D., said, "The hearings will be geared for the dairy farmers and not farm organizations."

In addition to dairy farmers testifying, the groups anticipate that consumers will be present also. Various Senatorial and Congressional Aides will be present for the hearing.

Information obtained at the hearings will be used by the National Family Farm Coalition, and others to promote a more realistic dairy policy in Washington, D.C.

Anyone interested in testifying at the hearing should contact Pro Ag at (570) 833-5776 or P.D.P.D.C. of F.F.D. at (570) 833-4592.

## Unusual Cattle Breeds

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Junior yearling bull class 0461: 1 Robert M. and Trac Grant.

Junior yearling bull class 0462: 1. Hugh and Lynn Wilson.

Junior yearling bull Champion: Hugh and Lynn Wilson.

Junior yearling bull Reserve Champion: Robert M. and Trac Grant.

Senior bull class 0465: 1. Warren Eshbach 2. Robert Eshbach.

Senior bull class 0466: 1. Theodore Robbins 2. John and Jacquell Chotkowsky. 3. Judith H. Ligo and Litera.

Senior bull Champion: Theodore Robbins.

Senior bull Reserve Champion: Judith H Ligo and Litera.

### GRAND CHAMPION BULL

Theodore Robbins

RESERVE GRAND

CHAMPION BULL

Carroll and Ray Shatney

Produce of Dam: 1. Theodore Robbins. 2. Judith H. Ligo and Litera 3. Richard Wurzbach.

Breeders herd: 1. Frank and Liz Manafort. 2. Carroll and Ray Shatney. 3. Judith H. Ligo and Litera.

Get-of-sire: 1. Carroll and Ray Shatney. 2. Frank and Liz Manafort. 3. Rudolph Saponto.

Premier Breeder: 1. Carroll and Ray Shatney. 1. Frank and Liz Manafort.

Premier exhibitor: Judith H. Ligo and Litera

### OPEN MAINE-ANJOU SHOW

Best four head: Skymile Farms.

### JUNIOR

### MAINE-ANJOU SHOW

Late spring heifer calf: 1. Sara Jo Campbell. 2. Edwin Grant McCabe III. 3. Liz Hitz

Junior heifer calf: 1. Sara Jo Campbell. 2. Robin McCabe.

Champion heifer calf: Sara Jo Campbell

Reserve Champion heifer: Sara Jo Campbell.

Spring yearling heifer: 1. Sara Jo Campbell. 2. Daniel Livermore.

Reserve Champion yearling: Daniel Livermore.

Late senior yearling heifer: 1. Robin McCabe.

Senior Champion: Robin McCabe.

### GRAND CHAMPION HEIFER

Sara Jo Campbell

RESERVE GRAND

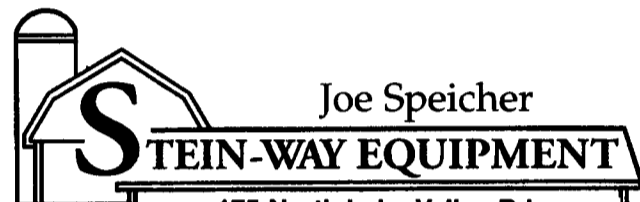
CHAMPION HEIFER

Sara Jo Campbell

Best female bred and owned: 1. Sara Jo Campbell.

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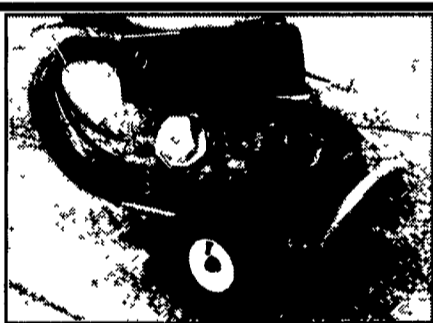
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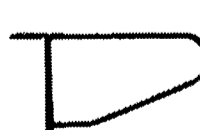
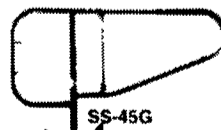
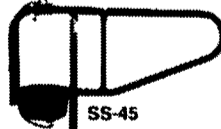
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