

Werley Wins Women In Ag Award At Farm-City Banquet

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READING (Berks Co.) — Thursday night at the Reading Sheraton was one of surprise for Donna Werley of Hamburg as she was named the 2003 Women in Agriculture Award winner at the 20th annual Berks County Farm-City Banquet.

With her husband Phil and children Angie, Melissa, Pam and Matt by her side, she had no idea of her selection until her name was read.

"I'm very surprised," said Werley upon receiving her award.

But this dedicated volunteer says her work is worth her time. "Everything I do, I do it for the kids. It's great to see the kids come into 4-H at 8 and leave at 18 and see how they have changed."

Werley also believes that by giving of her time, her rewards are greater as she sees how the kids she works with grow and mature.

Werley's work with the dairy industry is a lifelong one, starting with her family's dairy farm where they raise 120 cows on their 150-acre farm.

Off the farm, she is a Sunday school teacher, 4-H leader, and a dairy bowl coach. She has lead dairy bowl teams to several regional and state awards and one national championship.

Werley is also the special events coordinator for the Berks County Dairy Princess Committee and the southeast coordinator and secretary for the Pennsylvania Princess and Promotion Services.

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Werley is the eighth recipient of this award.

To further the Berks County farm city message, Floyd Huber, a hog producer and Charles Adams, a radio personality from WEEU, took on the challenge of a job swap.

Each presented a slide presentation on their experiences, expressing their appreciation for the difficulties of the other's line of work.

To summarize his experience on a farm, Adams said, "One thing that I was impressed with was when I came out (to the farm). I looked around and I saw... a cement plant in the distance... the Blue Mountains... the skyline of Kutztown... some suburban homes... a battery plant. And somehow they all seem to get along and I was impressed with that." Adams concluded his remarks, appreciating the insight his day on a farm gave him.

For Huber, his morning on the radio included interviews with Adams, commercial tapings, seeing how computers were used to keep things going, and giving the weather.

The Berks County Farm City Council concluded the evening with the presentation of the Public Relations in Agriculture awards. They were presented to five FFA chapters in Berks County. The chapters recognized were Conrad Weiser, Kutztown, Oley Valley, Tulpehocken, and Twin Valley.



The 2003 Women in Agriculture Award winner, Donna Werley, center, is surrounded by her family, Melissa Johnson; Matt Werley; Phil Werley; Pam Werley, Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess; and Angie Davis.



The 2003 Public Relations in Agriculture Award winners. Representing FFA chapters from left, Kathleen Shane, Oley Valley; Joe Mengel, Kutztown; Rosie Moyer, Tulpehocken; Dan Halter, Twin Valley; and Adam Sefass, Conrad Weiser.



Charles Adams and Floyd Huber took part in the 2003 job exchange.

DelVal To Build New Facilities

DOYLESTOWN (Bucks Co.) — Delaware Valley College recently announced it has received a \$215,000 grant from the Warwick Foundation to build a small ruminant facility.

The new facility will provide students with an opportunity to see first-hand a structure that facilitates management practices associated with modern, economical sheep and wool production. It will also permit the college to expand its community outreach programs for area farm-flock producers. A workroom facility will also be included for teaching

surgery, artificial insemination,

and other demonstrations in livestock production. For more information, call Robert Nichols at (215) 489-2450.

Wayne Dairy Shows Name 4-H Winners

HONESDALE (Wayne Co.) — Youth exhibited six breeds at the Wayne County Fair dairy shows in early August.

Breed grand champion exhibitors in the "4-H Protein Breeds Show" included Christine Wagner of Explorers 4-H Club, Jersey; Chris Rowan of Cold Springs-Rileyville 4-H Club, Milking Shorthorn; Tiffany Saar of Kountry Kids 4-H Club, Guernsey; Melissa Daniels of Bethany 4-H Club, Brown Swiss;

and Amanda Eroh of Creamton Area 4-H Club, Ayrshire.

Allen Van Gorder of Little Falls, N.Y., judged the show.

Holstein show winners included Natasha Brown of Tri-Gal 4-H Club, grand champion, junior champion, and reserve junior champion black and white; Scott Woodmansee of Pleasant Mount Go-Getters 4-H Club, reserve champion black and white; Jackie Chyle of Cold-Springs Rileyville 4-H Club, Red and White

grand champion; Destinee Jonas, junior champion and reserve grand champion Red and White; and Emily Lantzch of Pleasant Mount Go-Getters 4-H Club, reserve junior champion Red and White.

David Castrogiovanni of Montrose judged the Holstein show.

Christine Wagner, Explorers 4-H Club, was named grand champion showperson and Becky Theobald, Creamton Area 4-H Club, was reserve champion showperson.



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