

Berks County Holstein Club Celebrates Winners

Youth Excelled At Quiz Bowls, Princess Pageant, Production Records

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VIRGINVILLE (Berks Co.) — Berks County Holstein breeders gathered for their annual meeting at the Grange Hall here Nov. 14.

The club exceeded its membership goals this year, according to a report from the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

The event included a banquet dinner, an update on Berks County Holstein Club activities, and award presentations to youth and others for their accomplishments in the world of Holsteins this year.

Youth production winners included Matthew Schantz, for his 2-year-old cow "Fabreeze" with 32,288 pounds of milk, 1,226 pounds of fat, and aged cow "Edie" with 1,260 pounds of fat; Eric Troutman for 2-year-old "Bole-ro" with 1,014 pounds of fat; Amber Hollowell for her 3-year-old "Sophia" with 34,620 pounds of milk and 1,061 pounds of protein; Jesse Bitler for 3-year-old "Bonsai" with 1,253 pounds of fat; Megan Schantz for her 4-year-old "Blossom" with 34,237 pounds of milk and 1,002

pounds of protein, and aged cow "Summer" with 37,213 pounds of milk and 1,043 pounds of protein; and Jason Troutman for 4-year-old "Rain" with 1,320 pounds of fat.

Tim and Teresa Kissling of Hidden-View Holsteins, Robesonia, posted the highest breed age



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average (B.A.A.) in the county, at 107.7 percent.

Mike Davis and Dave Rice were named new directors at the meeting, with Charlie Seidel continuing for a second term.

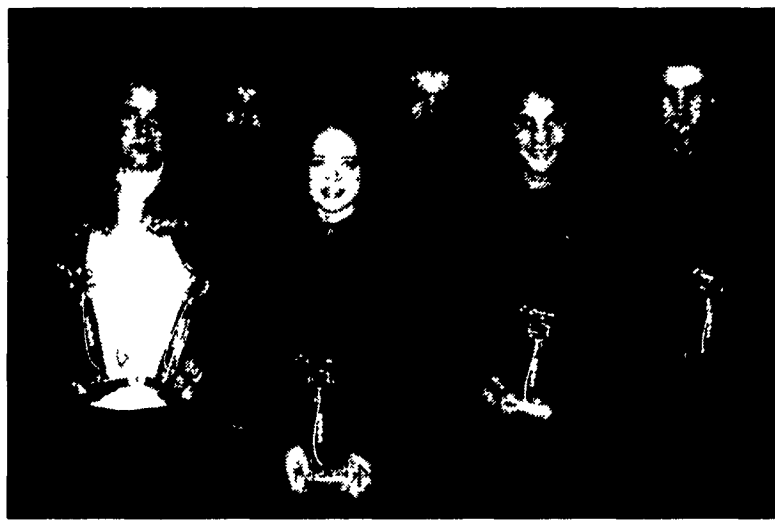
David Lentz of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association commended the club for exceeding membership goals and promoting the breed.

"The grassroots is where it all starts," he said.

One major fundraiser for the club is its fall and spring cheese sales. Coordinator Dean Hartman reported net earnings of more than \$2,500 in cheese sales for the year.

Brent Schuler spoke about the success of the Berks County senior dairy bowl quiz team, made up of Chad Mertz, Doug and Dave Sattazahn, and Schuler. The team placed fourth in the senior division at the National Holstein Convention in June, and later took fifth place overall at the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Ky.

Pamela Werley, Pennsylvania Alternate Dairy Princess and Berks countian, presented the



Youth production winners, from left, Megan Schantz, Matthew Schantz, Amber Hollowell, Jason Troutman, Eric Troutman, and Jesse Bitler.

speech that helped her win her title at the state pageant in September.

Titled "Farming, Yesterday and Today," Werley's speech outlined the realities of modern dairying, in contrast to the by-gone image some people may have of farm life.

"It's time everybody realized the reality of dairy farming," Werley said, calling it "an important, highly specialized, and diverse industry."

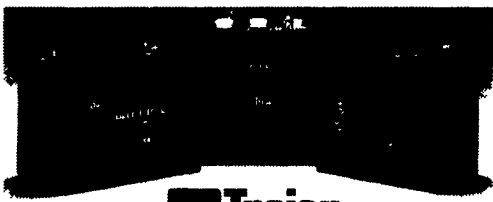
L'il Dairy Miss Jessica Duncan read a story called "Why I Like Ice Cream," ending with a milk moustache to represent the letter "m" in "cream."

Werley also hosted a dairy quiz show in which three married couples participated, women against men. The women's team won.

About 50 people attended the meeting.

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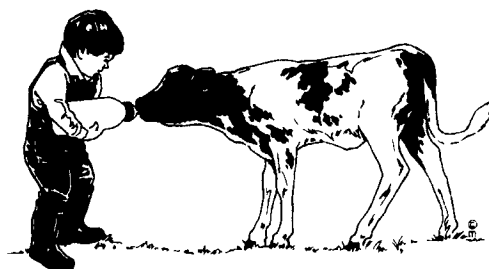
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