

## Pennsylvania Breeders Meet in Williamsport

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Jersey Breeders Association (PJBA) on March 3, 2018, was just what dairy producers needed to boost spirits and relieve stress from the depressed dairy economy. Held at the Holiday Inn in Williamsport, members took the opportunity to catch up with old friends, meet new ones, celebrate achievements and tend to business.

An awards ceremony was the highlight of the business meeting. Charles and Amy Theobald, Waymart, received the Distinguished Service Award. The Theobalds have been longtime members of the state association. Amy has served on the board for several years. The couple received the AJCA Young Jersey Breeder Award in 2005.

Charles and Amy operate Riverside Farm and Creamworks Creamery with their family. Milk, ice cream and other dairy products have been processed on the farm since 2010 using high temp short time (HTST) pasteurization for bottled milk and vat pasteurization for other products.

Clayton and Renée Kenny, Enon Valley, were presented with the PBJA Young Jersey Breeder Award. They own Kenny Jersey Farm LLC with his grandparents, Bob and Alma Kenny. The herd ranks among the top 25% in the nation for genetic merit with a herd average JPI of +47.

Clayton and Renée received the AJCA Young Jersey Breeder award in 2017.

Van De Jerseys, Transfer, won the Norman Genetic Award, the country's longest-running Jersey genetic award. The dairy owned by John and Amy Vanderstappen has a current (April 2018) herd average JPI of +67 on 277 cows.

### Junior Awards

At the evening junior banquet, Shelby Alexander, Liberty, was crowned as the

Pennsylvania Jersey Queen. She is eligible to compete at the national level in the queen contest held during All American festivities in Louisville, Ky., in November. Ainsley Staples, Hermitage, was named winner of the first-year project award and Camryn G. Moyer, Roaring Branch, won the intermediate division of the achievement contest.

Sawyer T. Whitenight, Orangeville, received a PJBA scholarship.

In the junior division of the scrapbook contest, competition was so strong, the division was split into two groups. Audrey M. Staples, Hermitage, placed first in one group, while Malia M. Baney, Wampum, took second. Blaine Warburton, New Albany, earned the top prize in the other group and Winslet Staples, Hermitage, placed second.

Jordan Anderson, Centre Hall, placed first in the senior division of the scrapbook contest and won the senior division of dairy jeopardy as well.

In the speech contest, Zachary Diehl, McVeytown, placed first in the junior division. Maggie Whitenight, Orangeville, earned the top prize in the intermediate division.

In the dairy jeopardy contest, Jillian Anderson, Centre Hall, placed first in the junior division. Sara Lynne Reed, Columbia Crossroads, was second in the junior division while Katelyn Taylor, Allenwood, took second in the senior division.

In keeping with tradition, a panel of adults was invited to try their hand at dairy jeopardy. After some good-natured trash talking and light-hearted laughs, Jess Peters, Meadville, earned the top prize by outdoing rivals Don Anderson,

Centre Hall, who placed second, and David Norman, Liberty, who took third.

In the Jacob M. Bruges Youth Production Contest, four Diehl siblings of McVeytown earned the top prizes with their homebred entries. Sara E. Diehl won the top prize with Musser Run Galvanize

Lollipop {5}. The Very Good-82% daughter of Buttercrest Galvanize, GJPI +72, produced an actual 3-3 record of 20,750 lbs. milk, 915 lbs. fat and 733 lbs. protein, and an m.e. of 842 lbs. protein to top her peers. Zachary placed second with Musser Run Evan Rachel {5}, who produced a 2-2 record with an m.e. of 828 lbs. protein. Naomi placed third; Hannah placed fourth.

### Production Awards

Production awards were also given for herd averages and individual cow production based on cheese yield dollars.

South-Mont Farms, Canton, owned by Mark Shedden, topped the division for large herds with 100 or more cows and was the high-producing herd overall as well. The 130-cow herd has a herd average of 22,573 lbs. milk, 1,082 lbs. fat and 825 lbs. protein (3x milking). The dairy also took home the certificate for high-producing senior two-year-old, South-Mont Zayd Jovi {6}, Very Good-81%. She made a 2-10 record of 25,850 lbs. milk, 1,376 lbs. fat and 1,066 lbs. protein, with a value of \$4,550.78.

In the category for small herds with 7-29 cows, Paul Zimmerman Jr., took the top prize for milk production with his 12-cow herd averaging 21,463 lbs. milk, 1,025 lbs. fat and 735 lbs. protein. The 15-cow herd owned by Mark Vogel, Wattsburg, was the top fat and protein producer, with a herd

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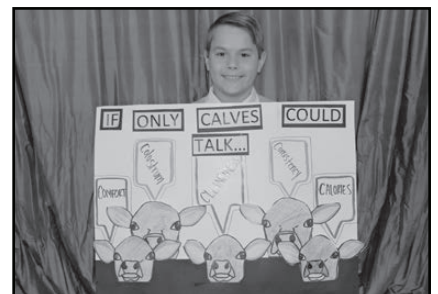
Outgoing Pennsylvania Jersey Queen Lane Kummer crowns her successor, Shelby Alexander.



Amy Theobald, left, and her husband, Charles, were honored with the Distinguished Service Award. PJCA Director David Norman, right, makes the presentation.



Clayton and Renée Kenny and their children, Nora and Landon, receive the Pennsylvania Young Jersey Breeder Award from PJCA President George Dean.



Zachary Diehl wowed the group with his winning junior speech during the youth award banquet.



Youth receiving awards in the production contest included Sara Alexander, Riley Thompson, Naomi Diehl, Sara Diel (winner), Hannah Diel, Shelby Alexander and Zachary Diehl.

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average of 20,576 lbs. milk, 1,068 lbs. fat and 760 lbs. protein.

In the category for herds with 30-59 cows, the high milk and fat producer was Dare E Land, Mount Pleasant Mills, with a herd average of 19,421 lbs. milk, 958 lbs. fat and 704 lbs. protein on 34 cows.

The high protein producer in the category was Harold Harpster of Boalsburg, with a herd average of 18,638 lbs. milk, 952 lbs. fat and 717 lbs. protein on 45 cows. Herd matriarch, Edn-Ru Paramount Leadsman Lisa, Excellent-94%, was the high-producer among cows 10 years and older with an 11-5 record of 22,850 lbs. milk, 1,301 lbs. fat and 855 lbs. protein and a value of \$3,932.04.

The 82-cow herd owned by Duane Burkholder, Fleetwood, led its peers with 60-99 cows for all measures of production with a herd average of 20,390 lbs. milk, 1,033 lbs. fat and 719 lbs. protein.

Vanderfelt Jerseys, Lawton, took home four awards for individual cow production. Stone-Front Kyros Loretta, Excellent-90%, made the top record among junior three-year-olds with 28,580 lbs. milk, 1,518 lbs. fat and 1,112 lbs. protein at 3-5. The cheese dollar value is \$4,874.01. Vanfel Premier Ambition 1072, Very Good-84%, was the leading senior two-year-old. At 3-8, she made 27,370 lbs. milk, 1,399 lbs. fat and 1,098 lbs. protein, with a value of \$4,672.54. The state's leading five-year-old was Vanfel Valentino Tesla 852, Very Good-88%, who made 30,710 lbs. milk, 1,540 lbs. fat and 1,186 lbs. protein at 5-11. The record has a value of \$5,098.37 and ranks as the ninth-high 305-day cheese yield record in the nation for 2017 at 4,105 lbs. The final member of the milking string to earn an award was CA Theo Belvedere Tikki, Excellent-94%. She made the high record among cows 8-9 years-of-age, with 26,700 lbs. milk, 1,303 lbs. fat and 1,064 lbs. protein in 292 days, with a value of \$4,461.44.

Two other dairies each earned a pair of certificates for individual cow production.

Creek View Farm, Martinsburg, milked the top senior yearling, Creek View Ace Angie 364 {4}, Desirable-78%. She made a 1-9 record of 25,920 lbs. milk, 1,096 lbs. fat and 898 lbs. protein in 298 days, with a value of \$3,801.25. She made a subsequent lactation of more than 31,000 lbs. milk at 2-9. Among four-year-olds, the leading producer was Creek View Renegade Limeade 177, Excellent-90%, with 26,500 lbs. milk, 1,596 lbs. fat and 1,090 lbs. protein in 284 days at 4-10. The value of the record is \$4,899.74.

The other dairy, Windy Lane Jerseys, Tyrone, won the prize for the high junior two-year-old with their homebred entry, Windy Lane Imagine Callie, Very Good-85%. She made a 2-6 record of 25,110 lbs. milk, 1,231 lbs. fat and 951 lbs. protein in 290 days, with a value of \$4,088.97. Roland Maximus Sparkly Shiny 32, Desirable-78%, led cows 6-7 years-of-age with 29,500 lbs. milk, 1,551 lbs. fat and 1,175 lbs. protein at 7-8. The cheese yield value of the record is \$5,072.85.

### Officers

Officers elected to serve the PJCA in 2018 are George Dean, Chicora, president, Matt Derr, Linden, vice president, and Jessica Peters, Meadville, executive secretary.