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7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER Scholarship winners announced!



by Brooks Shoemaker
General Manager

DURING April's 71st annual meeting, the cooperative announced the 2010 scholarship recipients. Four \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. Eligible applicants were high school seniors who will be attending an accredited post-secondary institution.

A committee of nine members served as judges. They chose the recipients based on an essay, scholastic achievement, financial need, extracurricular activities, work experience, and civic and community endeavors.

Please join me in congratulating four very talented, special young people, each of whom will be a significant contributor to our future. Let's meet our winners:

Jamie Nicole Dively, daughter of Jay and Karen Dively of Hyndman, is a senior at Hyndman Area High School. She is planning to attend Potomac State College in Keyser, WVa., to major in pre-veterinary science. She is a 4-H member, and has participated in the band, basketball, tennis, volleyball and the drama club. A Red Cross volunteer, she is employed part time at Lampire Biological. She was on the high honor roll and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Kathryn Marie Gardner, daughter of Patricia Gardner of New Baltimore, is a senior at Berlin Brothersvalley High School. She plans to attend Shippensburg University to major in education. She is involved with Students Against Destructive Decisions, and participated in the prom and yearbook committees, varsity cheerleading, and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She has also taught vacation Bible school and helped with church fundraising activities. Kathryn has been employed part time at WARM 103.3 and Denny's.

Casey Northcraft, the daughter of Mary Buterbaugh of Breezewood, is a senior at

Everett High School. She plans to attend the University of Pittsburgh and major in chemical engineering. She participated in basketball and volleyball, and is involved in Envirothon, student council, Everett Athletic Association, and Future Business Leaders of America. She also volunteers at the food bank. Casey is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, and Who's Who Among American High School Scholars. She has also worked part time at the Igloo and the Meadows.



Scholarship recipient Casey Northcraft, Everett High School.

Amanda Polca, daughter of Gerald and Stephanie Polca of Bedford, is a senior at Bedford High School. She plans to attend Duquesne University and become a physician's assistant. She has participated in soccer and track. She has been involved in student council, Envirothon, AYSO as a player and coach, and has taught vacation Bible school, volunteered at the food bank and with the Red Cross. She was awarded the Sonja J. Hafer Citizenship Award, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has also worked part time for the Bedford Area Parks and Recreation Department. ☀



Left to right: Scholarship recipients Amanda Polca, Bedford High School; Kathryn Gardner, Berlin Brothersvalley High School, and Jamie Dively, Hyndman High School.

Karla Stoltzfus is state Alternate Dairy Princess

BY LINDA WILLIAMS

IT'S BEEN A whirlwind year for Karla Stoltzfus of Friends Cove. She never anticipated becoming any kind of a princess, much less a state Alternate Dairy Princess. Karla received her title in Harrisburg last September.

Karla moved to Bedford County with her parents, Ken and Dena Stoltzfus, about eight years ago. Prior to that, she had little interest in farming. Perhaps it was the picturesque view from the knoll on which the farm sets, or maybe she just had farming in her genes. The spark was there and moving to the area ignited it.

The tall, statuesque brunette with the dimpled smile began by showing beef cattle.

"I didn't like showing beef," she



CROWNS FOR ALL: From left: Karla Stoltzfus, Krystal Wasson and Crystal Hitz pose after winning their crowns at the state dairy princess event held in Harrisburg last September.

admits. "I became too fond of them and then had to send them to market."

So, she tried dairy cows and loved it. The farm, purchased from the Koontz family, has always been a Jersey farm, and the Stoltzfus family did not change

it. Karla now owns 14 Jerseys of her own and one Red and White.

"I got the Red and White," she says, "because I think they are neat cows and a relatively new breed."

Her Red and White is still a heifer.



PROUD FAMILY: Mother Dena Stoltzfus, right, and sister Laura Stoltzfus, left, beam with pride for Karla.



THE SMILE SAYS IT: Karla Stoltzfus displays her princess sash and flowers after being named Alternate Dairy Princess.



FARM SHOW FUN: Karla Stoltzfus visits with a small admirer at a dairy promotion display at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

She is looking forward to breeding it.

Showing dairy cattle adds to Karla's already busy schedule and she has brought home a number of trophies and ribbons. She is a member of the Friendly Moo-Moos 4-H Club that celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. Karla is president of the school FFA Club and is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and Senior Challenge.

Karla has three older sisters, none of whom have her interest in farming. The family farms about 700 acres and milks 85 cows. They raise alfalfa, soy beans, corn, and wheat. Her dad has close to 100 black Angus beef cattle pastured on the farm. The dairy princess, however, prefers to stick to dairying.

"I don't care for the tractor/machinery part of farming," she says. "I much prefer the dairying end."

The farm has a computerized milking system and the Stoltzfuses are working on getting it set up. Meanwhile, Karla keeps track of the artificial insemination with a breeding wheel.

Karla is constantly on the go promoting dairy products around the area as well as the state. She attends county and state farm meetings, speaks to school kids, and has gone to the Holstein Convention, the State Farm Show, and the Women of Agriculture convention.

"The Dairy Princess Association pays

my expenses and a stipend for attending some of the events," she reports.

A senior at Bedford High School, Karla is enrolled in the Bedford Vo-Tech agri-science course taught by Scott Myers. It was Scott's suggestion for her to enter the

county Dairy Princess pageant where she won her first crown last June.

"From there, I had to enter the state pageant," she says. "I never expected to place. I just did my best and got one of the three state titles."

The state Dairy Princess is Krystal Wasson from Centre County. The other state alternate is Crystal Hitz from Lebanon County. Karla will turn over the county Dairy Princess crown to a Bedford County girl in June. The Dairy Princess Committee is looking for candidates for the 2011 title. ☀

OFFICE CLOSING
 Bedford REC's office
 will be closed on
Monday, July 5, 2010,
 in observance of
Independence Day.

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Third **Call 24-hour number, 623-7568**
OR call 800/808-2732 during office hours

(Please help us save money - only use this number if toll charges apply.)

Please give person receiving call your name as it appears on your bill, your telephone number and your map number if known. Any specific information about the outage will also be helpful in pinpointing the problem.

Alternate numbers ...

Al Hileman	Week of June 7	766-9971
Jim Seymour	Week of June 14	839-2848
Ed Hankinson	Week of June 21	733-4005
Scott Bischof	Week of June 28	839-4640
Scott Shook	Week of July 5	623-2395
Troy Mock	Week of July 12	276-9759

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Jim Wood	Bedford	623-6121
James Clark	Everett	652-9791
Mark Rowan	Bedford	623-7890

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Youth Tour provides many opportunities

OF ALL THE lessons life provides us, one always comes to the forefront. That lesson is that doing something once isn't enough. Each time we do something, no matter how many times we do it, nothing is ever exactly the same. Even the smallest variable presents opportunity to learn something new, to experience something slightly different than before.

In mid-June, four young people from our area will have the good fortune of meeting hundreds of their peers from across the state. In several ways, they are similar. They are all 16 years old and are members of families served by Bedford Rural Electric Cooperative. All have high grade point averages and are active in their schools, churches and communities, and all share some common interests. Yet they have their individual characteristics. Those differences are what allows a repeat trip to Washington, D.C., to be a new experience.

The four students are Bobbi McDonald of Claysburg-Kimmel High School, Jeremy Feight of Chestnut Ridge High School, Collin Wilt of Everett Area High School and Kristin O'Brien of Bedford High School. Once they arrive in Washington, they will get to meet with students from 46 other states for tours and several other events, including meetings with their federal legislators to experience the inner workings of our political system and our government.



Bobbi McDonald

Bobbi McDonald, the daughter of Robert and Sherri McDonald, carries a 92 percent average at Claysburg-Kimmel – a strong beginning in her quest to one day become an oncology nurse. At school, she has served on the Executive Committee this year, played varsity basketball and volleyball for three years, and has been a member of the Future Business Leaders of America for two years, competing at the state FBLA competition.

Bobbi has used her speaking, acting and writing abilities to promote the dairy

industry, and has served as Dairy Maid for four years. Active in community theater, she enjoys dancing and has taken classes the past 14 years. She has shared that interest by assisting with younger dance students. In addition, she finds time to volunteer with Special Olympics, be a part of her church's youth group, and she helped organize a "TeamPink" basketball game to raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer.



Jeremy Feight

Since he began lessons at age 8, Jeremy Feight, the son of Laura and Matthew Feight, has loved to play the piano. Those lessons have led to a dream of becoming a member of a performing orchestra or a band director. He frequently uses this musical interest and talent in his church. In 10 years of Scouting, he has attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

While maintaining a 3.97 GPA at Chestnut Ridge, he finds time to participate in band and chorus, as well as FBLA. In FBLA, he has gone to state competition and beyond, placing sixth at national FBLA competition. He serves as the junior class vice president and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Jeremy has been active in AYSO Soccer since 1999 and has been a part of the varsity soccer team for the past two years. In addition, he has been active in his church's youth group and helped District Attorney Bill Higgins at the Bedford County Youth Tour.



Collin Wilt

Collin Wilt, the son of Michael and Michelle Wilt, has dreams of serving his country and hopes to find a career in the Air Force. In his Everett Area High School years, he has wrestled for four years and been a three-year member of the student council and drama club,

participating in the school's musical for three years. He has sung with the Tribe for two years, and been named to the Who's Who of American High School Students for two years while maintaining a 3.5 GPA.

For four years, Collin has been a member of the 4-H Club, and has shown his two Jersey cows at both state and local levels. He has been a member of his church youth group for four years and has traveled on several mission trips over the past four years.



Kristin O'Brien

Kristin O'Brien, the daughter of Barb and Bob O'Brien, loves "anything outdoors and in the sun." This is truly reflected in her eight years of involvement in 4-H. During that time, she has shown goats and pigs, two champion lightweights, one champion heavyweight and one overall grand champion goat, and has won a champion showmanship trophy.

Kristin maintains a 3.6 GPA in her quest to someday have a career in the medical field. As a member of the Bedford High School soccer team, she lettered in her freshman, sophomore and junior years, and earned positions on numerous All-Star teams as well as being named the LHAC all-conference defensive player in her sophomore year. She was the outstanding hurdler on the BHS Girl's Track Team for 2009 and received honorable mention as the Bedford County/Area Athlete of the Year for Soccer and Track during her sophomore year.

Soon, the four teens will become friends for a week, travelers on a common mission with many more. Friendship pins will be exchanged and more friends made from far and wide. And here, yes here, lives will be changed, never to be the same again, thanks to the investment made in the youth of our cooperative, our area and our future. 🌟