

## **The Harold Meyers Memorial Dairy Sportsmanship Awards**

Harold Meyers was a dedicated 4-H dairy member in his youth. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment at the Wyoming County Fair was meeting his wife Joan as they competed against each other with their Brown Swiss cattle. Harold was not always the winner, but believed in always doing his best. He carried these ideals into adulthood, and each year he would watch his children and then grandchildren show their animals, always expecting good sportsmanship from each of them. In August of 2002, Harold passed away at the age of 64. His family and friends donated generously to a memorial fund to benefit Wyoming County 4-H members in the dairy program.

The Harold Meyers Memorial Dairy Sportsmanship Awards will recognize members who have an excellent attitude. These members may not always bring home a blue ribbon, but they display their red ribbons with pride and congratulate the other competitors. Selection will be based on the following points of sportsmanship: Conduct (representing self, family, club, and farm); Fairness (following rules and expecting others to follow them as well); Honesty (being truthful and doing your own work); Competitive Spirit (recognizing that the competition is fun, but the learning is more important); Courtesy (being respectful, thoughtful, considerate, and cooperative, whether you win or lose); and Graceful Acceptance of Results (listen to the judges' reasons and learn from them, and appreciate the success others find.)

Eligibility: Must be an active member of the Wyoming County 4-H Dairy Program. Juniors are age 8-13, and seniors are age 14-19 (age at the fair.) One winner will be selected from each age group. Nominations can come from leaders, parents, or other 4-H Members.

**Nominations will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Wednesday of Fair week.**

Nominators are encouraged to take into consideration members' actions during the fair, as well as the rest of the 4-H year. Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Thursday Dairy Show. Each winner will receive a leather show halter.

### **Past winners:**

2003:	Marshall Hinz (Junior)	Todd Buckenmeyer (Senior)
2004:	Stephanie Spencer (Junior)	Jonathan Nickerson (Senior)
2005:	Devon Hill (Junior)	Melissa Bartholomew (Senior)

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club for the Harold  
Meyers Memorial Dairy Sportsmanship Award in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Division.

Please share your experiences with this member that make him or her worthy of this honor. Focus on examples of sportsmanship and the positive attitude displayed by the member.

Return the completed nomination to Angie Waligora by 4 p.m. Wednesday.