

Rescue squad accepts financial donation

On Friday, Nov. 25, Kelly Sargent, representing the Millbrook Fire Department and rescue Squad, accepted a donation of \$15,000 from Fernanda Kellogg, founder of the Fitch's Corner Horse Trials. The presentation was made at a reception at Fitch's Corner, Kellogg and her husband Kirk Henckels' farm on the corner of the Shunpike and Mabbettsville Road. Attendees included 45 members of the community comprised of sponsors, riders, and volunteers.

The Fitch's Corner Horse Trials is an annual mid-summer

community activity that brings in 250 horses to Millbrook for a weekend of competition, championships, and old-fashioned fun. In addition, there is Fitch's Market, which is a selection of boutiques that provides the public with an array of fashion and gifts.

A highlight was the concert by Eric Hill and his band Hidden Drive. This year, Bonnie Stedt of Amenia, riding Clancy Himself, won the championship.

The Spectator Luncheon benefit held during the Fitch's Corner Horse Trials generates

the major funds for the donation. La Puerta Azul, the new authentic Mexican restaurant soon to open on Route 44, catered the luncheon.

The money raised will be used to purchase an Airmation Vehicle Exhaust Capture System for the rescue squad's ambulance bay, making it a safer environment for the personnel. The new system is designed to enhance health and safety standards.

Next summer, the Fitch's Corner Horse Trials will be held from July 29-30 and is open to the public free of charge.



WORTHY DONATION: Kelly Sargent, representing the Millbrook Rescue Squad, left, receives a \$15,000 donation from Fernanda Kellogg on behalf of the Fitch's Corners Horse Trials on Nov. 25. (Photo submitted)