

4-H honors Mae Bleiler

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KEMPTON — Over 150 people from Berks and surrounding counties paid tribute to Mae Bleiler, Berks County Home Economist, May 15, for eleven years of dedicated service to the 4-H program.

Held at the Kempton Community Center, a buffet and hoedown were held as a farewell. Mae will be leaving Berks County in June and will reside in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, with new husband, Dale Hostetter.

During a program held before the hoedown, Mae was presented with gifts and a citation from the Berks County Commissioners proclaiming her important role in the development of the 4-H program, increasing its membership by 1,000 and developing the program into award-winning status.

In a program entitled "A Decade With Mae" county 4-H members

and leaders briefly discussed their most memorable experiences with Mae, stressing the confidence, incentive, determination, and inspiration she has instilled in so many people. Dr. Paul Davis, 4-H development council president, showed slides of Mae dating back to 1971, during the early days of her career as extension home economist and 4-H leader.

Dr. Morris Kramer, state 4-H director, commented on his first meeting with Mae, the third person he met when arriving in Pennsylvania, and added that he didn't know any young person who has had as much impact on a program on a county, state, national, or international level as Mae has had. Also praising Mae for her exceptional accomplishments was Dr. William Lindly, regional liaison to the southeast 4-H program.

Mae has previously received a distinguished service award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

Others contributing their remarks to the program were: Phoebe Ruth Bitler, master of ceremonies and previous 4-H member; Barbara Stratton, 4-H leader; Diane Sutliff Esh, 4-H leader; Kathy Yanos, 4-H member and leader; Lila Newhart, 4-H leader; Danielle Yoder, president of Berks County Council; Berks County Extension Director Herb Wetzel; Robert Leiby, Lehigh County Extension Agent; and Mrs. Helen Readinger, chairperson of the committee which organized the affair.

Commenting on her past experiences, Mae thanked everyone for their cooperation, stating that it was the people in Berks County that made her accomplishments possible and urged them to continue to work with the extension staff that is here. "Berks County will always be my home away from home," she added.

Boots and Saddles holds Open Fun Show

LANCASTER — The Boots and Saddles 4-H club held their Open Fun Show recently at the Fellenbaum Stables, Lancaster. Results are as follows:

- Adult Championship Sandy Gochenauer; Reserve Ad. Champ, Daphne Immel, Children's Champ, Jason Watts Res. Ch. Champ Bud Spahn
- Grooming & Showmanship - Sr. Div
1 Daphne Immel, 2 Sandy Gochenauer, 3 Arlene Wood 4 Wanda Aukamp, 5 Heather Howry
- Grooming & Showmanship - Jr. Div.
1 Bud Spahn, 2 Ken Sherlaw, 3 Shawn Autry 4 Doug Deibler, 5 Kari Nachbar
- Open Halter Class
1 Bud Spahn, 2 Ken Sherlaw, 3 Daphne Immel, 4 Leslie Smith, 5 Eva Sherlaw
- Leadline
1 Matthew Charles, 2 Heather Rubincam
- Dollar Barrel Race
1 Jessie Zarfoss, 2 Kathy Myers 3 Jason Watts, 4 Millie Fisher 5 Wendy Griest
- Open English Equitation
1 Jessie Zarfoss, 2 Gail Graver, 3 Sandy Gochenauer, 4 Leslie Smith 5 Wanda Aukamp
- Pole Bending - 14 hands and over
1 Kathy Rubincam 2 Karen Eberie, 3 Millie Fisher

- Pole Bending - under 14 hands
1 Jason Watts
- Open Western Equitation
1 Daphne Immel, 2 Mary Seward, 3 Kathy Myers, 4 Ken Sherlaw, 5 Eva Sherlaw
- Open Men's Western Pleasure
1 Jim Charles, 2 Mike Spahn, 3 David Wood 4 Randy Aukamp
- Cloverleaf Barrel Race - 14 hds. and over
1 Kathy Rubincam, 2 Karen Eberie, 3 Millie Fisher, 4 Missie Charles, 5 Sandy Gochenauer
- Cloverleaf Barrel Race - under 14 hands
1 Jason Watts
- Children's English Pleasure
1 Janet Wheat, 2 Kari Nachbar, 3 Jill Kettering 4 Esther Wittel
- Keyhole Race
1 Kathy Rubincam, 2 Karen Eberie, 3 Millie Fisher, 4 Sandy Gochenauer, 5 Missie Charles
- Open Ladies' Western Pleasure
1 Eva Sherlaw, 2 Mary Seward 3 Robin Gross 4 Sandy Gochenauer, 5 Daphne Immel
- Walk, Jog/Trot Equitation
1 Doug Deibler, 2 Mike Charles, 3 Susan Wittel, 4 Kari Nachbar
- Break and Out
1 Jessie Zarfoss, 2 Sandy Gochenauer, 3 Daphne Immel, 4 Millie Fisher, 5 Leslie Smith
- Children's Western Pleasure
1 Doug Deibler, 2 Bud Spahn 3 Robin Gross 4 Ken Sherlaw, 5 Jodi Florschutz
- Egg & Spoon
1 Sandy Gochenauer, 2 Jill Kettering 3 Kathy Rubincam, 4 Kathy Myers, 5 Denise Birgeman
- Open English Pleasure
1 Leslie Smith, 2 Jessie Zarfoss 3 Arlene Wood, 4 Sandy Gochenauer, 5 Kathy Rubincam
- Pleasure Pony
1 Jason Watts 2 Kathy Myers 3 Jill Kettering 4 Janet Wheat, 5 Denise Birgeman
- Open Road Hack
1 Jessie Zarfoss 2 Daphne Immel 3 Leslie Smith 4 Sandy Gochenauer, 5 Kathy Rubincam
- Open Trail Class
1 Daphne Immel 2 Denise Birgeman 3 Jason Watts 4 Wanda Aukamp, 5 Sandy Gochenauer
- Open Western Pleasure
1 Eva Sherlaw 2 Mike Spahn 3 Ken Sherlaw 4 Daphne Immel 5 Sandy Gochenauer

Junior broiler contest held

NEWARK, Del. — In one of the most closely contested Delaware Junior Broiler Contests on record, Sondra Warren of Frederica has been named 1981 Champion. The Kent County 4-H'ers total score of 94.3 topped all other entries judged during recent finals at Lake Forest Senior High School in Felton.

Close behind Sondra was Anne Moore of Wyoming, an F.F.A member from Caesar Rodney High School, with a score of 94.05. Third place went to Cheryl Warren, a 4-H'er from Kenton, with 94 points.

Only 4.3 points separated the 1st and 20th placings, an amazingly close race, says George W. Chaloupka, University of Delaware extension poultry specialist. There were 102 entries altogether.

Besides having the highest total score, Sondra Warren also shared top honors for the heaviest entry with 4-H'er Sheila Bass of Viola. The top weight was 39.25 pounds for seven live birds entered, or an average of 5.61 pounds per bird. The heaviest average live weight

in last year's contest was only 5.5 pounds. Overall average weight for all 1981 entries was 4.90 pounds per bird; 31 pounds heavier than last year for the same growth period.

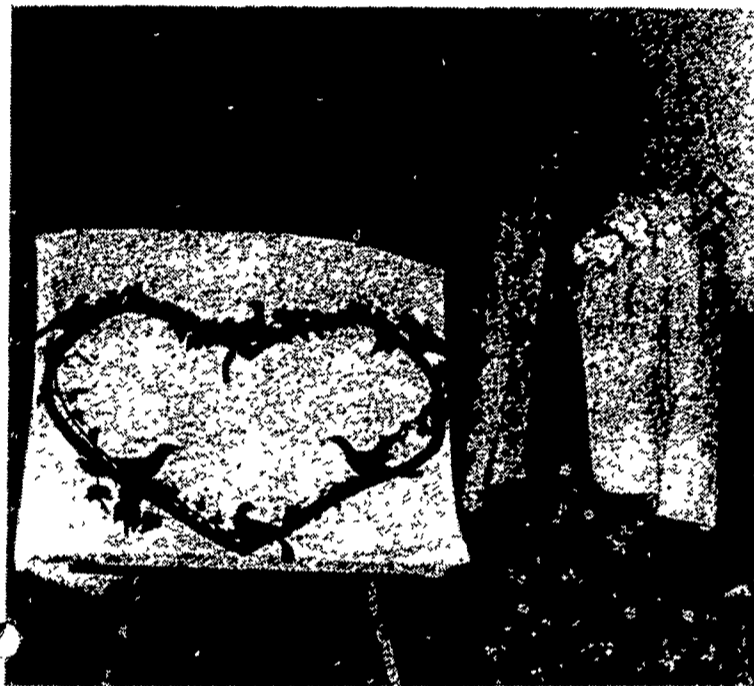
Scores were based on a number of factors, including confirmation, condition, appearance and uniformity of entry, weight, and recordkeeping. Each contestant started with 50 wing-banded chicks. The best seven of each flock were judged.

This is the second year in a row that the grow-out period has been limited to 47 days, says Chaloupka. In 1975 it took competing broiler chicks 53 days to reach an average live weight of 4.74 pounds.

In 1965 it took birds 57 days to reach an average weight of 4.39 pounds. Back in 1955 competing broilers averaged only 3.8 pounds after 74 days. Today's shorter growth period is possible because of newer strains of faster-growing, feed-efficient broiler chickens.

The Delaware Junior Broiler Program is an educational project

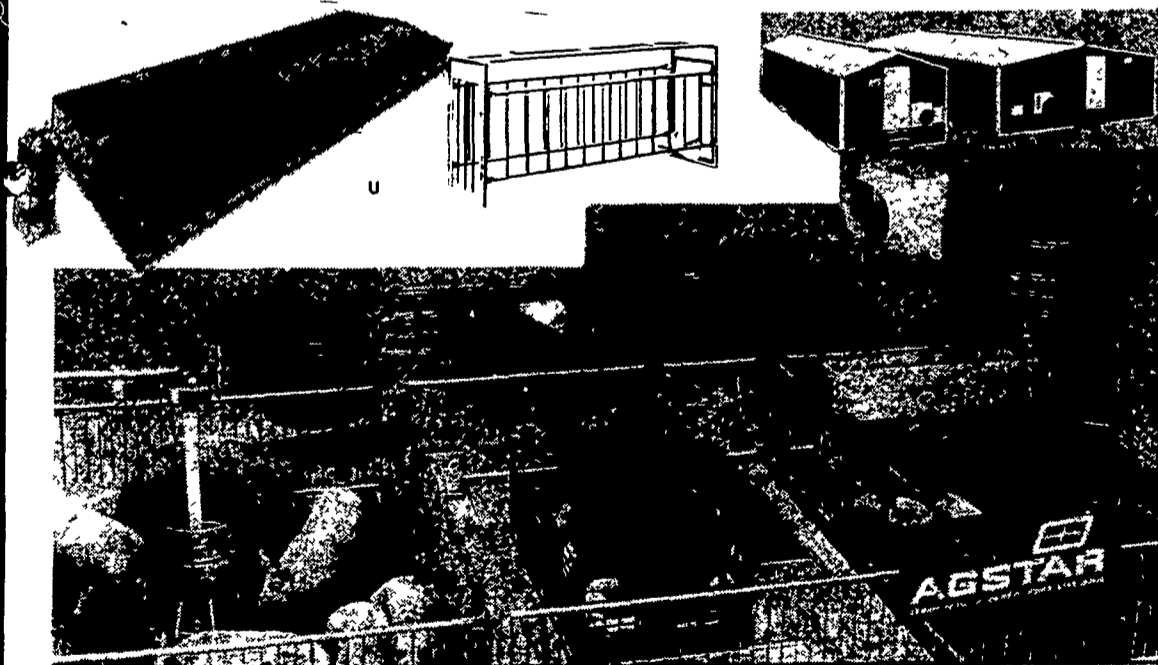
sponsored by the Delaware Poultry Improvement Association and the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service. Its purpose is to teach boys and girls how to raise a good flock of chickens, keep records and develop responsibility. Hatcheryman, feed dealers, Vo-Ag instructors, 4-H club agents, as well as local service clubs, all cooperative in the event.



Mae Bleiler stands beside her handmade wall hanging; a gift presented to her from the Berks County Cooperative Extension Association's executive committee for her outstanding work with the 4-H and the county.

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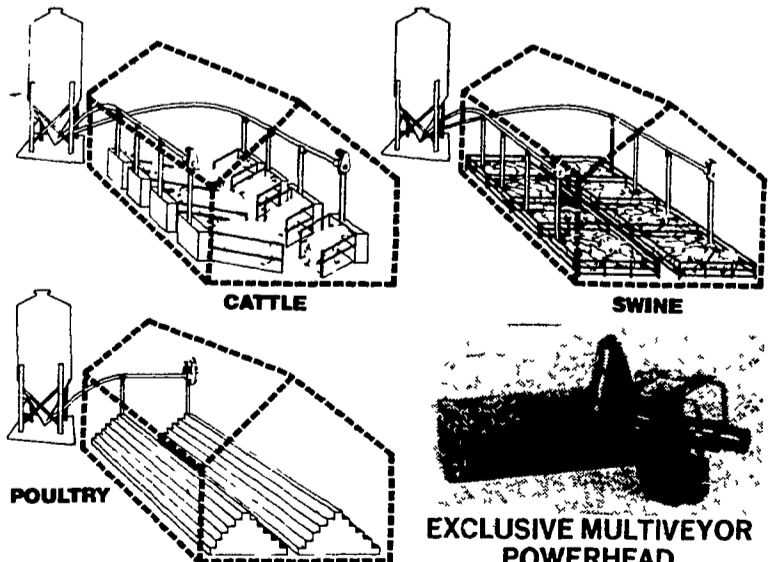


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