

Pequea Valley tops gas engines contest

INTERCOURSE — Pequea Valley was the winner of the Lancaster County FFA small gas engines competition held last Tuesday at the Pequea Valley High School.

Mark Frey and Jeff Feister, of the Pequea Valley FFA, finished in the top two spots in the competition that included eight teams from throughout the county.

Frey and Feister, along with Darrell Gockley and Cliff Horning, of Garden Spot High School, New Holland, will now comprise the two county teams that will move on to state competition.

Finishing behind Pequea Valley and New Holland in the team standings were Ephrata, Warwick and Manheim.

The top 10 individual finishers include Frey, Feister, Gockley, and Horning in the top four spots, followed by Dave Reed, Warwick, Junior Hursh, New Holland; Ed Sensenich, Manheim, Dean Saylor, Ephrata; Ronald Weaver, Ephrata; and Harold Eberly, Warwick.



Top team and individuals in the Lancaster County FFA small gas engines contest are Jeff Feister, left, and Mark Frey, of Pequea Valley.



Friends name Bucher

LANCASTER — Robert Bucher, an officer of Commonwealth National Bank, Lancaster, has been named a board member of the Pa. Friends of 4-H, a group of volunteers organized to develop financial support for the state's 4-H educational program.

"Last year almost 90,000 members of the state's youth, ages 8-19 were reached through extension Service 4-H programs," Samuel Smith, dean of Penn State's College of Agriculture, points out.

"But this is only 6 percent of our potential audience. With increased support from the private sector many more young people could be exposed to 4-H educational programs in their important developmental years."

Maurice Kramer, state 4-H youth director at Penn State, notes that Pennsylvania Friends of 4-H resources will also be used to increase volunteer involvement in 4-H. Volunteers are the backbone of the 4-H program and currently there are over 13,000 volunteers working with 4-H programming in the Commonwealth.

Pennsylvania Friends of 4-H will be assisting this group by providing them training opportunities throughout the state. During this fiscal year, Friends of 4-H will provide funds to 4-H volunteers to attend a statewide leader's forum in March.



Runnerup team in small gas engines competition includes Cliff Horning, left, and Darrell Gockley, of Garden Spot High School, New Holland.

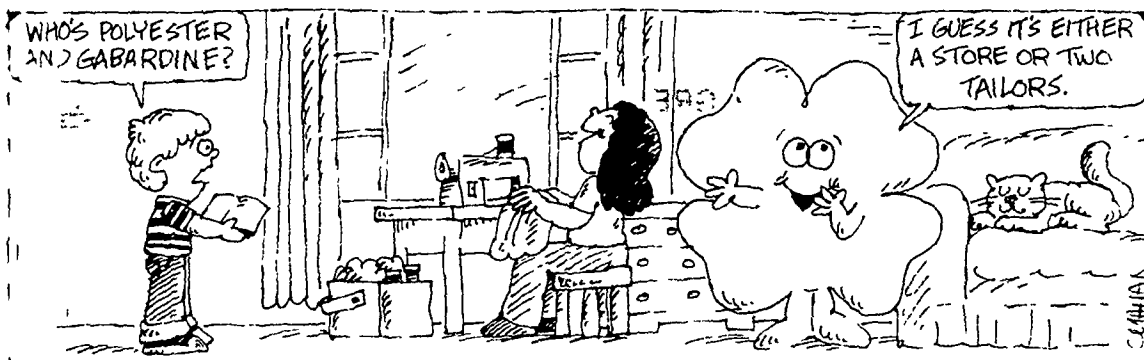
Scholarships will also be provided to key leaders in the area of foods and nutrition, clothing and horse programs to attend workshops to become familiar with program materials and methods of delivery.

At the local level, Friends of 4-H funds provide program grants to counties and regions to support innovative programming in terms of content and audiences reached.

They have also provided support to counties participating in international youth exchange programs to defray the costs of sending a county youth overseas or hosting foreign exchange youths in their counties.

"Presently, individuals who wish to support Penn State's 4-H program do not have a viable mechanism to make financial contributions to expand program quality," Kramer explains.

"Pennsylvania Friends of 4-H was organized for this purpose."



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