

Lancaster County's Outstanding 4-H Boy and Girl share enthusiasm for program

Editor's Note: Sherry Goss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goss, Pequea, and Greg Musser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Musser, Elizabethtown, were chosen Lancaster County's Outstanding 4-H Girl and Boy at the annual Achievement Day held in August.

These active 4-H'ers have a lot in common, including an eight year 4-H tradition, with many, varied projects. Both high school seniors,

and both 17 years old, Sherry and Greg are members of the National Honor Societies at their respective high schools and have been listed in the "Who's Who Among High School Students."

As 4-H week draws to a close, we are spotlighting these young people as they continue to speak out about 4-H and the benefits the program has to offer to young people throughout the nation.

Being Outstanding Girl is the 'ultimate' for Sherry Goss

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PEQUEA - "It is the ultimate thing in 4-H," Sherry Goss says candidly, when asked her feelings about being named Outstanding 4-H Girl in Lancaster County.

Sherry, 17, has been a 4-H'er for eight years, and says that winning that award has been one of her goals since she attended the queen contests held before it was changed to an Outstanding Boy and Girl contest.

In fact, Sherry is carrying on a family tradition that began when her sister Pam, now 21, was named Lancaster County's 4-H Queen. Pam was the last one to be named queen before the new tradition began. While Pam was disappointed in dropping the queen contest, Sherry says, "I think it's neat that they got the guys involved."

For the Al Goss family, who live at R1 Pequea, 4-H has always been a family activity, with both parents and all three daughters involved in the Penn Willow Community Club. Sherry has a younger sister, Stacy, 13.

Sherry says, "Our family was always involved. I can remember

going to Achievement Day before I was a member. I thought it was a really neat activity."

Sherry has taken a wide variety of projects, from backpacking, to cake decorating to wildlife, and has enjoyed using the skills she has learned. A teen leader for four years, she has helped with crafts and cooking and says, "Being a teen leader gave me a lot of responsibility. I liked working with the kids."

This year she was a teen leader for Extension Home Economist Michelle Rodgers in a countywide baby sitting project, something she especially enjoyed because her goal is to be an elementary school teacher. Sherry states, "I've always wanted to be a teacher, since I was little." Helping set up activities for a one-morning baby-sitting service was fun for her.

A regular participant in 4-H Fashion Review, this year Sherry was named an alternate winner. She says, "I think it's fun to be there and see what everyone has made. It's scary to model, but it's a nice experience. "This year she helped to narrate, which meant rewriting and coordinating the

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Working with young children is one of Sherry's goals and she has gotten off to a good start by leading a 4-H babysitting project and babysitting for neighbors. Here she entertains from left: Joseph, Luke, Mark, and Andrew. The Hess children frequently enjoy Sherry's companionship.

Greg Musser is well-known for farmland speech

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ELIZABETHTOWN — Last year Greg Musser was disappointed that there were no applicants for the Outstanding 4-H Boy award. He decided to rectify the situation by applying for the award himself, and this year he is representing Lancaster County 4-H'ers as that Outstanding Boy.

Greg, 17, is a senior at Elizabethtown High School and a member of the Red Rose Beef Club and the Elizabethtown Pig and Rabbit Club. He had belonged to the Western Tractor Club, but has completed the four years of tractor work.

Greg is also active in the Future Farmers of America and may be best known around the county for his winning public speech on farmland preservation.

The speech won him recognition by the Agricultural Preserve Board and earned him one of the finalist slots in the state 4-H public speaking contest at Penn State in August. He has also attended Leadership Congress at Penn State.

Crediting 4-H with helping bring out his talents, Greg says, "It has helped me find out what I am interested in. I probably wouldn't be so interested in farming if it weren't for 4-H. 4-H has many

opportunities for young people."

He also credits 4-H with teaching him responsibility, and says that a beef project must be given at

attention every morning and every night, and should be walked every day. "4-H is a really good

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Keeping accurate project books is one important aspect of 4-H work. Here, Greg Musser tackles his beef project book at the kitchen table.

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Sherry Goss, outstanding 4-H girl in Lancaster County, shows her cake decorating technique as she puts the finishing touches on her father's birthday cake.



A 4-H member for eight years, Greg has shown steers in the Red Rose Baby Beef Club for five years. He believes the beef project has helped him learn responsibility as he cares for the steer.