



The Berks County poultry judging team was honored with plaques for their first place win at State 4-H Achievement Days. They will be heading for national competition in Louisville, Ky. next month. From left to right are Brian Moyer, Mark Price, Tammy Balthaser and Allen Bates.

Berks Co. holds 4-H Recognition Night

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LEESPORT — Berks County 4-H'ers recognized and awarded their parents, leader, outstanding members, and friends last week as they held their annual 4-H Recognition Night in the Ag Center.

Master of Ceremonies was Kirk Fisher, vice president of Berks County 4-H County Council, who began the evening of awards and entertainment.

Kevin Shollenberger, of the Tilden Community Club, received a fifth year gold label pin for his teen leader project and Christine Rebman and Nannette Coryell, Rehrersburg Adventurers, received sixth year clover stick pins.

The following 4-H leaders received silver clovers for five years of service: Mrs. James Batz, Rehrersburg Adventurers; Terry Endy, Tilden Community Club; Marie Switzer, Eastern Berks Dairy; Kathryn Piper, Reading Urban Ministry; Karen Sattazahn, Stouchsburg 4-H; Donna Stump, Western Berks Dairy; Valerie Geesaman and Glen Geesaman, Mohnton 4-H Light Horse; and Christine Morrison, Colebrook Elementary.

Gail Malsbury of the Rehrersburg Adventurers was honored with a gold clover for ten years of

leadership. Dennis Sattazahn, Stouchburg 4-H received a pearl clover for 15 years of service.

Verna Rausch, Windsor Township, received an emerald clover for 25 years of service.

The County winners in the National 4-H Awards Program were also honored and included: Mark Price, poultry; Kirk Fisher, horse, achievement; Debbie Price, agriculture, public speaking; Nannette Coryell, leadership, food nutrition; Jamie Batz, food preservation, gardening; Greg Stricker, commodity marketing; James Heffner, personal development; Kevin Shollenberger, citizenship, leadership; Patricia Dreisbach, veterinary science, dairy; Kennianne Rarick, beef; Christine Rebman, home management and environment; Charles Seidel, swine; Marianne Yanos, sheep; and William Leshner, achievement.

Three awards were also given for service to the 4-H Development Board. Patricia Dreisbach, Tilden - Northern Berks Dairy 4-H Club and Leon Kirkoff and Jon Fisher, outgoing board members were honored.

State 4-H Achievement Days Winners were honored on the following teams: Dairy Judging - Charles Seidel, Todd Miller, William Leshner, and Jim Younker. Charles Seidel also had the honor

of representing Berks County and Pennsylvania in national competition in Wisconsin. Poultry Judging - Allen Bates, Tammy Balthaser, Brian Moyer, and Mark Price; Consumerama - Sheila Newhard, Nannette Coryell, Karen Rabenold, and Jolyn Batz.

The "I Dare You" leadership awards were presented to Naomi Herbert and James Heffner.

In concluding the awards presentation, Rick Kauffman presented the Berks County Friend of 4-H Award. "He's been an inspiration to many people in this community," Kauffman said as he presented the clover plaque to Rev. Rod Sutliff, R1, Mohrsville.

Sutliff was instrumental in obtaining much of the funding for the recently completed 4-H Community Center. "Rod has seen what the 4-H Community Center could mean to 4-H many years ago," Kauffman stated.

The Berks County Council members provided the closing entertainment with "The Twelve Days of 4-H," and members and guests enjoyed the original presentations.

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John Falter presents Verna Rausch, Windsor Township, with an emerald clover for her 25 years of service to 4-H.

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